

TIDINGS

Club Announcements



WELCOME TO ROTARY

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Next Rotary Board meeting is scheduled for Thu. March 10th at 7 AM at the River Falls Journal building.

THE ROTARY FOUR-WAY TEST

- ⚙️ Is it the **truth**?
- ⚙️ Is it **fair**?
- ⚙️ Will it build **goodwill** and better **friendships**?
- ⚙️ Will it be **beneficial** to **all** concerned?

RF Rotary Vision Statement: **"Enhancing Opportunities for Youth; Creating a Better World for All."**

President Tom Garfin called the meeting to order. Scot Simpson led devotions. Tom Garfin then led us in the Pledge of Allegiance, the Four Way Test, and our club vision statement. Thanks to those who set up and greeted guests.

Guests

- Josh Agrimson
- Tia Harris — STRIVE
- Nate Soley — STRIVE
- Brett Montpecky — STRIVE
- Min Ju — Youth Exchange
- Jillian Nordland - Visiting Rotarian
- Brian Young - Visiting Rotarian

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

STRIVE Etiquette Dinner — Tuesday March 8th at 6 PM at the University Center. Contact Brian McQuade or Mike Thompson if you can attend.

Relay for Life Spaghetti Dinner — Friday, March 25th at 5 PM at the RF High School. Add your name to the sign up sheet or let Brian McQuade know that you can work. A great opportunity for fun, fellowship, and community service.

Spring Wine Tasting Gala — Friday, April 1st at Juniors. Tickets are available now. If everyone invites one additional couple, this will function as a very effective spring fund raiser. Sign up or contact Vince Seidling if you can provide a wine from one of the "unrepresented" states, or if you are willing to sponsor a wine bottle.

Bill Montgomery announced that the iPad donated by his nephew at Apple has arrived, and it will be offered as the door prize at the Spring Gala.

March 15th Meeting at the West Wind. Our regular serving crew will be on a mission trip for Habitat for Humanity that week. Kevin Potucek has graciously offered to

provide a breakfast at the West Wind that morning. Please note the change of location for March 15. [Don't miss the change to Daylight Savings Time that weekend either. You'll want to get there on time for Kevin's special breakfast.]

Happy Bucks

Garrett collected a "Twitter" version of Happy Bucks, as we wanted to leave sufficient time to watch the film and talk about it.



Tom W. has been waiting for an opportunity to present a special Tiletown Towel to Dean in honor of the Packers Super Bowl Victory. But somehow in waiting, the town was marked by big purple Viking tears.

It is spring sports season, and local teams are doing very well. Thomas indicated that the UWRP women's hockey team is still undefeated and rated #1 in the country. Elaine reported that both the gymnastics team and the girl's hockey team are going to state. Both the HS and the university men's basketball teams are also doing well. Scot hopes that teams will need the fire truck for a parade for champions.

Bill is leaving for Maryland next week; Tony is headed to Guatemala, Scott J. for Costa Rica; John K. to Texas; and Scott M. got back from Florida, where his parents are spending his inheritance. Dale and Gorden are headed to Dubuque for a Rotary conference.

Wayne just got his second invitation to join AARP, and one of his girls is turning 10. Terry was unsure if she was happy that her oldest granddaughter turned 18. Max talked about the St. B's fundraiser. (All the news that fits, we print.)

Jillian Nordland showed the short dramatic film that she produced, *Anna's Playground*, and then talked about the production process and led a brief discussion on the film and the topic of children living in war zones.

“Rotary is an organization of business and professional men and women united worldwide who provide **humanitarian** service, encourage **high ethical standards** in all vocations, and help **build goodwill** and **peace** in the world.”



ANNA'S PLAYGROUND

Jillian Nordland, a film producer at the [Picture Factory](#) in Hudson came to our meeting to show us the short dramatic film, *Anna's Playground*, and to talk about the production. [Anna's Playground](#) is a 20 minute short film that focuses on the issues of children living and playing in war zones. (Did you know that as many as 66% of the war casualties are children? Click the [link to the web site](#) that is filled with additional information about the film and the issues it raises) The film begins with a quote that “the most effective education is that children should play among lovely things.” It then opens to shots of children playing soccer as helicopters fly overhead and gunshots are heard.

We were then able to see the moving film in its entirety. Click [here to see the trailer](#) for the film on YouTube. According to the web site, the film will also be available soon on iTunes.

The filmmakers spent much of 2010 showing the movie at film festivals around the world, where it received over 20 awards. The film was among the top ten short dramatic films under consideration for an Oscar, but it didn't make the final list of nominees. However, they were invited to show the film at the Olympics, and Jillian had to change the date of her presentation to us, because she was invited to New York to show it at the United Nations, where she was inspired by the response of the delegates. The producers are offering the film free to organizations that are involved with international aid.

Jillian also talked about the steps involved with producing the film. She was talking with the director, who had developed the script, and agreed to help make the film. This involved fund raising through donations, and working with organizations to receive financial support and donations of equipment and services. The setting and the nationality of the conflict are intentionally kept ambiguous, but the movie was filmed in Minneapolis and used talented young actors in the key roles. The Cedar Riverside area was chosen because of the neutral architecture, and the art directors did a great deal to create feeling of a war zone. If you missed the chance to see the film, I'd strongly encourage you to check it out. It is very impressive to know that we have such impressive production facilities so nearby.



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Program Schedule

MARCH Rotary Rotaract Month

Mar 1: Jillian Nodland: Movie producer Ana's Playground

Mar 8: Club Assembly

Mar 15: Scott Nelson - Classification Talk

Mar 22: Gorden Hedahl - Rotary Friendship Exchange Philippines

April 12: David Sienko Classification Talk

Devotions & Set Up/Take Down/Greeters

Date	Devotions	Setup/Take Down
Mar 1	Steve Goff	Nelson / Neuhaus
Mar 8	Debbie Griffin	Neuhaus / Nylander
Mar 15	Ted Hagberg	Nylander / O'Malley
Mar 22	Gorden Hedahl	O'Malley / Odeen
Mar 29	David Sienko	Odeen / Page
April 5	Tony Jilek	Page / Pechacek
April 12	Jeff Johnson	Pechacek / Pedersen
April 19	Scott Jones	Pedersen / Piepgras
April 26	Dale Jorgenson	Piepgras / Potts
May 3	John Kremer	Potts / Russell
May 10	Jim LaPoint	Russell / Schroeder
May 17	Steve Leitch	Schroeder / Seidling
May 24	Heather Logelin	Seidling / Sienko
May 31	Ted Marsh	Sienko / Simpson
June 7	Melissa McCardle	Simpson / Thompson
June 14	Terry McKay	Thompson / Van Galen
June 21	Brian McQuade	Van Galen / Westerhaus
June 28	David Miller	Westerhaus / Wulf
July 5	Scott Morrissette	Wulf / Jodie Young
July 12	Pat Murphy	Jodie Young / Mike Young
July 19	Patty Nelson	Mike Young / Agrimson
July 26	Scott Nelson	Agrimson / Ainsworth
Aug 2	Kris Miner	Ainsworth / Baumann
Aug 9	Max Neuhaus	Baumann / Bluhm
Aug 16	Virgil Nylander	Bluhm / Boles
Aug 23	Pat O'Malley	Boles / Bump
Aug 30	Diane Odeen	Bump / Cicchese

NOTE: If you are unable to attend, please make arrangements to have these responsibilities covered. Ideally you would find someone to trade with. If you make a trade, please let the Tidings editor know. Rotary District 5960 has a resource for devotions. If you are looking for something to read, you might [check this link](#).

OUR OFFICERS

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Pres. Elect:	Carole Mottaz
Secretary:	Elaine Baumann
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2010-11 DIRECTORS

Community:	Scott Jones
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Sergeant:	Brian McQuade
Newsletter:	Gorden Hedahl
CIO/Webmaster:	Steve Leitch

ROTARIAN OF THE YEAR

2003:	Tom Bloom
2005:	Tom Garfin
2006:	Dale Jorgenson
2006:	Kevin Pechacek
2006:	Jerry Tack
2007:	John Kremer
2008 & 2009:	Carole Mottaz
2010:	Debbie Griffin

PAST PRESIDENTS

1999:	Tom Bloom
2000:	Gorden Hedahl
2001:	David Brassfield
2002:	Randy Cudd
2003:	Bill Montgomery
2004:	Tom Palmer
2005:	Connie Foster
2006:	Steve Schroeder
2007:	Carrie Fisher
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