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23 February, 2012



ROTARY CLUB OF HUDSON, WISCONSIN Established 1951

VISITORS LAST WEEK

Ken Heiser - *Club Alumnus*
Judy Freund - *District Governor*
Pat O'Malley, John Kremer - *River Falls Rotary*

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

23 February - Burt Witthuhn on Paul Harris Fellows, plus students of the month Susanne Bushman and Sarah Dunn
1 March - Habitat for Humanity trip, Robert Peterson
8 March - School District Referendum info - Mary Bowen-Eggebraaten
15 March - Cheetah Development - Ray Menard & Angela Eifert
22 March - Fulbright Scholar Rahma Al-Aamri - Oman in a Nutshell
29 March - *open*
5 April - Peter Morsch, River Falls Eco-village, Habitat for Humanity
12 April - India - Ravindra Sehgal

UPCOMING MAJOR EVENTS

13-14 April - District Conference in River Falls - *Ordinary People Doing Extraordinary Things*

UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS

TODAY - 23 February - Dan Bakken
TODAY - Rotary, founded 1905



Program - Books for Haiti

Pat O'Malley and John Kremer from the River Falls Rotary Club visited us last week to promote their Books for Haiti project. Pat led the presentation and spoke about his 20-year history of helping the people of Haiti. It began in 1992 on a trip to help initiate a sewage project, continued with his purchase of seven acres outside Port-au-Prince, the construction of a 25-house village on the seven acres (which unintentionally became inhabited by squatters), the construction of a school that serves 700 school-age children and 100 pre-school children, the construction of water cisterns at the school and in the village, an on-going effort to fund the school's staff, and finally a push to furnish the school with books.

In addition to these efforts, Pat is also involved in a project to encourage Haitian farmers to start growing "jatropha" plants. They produce fruit that can be a source of a bio-diesel fuel that needs minimal refining and grows where other plants won't -- in Haiti's very poor soil.

The Books for Haiti project goal is to raise \$20,000. If Pat, John and their associates can raise \$10,000, our Rotary district will match it. So far, they have raised \$4,000, so they need \$6,000 more to reach the \$20,000 goal.

Reading Themes 2012

I am not creative enough to make this up, so you have to believe this is true reporting. The themes at the Hudson Library for the community reading programs in 2012, for children, teens, and adults respectively, will be:

- Dream Big
- Own the Night
- Between the Covers

This year's theme & logo



in keeping with our theme this week of honoring students:

Rotary Photo of the Week

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Ryla participants discuss how they see their role as leaders in 20 years. At the Rotary International Convention, June, 2010 - in Montreal.



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THE 4-WAY TEST (first adopted by Rotary in January 1943): Of the things we think, say or do, 1) Is it the TRUTH? 2) Is it FAIR to all concerned? 3) Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS? 4) Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

Meetings: Every Thursday (except holidays) at 12:00PM Central Time (Noon) @ Season's Restaurant, 501 6th St N in North Hudson, Wisconsin
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Our Mission Hudson Rotary is a fellowship of engaged members, generous in spirit, committed to improving the world around us.

Our Vision We are a growing and diverse club of active and involved members. Our meetings offer fun, fellowship, and programs that are informative and inspirational. The ideals of the four-way test are encouraged by open communication among the board of directors, club members and the community. Our leadership structure fosters continuity of club goals. We are dedicated to helping people and non-profit organizations through focused local and international projects. Our club mentors local youth. We support international exchange students and programs. All members are encouraged to contribute to the Rotary Foundation and become Paul Harris Fellows. Above all, our members live Rotary's motto—Service Above Self.