

Norsk News, March 23, 2016

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Spring Break caused our attendance to be down.

Absent Members: Burns, D., Burns, J., Bollig, Christian, Fritz, Gordon, Helwig, C., Helwig, S., Johnson, Kennicker, Klein, Kopras, McNall, Olson, Orzechowski, Rasmussen, Rooney, Wedig, K., Wedig, T., Witte, Yauchler, Walton

Guests: Jim Lookbaugh, guest of Shawn Bollig, has attended for the required three meetings and will be applying for membership next week.

- ✓ Golf outing will be Friday, May 20th. We'll market to other clubs who will be coming to the District Conference, which is that weekend.
- ✓ District Conference will be Friday, Saturday and Sunday May 20th to 22nd.
- ✓ Our Youth Officer noted that April 1st is Gabriella's 18th Birthday.

Vaughn ran the meeting today. Members were encouraged to go to the District Conference. The various programs and entertainment of the conference were reviewed. There is no charge to attend the event however one must register and also pay for meals.

<http://www.rotary6250.org/2016Conference>

Peggy and Tony will be making a short presentation at the conference about our Community Grants program. They asked the club to give input on the grant process. Mark Bohl remembered when we didn't have Grants and requests came in willy-nilly. It was tough on the budget because we didn't always have the money to do what we wanted. We think the program came into being around the year 2000. The members remembered the huge variety of projects we have funded. Mark suggested that we look through old checkbooks (if we have them) to remind us of all of the different things that we have funded. Peggy and Tony would like to compile a list for their powerpoint presentation. Tony said that at the last budget meeting we upped our granting from \$6,500 to \$7,000. He said that we get over \$20,000 in requests each year. Tony was surprised and pleased that the current District Governor, Mary Van Hout, was excited about our Grants and that she had asked the club to talk about them. He remembered that a past DG had chided us for doing grants, saying that we weren't actively engaged in the community by just writing checks. We discussed the impact that our grants have on the community... and that we are plenty active in the community outside of the grants.

Other topics we covered included a short discussion on who or what is Bucky Badger and a brief discussion on how to start a Rotary Club. Vaughn suggested that we should look towards starting one in New Glarus. Peggy and Judy talked about how we helped start the Platteville Club about 3 years ago.



Upcoming Meetings:

March 30th, pending

April 6th, Business Meeting

April 13th, Dixie Burns; Sean Schoville - Associate Professor - Endomology U. of Wisconsin

April 20th, Jim Burns

Check the website for upcoming schedules as there are pending changes.

Greeter for March is Shawn Bollig

Greeter for June 2016: Wedig, K.