

Norsk News, March 30, 2016

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Absent Members: Burns, D., Gordon, Klein, Olson, Witte

Guests: Rowan Childs (speaker), Drew Lawrence (Rotarian from Waunakee)

Happy Bucks: Yauchler, Walton, Steinhauer, Christian, Wedig, K.

- ✓ 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 & Sunday May 20th to 22nd. Union South, Madison

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ACTION ITEM: With a motion by Shawn Bollig and seconded by Rob Helvey, Jim Lookenbough has been unanimously accepted as our club's newest member.

Judy Steinhauer noted that she received a message from Linea in Brazil and showed pictures of the clinic all painted.

We celebrated Gabriella's 18th birthday which is on the 1st of April. We had a cake and Judy gave her a cheese head as well as tickets to the UW Spring Football game April 23rd, the UW Band Concert, and the Lion King.



Todd Fritz's guest speaker is Rowan Childs of the Madison Reading Project, a local non-profit reading program to support vulnerable children with their literacy efforts in Madison, Wisconsin. Rowan started the project 2 years ago and it is a growing cause. A book drive will be held in Mount Horeb the same week of the village garage sale. Watch for the details. The Reading Project wants to put books into the hands of children. Statistics show that



the reading rate for low income children in Wisconsin is among the lowest in the nation. The program has been going well and they have added mentors. They want to help increase literacy rates in Dane County for vulnerable children and to encourage a love for reading. The goal is to give out 5000 books this year, new or slightly used. It is a challenge to find appropriate books. Nonprofits working with MRP include, The Road Home, Center for Families, Box of Balloons and Early Head Start.

They have volunteer time for people who want to help sort books. She has contacted the Mount Horeb schools to see if the program can be expanded here. If they get cash donations they will buy specific books on reading lists that are created by the kids. <http://www.madisonreadingproject.com/>

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Upcoming Meetings:

April 6th, Business Meeting

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

April 20th, Jim Burns

No Greeter assigned for April

Greeter for June 2016: Wedig, K.