

Norsk News, March 9 , 2016

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Absent Members: Burns, D., Burns, J., Christian, Helwig, C., Helwig, S., Johnson, McNall, Olson, Orzechowski, Rasmussen, Webber, Witte, Klein

February Student Rotarians: Maureen Doran, Class President

Gabriella reported that Interact is going to have some fundraisers. If anyone has ideas please let her know. Projects that they are working on include Food Pantry and Clothes Closet, highway clean-up, bake sale, nursing home, letters to soldiers and humane society.

Next week Mark Bohl's program will be Nic Owen, Village Manager, to talk about the golf course referendum. Notes attached.

Brent said that the Food pantry is looking for monetary donations for Easter food baskets. He also has ideas for upcoming programs if you need one.

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.

Happy Bucks: Kopras, Walton, Bollig, Steinhauer, Pakkala, Wedig, Reynolds

Our speaker this week is [Reverend Everett Mitchell](#). He loves Wisconsin since one can actually get things done here. His interest includes the criminal justice system. What can our communities do to keep people out of jail? He is involved in trying to rebuild relationships between people of color and police. Through discussions police are being trained not to escalate situations. He spends a lot of time in schools talking about complexities of systems that do not give each student the opportunities that they need to be successful. He wants to build a world where his children will be safe.



Everett Mitchell, reverend, lawyer and University of Wisconsin Community Relations director is running for the county judge position vacated by Judge Amy Smith. Mitchell has worked as an activist within the community for over 10 years and sees the position of judge as a place where he can make an even bigger impact. He said if elected he will try to continue his work within the community both as a judge and community member. So far no one else has contested Smith's former position. The election will be held in April.



His final thought for us is to go into the schools and make sure all children know how to read as soon as possible.

Greeter position is open each month. Please become a greeter to welcome guests to our club.



Upcoming Meetings:

Mar 16th, Mark Bohl

Mar 23rd, Shawn Bollig

Mar 30th, Russ Christian

Check the website for upcoming schedules

Greeter for March is Shawn Bollig

Greeter for June 2016: Wedig, K.

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

The Village Board of the Village of Mount Horeb would like input from Village residents on an important issue. As many Village residents know, the Village Board has negotiated terms for the purchase of real and personal property owned by Norsk Golf Bowl, Inc. The Village Board's desire is to preserve green space (52 acres) and recreational opportunities for Village residents and visitors to the Village.

In January, the Village Board approved placing on the April 5 ballot an advisory referendum addressing its potential purchase of the Norsk property. The Village Board placed the advisory referendum question on the ballot to get feedback from Village residents regarding whether residents want the Village to purchase the Norsk property. Key terms of the purchase include:

- The purchase price is \$2,150,000.
- The Village would purchase the golf course and the related golf club, restaurant and bowling businesses.
- The Village would also purchase the personal property related to the operation of the golf course and the businesses.
- Upon sale, the Village must also pay \$118,258 in recapture fees to other developers who previously paid for utility improvements that also serve the Norsk property.

If the Village acquires the Norsk property, the approximate impact on property taxes for a \$250,000 home in the Village is an annual increase of \$63.74 (\$5.31 a month) for the \$2.15 million purchase price. The recaptures fees add an additional 29 cents a month to the increase.

The Village intends for the property to continue to be used as a golf course. The Village, however, will not operate the golf course or the businesses on the property. The Village Board is negotiating a lease agreement with The Friends of the Norsk (FOTN) who would be responsible for management and all operations of Norsk. FOTN has filed for status as a 501(c)(3) federal not-for-profit organization and is actively seeking donations to build a reserve for operating the golf course and related businesses, and for future improvements to the course and the buildings on the property. The Village does not expect to use Village money to pay for the operation and/or maintenance of the golf course or businesses. If continued operation of the golf course is not successful, the Village would consider alternative uses of the property.

A "yes" vote on this referendum question means that you support the Village of Mount Horeb purchasing the golf course, the related golf club, restaurant, and bowling businesses, and the personal property related to the operation of the golf course and businesses, for \$2.15 million.

A "no" vote on this referendum question means that you do not support the Village of Mount Horeb purchasing the golf course, the related golf club, restaurant, and bowling businesses, and the personal property related to the operation of the golf course and businesses, for \$2.15 million.