



LaCrosse Area President's Meeting

Friday – May 10th, 2019 – 12:00 p.m. at Grizzly's – La Crosse

Group 3 – Assistant Governor Patricia Boge

Holmen- Pres. Barry Ploessl, PE Art Lyons– Art reported that the club has started planting at the community garden and they'll have a work day there next Saturday. They recently received a district grant for equipment for the garden. This year, they're adding a bee-hive to the garden.

La Crosse Valley View – Pres. Julie Keitel, PE Julie Nelson – Julie K reported that they've added 7 new members this year and they'll use the funds from the New Member District Grant for a pollinator project. The club is putting the finishing touches on their budget and bylaws. Julie noted that volunteers are still needed to help with the District Conference. Registration is available online.

Onalaska Hilltopper – Pres. Jessica Himmer, PE Shawn McAlister- Jessica couldn't attend today but reported that their club donated \$5000 to the Onalaska Sculpture with funds from their Spring Fling event. They also partnered with the Onalaska club on the highway cleanup project. They are planning the Downtown Sound, the music in Dash Park on Tuesday nights this summer. Bands are booked, sponsors and volunteers are being recruited. The club purchased a large smoker to continue their smoker fundraisers. Rotary Works Golf Outing on 5/22/19 at Cedar Creek, register online <https://rwfgolfouting2019.eventbrite.com>

Onalaska – Pres. Lori Raabe, PE Jason Lawton – No report.

Sparta – Pres. Tony Polkoski, PE Andy Kuen - No report.

Group 12 – Assistant Governor Dave Ebner

La Crosse Downtown – Pres. Todd Restel, PE Tami Woods – Tami reported that tickets are now available for their Centennial Celebration thru Eventbrite or contact her. \$65/person. Thursday, June 20th at the La Crosse Center. Stephanie Urchek will be the featured speaker. Registration is also open for the District Conference which will feature quality speakers and break-out sessions. Tami will be attending the RI Convention in Hamburg. Lastly, the local PE's are working on a project for World Polio Day – Pints for Polio - which is scheduled for 10/24/19. More details to follow.

La Crosse After Hours – Pres. Keith Lease, PE Bradon Harris – Keith reported that they recently worked on their trail project which was a combination of a service project and social. The club will be holding elections in June and the club will be transitioning to

Club Runner. The club has changed how they prepare their budget. The initial budget request will now come thru the respective committees. The club also plans to increase their donations to the RWF with the understanding that they will limit their donations to individual donation requests.

La Crosse East – Pres. Natalie Olsen, PE Jodi Ehrenberger – Jodi reported that their club will have a work day tomorrow at the Chad Erickson Memorial Park. Natalie reported that the club will award 3 - \$1000 scholarships. With the New Member District Grant, the club will be installing a kiosk at the Chad Erickson Memorial Park. Lobsterfest is scheduled for Friday, June 14th, and tickets are available! The club has recently added one new member and another membership application is pending.

Caledonia – Pres. Joe Hammell, PE Nancy Runningen – Nancy reported they've added a new member who has social media skills. They recently participated in Neighbors Day. The club is reviewing scholarship applications and they're raising funds to help purchase a Lucas CPR Vest for the local ambulance service. The club recently completed the Rotary Health Check and their committees will be using the data to help with their planning for next year.

La Crescent – Pres. Darren Winkers, PE Monica Holman – Darren and Monica were traveling today and unable to attend but Darren reported that the club will be doing the highway clean up this Saturday which they partner with the National Honor Society students. A brat barn fundraiser is scheduled for Thursday, May 16th, at Quillin's. The club will be participating in the City Block Party on Saturday, 6/22, and the club's changeover event is scheduled for Thursday, June 27th.

Rotary Works Foundation – Pres. Brandon Harris – Brandon couldn't attend but he wanted to remind everyone of the RWF Golf Outing, 5/22/19, at Cedar Creek. He also noted that the RWF will be discussing the pass-thru account procedures at their next meeting. This year, the RWF absorbed many of the costs generated by maintaining pass-thru accounts which is not a sustainable model.

AG Elect – Group 12 – Bob Allen – Bob reported that he'll be meeting individually with his club PE's to review the "sales" spreadsheet that was introduced at PETS.

AG – Group 3 – Patt Boge – Pat reminded everyone to promote the District Conference and to get registered now. Also, raffle baskets are requested from each club with the proceeds to benefit the Rotary Foundation. Patt will be contacting each of her PE's to review their goals for the coming year.

DGN – Bill Pritchard – Bill reported that due to health reasons, RI President Nominee, Sushil Gupta has resigned and Holger Knaack from Germany has been nominated to serve as RI President for 2020-21. Interviews will be held Saturday for DG Nominee Designate (to follow Bill P's term). Part of Bill's current role has been to work on the district leadership roster and he's currently looking to fill a stewardship chair on the Foundation Committee. Bill also reported that the recent Coulee Region Youth Exchange social raised over \$3300 which will be used to assist the YE students with their summer trip expenses.

As a reminder, on Tuesday's during the month of May, the Outback restaurant in Onalaska will donate 10% of your meal cost to the Coulee Region Youth Exchange program. All you need to do is dine there on a Tuesday during May and let them know you are with Rotary.

Please promote these upcoming events:

Star Meetings at Radisson Hotel (Wisconsin Room) – promote to new members- RSVP to rotarylax@charter.net. Meetings every other month, 6 different meetings to complete the course.

Youth Exchange Fundraiser	5/14, 21 & 28	Outback
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Rotary Works Foundation Golf Outing	5/22/2019	Cedar Creek
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- Sign up at <https://rwfgolfouting2019.eventbrite.com>

Area Rotary Night at the Loggers	5/30/2019	Copeland Park, La Crosse
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RI Annual Convention	6/01- 6/05/2019	Hamburg, Germany
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District Conference	6/07-6/08/2019	La Crosse Center
REGISTRATION NOW OPEN ON THE DISTRICT WEBSITE		

La Crosse Centennial Celebration	6/20/2019	La Crosse Center
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La Crescent Block Party	6/22/2019	Main Street, La Crescent
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Governor's Welcome Party	6/30/2019	Ft. Atkinson
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Next President's Meeting: June 14th, 2019 - 12:00 p.m. – Grizzly's.