



LaCrosse Area President's Meeting

Friday – April 12th, 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 their Service Auction went very well and they announced their new fundraiser, a beard & mustache contest which is scheduled for 11/30/19. The club is also planning to have a leadership retreat.

La Crosse Valley View – Pres. Julie Keitel, PE Julie Nelson – Julie N reported that club elections have been held and that Moon Tunes will become a fundraiser for the club now that the bandshell project is underway. Julie K provided a written report, noting that the club is +3 members since 7/01/18 and the club received the \$1000 new membership grant. The club will be hosting a breakfast for the LaCrosseRoads graduates in May. Julie K also noted that she is the co-chair for gathering volunteers for the district conference, so she'll be reaching out to the local clubs for help at the conference.

Onalaska Hilltopper – Pres. Jessica Himmer, PE Shawn McAlister- No report.

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 the PE's met on 3/14 and they discussed the possibility of collaborating on an event for World Polio Day (10/14/19), possibly a "Pints for Polio" event. The PE's may meet again on 4/25/19. Tami will confirm and send more info to the PE's. Their club is hosting a "Strike out Polio" picnic and ballgame with the Loggers on 5/30/19. The club's centennial celebration is scheduled for 6/20/19 and all are welcome to attend, more info to follow.

La Crosse After Hours – Pres. Keith Lease, PE Bradon Harris – No report.

La Crosse East – Pres. Natalie Olsen, PE Jodi Ehrenberger – Jodi reported that they've had a number of visitors to their meetings recently and they've been busy planning and preparing for their Lobsterfest fundraiser event which is scheduled for 6/14/19. See Jodi for tickets!

Caledonia – Pres. Joe Hammell, PE Nancy Runningen – Joe reported that their Cameroon Mobile Library project is underway. The club recently held a successful and fun fundraiser with celebrity bartending at the local bowling alley. The club will be

participating in Caledonia's Neighbor's Day on 4/27/19. The club recently added 2 new members!

La Crescent – Pres. Darren Winkers, PE Monica Holman - Darren reported that a new member was added today. Neighbor's Day in La Crescent is scheduled for 4/13/19 but the weather will cause some delays. The club will be having a brat sale fundraiser at Quillin's in La Crescent on 5/16/19. Monica reported that she's enjoyed the opportunity to collaborate with the other PE's and she also commented on how much fun the Coulee Region Youth Exchange Cultural Celebration was last evening. The club recently held their leadership retreat. The club also will be hosting it's annual Apple Blossom Bike Tour on 8/03/19 in conjunction with Liz Fest.

Rotary Works Foundation – Pres. Brandon Harris - No report.

iFeed – Stephanie Fraase – Steph reported that iFeed is scheduled for Saturday, 11/02/19 and this is the 5th year of the event. The plan is to hold this event on the first Saturday in November each year and Steph hopes that iFeed will become a standing event on the calendars for our local clubs. Steph is looking for commitments from the local clubs and volunteers to help with the planning of the event. (see attachment). Bill Pritchard also noted that other Interact clubs in the district have taken up the iFeed project in their local communities.

Steph also reported that she recently participated in a Rotary Friendship Exchange trip and commented that it was a very positive experience. A Friendship Exchange team from Australia will be in our area on/or about 7/19/19.

Bill Hoel, DG – Bill reported that the district is reviewing the insurance coverage provided by RI and that Dave Trapp is serving as our district insurance representative. Also, Bill encouraged people to register for the district conference. Razia Jan is scheduled to speak and there will be a session on how Rotary can address the problem of human trafficking. Attendees will be invited to bring supplies to support the services of New Horizons.

Bill Pritchard, DGN – Bill commented on the success of the Coulee Region Youth Exchange Cultural Celebration held last evening and he also provided an overview as to the purpose of the event. The proceeds will be used to provide financial assistance to those YE students who may need some financial help in order to participate in the YE trip, which is such a big part of their YE experience.

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.

Rotary Works Foundation Golf Outing 5/22/2019 Cedar Creek – Onalaska, WI

RI Annual Convention 6/01- 6/05/2019 Hamburg, Germany

District Conference 6/07-6/08/2019 La Crosse REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

Next President's Meeting: May 10th , 2019 - 12:00 p.m. – Grizzly's.