



LaCrosse Area President's Meeting

Friday – March 8th, 2019 – 12:00 p.m. at Grizzly's – La Crosse

Group 3 – Assistant Governor Patricia Boge

Holmen- Pres. Barry Ploessi, PE Art Lyons– Art's takeaway from PETS was that he appreciated the flexibility that the clubs have now in how we hold/conduct our meetings. The club's service auction is scheduled for 4/04/19 at the Lunda Center and the cost is \$20. **All are welcome to attend.**

La Crosse Valley View – Pres. Julie Keitel, PE Julie Nelson – Julie K couldn't attend but she shared an update on the club goals. For membership, the goal is to reach 70 members. Currently they're at 65. With giving to the Foundation, they're continuing to work toward their goal and they've exceeded the club goal for donations to Polio Plus. In the area of Public Image, the goal was to provide club updates to social media 4 times per month and that effort is continuing.

Julie N said that her takeaway from PETS was that she was pleased to see that the PE's she met were regular people like us who are wanting to make a difference.

Onalaska Hilltopper – Pres. Jessica Himmer, PE Shawn McAlister-

Jessica reported that they're looking at new ideas for fundraising. They sponsor the Thanksgiving Dinner and they've taken on the organizing of the summer music at Dash Park. The club's Spring Fling is scheduled for 3/21/19 and tickets are available thru the club website. The event will be at the La Crosse Country Club and the cost is \$50 which includes a steak dinner. There will be a silent auction, wine pull and a chance to win a \$1000 cash prize. **All are welcome to attend.**

Shawn said his takeaway from PETS was that we can't forget to make Rotary fun!

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 their membership goal was 220 members. They're currently at 192. Tami cited the strength of their weekly programs as one of the factors that's helped the club grow.

Tami's takeaway from PETS is that Rotary really is fun and she appreciates the local community of Rotary.

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

La Crosse East – Pres. Natalie Olsen, PE Jodi Ehrenberger – Jodi said one of her takeaways from PETS was the importance of how we promote our clubs on social media; particularly being more future and action oriented. Lobsterfest is scheduled for Friday, 6/14/19. **All are welcome to attend.**

Caledonia – Pres. Joe Hammell, PE Nancy Runningen – Joe reported the club is continuing to work on adding new members. The club has an aging demographic and they're looking at ways to attract younger members. Nancy noted that one of her takeaways from PETS was that their club would be completing the Rotary Club Health Check.

La Crescent – Pres. Darren Winkers, PE Monica Holman - Darren reported that membership is currently up 2. In the area of the Foundation, the club goal was to have all members at Paul Harris level and that is still a work in progress. In Public Image, Darren has worked on a signage program to make Rotary more visible in the community.

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.

GMS – 3/24/2019 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. REGISTER THRU THE DISTRICT WEBSITE.
United Way Office
1855 E Main St
Onalaska WI

RYLA 5/17-5/19/2019 Upham Woods, WI Dells, WI. Registration is now open. **Save \$25 by registering prior to 4/01/19.** Payment must accompany the registration. Email to blarue@eojohnson with name of attendee, email and cell phone number so he can coordinate the transportation.

RI Annual Convention	6/01- 6/05/2019	Hamburg, Germany
District Conference	6/07-6/08/2019	La Crosse Center
La Crosse Rotary Centennial Celebration	6/20/2019	La Crosse Center

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