



November 16, 2016

Happy Bucks – Rux, Pakkala, Salerno, Burns, Helwig, K.

Guests - Rod Hise, Dale Gervasi, Barb Reynolds, Jusa Okazaki

Absent – Christian, Olson, Rooney, Steinhauer, Walton, Wedig, T., Wedig, k., Witte, Yauchler, Webber

Student Rotarians of November, Charlotte Scott and Claire Hamburg, received their Certificates and gift pens.

Announcements - Mike handed out tickets, placemats and instructions for selling ads for the SuperBowl Brunch. He'd like to get it wrapped up before Christmas so that there is plenty of time to get the placemats printed.

Shawn will be presenting a program at the Oregon Club, December 6. They are interested in all of the different projects that we are involved in. We must be setting a good example!

Shawn said that various projects have been suggested for Capital Grants.

- Create a Foundation for Grants and Capital Projects allowing time to make a plan.

- She received info about the Historical Society Service Station

- Service Sign received concerned feedback on the cost because it did not have the purpose of serving.

Speakers, - Dale Gervasi and Barb Reynolds tell about Occupaws. <http://occupaws.org/>

They provide guide dogs for free for Wisconsin's blind. Member of the International Guide Dog Association. To raise money for the dogs, they have many fundraisers. Dale has trained 3 dogs. He brought Ivan who he's had for about 3 days and is 18 months old. The dogs are given away at the age of 2. Ivan goes everywhere with Dale, his trainer. Some raisers like to work with puppies and some like older dogs. The dogs cost about \$30K each to produce. Occupaws trainers teach their blind dog owners how to use their dogs in their own environment.

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### **Fifth Wednesday Event!**

**Nov 30<sup>th</sup> 5.30 - 7.30 Rotary Social at Hops House**

Bring Potential Members to the Social on the 30<sup>th</sup> for Fellowship and networking

**No noon meeting**



Upcoming Meetings:

**Nov 23 – No Noon Meeting**

Nov 30, 2016 – Rotary Social – **no noon meeting**

Dec 07 – Board Meeting 7am, Sjolinds

& Monthly Business meeting at noon

December 14 - **No Noon Meeting** - Evening Holiday Party at Gonstead Clinic