



# ROTARY CLUB OF MENOMONIE BULLETIN

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### THE FOUR-WAY TEST

Of the things we think, say or do:

1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

### OBJECT OF ROTARY

The object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

First. The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;

Second. High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of worthiness of all useful occupations; and the dignifying by each Rotarian of his occupation as an opportunity to serve society;

Third. The application of the ideal of service by every Rotarian to his personal, business, and community life;

Fourth. The advancement of international understanding, good will, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional men united in the ideal of service.

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### November = Rotary Foundation Month

In Rotary Basics, a brochure provided to Rotarians as a vehicle for familiarizing acquaintances with Rotary, the Rotary Foundation is described as "a not-for-profit corporation whose mission is to enable Rotarians to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education, and the alleviation of poverty."

In his letter to Rotarians in the November, 2008, The Rotarian magazine, President of Rotary International, Dong Kurn Lee, answers the question of why we have a Foundation by writing that "we have a Foundation because our Foundation lifts Rotary up. It lets every club and every district do the most it possibly can. It allows every one of us to be part of all of Rotary's work, and it brings that work to greater and greater heights."

At the Rotary District 6250 meeting on November 8, 2008, Dean Dickinson, our speaker today, gave a presentation titled "The Exciting Foundation!" And just what is so exciting about the Foundation? It is the fact that through the Foundation you and I are eradicating polio; providing disaster relief; funding health, hunger, and humanity projects; helping our district meet the needs of our neighbors; and educating a unique group of young men and women to be the front line for achieving world peace. How is that possible?

Vince Aversano, The Rotarian magazine's Editor in Chief says it all in his November, 2008, Editor's Page article: "Giving money may not seem as dramatic as [providing] service in the field, but it can have the same effect." By supporting Foundation grants and programs, we join with other contributors to help change the world. The Foundation helps us "finance a well for a village that lacks clean water, improve the environment, or provide scholarships to educate the next generation. The grants and programs available to Rotarians allow us to realize Rotary's humanitarian mission throughout the world."

The idea that led to the eventual creation of the Foundation was proposed in 1917 by then President Arch C. Klumph. He and five other Rotarians were appointed to establish and manage an endowment set up "for the purpose of doing good in the world." Since the first donation of \$26.50 in 1917, the Foundation has received contributions totaling more than \$1 billion.

In 1928, when the endowment fund had grown to more than US\$5,000, the endowment it was renamed The Rotary Foundation. Two years later the Foundation made its first grant (of \$500) to the International Society for Crippled Children. The organization, created by Rotarian Edgar F. "Daddy" Allen, later grew into the Easter Seals. The Great Depression and World War II both impeded the Foundation's growth, but the need for lasting world peace generated great postwar interest in its development.

After Rotary's founder, Paul Harris, died in 1947, contributions began pouring into Rotary International, and the Paul Harris Memorial Fund was created to build the Foundation. More than one million individuals have been recognized as Paul Harris Fellows (for giving an aggregate of \$1,000 to the Foundation.) I hope you are among those members.

The Rotary Basics brochure notes that "every dollar contributed by Rotarians funds the humanitarian, education, and cultural programs and program operations." You can be assured that your gift is not used to support administration of the Foundation itself.

Last week's Gala and auction proceeds of \$2,465 were pledged to the Foundation's PolioPlus Fund. Join me in the "Every Rotarian, Every Year initiative" which challenges and encourages worldwide annual giving of at least \$100 to the foundation by every member. Together we can assure that the Rotary Foundation is on solid ground to change the world for the better.

Article submitted by Editor, Chris Smith

### Rotary Holiday Families

We have "adopted" four families for this Christmas Season. If you did not pick up a Gift Idea request card at last week's meeting, the cards will also be available for you to take at Wednesday night's Rotary Gala event and the 11/19 meeting. If you don't have time to shop - monetary donations can be made to any of the four Family chairs listed below - as money will be pooled and then divided out. All gifts should be returned by Noon Rotary on Wednesday, November 26. Please attach your gift index card to the gift - so we know which family the gift belongs to.

Any questions? Contact a chairperson:

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### PROGRAMS

#### LAST WEEK

Nov. 12, 2008

Christmas Gala 5:00 pm  
No Noon Meeting

#### THIS WEEK

Nov. 19, 2008

Dean Dickinson  
Rotary Foundation

#### NEXT WEEK

Nov. 26, 2008

John Dotseth  
Tour of Olde Towne

#### Program Coordinator:

Sandy Ott  
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### Proposed New Member

*Shelley Stewart*, the Associate Director of Mabel Tainter, has been proposed for membership by Sandy Ott.

### Important Dates:

**Nov. 12, 19** - take a Gift Idea request card available at Gala/club meeting

**Nov. 26** - all monetary donations and purchased gifts returned to Rotary Noon Meeting

**Dec. 10** - Holiday Rotary meeting/gift wrap gifts/deliver to Dunn County Human Services for family distribution.



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