

Bulletin

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Rotary Club of Menomonie

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This Week—Dec. 9, 2009

Holiday Family Project
Gift Wrapping

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IT'S A WRAP.....

Our gift-wrapping meeting is one of this editor's favorite 'events'. Our Holiday Family Project is a worthy project for our club and refreshing and renewing for our members. Thanks and appreciation are due to those on the committee for finding and identifying the recipients and to those who purchased the gifts. Over the years, we have seen this holiday season become commercial and spending-oriented, but after spending our meeting enjoying each other's company and wrapping gifts for those in need in our community, one cannot help but feel some of the true spirit of this season.

Continuing with the 'gift' theme, this editor came across an article in another Rotary club's newsletter entitled 'The Perfect Gift' written by Karl Ohrman D-7300 Membership Chair. Mr. Ohrman's analogy is that Rotary membership is a perfect gift and should be presented as such.

If we think to ask a dear friend to join Rotary, do we treat the process like our gift-wrap? Do we take special care to make the invitation as attractive as possible? Do we package his or her attendance at our Rotary Meeting with special care? Do we wrap the process up with a fancy ribbon and a big bow? We should.

Rotary membership is something special and should be treated as such. Rotary membership is a wonderful gift to present to someone who is special in your life. This quality person will benefit from Rotary membership. Your club will benefit by having such a person as an active member."

In the spirit of the season and in the spirit of sharing, it is good to keep Mr. Ohrman's thoughts in mind year 'round. We have something very special in Rotary and it is a gift that will only grow by sharing with others.

Article submitted by Editor, Jane Roberts

GIFT REMINDER—

If you chose a gift wish card from one of our Holiday Families please *remember* to bring the gift with you to this week's meeting for wrapping.

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?

Murder Mystery a HIT!

Thanks to everyone who attended the Holiday Murder Mystery party at Olde Towne on December 2! Over 70 investigators participated in a rigorous investigation into the death of Norton Pole only to discover at the end of the evening that the murder was committed by no other than his own son, Sutton! An exciting event indeed!

Special thanks to all the "suspects" for doing such a great job making the event a success!!

WANTED:

Rotarians to plan events and to arrange for host families for the GSE Team from Japan during the week of May 16, 2010. Contact President Mark or International Director Sue Beety.

Board of Directors' Meeting—

December's Board of Directors' Meeting has been re-scheduled for Friday, December 18th for 12:00 pm to be held at the Westconsin Credit Union's East office.

ROTARY FAMILY— December's Rotary Theme

The idea of the family of Rotary is a simple one, and one that we celebrate every December during Family Month. Every Rotarian is part of the Rotary family – but our family is much larger than just our 1.2 million members. The family of Rotary includes every one of the men, women, and children who are involved in our work: the spouses and children of our members, our Rotary Foundation program participants and alumni, and all of those who are part of our programs, in the tens of thousands of Rotary communities around the world.

I believe that Rotary club membership can and should enhance our home lives and family interactions. As we work to attract more and younger qualified members, we would do well to remember that today's young professionals are often balancing work and family responsibilities. Adding in a commitment to Rotary service should complement, never compete with, those responsibilities. By scheduling meetings outside of the workday, planning activities that involve family members, and welcoming family members whenever possible, we help to ensure that every Rotary family will feel a true part of the greater Rotary family.

Every club should strive to achieve a balanced interaction between Rotarians and their families – and the family of Rotary. Only by working together, as a family, can we ensure that the Rotary of today grows into an even stronger Rotary of tomorrow.

*John Kenny
President, Rotary International*
