



This Week—Nov. 11, 2009

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This Week's Presentation—

Big Brothers Big Sisters

Volunteering is fun! Just 4 hours a month can change a young person's life. Hundreds of children right here in Northwestern Wisconsin are hoping to be matched with a Big Brother or Big Sister. Think about how you can help make it happen. Become A Big.

Big Brothers Big Sisters is a donor driven youth mentoring organization. It is the oldest, largest and most effective mentoring organization in the United States. We have been the leader in one-to-one youth service for more than a century, developing positive relationships that have a direct and lasting impact on the lives of young people. Big Brothers Big Sisters mentors children, ages 6 through 18, in communities across the country - including yours.

The Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northwestern Wisconsin Mission is to help children reach their potential through professionally supported, one-to-one relationships with measurable impact.

Our Mentoring Programs Work

Our local research has shown that positive relationships between youth and their Big Brothers and Big Sisters has a direct and measurable impact on children's lives. By participating in our youth mentoring programs, Little Brothers and Sisters are:

- 83% more self-confident
- 56% have an improved relationship with their families
- 48% better able to avoid substance abuse
- 65% better academic performance
- 69% have a better sense of the future
- 61% have a better relationship with their peers

Programs

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northwestern Wisconsin matches children ages 7 through 14 with mentors in professionally supported one-to-one relationships. We serve Eau Claire, Chippewa, Dunn, St. Croix and Pierce Counties.

Matches come together through two programs:

Community-based mentoring: Big Brothers and Big Sisters can open a world of possibilities and opportunities for a young person simply by being a genuine friend. You will build treasured memories through a friendship that will change your life and a child's life forever.

School and Site-based mentoring: All it takes is one lunch-time out of your week to laugh, talk or play a board game with your Little Brother or Little Sister. It doesn't take much to make a positive difference to a child that will last their lifetime

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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?

November is Rotary Foundation Month.....

Top 10 reasons why Every Rotarian Every Year is important:

- 10) It is the primary source for funding for Foundation programs such as scholarships and grants
- 9) The Matching Grants program has helped build bridges that make life better for people by increased agricultural trade, economic growth and access to health care and education (El Salvador),
- 8) Provides mosquito nets for up to 50 children in malaria infested countries (Tanzania)
- 7) Provides micro-credit loans for poor women (Philippines)
- 6) Provides water wells to villages in impoverished countries (Haiti)
- 5) Provides cows and chickens to farmers to help produce milk and food for area orphanages (Romania)
- 4) EREY can help eradicate polio from the face of the earth
- 3) The Menomonie Noon Club can be awarded a Club Banner when each member of the club contributes at least \$100
- 2) Each member obtains credit towards their first or multiple Paul Harris Fellowships
- 1) If you are a community business leader and a Rotarian, the variety of methods to contribute towards EREY are a no-brainer and contributing may help you sleep a little better at night.

After our meeting on November 11 (Veteran's Day), please empty your piggy banks, count your coinage and write a check to the Menomonie Rotary club for the following meeting on November 18. If you haven't yet reached \$100 by then, complete the form provided you last week and indicate the amount and your preference for how you would like to contribute regularly to the EREY campaign. Return your check & forms to Greg Lentz, Tony Manzella or Christopher Smith. The Menomonie Noon Rotary Club is awesome and can achieve this most admirable goal. Thanks for all you do!

Meet Our "MURDER" Suspects.....

Last week you met two suspects in the murder of greeting-card magnate Norton Pole. Who were they?

Donald Mc Polar is the spokesperson for Polar cards and is very good friends with Norton's son, Sutton.

Minnie Hoppy Rayburns was a former greeting card rival until her business was bought out by Polar Cards. Minnie now reports to Norton Pole and didn't seem at all happy about it.

This week you will meet several more suspects in this horrific murder.

REMEMBER to mark your calendars for **Dec. 2, 2009**. This is the date of interrogation. It's your opportunity to ask the questions and put the story together as to "*Who*" the murderer really is.

OUTBOUND YOUTH EXCHANGE STUDENT(s),



Who are our Outbound Youth Exchange Students and where are they??

Ellen Zimmernan is in Strasbourg, France

AND

Abigail Weiss is near Canberra, Australia