



# Rotary Messenger

Rotary Club of Eau Claire

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## Visiting Rotarian

- Glenn Midthun – St. Cloud
- Pat Brault -- LaCrosse

## Guests

- Maynard Midthun – guest and cousin of Glenn Midthun
- Pam Branshaw -- guest of Pat Brault
- Kassandra Schmidt – guest of Marje Bunce
- Tom Kruse – Guest of Jane Gobler
- Jon Fields – Prospective Member
- Kevin Spinner

## Leave of Absence

- Sherry Mohr (5/7/2009 – 8/7/2009)

## Make-ups

- Scott Johnson – Eau Claire Morning Club (6/25/2009)

## The 4-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?

## Classification Talks

*(Thank you to Dan, Tim and Kyle for providing these summaries.)*

**Dan Baltramonas** – Dan was born in Chicago, but grew up in Hartland, Wisconsin, graduating from Arrowhead High School in 1994 where he was captain of the hockey team for all four years. Dan attended UW-Oshkosh for two years before transferring to Arizona State where he majored in history and continued playing hockey. While attending summer classes, Dan stumbled across the Mortuary Science program at Mesa Community College, transferred there and eventually graduated at the top of his class with his degree in Mortuary Science.



Dan Baltramonas

After graduation, Dan looked for career opportunities in California, Arizona and Wisconsin. After deciding that his best choice was Eau Claire, he moved here in the winter of 2004, served his apprenticeship for Prock Funeral Home/Cremation Society of Wisconsin, and then worked there for two years. After Prock was merged with Stokes & Mundt Funeral Home, Dan worked for Stokes, Prock & Mundt/Cremation Society in Altoona for two years. Then in January of this year, he started work for Lenmark-Gomsrud-Linn Funeral and Cremation Services.



Dan is currently single, enjoys spending time with his two Lhasa Apsos (*a non-sporting dog breed originating in Tibet pictured at left*), golfing, and traveling to warm destinations.

Dan commented that he is happy to be a Rotarian and is looking forward to meeting everyone in the upcoming weeks and getting involved in the Club.

**Tim Gunderson** – Tim is a chiropractor who has established his healthcare facility in Altoona, across from Hillcrest Golf Course. He and his wife, Amanda, have always enjoyed the Chippewa Valley, and are excited to be able to make their home and raise their family in this area. Tim and Amanda enjoy being active outdoors, spending time with family and friends, volunteering for a ministry called Young Life, and being involved in their church, Jacob's Well.

Tim is originally from Fall Creek and became interested in chiropractic after he suffered a significant back injury while playing football in high school. Soon after his recovery, he became interested in this service profession. After completing the undergraduate requirements at UW-Eau Claire for the

## Our Calendar

July 20 – Scott Humrickhouse,  
Regional Manager for the  
Department of Natural  
Resources.

July 27 – Federal Reserve Bank  
of Minneapolis by Board  
Member Mike O’Meara

August 3 – Chippewa Theater  
Guild Update by  
Ann Sessions

August 10 – The Year of an  
Exchange Student in France  
by Oliver Goulet

August 17 – Living in Spain  
During the Spanish Civil  
War by Angelo Armendariz

August 24 – The World of  
Professional Bike Racing by  
Tom McCarty

August 31 – Raising Alpacas  
by Vince Schroeder

September 7 – No Meeting due  
to Labor Day Holiday

September 14 – Club Assembly

## Officers/Board of Directors for the 2009-10 Rotary Year

President – Jacqe Lahn

President-Elect – Jon Niebergall

Vice President – Sara Antonson

Secretary – Mary Knight

Exec Sec / Treas – Jerry Reinecke

Past President – Don Huebscher

Avenues of Service:

Club – Angela Hite

Community – Bob Schmidt

International – Mark Morse

Vocational – Marcia Van Beek

pre-chiropractic program, Tim decided to continue his education at Northwestern Health Sciences University in Bloomington, Minnesota where he received a Doctorate of Chiropractic degree and a Bachelor’s degree in Human Biology graduating magna cum laude. Tim continues to advance his education and skills by studying wellness, nutrition, and sports chiropractic. Since graduating, he has had the opportunity to work as an associate doctor at several successful chiropractic practices. Tim is excited to have his chiropractic clinic in Altoona and to bring his services to the community where he lives.

Tim’s wife, Amanda, is originally from Cedarburg, Wisconsin and attended UW-Eau Claire where she attained her Spanish Education degree. Amanda teaches high school Spanish for Wisconsin Virtual Learning, a virtual school based out of the Northern Ozaukee School District.

**Kyle Kriegl** – Kyle was born and raised in New Lisbon, Wisconsin, a small town near Wisconsin Dells. He graduated from New Lisbon High School in 1990, UWC-Richland in 1992, and Winona State University in 1995 with a bachelor in Healthcare Administration. Throughout high school and college he worked a variety of jobs. After college he worked for WPS insurance in Madison and Mile Bluff Medical Center in Mauston.

In August 1997 Kyle began his career with the American Red Cross. He has worked for three Chapters of the American Red Cross (Monroe/Juneau County Chapter in Tomah, Portage County Chapter in Stevens Point, and the Badger Chapter in Madison). Before coming to the Chippewa Valley Chapter, Kyle was a staff member for the national American Red Cross covering nine states including Wisconsin. Currently, he is the Regional Executive Director for the American Red Cross Chippewa Valley Chapter. He oversees operations throughout the fourteen county area and also the operations of the Scenic Bluffs Chapter in La Crosse.

Kyle is married with no children. His wife Kristin is an accountant for a private real estate firm in Madison. They both love to travel and follow the Wisconsin Badger’s Men’s Basketball team. Kyle’s hobbies include hunting, fishing and collecting... Wisconsin antique musky fishing lures.



**Tim Gunderson**



**Kyle Kriegl**

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## Bon Voyage to Kevin Spinner

After 10 months as our guest, it was time to bid farewell to **Kevin Spinner**, our exchange student from France. He arrived in early September as a somewhat reserved 17-year old with limited English skills, and is leaving as a confident young man who is now quite fluent in English.

Kevin thanked our Club for providing him with this once in a lifetime opportunity, to **Robin Shih**, our Youth Exchange Officer, his two host families, the **Sara and Mike Antonson** family and the **Sarah and Marc Goulet** family, and everyone who helped make him feel at home here in Eau Claire.



(Left) **Kevin Spinner** at his first Rotary meeting in September 2008, shortly after arriving in Eau Claire. (Right) **Kevin** and **Robin Shih** holding the "Bon Voyage Kevin" cake at Kevin's final Rotary meeting.

## Greeters and Classification Talks Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>Greeters</u>	<u>Classification Talks</u>
July 20	Tim Gunderson and Tom McCarty	None
July 27	Dan Baltramonas and Bob McCoy	None
August 3	Kyle Kriegl and Ed McMahon	None
August 10	Susan McLeod and Mark Morse	None
August 17	Timothy Wood and Jon Niebergall	None
August 24	Angie Niska and Julie Pangallo	None