



# Rotary Messenger

Rotary Club of Eau Claire

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## Guests

- None

## Make-ups

- Marje Bunce – Chippewa Falls (8/11/2009)
- Pat Thoney – LaCrosse (7/30/2009 & 8/20/2009)

## Leaves of Absence

- Sherry Mohr (5/7/2009 – 11/7/2009)
- Barb Wiedenbeck (7/21/2009 – 10/21/2009)

## Resignations

- Angie Niska (8/23/2009)

## 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?

## Raising Alpacas by Vince Schroeder, Owner of "Schroeder's Suri Sensation"

*(Thank you to Julie Pangallo for providing this Program Summary)*

Vince Schroeder, who raises alpacas, spoke about the alpaca industry in the United States. Alpacas are smaller members of the camelid family, valued for their soft lanolin-free fiber. Vince explained that there are two types of alpacas... huacaya, which are fuzzy like a teddy bear, and suri, which are known for their silky smooth lustrous fiber. Alpacas are relatively easy to keep, and the government offers generous tax benefits to farms raising alpacas.

Alpacas are all registered by blood test, so there can be no theft or question of parentage. The registry is closed to further imports, to help protect their market value. Right now it is a breeder's market, as there is high demand for the



Above: Vince Schroeder holding 6-month "cria" (baby alpaca). Left: The cria charming her audience.



animals and their fiber.

Vince brought in samples of alpaca wool, along with a 6-month old "cria" who charmed the crowd with her big beautiful eyes and spunky attitude. Vince owns and operates Schroeder's Suri Sensations just south of Eau Claire in Foster, Wisconsin. He has a herd of about 60 animals. Anyone wishing more information or a farm visit is welcome to contact Vince at [surisenation@msn.com](mailto:surisenation@msn.com) or 715-586-3221 or visit his website at [www.alpacaation.com/schroederssuris.asp](http://www.alpacaation.com/schroederssuris.asp)

## Our Calendar

- August 31 – Boy Scouts  
Update by Gary Gilger
- September 7 – No Meeting due  
to Labor Day Holiday
- September 14 – Club Assembly
- September 21 – District  
Governor Dean Dickinson
- September 28 – Classification  
Talks by Jon Fields, Bill  
Klish and Timothy Wood

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

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## “End Polio Now” Car Magnets Available

*(Thank you to Mark Morse for providing this article.)*

In an effort to increase public awareness of Rotary’s efforts to end polio and to raise funds for polio eradication, our club is now offering “End Polio Now” car magnets to members. The magnets, which were created by the Rotary Club of Washago, Ontario, are available for a suggested donation of \$5.00 each.

The magnets will be available for a few weeks at the badge and sign in table at our regular Monday noon meetings. Please pick one up and help Rotary meet the polio fund raising challenge of the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.



## District 6250 Planning West Africa Polio Eradication Trip

*(Thank you to Mark Morse for providing this article.)*

A few years ago, representatives of the Menomonie Rotary Club visited our club to report on their visit to Nigeria to help with Rotary’s polio immunization efforts. They found the trip exciting and very rewarding.

Consider joining other Rotarians from our District 6250 on a trip to Cotonou, Benin in West Africa, November 4-11, 2009. In addition to polio eradication, participants will spend time with Benin Rotarians to explore their communities, and see the service and experience fellowship that only Rotary can provide.

For more information, go to the [District 6250 August Newsletter](#) or contact:  
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## Greeters and Classification Talks Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>Greeters</u>	<u>Classification Talks</u>
August 31	Jon Fields and Mary Reinert	None
September 7	None – No Meeting – Labor Day	N/A
September 14	Bill Klish and Chris Seelen	None
September 21	Deb Severson and Robin Shih	None
September 28	Tim Gunderson and Steve Smith	Jon Fields, Bill Klish, and Timothy Wood