



Rotary Messenger

Rotary Club of Eau Claire

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Visiting Rotarian:

- Russ Rothamer – Wausau Early Bird Club

Guest

- Kristina Skornikova – Exchange Student from Slovakia

Make-ups

- John Stoneberg – Sturgeon Bay Breakfast (09/01/2009)
- Marje Bunce – Hayward (09/09/2009)

Leaves of Absence

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

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?

Club Assembly Summary

According to Rotary International's President's Manual, "a **club assembly** is a meeting of all club members, including officers, directors, and committee chairs. Club assemblies are an opportunity to discuss your club's programs and activities and educate members."

At today's Club Assembly, President **Jacqe Lahn** outlined the Club's goals and planned activities for the 2009-10 year, and the progress already made in attaining these goals:

- Membership – increase the Club's net membership by at least one by March 31, 2010. We currently have 66 members, compared to 65 at the beginning of the year.
- "Every Rotarian Every Year" – work toward Rotary International's goal of having every member, on average, contribute \$100 to the Rotary Foundation every year. Our goal is for the Club and its members to contribute a total of \$3,600 to the Foundation's Annual Program Fund and \$1,000 to Polio Plus.
- Bolivian Water Project – continue to work with the Chippewa Falls and other Chippewa Valley Clubs toward completing the Bolivian water project, including meeting our \$5,000 commitment in support of this project.
- Membership diversity – expand our membership to include at least two individuals from underrepresented demographic groups within our community.
- Youth mentoring – have at least 10% of our members participate in youth mentoring programs promoting vocational skills and business ethics.
- "Rotarians at Work" – join with the five Chippewa Valley Rotary Clubs to develop and participate in a "Rotarians at Work" project(s) within our community.
- Exchange programs – continue to support and be involved in Youth Exchange, both for inbound and outbound students, and Group Study Exchange.
- Scholarships – continue to award at least \$5,000 in scholarships to area high school seniors.



President Jacqe Lahn

Our Calendar

September 21 – District
Governor Dean Dickinson

September 28 – Classification
Talks by Jon Fields and
Bill Klish

October 5 – Volunteer Trip to
Jamaica by Alyssa Halfman
and Youth Rotar day

October 12 – The World of
Professional Bike Racing by
Tom McCarty

October 19 – Aquatic Therapy
by Jim Deignan, CEO of
Dove Healthcare

October 26 – Vocational
Service Off-site Meeting at a
to-be-announced location

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

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- Fund raising – continue our very successful annual fund raiser of selling poinsettias, chocolates and coffee, with the goal of raising \$14,000 to support our Club projects.
- Bylaws – review and update the Club's bylaws.

To wrap up the Club Assembly, Treasurer **Jerry Reinecke** reviewed the financial statements and 2009-10 budget pointing out some of the highlights, including the fact that the Club's fund balance was \$24,800 at June 30, 2009. Of that amount, \$12,500 has been designated to fund a number of programs and projects.

Kristina's Welcome Reception

We gathered at the home of **Heidi and Andy Fisher** on Tuesday, September 8 to welcome **Kristina Skornikova**, our 2009-10 exchange student. Thanks to Heidi and Andy for hosting and for providing a delicious buffet. Kristina arrived on August 25 from Turzovka, Slovakia and attends Memorial High School as a senior. She is currently living with **Dan and Lisa Mattoon**, and in January will move in with the Fishers. We are delighted to have Kristina with us and expect her experiences will have a very positive and profound impact on her life as well as the lives of everyone she encounters throughout the year. Please get to know Kristina and help her experience the best our community has to offer. Please invite her to



Exchange Student **Kristina Skornikova** (center) with Youth Exchange Counselor **Jane Gobler**, (left) and Youth Exchange Officer **Robin Shih**, (right)



Heidi Fisher (center) with son **Nick** (left) and husband **Andy** (right)

outings and events you feel would enrich her year.

We are grateful to all who support and promote Rotary Youth



Kristina Skornikova (left) with **Mattoon** host family, (clockwise) **Natasha** (age 15), **Dan** (father), **Nick** (13) and **Natalia** (8). Not pictured Lisa (mother) and Nathan (10).

Exchange. Rotary Youth Exchange has a goal to promote the advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace at the person to person level and is for high school students, ages 16-18, interested in living and studying abroad for one year. To learn more, please visit the website at www.csrye.org.

Greeters and Classification Talks Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>Greeters</u>	<u>Classification Talks</u>
September 21	Deb Severson and Robin Shih	None
September 28	Tim Gunderson and Steve Smith	Jon Fields and Bill Klish
October 5	Deb Severson and Robin Shih	None
October 12	Jeff Staads and Lisa Stelter Graf	None
October 19	Sam Stagliano and John Stoneberg	None
October 26	Laura Talley and Pat Thoney	None