



# Rotary Messenger

Rotary Club of Eau Claire

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## Visiting Rotarians:

- Debi Waldusky (Chippewa Falls Rotary)
- Kathy Facklam (Chippewa Falls Rotary)

## Guests

- Sue Bornick (guest of Bob McCoy)
- Kristina Skornikova

## Resignation

- Timothy Wood (9/30/2009)

## Make-up

- Marje Bunce (New Richmond – (10/5/2009)

## Leaves of Absence

- Sherry Mohr (5/7/2009 – 11/7/2009)
- Barb Wiedenbeck (7/21/2009 – 10/21/2009)
- Robin Shih (10/1/2009 – 12/31/2009)
- Steve Smith (10/1/2009 – 12/31/2009)
- Kris Becker (10/13/2009 – 4/13/2009)

## Behind the Curtain with Sara Antonson, Star of the Chippewa Valley Theatre Guild’s Hit Production of “Chicago”

By day, the Executive Director of the Boys and Girls Club and by night transforming herself into the sultry role of jazz singer Velma Kelly, **Sara Antonson** proved that she is very capable of “stepping outside of her comfort zone”.

That was the main message that Sara shared with her fellow Rotarians. She encouraged us to challenge ourselves by seizing the opportunity to do something difficult... something that we’re not even sure we can handle. The ultimate feeling of accomplishment is exhilarating and well worth the effort.

Even though Sara is a seasoned actress who has performed leading roles in many



**Sara Antonson,**  
Executive Director of the  
Boys and Girls Club



She has a lot  
personalities to  
a challenge for  
different angle  
— Laura G

The musical stars of “Chicago” from left, Laura Gardner, **Sara Antonson**, and Michael Van Hemert.

**Leader Telegram photo by Andi Stempniak**

local productions, Chicago is a tough show and the role of Velma Kelly was a real challenge. Sara knew she could learn the lines and handle the singing, but the dance steps were a concern. At the age of 40+, the leg kicks aren’t quite as high and the cartwheel called for by the choreographer was not going to happen. Plus, rehearsing in front of the mirrors and appearing on stage in the very provocative costumes was not easy.

As the rehearsing continued, and the feedback from the cast, director, and choreographers became more complimentary and supportive, Sara was able to get into her role and improve on the

## 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?

## Our Calendar

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

October 20 – Board Meeting at  
Bank Mutual

October 26 – Clear Vision  
Book Project for Elementary  
Students by Terry Sheridan

November 2 – Chapter 7  
Bankruptcy by Randi  
Osberg, Trustee for the  
Department of Justice and  
Youth Rotars Honored

November 9 – Vocational  
Service Offsite Meeting at  
the Children's Museum.  
(Meeting starts at 11:30.)

November 16 – Club Assembly

November 17 – Board Meeting  
at Bank Mutual

November 23 – Poinsettia,  
Chocolates and Coffee  
Pickup at Sweetwaters

November 30 – The Rotary  
Foundation, by Bill  
Hilgedick, Club Foundation  
Chairperson

December 7 – Tele-  
communications Update by  
Scott VanderSanden,  
President of AT&T  
Wisconsin

finished product. Then the ultimate payoff came with seeing how the audiences responded... showing their appreciation with laughter, robust applause and standing ovations.

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## Poinsettia, Chocolates and Coffee Sale Kicks Off

The holiday season is just around the corner, which means it's time for our annual poinsettia, chocolates and coffee sale. The 8-inch poinsettia plants grown locally by Plant Marketing, the gift boxes of chocolates and bags of coffee from Seroogy's of DePere, Wisconsin are all back.

By now all members should have received, via email, the three order forms. All monies are due by Monday, November 2 with the products to be picked up at Sweetwaters on Monday, November 23.

- Poinsettias – \$20.00 per 8-inch plant (red or tri-color); delivery available for 20 or more plants to any one location.
- Chocolates – \$10.00 per 9-ounce gift box; available in four varieties... chocolate assortment, meltaway assortment, mint meltaway and caramels.
- Coffee - \$10.00 per 14-ounce re-sealable bag; available in four flavors of both regular and decaf.

The goal of this year's fund-raiser is \$13,000. In order to reach this goal, all members are expected to participate at a level that will net at least a \$200 profit to the club. This goal can be met by selling 21 poinsettias (\$9.50 profit each), 40 boxes of chocolates (\$5.00 profit each), 50 bags of coffee (\$4.00 profit each), donating \$200 to the club, or any combination of sales and a donation.

After many years of service in co-chairing this annual fundraiser effort, Vicki Hoehn and Lisa Stelter have turned over the reins to **Susan McLeod** and **Sammie Bostrom**. If there are questions or comments, you may contact Susan at 834-7871 ([s.mcleod@cvmuseum.com](mailto:s.mcleod@cvmuseum.com)) or Sammie at 833-8400 ([sammie.bostrom.j7em@statefarm.com](mailto:sammie.bostrom.j7em@statefarm.com)).

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## Greeters and Classification Talks Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>Greeters</u>	<u>Classification Talks</u>
October 19	John Stoneberg	None
October 26	Laura Talley and Pat Thoney	None
November 2	Marcia Van Beek and Barb Wiedenbeck	None
November 9	None – Vocational Service Trip to Children's Museum	None
November 16	Janine Wildenberg and Luke Wren	None
November 23	Sam Stagliano and Dave Anderson	None
November 30	Sara Antonson and Dan Baltramonas	None
December 7	Jack Bartingale and Sammie Bostrom	None

**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

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Community – Bob Schmidt

International – Mark Morse

Vocational – Marcia Van Beek

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