



Rotary Messenger

Rotary Club of Eau Claire

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Leaves of Absence

- Robin Shih (10/1/2009 – 12/31/2009)
- Steve Smith (10/1/2009 – 12/31/2009)
- John DeRosa (10/25/2009 – 1/9/2010)
- Kris Becker (10/13/2009 – 4/13/2010)

Resignation

- Jon Fields (11/7/2009)

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?

Our Calendar

November 16 – Bolivian Water Project Update by David Crane, Member of Chippewa Falls Rotary Club

November 23 – Poinsettia, Chocolates and Coffee Pickup at Sweetwaters

Children’s Museum of Eau Claire hosted by Darcy Way, Executive Director

(Thanks to Marcia Van Beek for providing this Program Summary)

The Children’s Museum of Eau Claire opened its doors five years ago as a result of generous donors in the Chippewa Valley. The Children’s Museum of Eau Claire offers five interactive exhibits that encourage learning through play. Children (or Rotarians) have the opportunity to touch and explore exhibits such as:

- **Bitty City**, with its own Post Office, Voting Site, Bank, Market, Diner, Orthodontist and City Hall;
- **Kidstruction Zone**, where kids can work on building projects;
- **Body Smarts**, where kids can crawl through the digestive system with its own sound effects;
- **Show Business**, a place to record and watch one’s talent in the area of drama; and
- **Toddler Park**, where the younger children uncover the world of an enchanting city park.

The highlight for most, however, is the newest exhibit... **Water Works**. Here children (and Rotarians) can watch the wonders of water movement via a water wheel, siphoning and other opportunities to “get wet”!



Rotarians (left) watch in amazement as **Jon Niebergall** (center) and **Gary Gilger** (far right) demonstrate the nuances of dueling water cannons.

Thirty-five Rotarians had an opportunity to tour the Museum. In addition to the first floor and the lower level, the Children’s Museum is also hoping to expand to the second floor. They are exploring ideas, one of which includes

Our Calendar (continued)

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

December 7 – Tele-communications Update by Scott VanderSanden, President of AT&T; Youth Rotars Honored

December 8 – Board Meeting at Bank Mutual

December 14 – Christmas Luncheon at Eau Claire Golf & Country Club (Luncheon starts at 11:30)

December 21 – No Meeting – Merry Christmas

December 28 – No Meeting – Happy New Year

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

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a location for older children to gather. While they would like to bring traveling exhibits to the Museum, it is currently cost prohibitive as fees are often at the \$35,000 level and above.

The Museum is under the direction of Executive Director **Darcy Way**. Individual and family memberships are available... a great place for families, grandparents and grandchildren to have fun together.

The **Children’s Museum’s** motto is: “*see, touch, learn and grow!*”!



Executive Director **Darcy Way** (far right in white shirt) discusses future plans for the now empty second floor of the Children’s Museum

Poinsettia, Chocolates and Coffee Fund-Raiser

The annual poinsettia, chocolates, and coffee sale fund-raiser is coming to a close. Next Monday, November 23, in lieu of our traditional speaker, we will pick up the products at Sweetwaters, and embark on distributing the goods to be enjoyed throughout the holiday season.

If there are still monies to be turned in, or if there are questions, please contact **Susan McLeod** at 834-7871 (s.mcleod@cvmuseum.com) or **Sammie Bostrom** at 833-8400 (sammie.bostrom.j7em@statefarm.com).

Greeters and Classification Talks Schedule

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Greeters</u> | <u>Classification Talks</u> |
|-------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| November 16 | Brian Leven-Stankevich 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 |
| December 14 | None – Christmas Luncheon at ECGCC | None |
| December 21 | None – No Meeting | None |