



# Rotary Messenger

Rotary Club of Eau Claire

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## Guest

- Jim Buyze (guest of Lisa Stelter Graf and Prospective Member)

## Leaves of Absence

- Dan Donnellan (12/01/2009 – 1/31/2010)
- John DeRosa (10/25/2009 – 3/31/2010)
- Jeanne Chilson (1/25/2010 – 3/31/2010)
- Kris Becker (10/13/2009 – 4/13/2010)
- Glenn Horejsi (1/13/2010 – 4/30/2010)
- Ron Dulitz (11/22/2009 – 5/10/2010)
- Dennis Vanden Bloomen (1/1/2010 – 5/31/2010)

## Chippewa Valley Regional Airport Update by Airport Manager Charity Speich

Charity Speich provided an overview and update of the Chippewa Valley Regional Airport. Even though the airport is located in Chippewa County, it is owned by Eau Claire County, and operated under a two-county operation agreement. The Airport Commission, which is responsible for all airport operations, serves as Speich's boss. The Airport has a total of six employees.



**Charity Speich**, Airport Manager of Chippewa Valley Regional Airport

The primary customers (renters) of the airport's services are the commercial airline, leisure charters, general aviation, hanger renters, the car rental agencies and Connell's II Restaurant.

Effective March 1, the Chippewa Valley will undergo a major change in its commercial airline service. The Delta Connection service to the Twin Cities will end, and the United Express service to Chicago will start. This will

probably result in a transition of the customer base using commercial service, but according to Speich, this will be a good option for our community.

Speich was excited to talk about the December 2009 completion of Phase I of the Terminal Development Project. Our airport now has expanded passenger waiting areas, restrooms in the secured area, a remodeled terminal building with improved heating and air conditioning plus a sprinkler system, and an improved entrance road and parking area with automated parking fee collections.

Phase II, whose exact timing is dependent on the availability of Federal funding (no local tax dollars), is next on the agenda. This phase will include a passenger boarding bridge and an incoming baggage carousel.

Questions followed.

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## Information on "Rotary in Action" Trip to Bolivia

*(Editors Note: Our Rotary Club is helping to fund a water project in Cochabamba, Bolivia, which is being spearheaded by **Dr. David Crane** and the Rotary Club of Chippewa Falls. Dr. Crane sent the following email to President Jacqe and asked that it be shared with the entire Club. For complete information on the Bolivia trip*

## 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

February 1 – Challenges Facing  
Higher Education by  
UW-Stout Chancellor  
Dr. Charles W. Sorenson

February 8 – The Obesity  
Epidemic by Dr. William J.  
Klish; Youth Rotars Honored

February 15 – Club Assembly

February 22 – American Red  
Cross Update, by Kyle  
Kriegl

March 1 – The World of  
Professional Bike Racing by  
Tom McCarty

March 8 – to be announced

March 15 – How the FBI  
Serves Eau Claire by Special  
Agent Dave Fitzgerald

## 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

and the project, go to the website [Chippewa Falls Rotary Bolivian Trip](#). You may also contact Dr. Crane at his office 715-723-7175 or cell phone at 715-828-7175.)

"We currently have several Rotarians, including our District Governor, joining us for our "Rotary in Action" trip to Bolivia in March. Several others have expressed interest. We would like to have a few more Rotarians join with us for this expedition. Airline reservations must be completed soon, so time is of the essence.

"We are coordinating with the Rotary Club in Bolivia visiting existing water projects we have participated in and studying future projects. We have also assisted with a burn unit for children at a major public hospital as well as other medically-related projects. These and other projects are available for participants to visit. We will sightsee, learn about the local history and culture, and enjoy the camaraderie of our Bolivian Rotarian friends. Rotarians of virtually any vocation can link up with Bolivians of like interest.

"Thank you for sharing this information with your Members"

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## Club to Assist Members with Cost of Bolivian Trip

At the January 19 meeting, the Board of Directors appropriated \$1,000 to help fund the cost of the "Rotary in Action" trip to Bolivia. This trip, which is also discussed in the above article, is being organized by Dr. David Crane and the Rotary Club of Chippewa Falls. For complete information, including costs and the itinerary, go to the website [Chippewa Falls Rotary Bolivian Trip](#).

This \$1,000 is available to the first one or two members of our Club that commit to the trip. If two members commit, each will receive a \$500 stipend. If only one member commits, he or she will be entitled to the entire \$1,000. For complete information, contact President Jacqe Lahn at [lahnaprl@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lahnaprl@sbcglobal.net) or 715-836-9660.

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## Donation to Junior Achievement

Club President **Jacqe Lahn** (left) presented a \$600 donation to Junior Achievement in support of their annual Operating Campaign. Our Club has been a longtime supporter of JA's mission, which is to help young people to understand and respect our free enterprise system. Accepting the check were Junior Achievement Northwest District Director **Susan Effinger**, (center) and Board Member **Ron Bakken** (right)



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## Jalalabad, Afghanistan School Project Update

(This article provided by Mark Morse, Club International Chair)

Despite the instability in Afghanistan during the past few years, the Jalalabad Rotary School has not only survived, but has been improved and

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expanded. Jalalabad is a city located about 80 miles west of the Khyber Pass leading to Pakistan.

In 2003-04, our Rotary Club donated \$3,000 toward Phase 1 of the Jalalabad Rotary School construction project spearheaded by the La Jolla, California Golden Triangle Rotary Club. This first phase was the construction of an elementary school.

Since that time, Phase 2, the construction of a wing for a middle and secondary school, was completed. A [2005 Report to the Donner Foundation](#) by Steven Brown, President of the La Jolla Rotary Club's Foundation, provides photos of the completed Phase 2 wing, the 2005 dedication, the chartering of a Rotary Club in Jalalabad, a Jalalabad Group Study Exchange team's visit to San Diego, and more information about the school project and other Rotary relationships.



Members of the Rotary Clubs of Jalalabad (left) and Kabul (right) enjoying a meeting.

In 2009, computer labs were established at the Jalalabad Rotary School and at other school sites in Jalalabad. More information is available in a 2009 [Steven Brown report](#).

Sanitation in the area continues to be a problem, however, as evidenced by a report from Fary Moini, a member of the La Jolla club, about her 2009 visit. She said that while she was having dinner at a restaurant in Jalalabad located right next to the Kabul River, she noticed the staff throwing garbage out into the river. When she objected to this on environmental grounds, she was reassured that there was no reason to worry because the river empties into Pakistan.



Computer Lab at the **La Jolla Golden Triangle Rotary Club School**

Additional links of interest on [Steven Brown's website](#), include:

- See an 11-minute video about the [history of the Jalalabad Rotary School Project](#) and related media coverage.
- February 2009 San Diego [interview of Steven Brown](#) about Rotary projects in Jalalabad. Mr. Brown reports that in spite of the corruption in Afghanistan he and Rotary have not had to pay any bribes!