



Rotary Messenger

Rotary Club of Eau Claire

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Visiting Rotarian

- Mary Ann Lippert – Marshfield Sunrise Club (6/21/2010)

Guests

- James Hanke (guest of Marje Bunce and prospective member) (6/21/2010)
- Kathy Reinecke, mother of speaker (6/28/2010)
- Edgar Medina, spouse of speaker (6/28/2010)
- Andy Heren, guest of Pat Thoney (6/28/2010)
- Kristina Skornikova – Rotary Exchange Student from Slovakia (6/28/2010)

Make-ups

- Marje Bunce:
 - Chippewa Falls (6/8/2010)
 - Wisconsin Rapids (6/14/10)
 - Grantsburg (6/29/2010)
 - Rice Lake (7/1/2010)
- Mike Ehr – Wausau (6/7/2010)

International Space Station by Elizabeth Medina, Loads and Dynamics Engineer with Boeing

In December 1998, the first module of the International Space Station was launched. The ISS has been continually manned since 2002, will be substantially completed in 2011, and is expected to fly until at least 2020.

Elizabeth Medina, an Eau Claire Memorial and UW-Madison alum, and now a Loads and Dynamics engineer with Boeing in Houston, presented some background and history on the ISS, some insight on the work performed by her team, and a look ahead at the future of the ISS, the Shuttle, and other NASA programs.

The ISS orbits the earth once every 90 minutes, flies at a speed of 17,500 miles per hour, and is at an altitude of 220 miles. At completion it will be 356 feet by 239 feet, which is bigger than a football field. Betsy provided an overview of the different parts of the ISS and the construction process that has been ongoing over the last decade or so.

The primary task of Betsy's Loads and Dynamics team is "to ensure that all loads imparted on the ISS are within its hardware capabilities." In other words, their job is to keep the ISS structurally safe and sound. The ISS is continually experiencing dynamic loads from such forces as thruster plumes, vehicle dockings, robotics and crew activities. The various hardware manufacturers, along with NASA and other contractors have defined the various hardware capabilities. And if her team determines that certain activities would place excessive loads on the hardware, they must place constraints on these activities.

In looking ahead, Betsy noted that the ISS is likely to fly until at least 2020. However, there are only two shuttle flights remaining, with the final one scheduled to be launched in February 2011. The Constellation program, which was designed to put men back on the moon, has been canceled in President Obama's budget. However, Congressional action is still required before that decision is final. Going forward, government is encouraging the private sector to step up and become the provider of future human space



Elizabeth Medina (right) and husband Edgar on assignment in Moscow meeting with her engineering counterparts from the Russian space agency.

Leaves of Absence

- Joe Eisenhuth
(6/21/2010 – 8/10/2010)
- Vicki Hoehn
(4/26/2010 – 11/1/2010)
- Dina St. Louis
(1/1/2010 – 12/31/2010)
- Steve Smith
(6/11/2010 – 12/31/2010)

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

- July 12 – Travels to Borneo
by Tom Barland
- July 19 – to be announced
- July 26 – Wayne Merek
- August 2 – Betsy Ralph

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

President – Jon Niebergall
President-Elect – Sara Antonson
Vice President – Mary Knight
Secretary – Scott Johnson
Exec Sec / Treas – Jerry Reinecke
Past President – Jacqe Lahn
Avenues of Service:
Club – Angela Hite
Community – Bob Schmidt
International – Mark Morse
Vocational – Marcia Van Beek

vehicles.

Betsy then responded to questions.

"The International Space Station is arguably the signature engineering achievement of the last 60 years. By working together, partner agencies demonstrated that the station is as much an achievement in foreign relations as it is in aerospace engineering." ~ Aviation Week, 2010

Bolton Refuge House Update by Gerald Wilkie (June 21)

The stated mission of the Bolton Refuge House, Inc. is "to offer safety, support, education and other services, skills or alternatives that will empower victims and enhance the safety and well-being of domestic violence and/or sexual assault survivors by specifically addressing their needs on an individual and community basis."

Gerald Wilkie, Director of the Bolton Refuge House, provided an update on their entire operation, including the fact that they had just recently completed a move into new facilities. These new facilities will enable Bolton Refuge House staff to serve their clients with more privacy, comfort and security.

The capital cost for this facilities upgrade was approximately \$200,000, of which \$150,000 has already been raised. Our Club was pleased to make a \$250 donation in support of the Bolton Refuge House.

For more information on the Bolton Refuge House, go to www.boltonrefugehouse.org.

Year in Review... "The Future of Rotary is in Your Hands" by Jacqe Lahn (June 14)

(Editor's Note: The complete text of the remarks by outgoing president Jacqe Lahn and incoming president Jon Niebergall will soon be available on our Club's web site)

Before beginning a new Rotary year, 46 Rotarians and guests had the opportunity to enjoy a relaxing evening of reflection, optimism, and fellowship as we gathered for our annual Recognition and Installation Celebration, which was held Monday evening, June 14, at Fischers' on the Green.

The evening began with an enjoyable cocktail hour, a welcome by **President Jacqe Lahn**, our traditional meeting prayer, and the delicious meal provided by the Fischers staff. We were entertained by a jazz group comprised of three former Memorial High School students.

After dessert, it was Jacqe's time to put an exclamation point on the 2009-10 Rotary year. Jacqe noted that we began



Jacqe Lahn, 2009-10 President
of the Rotary Club of Eau Claire

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the journey into this Rotary year under the charge by **John Kenny, Rotary International President**, who said, "Whether Rotary will thrive, or whether it will falter; whether our service will mean much to many, or little to few; whether Rotary is known with respect, or seen as a relic of days gone by: all this is up to you. The Future of Rotary Is in Your Hands."

Jacqe went on to state that... "last year I asked you to do something that this club has not focused on in the past. In addition to community service and international outreach, I asked you to consider participating in 'Every Rotarian Every Year' to meet the goal of \$3,600 donated to the Rotary Foundation Annual Program. You have responded wonderfully. The last report received from the District indicates we are within 95% of that goal. I'm quite sure we will complete that pledge by June 30. Thank you for your generosity, which will be multiplied several times over in meeting the goals of clean water, health and hunger, and literacy around the world where most people struggle to live on less than a dollar a day. Thank you, Rotarians."

Jacqe then reviewed the many accomplishments of our Club, including the numerous local and international donations, the awarding of scholarships to seven area high school seniors, hosting and sponsoring exchange students, and hosting a Group Study Exchange team from Japan.

Jacqe then recognized the officers, avenue-of-service chairs, and other committee chairs who have all given of their time and talents in service to the Rotary Club of Eau Claire.

Next several Paul Harris Fellows were awarded (see article below).

Jacqe recognized Elmer Sundby, a 32-year member and past president of our Club, who passed away almost one year ago... June 24, 2009. She also updated us on members currently on leave of absence due to various medical conditions.

Finally, Jacqe recognized the past presidents that are still members of the Club, and then conducted the Installation of Officers ceremony (see article below).

Paul Harris Fellow Recognitions Presented (June 14)

Congratulations to **Scott Johnson**, **Deb Severson** and **Mark Morse**, who were recognized as Paul Harris Fellows at the June 14 Recognition and Installation banquet.

A Paul Harris Fellow, named after the founder of Rotary, is the Rotary Foundation's way of recognizing individuals who make a \$1,000 donation to the Foundation, or in whose name \$1,000 is donated.

Scott Johnson is relatively new to Rotary, joining our Club in 2008 and was just recently elected to serve as our Club Secretary for the 2010-11 Rotary year. Scott took advantage of our Club's matching program by donating \$500 to the Foundation and having the Club match that amount. This is Scott's first Paul Harris Fellow recognition.

Deb Severson first joined the LaCrosse North Rotary Club in 1991 and served as their Club President for the 2001-02 year. She later served at the District level in various positions, including our District 6250 Governor for the 2005-06 Rotary year. In 2007, Deb moved to Eau Claire and joined our Rotary Club. Deb is a member of the District's Paul Harris Society, which is comprised of Rotarians who pledge an annual contribution of \$1,000 to the Rotary Foundation. This is Deb's seventh Paul Harris Fellow.

Bill Hilgedick, Club Foundation Chair, presented the awards to Scott and Deb.

Mark Morse has been a Rotarian since 1979, and throughout these past 31 years, has served Rotary at the local, district and international levels in many different capacities. Mark has coordinated a number of Group Study Exchange visits, spearheaded our Club's involvement in the funding of a school in Afghanistan and a water project in Bolivia, attended numerous Rotary conferences and meetings, and served as our Club's International Service chair for a number of years. Because Mark's life and service exemplifies the humanitarian and educational objectives of Rotary, President Jacqe Lahn, on behalf of our Club, presented Mark with an Honorary Paul Harris Fellow.

Congratulations to all and thank you for supporting the Rotary Foundation.

Installation of Officers (June 14)

At the June 14 Recognition and Installation banquet, Jacqe Lahn conducted the Installation of Officers ceremony whereby the following newly elected officers took their oath:

- Jon Niebergall – President
- Sara Antonson – President-Elect
- Mary Knight - Vice President
- Scott Johnson – Secretary
- Jerry Reinecke – Executive Secretary & Treasurer

As a part of this ceremony, all Rotarians present pledged their support to our officers, to the Board of Directors, and to the Club as a whole to ensure a successful 2010-11 Rotary year.

Thank You to Outgoing President Jacqe Lahn (June 14)

To complete the transfer of power, incoming president Jon Niebergall had the privilege of formally thanking Jacqe Lahn for her year of service as our 2009-10 president.

Jon presented Jacqe with the traditional gavel plaque, a past-president's Rotary pin, and a past-president's Rotary badge.

We all owe Jacqe a huge debt of gratitude for a very successful and rewarding Rotary year.