



# Rotary Messenger

Rotary Club of Eau Claire

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## Visiting Rotarian

- Jim Johns – Milan Ohio Rotary Club

## Guests

- Stephanie Niebergall (Spouse of Jon Niebergall)
- Kerri Stoner (guest of Darin McFadden and prospective member)
- James Hanke (guest of Marje Bunce and prospective member)
- Tracey Smiskey (guest of Sara Antonson)
- Kristina Skornikova – Rotary Exchange Student from Slovakia

## Leaves of Absence

- Joe Eisenhuth (6/21/2010 – 8/10/2010)
- Brian Levin-Stankevich (7/14/2010 - 8/11/2010)
- 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)

## Niebergalls Attend RI Convention in Montreal

**Jon Nieberall**, our 2010-11 Club President, and his wife **Stephanie** had the privilege of traveling to Montreal in late June to attend the 2010 Rotary International Convention. Jon commented that he and Stephanie were not prepared for what they walked into on that first day... a convention center filled with more than 18,000 Rotarians from 154 countries and geographical areas. As they introduced themselves to the Rotarians around them, the International flavor of Rotary came through loud and clear. The first four introductions were from foreign countries... Nepal, England, Scotland and India, before meeting a Rotarian from the United States.

Jon shared many of the experiences that he and Stephanie enjoyed throughout their four days in Montreal. Each day began with a 3-hour plenary session, followed by break-out sessions in the afternoon. There was also a "House of Friendship", or congregating area, that included booths and displays by Clubs, vendors, and other friends of Rotary.

Some of the speakers included Jo Luck, president of Heifer International and a member of the Rotary Club of Little Rock, Arkansas; best-selling author Greg Mortenson, cofounder of the Central Asia Institute, which builds schools in Afghanistan and Pakistan; Bob Mazzuca, chief scout executive of the Boy Scouts of America; and country music singer and philanthropist Dolly Parton.

The entertainment included many outstanding acts... the Irish singing group Celtic Thunder, known for its combination of soloists and ensembles; the daring acrobatics of the Cirque du Soleil; and the soaring vocals of tenor Russell Watson.

Jon and Stephanie thanked our Club for giving them the opportunity to enjoy this once in a lifetime experience. The 2011 RI convention will be held in New Orleans.

For a more complete summary of the Convention, and related links go to: [www.rotary.org/en/MediaAndNews/News/Pages/conv10june24\\_wrap.aspx](http://www.rotary.org/en/MediaAndNews/News/Pages/conv10june24_wrap.aspx)



Club President **Jon Niebergall** and his wife **Stephanie**, attended the 2010 RI Convention in Montreal.

## 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 26 – Eau Claire Children's Theatre Update by Wayne Marek, Executive Director
- August 2 – Camping Experiences for the Developmentally Disabled, by Betsy Ralph, Development Communications Director for Badger Camp

## Officers/Board of Directors for the 2010-11 Rotary Year

President – Jon Niebergall  
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Vice President – Mary Knight  
Secretary – Scott Johnson  
Exec Sec / Treas – Jerry Reinecke  
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## Robert Wesley Bartingale Recognized with PHF

As Rotary International continues its fight to eradicate polio from the face of the earth, **Jack Bartingale** came up with a fitting way to both assist in that fight and honor his deceased father. Jack made a \$500 contribution to the Rotary Foundation which, along with our Club's matching dollars, enabled him to recognize **Robert Wesley Bartingale** with a Memorial Paul Harris Fellow.

Robert, known to one and all for his entire life as "Wes", was a proud member of our Rotary Club for almost 30 years, with a classification of "plumbing". During those 30 years, he had an outstanding attendance record, rarely missing a meeting. During the years that Wes and his wife, Adele, spent their winters in Yuma, Arizona, Wes routinely "made up" at the Yuma Club.

Wes enjoyed hunting, fishing, golfing and rooting for the Packers and Badgers. He took his son Jack to his first Packer game in 1946 to witness a win over the Pittsburgh Steelers.

Wes was born July 23, 1909, and on May 1, 1981, at age 71, died from cancer. According to Jack, "Wes would have been very proud of Rotary's Polio Plus campaign and doubly proud to be recognized with this Memorial Paul Harris Fellow."



**Jack Bartingale** (right) accepted the Memorial Paul Harris Fellow in memory of his father **Robert Wesley Bartingale**. Presenting the award was **Bill Hilgedick**, our Club's Foundation Chairperson.