



# Rotary Messenger

Rotary Club of Eau Claire

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## Visiting Rotarian

- Luke McNeese (Chippewa Falls Club; also guest of Gary Gilger)

## Guests

- Nick Hennemann (guest of Monica Hermann & perspective member)
- Todd Kostman (guest of Gary Gilger & perspective member)
- Kurt Lindau (guest of Ron Heilmann)
- Amy Underwood (guest of Pat Thoney & perspective member)

## Leaves of Absence

- Chris DeBruyckere (12/1/2011 – 4/1/2012)
- Jack Bartingale (1/30/2012 – 5/1/2012)
- Ron Dulitz (12/19/2011 – 5/10/2012)
- Dennis Vanden Bloomen (1/16/2012 – 5/15/2012)

## Resignation

- Barb Wiedenbeck (1/31/2012)

## Girl Scouts Update by Ally Clark Peterson, Regional Director West

In March, the Girl Scouts will celebrate their 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary. It will also be four years since the Eau Claire Council merged with five other Councils in northern Wisconsin and the Upper Peninsula to form the Girl Scouts of the Northwestern Great Lakes. On hand to share the Girl Scouts story was Ally Clark Peterson, Regional Director-West.

According to Peterson, with the completion of the merger, the resources of the 15 offices are now being shared, and 18,000 girls are now being served with more and better programs.

Peterson started out with a little Girl Scout trivia... with the prizes being boxes of those famous Girl Scout cookies. She then pointed out that while the Cookie Program is a huge fund raiser, it is also used to help the girls learn five skills... goal setting, decision making, money management, people skills, and business ethics, all of which are viewed as important ingredients in the Girl Scout Leadership Experience.

The stated mission of Girl Scouting is that it “builds girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place.” And the challenge is for the leadership and volunteers to figure out better ways to serve girls in our ever changing society.

Peterson shared some of the many ways for girls to participate in girl scouting... sometimes referred to as “pathways for girls”:

- Troops – same girls, all sessions; typically spans the length of a school year.
- Camp – day and resident camps; focused on outdoor and/or environmental education.
- Events – single-day events; different girls each event.
- Series – same girls; all sessions relating to a specific theme or purpose.
- Travel – regional, national, and international trips.

Peterson mentioned that on April 2, the Girl Scouts will be hosting their 18<sup>th</sup> annual Women of Courage, Confidence and Character Awards banquet.



**Ally Clark Peterson** is the Regional Director-West, for the Girl Scouts of the Northwestern Great Lakes. Peterson joined the Girl Scouts in 2005, and in 2008 became the Interim Director of Operations.

## 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 6 – AmeriCorps (also Youth Rotars Day)
- February 13 – Financial Literacy by Secretary Peter Bildsten, Wisconsin Department of Financial Institutions
- February 20 – Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (WIAC) prepares for its 100th Birthday Celebration by Gary Karner, Commissioner of WIAC
- February 27 – Chippewa Valley Technical College Foundation Scholarship Program by Heidi Fisher, Executive Director
- March 5 – meeting to be held off site at Fanny Hill. Program to be announced (also Youth Rotars Day)
- March 12 – meeting to be held off site at the State Theatre starting at 11:30
- March 19 – meeting to be held off site at Fanny Hill. Program to be announced
- March 26 – meeting to be held off site at the Eau Claire County Jail starting at 11:30

## Officers/Board of Directors for the 2011-12 Rotary Year

President – Sara Antonson  
President-Elect – Mary Knight  
Vice President – Pat Thoney  
Secretary – Jenn Kane  
Exec Sec / Treas – Jerry Reinecke  
Past President – Vacant

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During this event, five exceptional women in western and west-central Wisconsin, who are role models for peers and community members, will be recognized.

Peterson then responded to questions.

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## New Member Inducted - Ben Richgruber

**Ben Richgruber** was formally inducted into our Rotary Club. Ben, sponsored by Bill Klish, is the Executive Director of the Eau Claire Regional Arts Center. He was formerly a member and past president of the DeForest Rotary Club.

Please introduce yourself to Ben and welcome him to Rotary. At a future meeting, Ben will present his "classification talk" at which time we will have an opportunity to learn a little more about his professional and personal life.



From left, **Ben Richgruber**, our newest Rotary Club member, and **Bill Klish**, Ben's sponsor

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Directors for the  
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Avenues of Service:

Club – Angela Hite

Community – Vacant

International – Mark Morse

Vocational – Bill Klish

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