



rotary club of GREATER PORTAGE COUNTY

Holiday Break Edition

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December 29

No Meeting

January 2

Co-Presidents Planning Meeting

January 5

Club Assembly

January 8

Executive Board Meeting at Emy J's

January 12

Rotarian Jami Gebert presents ...

January 19

Rotarian Rob Manzke presents ...

Holiday Gathering @ the Fehrenbachs

January 26

Rotarian Dave Marie presents ...

February 2

Club Assembly

February 8

Club Membership Social

February 9

Rotarian Rick Zahn presents ...

February 16

Rotarian Trish Baker presents ...

January 5 Club Assembly

“Strive for the 5”

Can we all* be in attendance to kick off the new year?



Agenda includes

Welcome our newest member!

Learn more about upcoming Holiday and Membership Socials

Remember: **Bring canned or non-perishable goods** to benefit The Pantry at UWSP to continue our December drive.

*OK. We'll give a pass to the snowbird!

New Member: Tim Krause

The Rotary Club of Greater Portage County welcomes a new member: **Tim Krause**. Tim is an Associate Professor at UW Stevens Point and the Chair of the Computing and New Media Technologies Department. He also serves as the Academic Director of Data Analytics. Tim has been very helpful to our club in the launching of the new website. Tim comes to us from the Stevens Point Rotary Club (the Noon Club).



New Website

After months of preparation, RCGPC's new website has launched! Thanks to the host of Rotarians who helped in the project, to our student intern Brandon Richardson, and to new member Tim Krause. Volker Gaul has volunteered to serve as "webmaster." However, **much work is still needed to create and update content for our new site**. You can access the site [here](http://www.portagecountyrotyary.com/) and above. The URL is still <http://www.portagecountyrotyary.com/>

Updated Calendar—Hot Link

Remember, the [Upcoming Events](#) heading at the left is now a hot link to the current calendar. Click on it to see upcoming events in more detail or to find your date.

Toys for Tots Wrap Up



In December, RCGPC wrapped up another successful Toys for Tots campaign. We collected over 3000 toys this year, which represents a significant increase. The toys were distributed with the Portage County Operation Bootstrap holiday campaign in time for Christmas. Thanks to everyone for your support in the project!

Special thanks go to Charlie Grugel, who expertly guided us through the drive again this year. Thanks, Charlie!



And Welcome Aboard to Joe DeBauche, who has volunteered to take over the Toys for Tots campaign moving forward. Joe has been working closely with Charlie this campaign and will attend the national training in Virginia later this year. Thanks, Joe!

Holiday Social

*The Holiday Member Social is **Friday, January 19** at the Fehrenbachs. (This is a venue change.)
Where? 1408 Wisconsin Street. When? 6:00 pm—10:00 pm. What? Pot Luck!
More information and sign-up sheets will be coming.*

2018 Membership Social

*The New Member Social is planned for **Thursday, February 8, 6:30—8:00 pm** at the Point Area Bike Service shop at 1131 Strongs Avenue (between Main and Clark). "Johnny PABS" will be our host and will give a brief presentation to start the evening. IGNITE members will be invited to join us.*

All Rotarians should invite their individual speaker from this past year to join us.

Last Week's Program: Bob Quam, Salvation Army

Bob Quam of the Salvation Army presented to RCGPC on December 15. Bob, pictured here with something on his shoulder, shared more information about local and international aspects of SA. Although headquartered in London, 90% of Red Kettle donations stay in the community. The local facility, the Hope Center on Briggs Street, has 35 beds and served 28,000 meals this year. Bob reports that the top need locally is more mental health support. Call 341-2437 for volunteer activities and visit the [website](#) for more information.



Other RCGPC Notes:

RCGPC donated \$800 in hurricane relief to Puerto Rico in December.

Our help is still needed. [Here](#) is the Guardian's report on Dominica referenced at our last meeting.

Next newsletter: January 11. Rotarians: Submit names/topics of Presenters to Bill as available!