

September 14,
2018
Newsletter



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Sept 14
Rotarian Trish Baker
presents: Craig Gerlach,
Stevens Point Public
Schools Superintendent,
on the Referendum

Sept 18
Exec board meeting
CANCELLED

Sept 19, 530pm,
Mikey's in Plover
"Membership
Committee" meeting
(did you catch that we
are *all* now on the
Membership
Committee?)

Sept 21
OFFSITE
Rotarian Eric Yonke
presents a Tour of the
new UW-SP Biology-
Chemistry building on
campus, including a
tour of Eric's new office

Sept 28
Rotarian Bill
Fehrenbach presents
Tori Jennings, Cycling
without Age, the year in
review AND looking
forward

October 5
Club Assembly reports
and discussion from the
3 committees

This Week

7 am Friday Meeting at Mid-State, in the Community Room
Superintendent Craig Gerlach will be presenting about the
upcoming referendum for the Stevens Point area Public
Schools

Please note, he will start his presentation at 7am and will
conclude (and leave) at 7:45am to get to his next presentation
on time. Club business and raffle will be held to the end of
the meeting

ADDITIONAL UPCOMING EVENTS

Know Your Score Prostate Cancer Awareness Golf event (Chaired by Rotarian Dave Marie).
Thursday, September 27, Sentry World Golf Course. Our club raised \$250 to sponsor the
event.

District 6220 Fall Assembly & One Rotary Summit scheduled for October 13, 2018 in Iron
Mountain

October 12

OFFSITE Sarena Melotte and Bill Schierl and a tour of the restored Claflin House, 1665 Main

October 16

7am, Exec board meeting

October 19

Rotarian Volker Gaul presents Tim Corcoran, Leadership Initiative

October 26

Rotarian Jami Gebert presents TBD

CLUB MEMBERSHIP DISCUSSION FROM LAST CLUB ASSEMBLY, FROM PRESIDENT BILL FEHRENBACH

The meeting was originally scheduled to be our first Committee Meetings Day. Given recent attendance trends and knowledge that several active members would not be here today, I was prepared to adapt the structure of the meeting. After a brief discussion with those present today, we decided to alter the plan, identify Membership as our priority, and stay together as a group.

Meaningful discussion followed. I will attempt to summarize:

1. We are supportive of our "non-attenders." (I use that phrase non-judgementally.) We understand that some members are at points in their lives that make active participation difficult. We are grateful that you still call yourselves Rotarians and continue to support the club financially, and we hope that you can again join us more regularly for meetings and activities.
2. We should survey our current members and recent former members to see if we, as a club, can be more attractive to current and new members in terms of programming and activities.
3. We *all* need to be active recruiters for new members. We had some great ideas in the recent past about recruitment. We need to revisit those ideas. We need to continue to recruit young people in local businesses and promote Rotary as a place where community members can find networks and "advertise your product."

To that end, we will have another "Membership Committee" meeting (did you catch that we are *all* now on the Membership Committee?) on Wednesday, September 19, 5:30 pm, at Mikey's in Plover for drinks/dinner/discussion. Bring your ideas of how we move forward as a club, how we attract new members. This will also replace the Executive Board meeting scheduled for that Tuesday morning.

