

Rotary



Greater Portage County

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Well, there they are! The toys have been collected and delivered to the Noel Hangar and are being prepared for the Operation Bootstrap baskets which will go out Saturday morning. (If you are interested in being on the Delivery Team Saturday morning, contact [Bootstrap](#) or show up Saturday morning and see the amazing operation in action!)



Thanks to all who were able to help in Monday's collection: Joe (of course), Volker, Harry, Rick, David H, special thanks to Amy and co-worker Mandy for helping during their workday, a pair of helpers from Renaissance Learning in Rapids. Did I get everyone? (I helped, too.) And thanks to Shari for hosting our launch site at Chet's.

We *barely* got everything collected in time. Joe reports why:

We collected about 1300 more toys and about 400 more stocking stuffers than we usually collect. There were some really big contributors. 450 toys and stocking stuffers from Fleet Farm And due to the promoting from WAOW, Mark Motors had 350 toys and stocking stuffers.

Joe is looking into ways we can recognize our big contributors. In the mean time, we can all do our parts by patronizing those businesses, as well as any businesses that you know hosted a TFT box this season. (Skyward was another big contributor again this year, as well, but they are harder to support unless you run a school. Joe and Rick picked up several box-fulls earlier last week. Our truck was getting full when Joe and I pulled in to Skyward yesterday. Anticipating only two more boxes, we had to do some major rearranging in the truck to fit **another 5 or so box-fulls!**)

Thanks, again, to Joe for leading our effort, to Charlie for mentoring him this year, and to all of our contributors and helpers!

Last Week



We welcomed **Jose Vasquez** and his presentation on **Sharing Joy**. What an inspiring story! RCGPC made a \$100 donation, and Jose may have collected almost that much in out-of-pocket donations from those in attendance (which included three visitors from Nicaragua and a big bunch of bleary-eyed UWSP students beating the end-of-term deadline for class credit). If you would still like to contribute to Sharing Joy, visit Jose's Facebook page for [Sharing Joy](#) or read the attached document from Jose.



We also welcomed prospective member Bob Smith from Aspirus to Friday's meeting. It seems to me that he's going to be a great addition to our club. Welcome, Bob!

This Week

No Meeting This Week. No Meetings for a While.

We will re-convene Friday, January 11.

I think that's it for now. Thanks for all of your help in this busy season. Have a great holiday break!

Yours in Rotary,

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