

Rotary



Greater Portage County

Newsletter: January 15, 2021

Hello RGPC member and friends,

Well, we are off to a great start for our club in 2021. Hopefully, we will see this year evolve from Zoom to Bloom as our teams blossom to energize us all in new activities, service projects, fund raisers and international exposure with our youth and others. So exciting!

We will also likely see our meetings go from Zoom only to in person meetings – or a hybrid. What would you prefer when we are able – in person or a hybrid where we have zoom and in person? **Please email me to let me know.**

Also, we are wondering if anyone would mind if we moved our meeting start time back to 7am? This wouldn't start until January 22nd at the earliest – so you can still sleep in this Friday! 😊 **Let me know if an issue with this move please.**

Take a look at the teams and members along with the 2021-2022 officer listing in the attached document. Thanks to all the volunteers who raised their hand to volunteer for these officer positions. We have a great club with great people who want to help make it better. Thank you!!

Finally, but not least. Thank you to Joe DeBauche for leading our Toys for Tots effort and all the volunteers from the club who helped with the shopping, pick-up, and distribution of toys. Our community service team will be looking into how we work new leaders into this effort as Joe finishes up his term.

Friday's meeting: Jen McNelly, the Water Resource Specialist for Portage County. She will give information on her career, the County's practices for Water Resources, and some current hot topics.

ZOOM MEETING LINK:

Topic: Rotary Weekly Meeting

When: Every Friday at 7:30am

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://uwsp.zoom.us/j/91885288331>

Upcoming Schedule:

- Jan 15 – (Heather H)
- Jan 22 – (Tim Krause)
- January 29 – (Corey)
- February 5 – Club Assembly
- February 12 – (Harry)
- February 19 – (open)
- February 26 – (David M)

kindest Regards,
David Rosenthal
President Elect
Rotary Club of Greater Portage County
<http://www.portagecountyrotary.com>



2021-2022 Rotary Club Greater Portage County Teams

- **Community Service Team- Barb ***, Charles, Dave M, Joe(TFT), Volker, Bill
 - Engagement with community service
 - Toys for Tots
- **Fundraiser Team– Jenny, Joe***, Rob M, Sarah – **Need a lead**
 - Propose 1 or 2 fundraiser events for club to pursue
- **Public Relations Team– Rachel*** Rob M, Volker, Bob S, Brandon
 - Facebook, website, newspapers
- **Membership Team– Harry***, Shari (Sunshine), Heather, David H.
 - Attendance review
 - New member onboarding
- **Grant and International Engagement Team – Rick***, Harry, Glenn, Corey, Todd P.
 - Development of District and Global Grants as approved by club
 - Collaboration with former RYE students
 - Scholarship communication for Global Grant – Barb M.
 - Regular interface with Nicaragua , Kenya, Dominica
- **Youth Involvement Team – RYLA, RYE, Rotaract – Bill***, Shari, Ben, Silver, Marc C.
 - Coordinate with UWSP Rotaract and its Advisor
 - Support RYLA financially and transport local students to program
 - Resume financial and host family support of RYE students
 - Consider outreach to start a Rotaract program at SPASH
- **TEAM assignment for January:**
 - Team Lead to have meeting
 - Review team mission
 - Develop short (by 6/30) and long term goal(s)
 - Report at next Club Assemblies
 - Invite both President and President Elect (Trish and Dave) to meetings

2021 – 2022 Term Candidates

President: Dave Rosenthal

President Elect: Barb Mihm

President Nominee Pool: Ben Nusz, Bob Smith, Marc Christiansen

Sergeant at Arms: Bill Fehrenbach

Secretary: Heather Huebner

Treasurer: David Henry

Past President: Trish Baker

Rotary Club of Greater Portage County Minutes

Friday January 8, 2021 at 7:30 a.m.

Zoom/Phone Option Only

Members Present

Bill Fehrenbach, Heather Huebner, Rick Zahn, Rob Manzke, Dave Marie, Joe DeBauche, David Henry, Shari Laskowski, Trish Baker, Barbara Mihm, Harry Magee, Sarah Scripps, Marc Christensen, Rachel Swedberg, David Rosenthal

Guests Present

Joel Sullivan

Toys for Tots Update

- By Joe DeBauche
- We have a very large surplus of toys left because a higher number toys donated from the national organization and fewer family applications this year.
- In January, we will send correspondence to local non-profits, daycares, Boy & Girls Club, etc. for donation of the toys
- Any remaining good toys after sorting and donation will be stored for next year.
- Our fund balance is much higher than in previous years, so we will have plenty of funds to use next year and we will not need to accept so many toys from the national organization.
- Joe, thank you for all the effort!
- We would like to establish a plan for transitioning the event organization and it would be a good idea to move management to the Community Service Team.

Teams Update

- By David Rosenthal
- Review of list of team and members
 - Goal: Meet with your team in January, establish a game plan a list of ideas, present to the club at next two club assemblies so that all members are able to participate.
 - We need a team leader for the Fundraising Team.
 - Invite Trish and David R. to your initial team meeting.
- Review list of officer candidates 2021-2022
 - Vote on officer slate:
 - President: Barb Mihm
 - Sergeant-at-Arms: Bill Fehrenbach
 - Secretary: Heather Huebner
 - Treasurer: David Henry
 - Motion to Approve: Rick Zahn. Second: Rachel Swedberg
 - Vote approved
 - No need to vote for Past President or the new President Nominee Pool

Discussion of Moving Meeting Time

- Option to move the weekly meeting time back to 7:00 a.m.
- No issues with this from present members, but we will email the update in the newsletter for feedback

Grant Updates

- Rick will follow up with Nancy regarding the District Grant for the Warming Center
- Snowshoe donation to the Behnke Olson Outdoor Recreation Center is complete
 - We will schedule a group outing to snowshoe this winter

Treasurer Update

- By David Henry
- Happy Dollars vs. Raffle Revenues
- Average for both over the past three years was \$627
- Just Happy Dollars for 2020 was \$700
- Relatively similar amount, but it pays to just be happy!

Happy New Year!

Submitted by Heather Huebner