

Rotary



Greater Portage County

Newsletter: December 3, 2021

Greetings Rotarians of Greater Portage County,

Hopefully everyone had a good thanksgiving! We have much to be thankful for in our community. This Friday is our scheduled Club assembly. Our Club has many things going that we need to cover. **The major push now is Toys for Tots.** Channel 9, WAOW will be covering our meeting to get more information for a featured piece on Toys for Tots. Please try to attend the meeting in person at MidState Technical College if you can. Otherwise the Zoom link is below to attend virtually.

Agenda

- Happy Dollars
- Next Service Opportunity help with Toys for Tots pick up on Monday Dec. 13- Sarah
- Afghan Grant Update- Rick
- 2022/2023 Club Leadership
- Other business?



Thank you to everyone who helped with the toy purchase event on Nov. 30 at Fleet Farm. One of the checkout staff was moved to tears as she recalled the effect Toys for Tots made on her family as a child. We often forgot that this work has a lasting impact on the well-being of families well beyond the opening of gifts on Christmas.



If you have pledged Happy Dollars or want to settle up with Club dues you can send to David Henry via VENMO @Rtry-RCGPC—

Our Club has raised \$1150 for the Afghan refugee resettlement project. Rich Zahn headed the collaborative effort and the total impact with combination of the district grant and contributions from other club makes the total raised much larger. Our club also plans to work with a resettlement organization in Wausau. This will give us for more personal involvement. Stay tuned for more information.



Mark the date of Dec. 16. A surprise social event to be announced soon!

Global Grant Scholarship. Follow our GGS Scholar Sanne Roeven in London! You can sign up for Sanne's blog. Go to <https://sroeven.wordpress.com/>. District 6220 is offering the \$30,000 award again this year. For information go to our Rotary District website, Global Grant Scholarship page [Rotary District 6220 Global Grant Scholarship webpage](#).

Lastly, minutes from our last meeting and today's ex meeting. Thanks Heather!

Schedule for 2021

Dec 3 - Club Assembly
Dec 10 - (Heather H)
Dec 17 - (Bob Smith)
Dec 24 - No meeting Christmas
Dec 31 - No Meeting New Years

ZOOM MEETING DETAILS.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86474788935?pwd=TXFBQ0JuK1FQd0pwQkI2YkQ3T2IvUT09>

Regards,

Barb Mihm

Rotary Club of Greater Portage County Minutes

Friday November 19, 2021 at 7:00 a.m.

Zoom/Phone Option Only

Members Present

Bill Fehrenbach, Heather Huebner, David Rosenthal, Barbara Mihm, Joe DeBauche, Shari Laskowski, David Henry, Jenny Riggenbach, Sarah Scripps, Eric Yonke, David Marie, Harry Magee, Silver Pientka, Patricia Baker, Charles Clark, Rick Zahn, Jess Bowers, Rob Manzke, Joel Sullivan, Sam Dinga,

Guests Present

Leah Shulfer

Turkey Trot

- Start tracking your miles tomorrow!
- Running event is on Thanksgiving Day

Service Opportunity

- November 20th – Salvation Army Bell Ringing at Trigs - 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
 - If you would like to volunteer, contact Charles

Toys For Tots

- Box distribution last Friday
- November 30th – Fleet Farm shopping day at 5:00 p.m.
 - If you would like to join, contact Sarah
- December 13th – toy pick-up day
- If you would like more information, contact Joe or Sarah

Schedule

- November 26th – no meeting for Thanksgiving holiday
- December 1 at noon – Executive Team meeting
- December 3rd – Club assembly

Welcome to new member Leah Shulfer! Approval of executive team acceptance.

TEAMS DAY!!

Team Leaders – Please email attendance and minutes to club leaders for record keeping. Thanks!

Rotary Club of Greater Portage County Executive Minutes

Wednesday December 1, 2021 at Noon

Zoom/Phone Option Only

Members Present

Bill Fehrenbach, Heather Huebner, David Rosenthal, Barbara Mihm, Harry Magee, David Henry

Guests Present

Joe DeBauche, Rick Zahn

Membership Updates

- Todd will switch to Florida club at end of year
- Heather to update all members in system by 1/1/2022
- Leah is now new member
 - Trish is her mentor
 - Harry will email mentor information to Trish
- Keep Shari S. as a member for now
- Harry arranged Dave Marie as mentor for Sam
- Update on status of onboarding process - Almost finished

Public Relations

- Sridhar wants us to elevate our club's stance in the community
- Channel 9 will be at meeting on Friday regarding Toys for Tots
- Eric has worked to improve social media and other news areas
 - Discussion of a radio spot from Muzzy broadcasting with noon club
 - For our events, Toys for Tots, scholarships, Afghan efforts, Green Circle Trails, etc.
 - Official Rotary materials?
 - Cost is \$350 for 20 spots
 - Our club would like to do this advertisement with or without the noon club

Toys for Tots Update

- Fleet Farm shopping was last night
 - Shopping was well attended and successful
 - Fleet Farm was very organized and helpful with packing and transporting the toys
- Hostel Shop collaboration
 - Six \$500 bikes, we pay \$100 each
 - Meeting at the shop with WAOW and members of our club
 - Joe will help to schedule
 - If you would like to participate, please contact Joe
- Truckers for Tots - Very nice Facebook post showing their support
- Joe ordered 18 additional bikes
- Sarah and Joe are working on pick-up routes
- Dana is starting to sort toys at the hangar
- Pick-up day is December 13th
- We may need to assemble bikes – updates to come

Afghan Relief Updates

- Notification today that the grant was approved
- The full amount is funded
- Nancy's club will donate \$1800
- Our contribution is \$1200 approximately so far
- Catholic Charities of La Crosse
- Rick is also working with veteran groups for support and action
- Connections with ECBC in Wausau and Lands End
- We will organize volunteer signups
- Reminder – connect with our PR team to make updates
- Collaboration: Green Bay, Wausau, and Greater Portage County clubs and Holy Spirit Parish

Solar Project Updates

- We a structural assessment of the potential roof before we can move forward
- Project on hold until that time
- Keep moving forward with fundraising efforts

Club Leadership

- December – planning for 2022-2023 year
- We need a President Elect
 - All three nominees have declined
 - We will discuss during our club meeting and Friday
 - If you are interested, please contact Dave. R.

Club Schedule

- December 3 – Club Assembly
- December 10th – Matt Johnson will present virtually
- December 16th – District 1 informal social with Bill
 - Need to confirm date
- Discuss of next Social in December or January
- Discussion of planning a winter outdoor event
 - Ski/snowshoe

David H. emailed out the November financials to the Exec team for review