

Rotary



Greater Portage County

Newsletter: May 13, 2022

Greetings Rotarians of Greater Portage County,

Please join us for an interesting meeting on Friday. We meet in person in room 217 at Mid-State Technical College. There is also a Zoom link below. Our speaker is Ryan Kernosky who serves as City of Stevens Point's Director of Community Development and Executive Director of the City's Redevelopment Authority, a position he's held since 2019. Director Kernosky has served in some economic development or urban planning capacity since 2013 for communities in Wisconsin and Minnesota as either city staff or a consultant. He lives in the City of Stevens Point with his partner, Rachel, their Golden Retriever, and cat. He holds a Master of Public Administration degree from the University of Illinois at Springfield, and an undergraduate degree in Public Administration and Public Policy from the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point.

REMINDER: There will be a memorial service for Joe DeBauche on May 13, 2022 in the Bukolt Park Lodge beginning at 12:30 pm. It will be followed by lunch featuring Booyah from his famous family recipe. All are welcome.

Agenda

- Service opportunities
- Allocations
- June/July meeting format with business visits
- Social- Farewell to Bill possible May 24 or 25 at Point Beer Garden?
- Refugee Resettlement Update
- Solar Project Update
- Other?

Upcoming Service Opportunities

MREA is looking for volunteers to serve at its annual Energy Fair. This year's fair, in Custer, runs from June 24th through June 26. There are multiple shifts and activities from which to choose. The link below describes the various opportunities. Rotarians may sign up for volunteer shifts, either as individuals or as a group at <https://www.theenergyfair.org/volunteer-form/>.

Money Matters!



VENMO: The Club's VENMO address is: Rtry-RCGPC. If you aren't familiar with Venmo and want to get set up please contact David Henry.

Checks: Make your dues check payable to:

Rotary Club of Greater Portage County

Mail to:

PO Box 1073

Stevens Point, WI 54481

Foundation: We are encouraged to contribute \$25 per quarter to the Rotary International Foundation Annual Fund – SHARE. Our club goal is that each member will contribute at least

\$100 /year or \$25 a quarter. This can be accomplished by either going to rotary.org and making a donation online (contact David H if you need help setting this up), or by writing a separate check to Rotary Club of Greater Portage County with the indication that it is for the Rotary International Foundation Annual Fund – SHARE.



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/>. Did you know that the \$30,000 dollar scholarship is a matching grant from Rotary Foundation? Our district 6220, provides \$15,000 and that is matched by Foundation funds. Rotary International also supports Peace Fellowships at seven Rotary Peace Centers. See your February Rotary magazine p.41 for more detail. We also have a candidate for the Grant in 2023. The GGS committee voted to move applicant Sophie Buchholtz forward. Her area of focus is the environment, Rotary’s newest area. Stay tuned for more details...

TENTATIVE SUMMER SCHEDULE

May 20 - Team Meetings (Zoom)
May 27 - No Meeting Memorial Day
June 3 - Club Assembly
June 10 - GCS Sanne Roeven from London (Zoom)
June 17 - Ashley Schroeder- The Garden Wellness at Artist & Fare Complex Plover
June 24 - No meeting?
July 1 - No meeting Holiday
July 8 - Club Assembly ZOOM
July 15 - Business visit
July 22 - Business visit
July 29 - Team Meetings
August 5 - MSTC OPEN Club Assembly
August 12 - getting to know new member
August 19 - NO MEETING
August 26 - getting to know new member
Sept. 2 - No meeting Holiday

ZOOM MEETING DETAILS.

Join Zoom Meeting

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

Regards,

Barb Mihun



Rotary Club of Greater Portage County Minutes

Friday May 6 2022 at 7:00 a.m.

Zoom/Phone and Mid-State Technical College

Members Present

Leah Shulfer, Bill Fehrenbach, David Henry, Jenny Riggenbach, Eric Yonke, Sarah Scripps, Jess Bowers, Rick Zahn, Marc Christianson, Joel Sullivan, Heather Huebner, Charles Clark, David Rosenthal, Barb Mihm, Shari Laskowski, Harry Magee, Sam Dinga, Trish Baker

Guests

John Bergin, Four Guests

TriCon Update

- Great learning opportunity
- Option for a satellite club in Stevens Point
- Roundtable of favorite takeaways from attendees

Joe DeBauche

- Rick made motion to donate \$250 from club to the Emerson Park memorial in his name
 - Eric seconded
 - All in favor
- You can individually donate to his memorial with the Community Foundation

New Member Approval

- Annie Wetter applied to join our club
- Executive team accepted her application
- Club voted to approve her membership
- Welcome Annie!

Upcoming Meetings

- Mid-State is closed from May 27 to August 5
- Discussion of alternative locations and Zoom options
- Discussion of hosting meetings at various business offices in the area for networking

RYE Update

- We are in need of volunteers for host families
- Please contact John Bergin or an exec team member for more information

Allocations Update

- David H. emailed the 2021 allocation summary and the 2022 Allocation form to the club
- We will discuss the process at the meeting this Friday
- Monday May 27, 2022 is the allocation request deadline
- Executive Team will review the requests on June 1, 2022
- Executive Team will make recommendations to the club for approval on June 3, 2021

Presentation – The Rotary Foundation and Paul Harris

- By David R.
- Excellent points on the good work done by the Rotary Foundation and recognition for Paul Harris fellows
- Reminder to members for Every Rotarian Every Year
 - Suggested donation of \$100 per year to Rotary Foundation for the Annual Share Fund
 - Why? Clubs have a minimum per capita donation in order to be eligible for district grants
 - We will determine if donations to the Ukrainian Fund counts toward this amount
- Bill, Jenny, and Harry have been elevated to Paul Harris Society fellows
 - Congratulations! Thank you for your service to Rotary!

Volunteer Opportunities

- Farmshed Tuesday afternoon deliveries
- Farmshed Food Fair volunteers for May 7th
 - Mid-State Empty Bowls Event at Food Fair, also
- Midwest Renewable Energy Association (MREA) Energy Fair June 24-26