

Neenah

Rotary

February 2001

Dear Neenah Rotarians,

A big welcome to our two newest Rotary "blue badge" members: Tim Kinne and Barb Ferrier! It's great to have you as members of Neenah Rotary! Membership growth is one of our club goals as well as a key goal of Rotary International President, Frank Devlin. At the International Convention last summer, membership growth was one of the key goals for this Rotary year. Don't each of us know at least one high-quality non-Rotarian who would be a great asset to Neenah Rotary as a member? If each of us expressed an interest in having that one person join Rotary and invited him or her to a noon Rotary meeting, we may be giving them the opportunity for which they have been searching to serve others. Just think of the potential new ideas and energy they could bring! New members have a door to a new avenue to serve others because of membership in Rotary. If each of us invited one high-quality acquaintance, and one out of five joined, just think of the new ideas and energy they could bring! It's a real "win-win" situation. The individual joining Rotary wins, and the club wins. So, let's create awareness with each of our acquaintances who could be quality Rotary members, and take action by inviting them. We'll be putting our 2000-2001 Rotary theme into practice.

Spring Fling set for April 21

Mark your calendars for Saturday, April 21 for our annual Spring Fling at North Shore Golf Club in Menasha. Event chair Tammy Williams is looking for volunteers to assist both prior to the event and at the event itself. The committee will soon be gathering auction items; consider donating a product or service. What a fun way for Rotarians to get involved in a fundraiser that benefits our community. To help, call Tammy at 830-1290 or e-mail her at twilliams@cfoxvalley.org.

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Thanks to our Webmaster Mark Keating and his work with Altimate Computer Systems, our club has its own web site. Check it out!

Mattes Wins Club Service Award

Bill Mattes was our club's choice for the 2000 "Jack R. Grist Club Service Award." Mattes, who lives in Neenah with his wife Kathy, accepted the award at the club's Annual Christmas Meeting on December 21. The award is presented each year to an active member of the club who has been nominated and selected on the basis of a long-standing record of service to the Neenah Rotary Club and to the community.

Bill has been a prominent and active member of the Neenah Rotary Club for close to 10 years. His participation has included his roles as Club Secretary, Group Study Exchange Committee Chair, Neenah Rotary Club Foundation Board, and membership on various other committees. Bill has been involved in a wide range of Rotary Club projects, including Seafood Fest, community playground and flower/planter box construction projects, and his efforts to instigate Neenah Rotary's Matched Club Task Force. Bill's service to others extends well beyond his Rotary Club activities, to include the Neenah City Council, a lengthy list of volunteer positions with the Boys' and Girls' Brigade, and related activities such as the annual Christmas Giving project.

Dennis Simon, chairman of the Neenah Rotary Club Awards Committee, adds that "the actions of Bill Mattes exemplify the intent of the Neenah Rotary Club's 'Jack R. Grist Club Service Award' – to identify and honor extraordinary club members who have given of their time and energy for the betterment of club and community."

Included in the award is the establishment of \$1,000 Rotary Clubs International Paul Harris Fellowship in the name of Bill Mattes. The Fellowship will be for educational and international student exchange programs.



Club President Bob Merriam presents Bill Mattes with the "Jack R. Grist Club Service Award"

Club Financial Audits Complete

Behind the scenes of all Neenah Rotary Club activities and fundraisers are some astute Rotarians responsible for overseeing the finances. Thank you to the following Rotarians who were recently congratulated by Bob Kime and the other members of our audit committee for the fine job they've done in keeping professional, accurate books:

- Ron Roberts: General Operating and Investment
- Stacie Gries: Youth Exchange
- Steve Morton: Seafood Fest
- Dave Kohlmeier: Spring Opener



- Stacie Gries 5
- Bill Casper 9
- Bonnie DeBraal 14
- Jeff Hanes 17
- Val Pfeiffer 18



Rob Petri and Pat Mahoney of the STRIVE committee accompanied Neenah High School STRIVE students to a recent Rotary meeting (one of the students' favorite parts of the STRIVE program). Joining the photograph is Rotary Exchange student Lydia (far right).

A Winner's Guidebook

There are things all successful people do without even thinking. Here are five of them.

- 1. Trust Yourself.** Follow your intuition no matter what others say.
- 2. Pursue Your Passion.** Commit to projects you love, and they will fuel you with energy and enthusiasm.
- 3. Avoid Negativity.** Tell yourself you'll make it, no matter how long it takes or how many times you fail along the way.
- 4. Acknowledge Accomplishments.** Keeping track of your daily victories will remind you of your progress.
- 5. Ask For Help.** Find people who've done what you're setting out to do, and seek their advice.

Club Meetings

February 1

Invocation Jim Webb, Jr.
Greeter Pete Weyenberg
Speaker/Program CLUB ASSEMBLY

February 8

Invocation Jim Webb, Sr.
Greeter Barbara Van Gorp
Program Coordinator Dean Moede
Speaker/Program Adrian Martin:
"Game Plan Referee-College Football"

February 15

Invocation Jim Weiss
Greeter Mark Keating
Program Coordinator Linda Plotz
Speaker/Program Charlene Lowe-
Candidate for Winnebago County Chair

February 22

Invocation Margie Weiss
Greeter Dave Kohlmeier
Program Coordinator Steve Morton
Speaker/Program Congressman
Tom Petri: "Washington Update"