

Neenah Rotary

January 2001

Dear Rotarians,
 Have you noticed the quality of the noon programs lately? I thank each of the Rotarians who have contributed to this important facet of Rotary by bringing engaging speakers. We've had all kinds of topics--some that are heart-felt personal stories, and some that have made us aware of things that are available or done right here in our community that make this an even greater place to live and work. The value of quality programs at our weekly meetings can not be overstated. Attendance, member retention, and new member recruitment all benefit from quality programs.

On the topic of new members, I invite you to join me in thinking about your non-Rotarian acquaintances who would be good Rotarians for our club, and invite them to a noon meeting. Quality new members help our club by providing fresh energy, enthusiasm, ideas, and potential new leadership. Sponsoring a new member is a great way to contribute to the long-term health of Rotary. And, you are giving someone a wonderful way to serve others through Rotary.



Neenah Rotarians Bill Mattes and Jack Casper check out the many gifts that await wrapping for the Christmas Giving program. Housed at the Boys' and Girls' Brigade, the Christmas Giving program will serve over 500 families this year. Our club annually pitches in to help deliver the gifts. Thanks to club members who participated in this great example of "Service Above Self!"

At one of our December meetings, I mentioned that I had the opportunity to meet three students from Neenah who were seeking associate degrees at Fox Valley Technical College, and had been chosen to receive Neenah Rotary scholarships of \$500.00 each. These three students, Tom Janikowski; Kristine King; and Alan Knuth were very appreciative of what Neenah Rotary is doing for them. When I see the recipients of the funds Neenah Rotary has raised, and the affect it has on the lives of young adults like them, it makes me appreciate what Rotary can do. And, it makes me proud of Neenah Rotary for making it possible for these young adults to further their education and enjoy fulfilling careers in our community.

Thank you!
 Bob Merriam
 Neenah Rotary Club President

Fundraising/Outreach Opportunity

The Ways & Means Committee has been exploring the possibility of teaming up with the Oshkosh Rotary Club to make our homes available to visitors attending the 2001 Experimental Aircraft Association Fly-In in Oshkosh. The event will run from July 24th through July 30.

Your participation could be as simple as making a room available for a couple of visitors, or as complete as renting out your home for a week (as Jim and Margie Weiss have done in the past) while you take your own vacation. Whatever your level of interest, the benefit to our club could be significant.

Members of the Oshkosh Rotary Club have indicated that many of their guests have become annual visitors, and personal friends. A number of the Oshkosh club members have made reciprocal visits to their guests' homes around the country and the world.

If you have an interest in taking part in this wonderful club fundraiser/outreach opportunity, contact Thom Ciske at:

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LOG ON TO NEENAHROTARY.ORG

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

Thanks to all Neenah Rotarians who created awareness and took action in club activities in 2000. Together we can continue to impact our community and our world in a positive way. Be mindful that our fundraising activities are merely a vehicle for serving others: give generously of your resources. Take a minute to reflect upon how fortunate we are as rotarians to be able to reach out and make a difference!



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Rotary Invocation

The Neenah Rotary traditionally opens our meeting with an invocation by a club member. Just a reminder...the invocation opportunity is assigned to Rotarians in alphabetical order. Please note when your turn comes up. If you will be unable to deliver the invocation on the day you are assigned, please arrange for another Rotarian to take your place. Call Jack Faber, Club Chaplain, if you can't find anyone to fill in.

Club Meetings

January 4
 Invocation Ralph Simon Greter Kathy Westover
 Program Coordinator. Jim Weiss
 Speaker/Program Scott Andrews' 24th Annual Economic Update

January 11
 Invocation George Skowronski Greter Pam Zielinski
 Program Coordinator Dave Wollangk
 Speaker/Program Kim Louagie, curator at the Outagamie Historical Society Museum: "Joe McCarthy Exhibition"

January 18
 Invocation Pat Smith Greter Tom Hoare
 Program Coordinator Ron Roberts
 Speaker/Program Update on Rotary International and Paul Harris Fellows

January 25
 Invocation Ray Smith Greter Stacie Gries
 Program Coordinator Judy Crouch-Smolarek
 Speaker/Program Rotary Exchange Student Lydia Bartz, Belgium