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Today's Program

Dennis McCarville – Arts Council Update

Jan 23	Jeff Kuhn – Shawn Reimer WWLC Business & Conservation Services
Jan 30	Carrie Nikolai – UWEC Students “Casa de Hogard Orphanage, Peru”
Feb 6	John Moffat
Feb 13	Avenues of Service – Potential Video Conference with Eau Claire Club
Feb 20	Martin Obsuszt
Feb 27	Brian Oswald
Mar 6	Avenues of Service

Rotary News

- Rotary welcomed our new January Youth Rotars; Erin Schlaefer, Assumption High School and Ryan Blokhuis, Lincoln High School. Erin is a member of the student council, national honor society, pep club and is planning on attending UW River Falls for pre-veterinary science and Iowa State for veterinary school. Ryan plays football, track, president of the letter winners, and plans to pursue a career in statistics or actuarial science.
- The club welcomed back Karen Johnson, Bonnie Schneider guest of Tom, and Raymond Thorp. The club also welcomed Lydia Page, mentoring scholarship recipient who gave an update on her educational progress.
- Dennis reported that in 2019 the club earned \$1,835 from Kwik-Trip orders.
- Packer Pool proceeds thus far are B&GC \$290, OLC \$505, Aquatic Center \$408
- Bonnie Schneider received a Paul Harris award (see picture below)
- SAVE THE DATE: Friday, April 17, Fundraiser Concert and Dinner at the Ridges
- Nancy told the club why she joined and has remained a Rotary member for the last 20 years, initially as a representative to the Stevens Point noon club but eventually to our Sunrise Club.



Bonnie Schneider (second on left) Receiving a Paul Harris Award



Ryan Blokhuis (left), Erin Schlaefer (right)



Attendance: 36!
Happy Pig: ~\$22 donated to the pig.

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Larry Schmick

Mary Jo Green (3)

Mary Wirtz

Nancy Mischnick

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Tom Paul (4)

Tom Schneider (2)

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International Service

Nancy Mischnick, co-chair

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Tom Schneider

Youth Protection Officer

TBD

FACT

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Jacqueline Sii, LHS FACT Program

FACT is a state-wide youth-led advocacy group spreading the truth about tobacco, nicotine, smoking, vaping, and chewing. Jacqueline is the group president. They lead many activities to spread information about the dangers of nicotine addiction. Vaping has become an epidemic with younger and younger teens trying it and becoming addicted, especially with flavors like cotton candy, watermelon, strawberry, etc. that are targeted to teens. Once addicted it starts a long expensive habit.

The group participates in WINS, the system that checks establishments enforcement of the minimum purchasing age for these products. It is meant to be educational and not punitive. The group makes presentations to various schools to heighten awareness. The community is also become attuned to the growing problem. Below is a piece from Newsline 9. There is also a program on Vaping on January 16th at McMillian Library.

**Tomorrow
belongs to us.
And so does
FACT.**

Teens began this movement and we still lead it.

300 Wisconsin teens started FACT back in 2001. Today, nearly 3,000 FACT members and 30 groups spread the truth throughout our state. That's 3,000 teens just like you, leaders who saw the harm tobacco can do and decided to take a stand.

Channel 9 Focus: Back to School, Vaping Solutions

This summer, dozens of people were hospitalized for issues linked to vaping. Now, schools are looking for new ways to curb the epidemic.

Chris Bondioli is a guidance counselor at Lincoln High School in Wisconsin Rapids. He said, "they have it in their sleeves, it's easy to conceal, but other students who see it... will make the report and say the student is vaping."

When he says 'make the report' he's talking about an app called STOPit that allows students to anonymously report issues around the school. When one student reports that another is vaping, Bondioli said, a staff member will speak with them and bring the reported student to the school resource officer.

Students showed support for the app, compared to other techniques used by the school.

In an effort to curb vaping in bathroom stalls, the school only allows 3-4 students in the bathroom at a time during their lunch break.

"A lot of students did not like this at all," said Jacqueline Sii, a student herself. "Because a lot of people need to use the bathroom during lunch and you can't."

Sii is also president of Lincoln High School FACT club (Fight Against Corporate Tobacco). She said the school's approach is working but there is still room for improvement.

Bondioli agreed. He said they're currently working on an alternative to \$65 fines that students get for vaping. "We would meet with them once a week for about forty-fourty five minutes and educate them on the effects of e-cigarettes," he said. While Lincoln High School's approaches – old and new – are making traction, not all schools have done the same. Public Health Educator Jenna Flynn works with Marathon, Wood and Portage Counties through the Tobacco Free Coalition of Central Wisconsin. She said, "other schools should certainly look to each other and lean on each other for this because it is not just a district issue – it's not just a county issue or statewide – it's a national problem that really needs to be addressed."