



# NOON FORMATION<sup>SM</sup>

Newsletter of the Rotary Club of Hudson, Wisconsin

ROTARY CLUB OF HUDSON, WISCONSIN

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### VISITORS LAST WEEK

Reid Ferguson (*guest of Eric Starr*)

### Students of the Month, and their Parents

Alex Willi, Devin & Paula  
Molli Bicht, Craig & Linda

### Other Rotarians

Carol Mottaz – River Falls  
Dick Whitcomb - Daybreak

### UPCOMING PROGRAMS

November 17 - Mike Wilhelmi –  
Bridge Coalition  
1 December – Sharon Severson –  
Junior Achievement  
8 December – Lon Feia, a bear tale  
15 December – Liz Malanaphy,  
“Just Add Water” art project and  
Destination Imagination

### UPCOMING EVENTS

3 December – bellringing  
14 January – midterm training  
11 February – Rotary Gala

### UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS

Sam Cari - 22 November  
Shelli Erck – 29 November

### Alex Willi

Alex moved to Hudson 10 years ago, along with younger sister Maddie and older brother (and previous visitor to our club) Jordan. Alex has played hockey since age 5, and was captain of the high school team last year. She is also treasurer of NHS, and recently participated in a memorable fund raised that raised over \$1000 for UNICEF. She's also president of the Sustainability Club, which has removed invasive buckthorn and garlic mustard plants from the school forest. Another activity is “ELL help” - “English language learners” for students from families who don't speak English at home. Alex is considering pre-law studies at Hamline or Augsburg.



### Molli Bicht

Molli has a busy year at school, with four advanced placement classes – biology, psychology, calculus, and government. Molli has two older brothers, one working in Orlando, and another at UW-Stout. She is captain of the soccer team, and is involved in student leadership, the Sustainability Club, Youth Court, and the National Honor Society. Molli is looking at several schools (Saint Olaf, Carleton, Northwestern, Bethel, and UW-Eau Claire), perhaps for a major in Biology.

### This year's theme & logo



### Help in River Falls

Carole Mottaz told us about several programs in River Falls which provide help in to needy families. A challenge is that while much of the funding comes from River Falls residents, the needy are drawn from a much wider area.

The “Day Center” helps up to 300 people each month with tutoring, lodging, haircuts, clothing from “The Closet”, computer access – all part of the goal to evaluate needs of center visitors, and find ways to help. The Center operates on a yearly budget of about \$21,000.

The residence program is a shelter for those who would otherwise be homeless. After starting the program with rental houses, high rent payments motivated Carole and others to arrange a purchase of a fourplex, with two 2-bedroom and two 3-bedroom apartments. An immediate need is to raise funds to pay back the City of River Falls for their \$120,000 share of the purchase (\$150,000 was already raised in a capital campaign).

The backpack program is operating on \$30,000 in 2012. 35 selected children go home each Friday with a backpack filled with food, to ensure that they have proper nutrition outside of school.



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**THE 4-WAY TEST** (first adopted by Rotary in January 1943): Of the things we think, say or do, 1) Is it the TRUTH? 2) Is it FAIR to all concerned?  
 3) Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS? 4) Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

Meetings: Every Thursday (except holidays) at 12:00PM Central Time (Noon) @ Hudson Golf Club on Carmichael Road, Hudson, Wisconsin  
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**Our Mission** Hudson Rotary is a fellowship of engaged members, generous in spirit, committed to improving the world around us.

**Our Vision** We are a growing and diverse club of active and involved members. Our meetings offer fun, fellowship, and programs that are informative and inspirational. The ideals of the four-way test are encouraged by open communication among the board of directors, club members and the community. Our leadership structure fosters continuity of club goals. We are dedicated to helping people and non-profit organizations through focused local and international projects. Our club mentors local youth. We support international exchange students and programs. All members are encouraged to contribute to the Rotary Foundation and become Paul Harris Fellows. Above all, our members live Rotary's motto—Service Above Self.