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VISITORS LAST WEEK

Hudson Daybreak Rotary

Will Savage, Dick Whitcomb, Jamie Johnson, Roy Sjoberg, Nancy Sorenson, Ken Osowski, Steve Wilcox, Larry Larsen, Trudy Popenhagen, Tom O'Connell, Jason Fredrickson, Ryan Cari, Herb Till

Family guests

Carol Skinner, Terra Jansma

Other Guests

Paul Cronin, LouAnner Berg, Daryl Standafer, Kelly Sullivan, Nick Jodrnak, Jeff Horner, Jim Freund, Mike Maxson, Brian Merkel, Dan Miller, Paul Spaulding, Joanne Anton, Jill Berke

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

August 18- *President's choice*

UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS

Cory McIntyre - 24 August



The Senator

Our meeting last week featured a visit from Senator Herb Kohl. He was on a swing through this area of the state, touting a favorite program he sponsors along with Senator Olympia Snowe of Maine, which provides some federal funding to small manufacturing businesses. In our area, the program is healthy, with two additional speakers sharing stories of how the partnership has helped them, especially in conjunction with UW-Stout. Recently, the program was credited with saving 189 existing jobs and creating new employment for 130 people. Quite interesting were the stories by Mike Maxson, about how customers of the Bergquist Company made comments about their production facility in Prescott. This spurred work with the NWMOC (Northwest Wisconsin Manufacturing Outreach Center) at UW-Stout, to learn and apply lean manufacturing and "5S" factory techniques.

Senator Kohl made a number of other comments, including

- Senator is not a partisan office – must represent the public, not the party
- In Wisconsin there are a wide variety of opinions – all deserve to be heard and considered
- we are not living in good times – we are unhinged
- we must find new directions/ways with our economy, which is clearly part of the world economy.
- no recent increase in wages, home prices flat or declining, credit card overspending – yet Senator Kohl remains optimistic – he points out the United States has never failed to meet challenges
- 86% of Americans are not pleased with Congress
- On healthcare, the Affordable Health Care bill was a good step, but Senator Kohl told President Obama that it did nothing to cut costs. Spending levels are \$7300 per person (United States) \$4000 per person (29 other industrialized nations)
- Other areas of discussed included the Stillwater Bridge, vacant federal judgeship positions, and the inability of congress to "get it done" - resulting in a challenge to elect those who will work together

This year's theme & logo



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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.