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## VISITORS LAST WEEK

### Hudson Daybreak

Marian Furlong, Yvonne Larsen

### Program

Daryl Standafer

### From Germany

Joshua Garberding

### Other Guests

Tom Reisbeck (guest of Dan), Jana Gaffer (now a member), Joe Kovarik (District Governor Elect)

## UPCOMING PROGRAMS

September 8 – Abdul Sharah, International Village Clinic, Uttar Pradesh, India

September 15 – District Governor Judy Freund

September 22 – Margaret Escabi, Family Resource Center

September 29 – Tasha Shuh – success story after a tragic accident

## PAST & UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS

Zach McCabe – 9 September

Doug Stohlberg – 11 September

*This year's theme & logo*



## Saint Croix County Update

County Board Chair Daryl Standafer spoke to our group last week, highlighting the changes he's seen over the last 18 years on the county board. His start on the board was the fallout of a Rotary Club discussion with Buck Malick & Dave Holt, about filling the county board position of Bill Radosovich. What was envisioned as a 2 year stint has turned into a long term project.

Back in 1994 Daryl realized that the size of the board – 31 members – was too big. Also, there were quite a few retirees on the board at that time. One big change has been the reduction down to 19 members, which Daryl reports as having made the board more efficient and productive. In addition, the committee structure has been totally reworked, more along functional lines, so 25 committees have been replaced by five functional committees of about 7 members each.

A second big change has been at the administration. The former setup had an "administrative coordinator" - responsible for all county activities, but without any direct reports. With the departure of Chuck Whiting, the switch has been made to a new structure, with a county administrator, with departments reporting to this position. The county has hired Pat Thompson in this new post. He's living with relatives in Stillwater now, and will complete the move once he sells his home in Cincinnati.

A final big theme concerned the county nursing home. Daryl pointed out that there are eight other nursing homes in the country, and all have the same mix of residents with private pay, Medicare, and Medicaid status. Current contracts extend to the end of 2012, and a goal will be to see if the home can be self sufficient at that time, without a county subsidy. Wages are high, in the upper quarter when compared to other government homes.

Big areas of spending in the county are the categories of

- health & human services
- highways
- sherriff and public protection

Annual spending is about \$84 million, with revenue coming about equally from

- property taxes
- fees & fines
- government grants

Daryl also gave us his perspective on the natural divisions in the county – such as east vs. west, Hudson vs. New Richmond, countryside vs. city. The reduction in county board size has helped here, since the representatives feel more like they are representing the county as a whole, rather than a smaller geographical area.

## New Member

Jana Gaffer is showing off her new permanent name badge. We're happy to have her as the newest member of our group.

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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.