



Madison Horizons Rotary Club

Madison, WI



Programs:

12/19/06-Holiday Luncheon

Greeter & Invocation:

12/12/06 Bev Klumph
12/19/06 Bob Lorenz
1/9/07 Jon Lowrey
1/16/07 Joe Molke
1/23/07 Don Novotny
1/30/07 Jim O'Brien
2/6/07 Ron Phelps

Friendship Table:

12/5-12/12/06 Laurie Anderson
12/12-12/19/06 Gary Berger
12/19 Lynn Bodi
1/16-1/23/07 Melissa Carlson
1/23-1/30/07 Bob Cox
1/30-2/6/07 Lezlie Cox

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Rotary International:

www.rotary.org

District 6250:

www.rotary6250.org

If you are unable to attend a meeting, please visit www.rotary6250.org, click on "to the clubs" and contact an area Rotary chapter to find another chapter meeting that works with your schedule!

Program for December 12, 2006: Joe Pieterick or Mike Robinson, North Prairie Productions, LLC on Harvesting Renewable Energy for a Sustainable Future.

Notes from last meeting, December 5, 2006: Lisa Ellinger, Wisconsin Health Project, spoke on a legislative proposal for more universal health care in the state of Wisconsin. Assembly bill 1140 will be reintroduced early next year. The proposal has three simple components:

1. All Wisconsin residents under age 65 (with a few exceptions) own a Health Insurance Purchasing Account;
2. All participants have annual choice of health care plans/providers;
3. The program is financed through a fair and simple mechanism.

The Wisconsin Health Plan is a bipartisan health care reform initiative that addresses Wisconsin's triple crisis in health care. The proposal creates an effective purchasing pool and incorporates "consumer driven" incentives to drive down health care costs and promote health care quality. This is not "socialized medicine" – it is a smarter way to purchase health care. The virtue of this plan is that it leaves in place our first-rate system of health care providers. Participants would be able to choose coverage from a menu of care providers -- including their current physician -- who are already operating in the state. This preserves consumer choice and promotes competition in the medical service industry – things socialized medicine can never do. The plan would be administered by a private, non-profit corporation. The Board of Directors would be modeled after the advisory committees that oversee the long-standing and successful Unemployment Compensation and Workers Compensation programs. Employers, employees, and consumers would all be involved in the governing process. And, the plan would eliminate nearly \$500 million in state spending every year. The Wisconsin Health Plan proposes to use this money to cut taxes for Wisconsin businesses and individuals. For more information, go to wisconsinhealthplan.org or email lisa_ellinger@yahoo.com.

Visiting Rotarians/Guests: Joe Silverburg, Bruce Mohs.

Absent Members: Randy A, Gary B, Law4Kids, Jim B, Steve F, Skip J, Betsy J, Regina R, John T, Ted T.

Birthdays: Jesse S-12/14; Don N-12/15; Karen W-12/29

Miscellaneous The Puritans in 1620 abolished Christmas and 1789 is when the USA started celebrating Christmas as a holiday.

Habitat Still haven't heard back and we're all anxious to get painting.

Rose Buckets Lezlie will be picking up today.

International Potluck Karen sent email re: int'l trip; there will be a potluck at Karen's on 12/11; we'll be determining a destination and rough idea of dates of trip.

Holiday Lunch 12/19: salad, sandwich, soup buffet.

Holiday Dinner 12/19 7pm at Louisianne's.

Happy/Sad Dollars:

- Bob C - the Badgers pulled it off.
- Steve H - happy to be able to take time to be here.
- Don for power coming back on at 4:20am.
- Jon L just generally happy!
- Bruce for SMU losing; for Arkansas not forfeiting the game even though they lost 55-9!

Happy late birthday to Steve H!