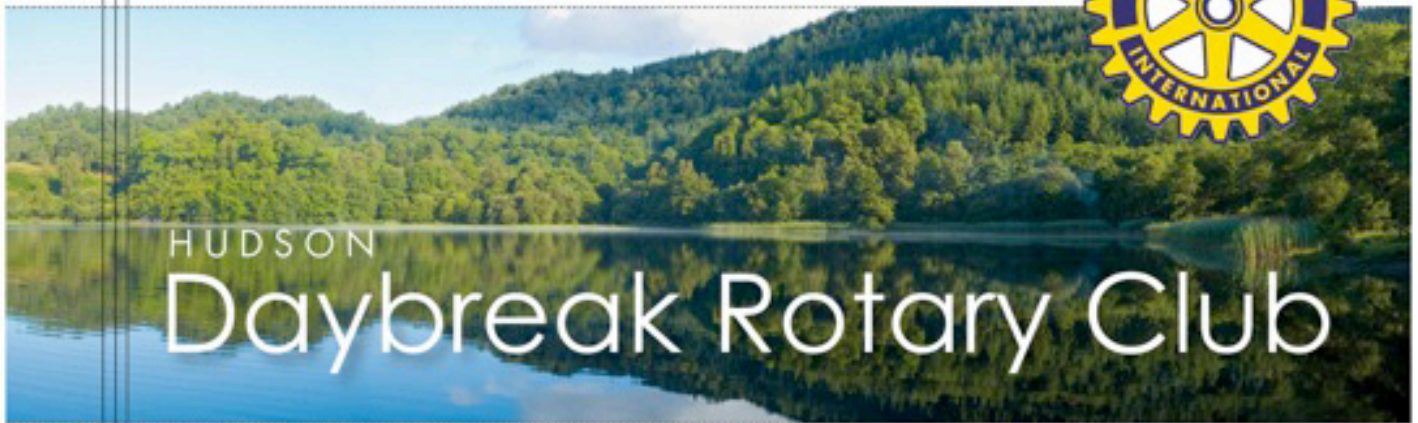


*"Enhancing Opportunities for Youth, Creating a Better Community for all"*



# HUDSON Daybreak Rotary Club

## Rotary speaker for August 4, 2010 Mayor Dean Knudson

Mayor Dean Knudson spoke about issues that face the city of Hudson. There were 3 main topics:

- Crime
- Keeping taxes low
- Maintaining Quality of Life in Hudson

### Crime

There have been positive changes in the police department. The city has added police offices and equipment. There is also more presence on the Hill. Crime is down significantly.

### Keeping Taxes Low

Mayor Knudson addressed how the city has been diligent in competitive sourcing. Everything gets a bid.

### Quality of Life

Mayor Knudson mentioned an article that appeared in the Pioneer Press that featured an interview with the mayor of Stillwater, Minnesota. In the interview he said that Stillwater should try and emulate the city of Hudson. What a great complement. Even with the recession, Hudson's downtown area is still thriving. Hudson has several unique features going for it. First is its history and secondly is the fact that it is placed on the beautiful St. Croix River.

## ANDREW TERWILLIGERS GREETERS

SEPTEMBER 8  
John Knutson & Kevin Helmen

SEPTEMBER 15  
Burt Witthuhn & Stew Erickson

SEPTEMBER 22  
Teri Green & Dick Whitcomb

SEPTEMBER 29  
Chuck Roberts & Tom Kranz

OCTOBER 6  
Gregg Knapp & Jason Fredrickson

## INVOCATIONS

SEPTEMBER 8 – Burt Witthuhn

SEPTEMBER 15 – Greg Young

SEPTEMBER 22 – Butch Schultz

## THE FOUR-WAY TEST

- Is it the truth?
- Is it fair?
- Will it build goodwill and better friendship?
- Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

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Keeping the quality of life in Hudson also has to do with its growth and the pressure to keep developing. Approximately 80,000 vehicles go by Hudson every day on I-94. The NE quadrant at exit 2 has been zoned commercial for a long time and commercial development is inevitable. Transportation is another challenge for Hudson.

Transportation issues facing Hudson include:

- Light Rail
- Commuter Rail
- High Speed Rail

All these types of rail transportation are being addresses and will have impact on our community.



#### Joint Efforts

The new Hudson Library is a new and exciting change for Hudson. It is the joint effort of St. Joe, Town of Hudson, City of Hudson and North Hudson. The new library has already had increase in visits and a grand opening

Other joint efforts include:

- Ambulance Service
- EMS

#### **Rotary Speakers for August 11, 2010 Kim Wojcik - Turning Point and Kristi Pavek – S.A.R.T.**

We had two speakers at our August 11<sup>th</sup> meeting. Kim Wojcik is the Executive Director of Turning Point in River Falls and Kristi Pavek is the co-founder and Executive Director of S.A.R.T. (Sexual Assault Response Team), also of River Falls.

S.A.R.T. is a non-profit medical forensic organization that works with men and women 13 years of age and older who have been victims of sexual assault. The team of forensic nurses works with 7 different hospitals in the counties of St. Croix, Pierce and Polk. They also have a free clinic in River Falls. S.A.R.T. nurses collect DNA evidence, document, and photograph for trial purposes. They also have volunteers that provide emotional support to victims. Following the exams client services coordinators follow up to see if the victims want to report the assault to police. From there, they are referred to Turning Point for shelter and advocacy. A growing concern is that they are finding the date rape drug a lot more frequently. S.A.R.T. has brought education into the schools and community. They work hard to get offenders into jail.



Turning Point's mission is to empower those who have experienced domestic or sexual violence by providing them with the resources to achieve freedom from violence through community support and education. Last year they helped 570 victims. However, statistics show only 1 out of 10 victims report the assault. Turning Point serves St. Croix, Pierce and Polk counties. To raise money they have a thrift store called "Second Chances" in River Falls. Other financial support breaks down: 60% from Federal and State governments, 20% foundations and the rest from individuals and fund raisers.

Services include:

- 24 Hour Crisis Line
- Temporary Shelter and Food
- Women's Support Group
- Children's Support Group
- Later Life Abuse
- Personal Advocacy
- Foster Pet
- Information & Referrals
- Community Education
- Restraining Order Assistance
- Legal Advocacy
- Emergency Transportation
- Home Start
- Sexual Violence Group
- Courtroom Advocacy

For more information on Turning Point call 1-800-345-5104/ [www.turningpoint-wi-org](http://www.turningpoint-wi-org)



Kim Wojcik from Turning Point and Kristi Pavek from S.A.R.T speak to the Hudson Daybreak Rotary

