

January 12 & 19, 2011

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



HUDSON
Daybreak Rotary Club

**Rotary Program for January 12, 2011
Youth Protection Training Policy
Presented by Jamie Johnson**

The program today was presented by our club Youth Protection Officer Jamie Johnson. All the Rotarians present at the meeting took the Youth Protection Training Policy training module. It is now up to us to follow through with the other two steps of submitting the application and then the background check to complete the process. The process is available through the District 5960 Website.

Grant presented today to the Family Resource Center for \$1820.00.
Accepting the grant was John Marnell.

President Dave Robson presented our servers Amber, Bobbie and Sue each with a holiday card and gift for their service this past year.



President Dave Robson also presented Verna, our club secretary extraordinaire a holiday card and gift.



Dick Whitcomb presented Curt Carey with his Paul Harris Fellow plus 3 award.



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January 19, 2011 Program

The January 19th meeting offered a full agenda. Mary Davis who is the head of the Hudson Library's Children's program had a display of the books Day Break Rotary has donated through our Literacy program. Mary offered a sincere thank you for our efforts. The Library opens now at 10 AM on M-W-Thu-and Saturdays.

Dick Whitcomb presented John Kremer of the River Falls Rotary Club with a check for their Literacy program. John said they will be sending 800 to 1000 books to Peru, and thank us for the donation.

Jamie Johnson presented Hudson SAFE, (Senior All night Fun Event), with a grant for \$2000. Accepting the check is Linda Bichrt, Jean Johnson and Dennis Duerst.

Congratulations to Kevin Urbik Day Break Rotary's newest member that was inducted today.

Our program today features UWRF Chancellor Dean Van Gallen and UW Board of Regents President, Charles Pruitt. The topic presented was Principles of Progress and Prosperity.

University of Wisconsin River Falls Chancellor Dean Van Gallen has presided over record enrollments at the University since his installation in 2009. He has led the effort to bring UWRF programming to Hudson and led the initiative to open the Hudson Center in 2010.

UW Board of Regents President Charles Pruitt has served on the board since 2003. Regent Pruitt is no stranger to our area having graduated from Macalester and starting his teaching career at St. Olaf.

Regent Pruitt explained that the Board of Regents is made up of 18 members that oversee our higher education system. They establish a regulatory system and develop a bi-annual budget. (He's also a big football fan)!! The goal is to be helpful and supportive in creating jobs for Wisconsin. Currently only 26% of Wisconsin's population has a college degree. We need to make that number grow. We need to prepare the jobs being offered for the 21 Century. What can the UW system do to make their education standards rise to the success in filling these future jobs and careers!

Chancellor Dean Van Gallen thanked the citizens of Hudson for supporting the UW system and especially the University of Wisconsin River Falls. Currently there are approximately 6,900 students attending with 2 to 3 percent growth per year. The St. Croix Valley is growing and dynamic area. That's one of the reasons they opened the UWRF Hudson Center. The center's goal is to serve non-traditional students. This past fall the center offered 15 classes and served 232 students. The average age of the students is 41 and 80% are female. **Creating more graduates to grow Wisconsin businesses is vital to our economic growth.** UWRF is proud of their programs in agriculture, bio-science research and the health care system. UWRF currently has a 13 million dollar endowment for scholarships. One of Hudson's generous supporters was Willis Miller. UWRF has the second lowest family income per student. UW Superior has the lowest.

A great statistic that UWRF is proud of is that 82% of it's graduates stay in Wisconsin to further build our economy.

