



## Recent Rotary Club of Wausau Support

In a nutshell, our Rotary Club supports those organizations/projects/people that enhance and improve our youth's hope, opportunity, leadership, character and decision making skills. Some of those are...

**LEADERSHIP SEMINARS:** We sponsored 2 students to attend a 3-day leadership conference. (\$350)

**KIDS VOTING USA:** We helped with financial support. (\$250)

**NTC MARKETING GROUP** students had an opportunity to attend a national competition and we helped them defray the cost via a \$500 grant.

**ALCOHOL & DRUG FREE HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION PARTIES:** We provided \$5,500 to support these parties at the Wausau School District (East & West), Newman Catholic Schools and the DC Everest Schools.

**UNITED WAY FIRST CALL:** \$500 grant

**READY TO READ PROGRAM:** \$1,000 grant

**JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT'S EXCELLENCE THRU ETHICS program:** ~20+ Rotarians volunteering their time to go into the high schools to talk about making good, ethical and moral decisions in every day life, + our club helped with \$3,000 support.

**COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS:** 5-\$500 scholarships are awarded to students from the 5 area high schools (East, West, DCE, Newman, Northland Lutheran) since 1985. Its estimated that our club has invested ~\$40-50,000 impacting 80-100 students!

**CENTENNIAL PROJECT:** Rotary International celebrated its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary last year. Each of the ~32,000 clubs from all around the world were encouraged to come up with a "centennial project." Our club joined up with the Rotary Club of Merrill and the Rotary Club of Wausau-Early Birds to help finance the brand new kitchen and lodge at Camp Birch Trails, the Girl Scout camp in Irma. Our portion was \$18,000.

**LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL:** Our club is proud to have sponsored a Wausau Little League team since the league's 1955 inception! (\$400 annual)



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**WORLD COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS:** Just going back over the last few years we have helped with financial support of a Russian orphanage, helped another Rotary Club in India purchase an ambulance, helped another Rotary Club in Brazil invest in sewing machines and cooking equipment so mothers could learn skills necessary to support their family. (~\$5,000)

**GATES MATCHING GRANT:** In an effort to eradicate the world of polio, the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation provided a matching grant opportunity to Rotary Clubs worldwide. We donated \$5,000.

**DISTRICT PROJECTS:** Our "district" is made up of 42 clubs and each year it picks a project and encourages each club to financially participate. 2 years ago we helped ship a couple tons of food to desolate villages in India. Last year we helped with a project to help Bolivian families get out of poverty by helping to educate, employ and provide a supportive structure to Bolivian women and by providing basic healthcare and reasonable meals for their children. This year we will hopefully be able to support the Peru Rice Processing Project. (~\$2,000)

**ROTARY YOUTH EXCHANGE:** For almost every year over the past 20+ years our club has sponsored "inbound" exchange students from all over the world and occasionally we have sponsored "outbound" students from the Wausau area. This year we have an exchange student from Norway, Terje, attending DCE High School. Also, Marne Anderson from Wausau East is attending high school in Malaysia as we speak. We have enjoyed students from Japan, Sweden, Brazil, Spain...

**"UTHROTARS"** During most of the months during the school year we invite 2 students from each of the 5 area high schools to our regular meetings, giving these students the opportunity to learn first hand about our service club and also hopefully interact with a business/community person that they may have an interest in talking further to about career aspirations.

**LOVE IS INTERNATIONAL:** A joint project with Wausau-Early Birds to host all the Rotary Youth Exchange students hosted by each of the clubs that make up our district. A weekend of fun and getting to know each other is what it's all about. Imagine the impact of ~25 international students gaining a better understanding and appreciation of each other, each year!

**HungerPlus-Marathon County:** A grassroots, collaborative effort, initiated by the Rotary Club of Wausau to increase awareness, eliminate hunger in Marathon County and promote programs of self sufficiency. No traditional fundraising dollars are used in this effort. Money raised for this project is donated by fellow Rotarians and matched by our club using the money saved by serving a "pittance meal" each quarter rather than the usual lunch menu. In it's 1<sup>st</sup> year alone, \$3,896 has been raised and donated to The Neighbors Place.

