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## **Wausau Rotary Press Release**

The Wausau Noon Rotary organization will be celebrating its 95<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on Monday, January 18, 2010, at the Jefferson Street Inn, Wausau, with a short presentation, networking, and refreshments. The event will be held from 5 pm – 7 pm. The registration fee for non-members is \$8.50. Registration can be made to Deb Traeder, Club Secretary, at [traeders@charter.net](mailto:traeders@charter.net).

The Wausau Rotary club began in 1915 and was sponsored by the Milwaukee club. Alfred Zimmerman was the club's first President. Over the years, the club has sponsored the start of five other clubs in the Central Wisconsin area. There are over 33,000 clubs internationally and was originally started by Paul Harris from Racine WI. The first club was organized in the Chicago and is currently the headquarters for Rotary International.

The Wausau club has sponsored a little league baseball team since 1953. In addition, we have provided many local scholarships for students to continue their educational pursuits. We have sponsored both incoming and outbound exchange students who have lived with Rotary families across the globe. The Rotary Youth Exchange conference, Love Is International, has been hosted in the Wausau area for many years.

Many of our members are Paul Harris fellows which signifies that they have donated over \$1,000 to the Rotary foundation. Our club currently has 33 Paul Harris fellows. As a total our club has had over 75 Paul Harris fellows. Internationally, some of the goals are Polio eradication and world peace. The Bill Gates Foundation has recently made matching donations to assist in our polio goal.

Rotarians follow a unique principle called the Four Way Test that is used in business and personal situations. It is... 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?

Our first woman President was Rosemary Barnes. Our oldest member is Harvey Scholfield and he has been with Rotary since 1952. Currently we have 92 members.

Our membership is proud of the many accomplishments Rotary has contributed to the Central Wisconsin area. Recently, one of our most successful events has been with WRUT'n Run which is held in October and features ultra trek and fun runs up Granite Peak. This year's events will be held October 2, 2010.

More information regarding Rotary can be found at their website:  
[www.wausaurotary.org](http://www.wausaurotary.org).