



BEAVER DAM ROTARY CLUB #2677 DISTRICT #6250

PO Box 482, Beaver Dam, WI 53916

Rotary meeting March 31, 2008

- **Announcements Casino Night is Sat. April 5.** If you would like to help and have not signed up as of yet, please contact John Z. or Ron L. This will be a Vegas Theme. Keep selling your tickets! All tickets and monies should be turned in to Dan. **If you need more tickets, contact Dan Larsen 887-3148.**
- John Moser and Stacy Braaksma received an estimate for the improvements to the food stand at the Dodge County Fair. The estimate was well below our allotted amount and many improvements will be done to the stand.

Program

Rich Brouillard, principle of the Beaver Dam Middle School and Steve Vessy, Human Resources/Vice Principle of the Beaver Dam Middle School spoke to members about how the demographics of the middle school student are changing. It is projected in 2008-2009 that 41% of the students who attend Beaver Dam Schools will fall below the poverty level. This means they qualify for free or reduced hot lunch. In 2003 this number was 25%. Rich and Steve stressed that despite the demographic information, their students are achieving better than they ever have before. This is because of some intervention strategies the administration has implemented. Some of these strategies focus on unexcused absences. They are much more diligent on getting those students to school. They actually go to the student's home and take them to school (with parent's permission). Rich and Steve also spoke about building relationships with the students and their parents in order to help the student achieve in school. One of the ways they build those relationships is a program called Safe School Ambassadors which trains 30 students a year in intervention strategies; when they see mistreatment in our schools, they know what to do. They have meetings twice a month to talk about what is going on in the school and talk about how they can correct it. They have also started a program of Saturday school. The teacher and principle choose who will need to attend Saturday school. This program has helped many of the students get back on track. Rich and Steve have seen much improvement in the overall grades and attendance of their students because of these intervention strategies.

Birthdays –April

9 Betty Faas
19 Kay Stellpflug
30 Phil Fritsche

Anniversaries –April

30 Roger and Diane Becker

Upcoming Programs

Date

4-7-08

4-14-08

4-21-08

Program

Leader Factor Seminar

Computer Education

GSE Team members

Responsible Rotarian

Marty Stanton

Dennis Levenhagen

John Zanghi

Greeter

Dennis Levenhagen

Officers

President:	John Zanghi
Past President:	Phil Fritsche
President Elect:	Dan Larsen
Secretary:	Diane Becker
Treasurer:	Chris Connaughty
Program Chair:	Gary Cox
Directors:	
	Dan Larsen, Denise Fitzsimmons, Gary Cox
	Kay Stellpflug

Other Area Meetings

Monday:	Fond du Lac-Holiday Inn	12:00
	Portage-Blankenhaus	12:00
Tuesday:	Sun Prairie- Heremans	7:15AM
	Waupun-Rock River Country C	12:00
Wednesday:	Horicon-Winchester Place	7:00AM
	Columbus – Columbus CC	12:00
	Madison – Inn on the Park	12:00
Thursday:	Hartford-Chandelier Ballroom	12:00
	Mayville-Mayville Golf Club	12:00
Friday:	Madison-West Side	12:10