

Marshfield Rotary Club

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It is with great, great sadness that I report that two members have or are contemplating resignation - Dr. Robert "Bob" Bareis and David Martin. Dr. Bob was a charter member of the Rotary Club of Marshfield in 1968. Dave is 50 year Rotarian with an awe-inspiring military history. Their wonderful personalities, limitless knowledge and willingness to gladly indulge the unending questions from new members will be missed in ways that cannot be described. There are not enough columns in a newspaper to list out the ways that Dr. Bob and Dave have contributed to Rotary specifically and this community as a whole. Nor can I, as a still new member of Rotary hope to even come close to describing what they have meant to those who have served with them for years. Once again, we honor you with a standing ovation, tears in our eyes and a disbelief that this day had to come, and humbly thank you for the gift of your membership and friendship.

On January 26th, the club along with guest Virginia Bareis and guest speaker Adam Dixon of OACAC met at Sheila's. Adam spoke about the newest ARRA project which provides individuals with work experience and the other programs offered by OACAC.

On February 2nd, the club along with guests Mike Frazier with Guardian Security, Dennis Molgaard with the Webster County Juvenile Office, Cletis Wallace of CR Realty and guest speaker Linda Greer of the Marshfield Mail met at Sheila's. Linda spoke about her 12 years of experiences as a reporter for approximately 5 daily papers, 7 weekly papers, and a Naval publication. Her belief is that to kill a paper is to kill a community.

On February 9th, the club along with guest Dennis Molgaard and guest speaker Bill Hafer, Circuit Manager of the 30th Circuit Children's Division met at Sheila's. Bill spoke about the need for more foster parents and his attempts to provide more information about Children's Division through a blog that will be found at www.ourchildrensvoice.com.

On February 16th, the club along with visiting Rotarian King Coltrin and guest speaker Jerry Austin with the Department of Conservation met at Sheila's. Jerry stressed the importance of land and game management and how failure to follow conservation regulations affects all of us.

On February 23rd, the club along with guest speaker Ronald Ponds, Director of the Social Security out of Springfield met at Sheila's. Ronald spoke of the problems facing the future of social security due to the sheer numbers of baby boomers. He reported that his staff of 60 handle 350-400 people a day.