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## Roscommon County's K-9 Unit

Deputy Ed Stearn and Sheriff Fran Staley introduced "Axel" to the Rotary Club of Houghton Lake on October 20, 2003. Axel is a 1 year-old, 75 pound German Shepherd. Axel and Deputy Stearn make up Roscommon County's new K-9 unit.

Sheriff Staley explained that about three years ago, Deputy Stearn approached him about having a K-9 program. He was told that if he could find the funding, they would do it. They collected more than \$22,000 from the community through donations, raffles, and other fundraisers and this was enough to at least get the program started. There are ongoing costs of the program as well. This includes training for both the dog and the handler, dog food, and veterinarian bills, to name a few. One way the department has contributed to the cost of the program is through the sale of forfeited cars that Axel has found drugs in. Other than that, the vet in Roscommon has generously donated his services and Deputy Stearn buys all of the dog food himself. They are currently pursuing a grant to purchase a bulletproof vest for Axel, which costs between \$2,000 and \$3,000.

When Axel was brought into the room, he immediately sniffed Sindy Winkler's purse and he sat down, which is his signal to Deputy Stearn that he had found something. Deputy Stearn searched Sindy's purse and pulled out a bag of marijuana. (He had intentionally "planted" it there before Axel was brought in!) Axel was then rewarded with his red rubber ball. Axel then pro-

ceeded to some other "planted" drugs in the room and found them within seconds.

Currently, Axel is trained in narcotics, tracking lost people, criminal tracking, looking for articles, and protecting his handler. He's not yet trained in underwater rescue, but he may be starting that next Summer. It's not recommended that dogs be cross-trained in narcotics and explosives because it may be confusing to them. In regards to how far away Axel can detect the drugs, it depends on several factors such as the quantity and age of the drugs, and the climate.

When tracking lost people, a 30 foot leash and a special collar are used. It helps to have a scented item belonging to the lost person, but it's not absolutely necessary.

Axel was imported from Holland and he is trained in Dutch. This is a real advantage to the handler because nobody else, especially a criminal, would know the commands.

Axel's work is all just a game to him. He is not trained to be violent or aggressive. When Axel is not working, he's just a normal, friendly, playful dog. After a hard day's work, Axel goes home with Deputy Stearn every night.

## Service Above Self

The Four Way Test of the things we say or do

- 1) Is it the truth?
- 2) Is it fair to all concerned?
- 3) Will it build good will and better friendships?
- 4) Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

2003-2004 Rotary Theme



**Lend a Hand**

The Four Avenues of Rotary Service

### Vocational Service

Representing the dignity and utility of one's vocation to others.

### Club Service

Activities to make a club function successfully.

### Community Service

Activities to improve the quality of life in one's community. Assistance to youth, the aged, the handicapped and others.

### International Service

Programs and activities to advance international understanding, goodwill and peace. Meeting humanitarian needs of people in many lands.

## Rotary/Interact Calendar

*October is Vocational Service Month!*

- Interact Maplevue visit—Nov 3, 2003
- Interact Board meeting—Nov 5, 2003
- Interact General meeting—Nov 5, 2003
- Board Meeting—Nov 10, 2003
- Membership Seminar, Cadillac—Nov 15, 2003
- Silent Auction—May 1, 2004

<u>Program</u>		<u>Greeters</u>
Club Assembly	10/27	Gonzalez/B. Gandolfi
R. Hacker	11/3	Docherty/Deamud
A. Hance	11/10	Docherty/Deamud
D. Hanson	11/17	Clasen/Burnside
Club Assembly	11/24	Clasen/Burnside
S. Hunter	12/1	Brown/Berg
V. Kalmbach	12/8	Brown/Berg

2003-2004 Rotary Int. President: Jonathan Majiyagbe  
 2003-2004 Rotary Dist. 6290 Governor: Chuck Vonesh

### Rotary Club of Houghton Lake 2003-2004 Officers and Chairmen

**President** Gary Gandolfi  
**Past President** Laurie Wallin  
**President Elect** Randy Seymour  
**President Nominee** John Stark  
**Secretary** Bob Pacella  
**Treasurer** Bert Sisson  
**Board Members** Denise Clasen, John Stark,  
 Rick Hacker

**Auction** Allison Docherty/Denise Clasen  
**Sgt. At Arms** Dan McGregor  
**Vocation** Rodney Walker  
**International** Wendy Turner/Rhonda Lamberg  
**Community Service** Debbie Banks  
**Club Service** Rick Hacker  
**Club Membership** Robert Gandolfi  
**Strive** Denise Clasen  
**Program** Lou Boggs  
**Webmaster** Gary Gandolfi  
**Bulletin** Stacey Barnes  
**WCS Project**  
**Foundation/Polio**

Rotary Club of HL meets each Monday at Coyle's-12:15pm

#### Rotary Membership:

Terry Anderson-PP	Rick Hacker	Mike Ryan
Stacey Barnes	Amy Hance	Rich Saterlee
Debbie Banks	David Hanson	Randy Seymour-PP
Charlie Berg	Steve Hunter	Anita Sheppard
Lou Boggs	Vickie Kalmbach	Bert Sisson
Dick Brown	Jim Kent	Barb Souder-PP
Mike Burnside	Rhonda Lamberg	Louise Spicer-PP
Gavin Carnegie	John MacKenzie-PP	Phillip Spicer-PP
Denise Clasen	Dan McGregor	John Stark-PN
Jim Deamud	Tom McNamara-PP	Diane Tompkins
Allison Docherty	Darrell Milner-PP	Wendy Turner
Dick Follrath	Tom Moreau-PP	Rodney Walker
Bob Gandolfi-PP	Marv Myers	Laurie Wallin-PP
Gary Gandolfi-P	Bill Oliver-PP	Sindy Winkler
Art Gonzalez-PP	Bob Pacella	
Matt Grover	Mike Rankin	

#### HL High School Interact Club 2003-2004 Officers and Chairmen

President	George Davis
Past President	Elise Jury
President Elect	Mary Domsitz
Secretary	Lauren Lambert
Treasurer	Kate Lepper
Sophomore Directors	Amanda Davis
	Jessica McClenathan
Junior Director	Courtney Yoder
Senior Director	John MacKenzie II
Advisors	Alison Docherty
	Bill Oliver

Interact meets twice monthly during seminar

#### Interact Membership:

Kelsey Barber	Kate Lepper	Elizabeth Wall
Sara Buccilli	Kelly Lepper	Paige Warden
Devon Clifford	Chelsea Lockwood	Chrissy Watrous
Amanda Davis	Emily Loy	Amanda Weideman
George Davis	John MacKenzie II	Courtney Yoder
Mary Domsitz	Dani Marquedant	
Michelle Fitzgerald	Keri McCann	
Katie Gierszwiski	Jessica McClenathan	
Leanna Harvey	Rachel Nauikow	
Brittany Herbst	Nikki Neal	
Marissa Janco	Kathryn Pothoof	
Joe Jurkovich	Andrea Randall	
Andrea King	Ashley Tilman	
Becky King	Sam VanY	
Lauren Lambert	Jenny Wagner	

## October 20, 2003 retrospect:

Program: Roscommon County K-9 Unit

Interact Guests: Rachel Nauikow, Lauren Lambert

Other Guests: Ed Stearn, Fran Staley, Mary Walker, Greg Haskell, Susanna Vuorinen

Birthday: Stacey Barnes (\$5 silence)

#### HL Rotary news:

- There will be a membership seminar in Cadillac on November 15, 2003.

#### HLHS Interact news:

- On October 30, 2003, there will be a pumpkin seed counting contest at 5:00 p.m.
- The next Interact Board meeting is scheduled for November 5th at 10:20 a.m. in the Choir Room at the High School.
- The next Interact General meeting will be on November 5th at 10:50 a.m. in the Choir Room at the High School.

#### Proposed Members:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Classification</u>	<u>Business/Company</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Week</u>
Greg McMillan	School Administration	HL Community Schools	R. Saterlee	@
Brett Cook	Broker	Edward Jones Investments	S. Winkler	3

Any objections to proposed members must be submitted to the Rotary board before the third week on this list. A @ in the Week column indicates "Approved for membership".

**Inbound Exchange Student:** Susanna Vuorinen  
 Home city, country: Ilmajoki, Finland

**Outbound Exchange Student:**  
 Host country:

#### Meetings can be made up lunch time at:



**Monday:** Hotel Kalkaska, Kalkaska  
**Tuesday:** McGuires, Cadillac  
**Wednesday:** Patti's Townhouse, Grayling  
**Thursday:** BJ's, Gaylord  
 Fred's Tavern, Roscommon

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