

CLASSIFICATION: BILL RUST

Bill was born and raised in Wisconsin. He graduated from in 1965 from Wausau High School. He served with the US Navy Seabees. Bill attended the University of MN from 1971-1975 and achieved a Bachelor's degree in architecture. In 1980 he started Rust Architects. His company has grown to include architecture and construction. Bill has designed WBL City Hall, Northstar Bank, Lake Area Bank; 1992 Ice Castle which won him an AIA award. Bill has designed cabins and homes on over 100 different lakes in Minnesota and Wisconsin. He has re-designed 450 Dominoes Pizza's throughout the US. Bill is a registered architect in 12 states. Bill's civic involvement includes the Isaac Walton league; Downtowners': Rotary; and he is an Eagle Scout. Bill has been married to his wife Kathleen since August 10, 1968. She is a retired school teacher. Their son Christopher is a registered structural engineer and daughter Jessica is a registered architect with Dairy Queen International. Bill and Kathleen have 4 grandchildren age 3 to 9, and they are all above average and doing well. Bill has been a Rotarian for 36 years. He currently does the weekly invocations.

Help Others Enjoy The Holidays!

Bill Foussard invited club members and their families and friends to join him in two upcoming events which he organizes to help the elderly and less fortunate enjoy the holiday season. The first is **Thanksgiving Meals on Wheels**. Bill announced that this Thanksgiving Day will be the 47th time that hundreds of volunteers will help provide Thanksgiving dinner to almost 20,000 individuals throughout the Twin Cities. Volunteers have already begun organizing the mammoth undertaking but most will volunteer on Thanksgiving Day through tasks ranging from preparing and packing meals to delivering them. Preparation and packing begins at Cretin-Derham High School at 2:00 a.m. and hundreds of individuals and families arrive about 8:00 to begin deliveries.

For 14 years Bill has also organized **Dinner With Santa** at the White Bear Lake Country Inn. Over 100 senior citizens are invited to the Inn for Christmas dinner, gifts and song as well as one-on-one conversations with Santa. This year's event will begin at 4:30 on December 19th and lasts about two and a half hours.

MARK YOUR ROTARY CALENDAR

**Rotary Holiday Party
December 28th
Manitou Grill
Stay tuned for more details**

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

**“If you are grateful for everything;
then whatever you have is enough.”**

PROGRAM: Fred Trieber presented Priscilla and Ruth from Cedes Don Bosco, Costa Rica.

Priscilla and Ruth are high school students in Costa Rica. They are both in the US doing two month internships as a part of the final program through their high school, which is a technical high school.

They provided a brief lesson on Costa Rica. Costa Rica is located in Central America. It is a small country – the US is 192x bigger than Costa Rica. There are two seasons, the dry season during November through April and the rainy season, May through October. Costa Rica is a very happy country, there is no army and has not been one since 1948.

The High School the girls attend has academics but is also technical. In grades 7-9, in addition to the academics such as math, science and social studies, the students are introduced to several technical areas. In 9th grade they choose a specialty and studies are geared to that specialty. Priscilla and Ruth both specialize in graphic arts. As a part of their graduation requirements, they have to complete a 2 month internship. These young women were able to come to the US for internships. They also both were involved in Expotech, which is a fair for the high school students to showcase their work.

Priscilla is doing her internship at the White Bear Lake Center for the Arts. She has designed a new logo for the Center. Ruth's internship is through H2O for Life. She created a video to encourage students and teachers to participate in Water Walk, a fundraiser to help raise money and awareness for clean water in Sudan.

Writer of the week: **Rita Pechmann**

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Happy Thanksgiving

