



District 10

D10 Communicator

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D/C Dave Fine, AP

Welcome to the second edition of the 2019/2020 Watch Year **D10 Communicator**. As I write this article, fall is upon us and it won't be long before our boats are put away for the winter. The season always seems to go too fast! Fall does mark the half way point in the watch year and is a good time to take stock in how we are doing. As a District, through the hard work and dedication of our members, we continue to drive initiatives to lead change that is aimed at enhancing membership for all of us, while allowing our organization to resonate with a new generation passionate about boating, community service, and having fun with family and friends. The **National organization** is also moving in this direction and there was significant dialogue and debate at the Governing Board Meeting in Louisville on the actions required to en-

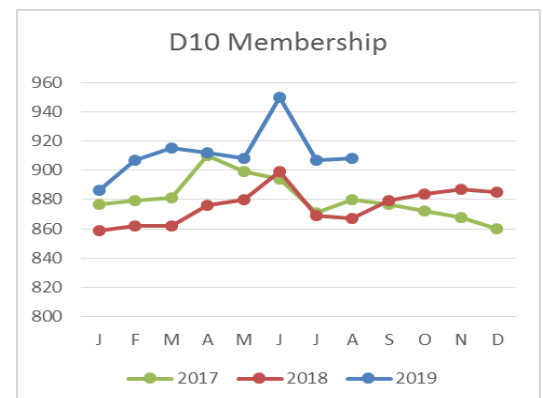
sure our future. I returned from the meeting with many notes to share and will be providing that feedback at the Fall Conference in a 45 minute seminar titled "Task Force Update / News from National". I hope you can attend. Slides will be posted on our website following the presentation. Speaking

of the **Task Force**, significant progress has been made since the Spring Conference. Recall the charter of the Task Force was to "look at potential changes in our operations to free up resources to focus on positioning D10 for the future". A team representing all squadrons has met 6 times since the Spring Conference and completed a process of (1) problem definition, (2) root cause identification for problems, (3) prioritization of root causes, and (4) recommendations for go-forward focus areas. The near term actions will be focused on membership and retention, with future actions focused on reducing bureaucracy and simplifying our operations. The details will again be provided in the Fall Conference workshop. So what about the health of our District? Like last year, we are aligning our squadrons around a common set of goals and objectives and we are on track to once again meet most. Read on for a few highlights:



Objective – Guide and support our squadrons in membership and membership retention efforts.

Overall good news in this area. As of the end of September, the District is up 35 members for the year to a total of 920. The chart at the right shows membership over the last 3 years with the blue line representing 2019. As of 9/30 we have the largest growth in the Nation both from a percentage and total number standpoint. We have achieved this through increasing new members in 4 of our squadrons, and through retention success in many squadrons. Duluth, Minnetonka, Marinette-Menominee, and St. Paul have all added new members, and Central Wisconsin, Door County, Green Bay, Madison, Marinette-Menominee, and Milwaukee have

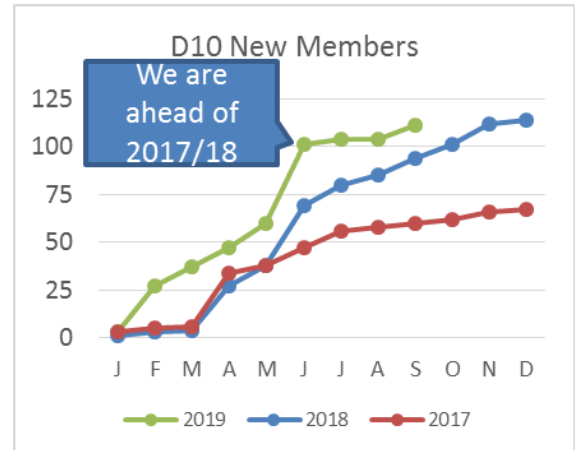


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retention levels above 90% through September. Retention continues to be a big issue at all levels of the organization. This will be the theme of the National Annual Meeting in February.

Goal - Add at least 115 new members to D10

In 2018, we smashed our goal of adding 68 new members by achieving 114. This year we set the goal at 115. To date we have added 113 new members (see the green line on chart at right)! I am confident we will achieve this goal.



Objective - Define strategies for a balanced budget in light of declining membership

If you attended the Spring Conference, you will recall we made a commitment to come forward with a balanced budget that does not rely on the use of savings. The budget we will vote on at the Fall Conference does just that through cost reduction actions. Details to be presented at the Conference.

Objective – Improve Communication between District and Squadrons to better understand and support Squadron needs.

Once again, a goal this year is to focus on communication. To this end we are continuing to publish 4 issues of the Communicator (2 historically), and plan to send at least 2 more issues of the D10 Top 10 for a total of three this year. We have also focused on reducing the number of email bounces we get on these communications and have had some success to date. We have also asked our Squadron Task Force reps to communicate regularly with their squadrons to ensure two way communication. I can't emphasize enough that we want to hear from you. I have heard many comments through the Task Force effort that members do not understand the value of the National and District organizations. We are here to serve you. Let us know what more we can and should be doing.



Finally, I want to send a huge thanks to Cdr Onis and Green Bay for hosting the Summer Rendezvous. We had a great time including a lot of "on the water" activity. Included below are some great pics from the event! The next opportunity for "face to face" communication is at the **Fall Conference in Stevens Point**. I would like to encourage each and every one of you to attend. It will be a lot of fun! You can find all the details in Bernie's article. I guarantee you will see my theme of "**REDEFINE TRADITIONS**" at work. It is going to be a great opportunity to **connect** with longtime friends, make new friends, and to **learn** a little bit about the exciting things happening around our organization. Hope to see you there!



Remember, let's **REDEFINE TRADITIONS... FROM STEM TO STERN**

D/C Dave Fine

D10 Summer Rendezvous July 26 –28, 2019
Green Bay, Wisconsin
Thanks Green Bay and Cdr Onis Budde!!!



District Executive Department

The deadline for submitting the ***BoatU.S. Distinguished Civic Service Award*** is October 15th.



Bob DeNoto and D-10 District Commander Dave Fine receiving the *BoatU.S. Award* in 2018

The Award is one of the most prestigious awards that a squadron may achieve. The Award recognizes community visibility and service through a variety of local activities. It is presented under the joint sponsorship of the *BoatU.S. Foundation* and the *USPS (America's Boating Club)* through the National Squadron Development Committee.

This year changes were made to shorten the application form and what you will submit. This year there will be two Squadron Awards with \$1000 at stake!

Some helpful hints in your application to keep the submission process uncomplicated, the number of person-hours maybe estimated although keeping good records can be useful in supporting your submission. The percentage of your members involved in your activities is very helpful in judging the application received. Involvement of many members counts more than if only a few members of your squadron do all the work.

The award covers the year from October 1st through September 30th. Applications should be submitted to the National Squadron Development Committee chairman by the deadline October 15th 2019.

Send applications and inquiries to:

R/C Myles Gee, SN
4616 Swordfish Drive
Bradenton FL, 34208

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Vessel Safety Check Update across District 10



The cut off date for all VSC forms to be in is November 30, 2019 to be counted toward this year's awards! This year we are aiming for a goal of 1452. As of September 28th, we have reached 75.2 % of our goal with two months remaining.

Name	Position	# of VE	Squadron#	VSC's 2019	VSC's 2018	VSC's 2017	VSC's 2016	VSC's 2015
Bill Dohr	VSC Chair Central Wisconsin	10	955	238	229	212	218	222
Lou Pasquesi	VSC Chair Door County	6	5715	252	222	206	219	180
Dave Carlson	VSC Chair Duluth	10	1545	60	149	110	108	129
Charles Reetz	VSC Chair Green Bay	2	2085	18	30	39	33	40
Marie Coons	VSC Chair Hiawatha Valley	6	2267	31	65	69	75	75
Cindy Parisi	Commander (acting VSC Chair) Madison	0	3030	0	0	0	0	0
Tim Coffey	VSC Chair Marinette-Menominee WI/MI	8	3140	83	90	75	88	107
Craig Lake	VSC Chair Milwaukee	5	3390	23	64	78	53	53
Dan Saniti	VSC Chair (D10 VSC Chair) Minnetonka	16	3405	175	353	230	270	166
Geoff Carman	VSC Chair Oshkosh	6	4095	53	112	115	129	137
John Gagich	VSC Chair St. Paul	6	5025	158	137	137	109	22
74				1091	1451	1271	1302	1131

BoatLive365: Create a Safe Boating Culture; Boating is Serious Fun



This program was created by the United States Power Squadrons through a grant from the United States Coast Guard in answer to their request for boating safety to be recognized daily, not just one week a year. Take a look at the website, order materials through USPS Headquarters, and start using the easy-to-use exercises at your squadron. <http://www.boatlive365.org>

Remember with a Boat and a Little Imagination you can go Anywhere!

Respectfully submitted,

D/Lt/C Kevin Wehrmann, S
District 10 Executive Officer

District Educational Department

Once again, the boating season is coming to a close. I hope all of you had a great summer filled with fun, family, and calm waters. Your district has been at work in preparation for the D-10 Fall Conference. We are making every effort to make your weekend in Stevens Point worthwhile and educational.

A few of us have just returned from the Fall Governing Board meeting in Louisville, Kentucky. My approach while attending national meetings is to bring back things which I believe can be of value to you. Please take some time to consider them and feel free to make them part of our ongoing discussions.



D/Lt/C Wesley D. Koplitz, AP-CN

New Labeling of Life Jackets

You may have already noticed new labeling on recently purchased personal floatation devices. A new approach to classification has been implemented. This new labeling will bring US users in line with the international standard. Icons are used to eliminate language barrier issues. Buoyancy (lifting force) is rated by way of Newton (N) verses our US Lbs. lift. 100N and 150N labeled PFDs are classified as "Life Jack-ets" (equivalent to Type 2 or Type 1 respectively). All other less buoyant PFDs are classified as "Buoyancy Aids". 70N is equal to 15.75 Lbs. lift ($70 \times 0.225 = 15.75$). 1 Newton = 0.2248 pounds of lifting force. I have a Power Point presentation for our D10 Educational workshop.

New Added Videos for the Boating Channel

As instructors or students USPS has continued the expansion of the video library. Many more are being added. One particular video "in process" will deal with ESD Electric Shock Drowning. Please take some initiative to get familiar with this resource. It will enhance our goal of more blended learning presentations.

Boat Handling 2018 Pilot Program Completed

The Seamanship Course has been rewritten and its content will be taught in a different manner. Many new options will be available to the student. The Boat Handling 2019 course will be available as a complete offering consisting of 6 seminars.

Boat Systems Committee Report

Many new and rewritten seminars are in process. *AIS Electronics for Boaters* seminar is finished and available via EBook.

Fall Squadron Educational Achievement Awards

Once again, tradition will rule the evening as we acknowledge and honor D-10 squadrons in their educational accomplishments this past year. We will be awarding the SEA award and the coveted Prince Henry trophy.

District Educational Department

Fall Conference Education Opportunity

I invite you to attend a USPS seminar entitled "Using VHF/DSC Marine Radio". Please use our Fall Conference registration form to enroll. The seminar will include the following:

- How VHF radios work and their controls
- Using the correct channels
- Using correct procedures and terminology
- Advanced methods of communication

How digital selective calling (DSC) equipped radios work and their controls

Finally

I want to invite all those interested in education to attend our Saturday morning D-10 Educational Officer's workshop. I know traditionally the session is for SEOs and ASEOs, but will welcome all attendees with a vested interest in the educational programs.

District Education Officer

D/Lt/C Wesley D. Koplitz, AP-CN

Editorial Comment from the D/C



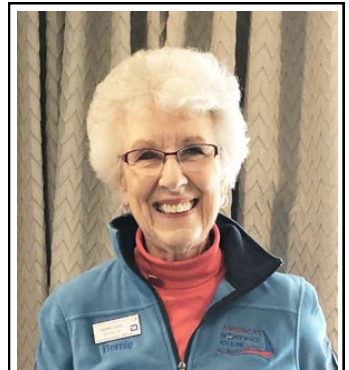
I had the pleasure of spending a few days at the National Governing Board Meeting in Louisville with Wes. I want to share just how much Wes does for our organization. He is the Oshkosh Education Officer, the Oshkosh Task Force Rep, the D10 Education Officer, and at the National meeting he was sworn in as the Staff Commander of the Basic Public Education Committee. The picture at the left is Wes taking the oath of office during the Governing Board Meeting. When you see Wes, please take a minute to thank him for his many and continued contributions!

D/C Dave Fine

District Administrative Department

We hope you are planning to attend the Fall Conference October 18-20 at the Holiday Inn & Convention Center in Stevens Point, Wisconsin. Our speaker on Friday evening will be the captain of the Denis Sullivan, a replica three masted, wooden gaff rigged schooner from Milwaukee, Wisconsin. She is a flagship of both the state of Wisconsin and of the United Nations Environment Programme. After the workshops and conference meeting on Saturday there will be a tour of the Stevens Point Brewery.

For more information go to www.usps-d10.org



**D/Lt/C Bernadette Dohr,
AP**

Many of us are putting away our boats for the season so now we can concentrate on upcoming classes, member meetings and fun get-togethers. Most importantly, we need to keep our members involved in squadron activities.

A sign-up list for all members of America's Boating Club who wish to learn more about our member benefits has been created. By accessing the following link: <http://eepurl.com/b3dERj> you will authorize America's Boating Club to send you a limited number of emails highlighting events, webinars, special offerings, and information about new benefits that may be of interest to you.

Submitted by
District Administrative Officer
D/Lt/C Bernadette Dohr



District Secretary

Hello All,

Summer slipped by in a blink of an eye. The Fine's were very busy, moving from one event to another starting with baseball, Scout camps, Summer Rendezvous, Hawaii trip and of course BOATING.

As the District Secretary, my Goals are to "Improve Communication between District and Squadrons to better understand and support Squadron needs". I have four (4) tasks:

- Publish Communicator quarterly
- Continue with D10 Top 10 with at least 3 publications
- At least quarterly department meetings
- Increase the number of members we reach via email

The next monthly email, *D10 Top 10*, is scheduled to be available in November or December. The main feature of this issue will be the Fall Conference.

I have tried to meet with your Squadron Secretaries to help open the communication lines. Most have been informal meetings with topics including:

- D10 and National Website
- DB2000
- Eliminating Bounces from members

Bounces decreased from 94 to 75 since last Spring. Two (2) of which are new. As always, Leo Loeb and I, continue our efforts to update the email list. Email is the primary way to contact members, and without a valid email on file, members are missing out on many aspects of the America's Boating Club experience.

The following are ways to update member information:

- DB2000, the Information Center on the National website
- D10 website Home Page
- Contact your Squadron's Roster Chair or Secretary
- The "OPT-IN" option



D/Lt/C Jennine Fine

Squad	9/21
CW	3
Door	1
Duluth	27
GB	6
HV	2
Madison	3
M/M	6
Mlwke	3
Mtka	14
Oshkosh	4
St. Paul	6
Total	75



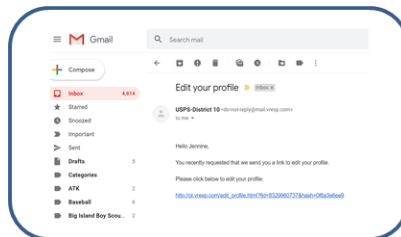
District Secretary

"OPT-IN", allows you to receive D10 communications. By completing the 5 steps below, your email address will be updated:

- Click on [OPT-IN](#) or <http://oi.vresp.com/?fid=8329960737> . This is a link to the D10 Website.
- A D10 window will pop up. Fill in your email address and name, then select "Join Now".

- Another window will appear. Click "here" and an email will be sent to your Inbox.

- The email sent will have a link which you must go to in order to verify your email address.



- The D10 window will pop up once again. By clicking "Join Now", verifies that your update is complete.

If anyone needs further assistance, please contact me at jennine.fine@gmail.com with a phone number and I will walk you through this exercise.

Thank you in advance for your help. Have a great Fall and Hope to see you at the Fall Conference.

Respectfully Submitted,
District Secretary
D/Lt/C Jennine Fine

District Treasurer

Ahoy from the D-10 Treasurer's Department,

As I am writing this article, it is a sunny beautiful summer day! We are so fortunate for what we have and the opportunity to get out on our boats and enjoy the beautiful outdoors!

We have over half of the fiscal year to go. We have realized approximately 60% of the budgeted revenue for the fiscal year to date. Basically, our squadron dues are the only revenue coming into the district budget.



D/Lt/C Tracy Anne Gustafson, AP-IN

The District 10 Bridge works hard to follow the budget and be fiscally responsible to keep our fiscal position solid and our budgets balanced. The District 10 Bridge is currently working on the next fiscal year's budget, which will be presented at the Fall Conference.

Overview of the Annual Budget Approval Process:

- The Bridge & the Budget and Finance Committee work together with the Treasurer to propose a Budget for the coming year.
- The Bridge & the Budget and Finance Committee review the proposed budget and make a recommendation to approve or revise based on available funds.
- The Bridge reviews the Committee's recommendations and makes changes if required.
- The council reviews/discusses and approves or disapproves the proposed Budget prior to the Fall Conference.
- The Conference delegation reviews/discusses and approves or disapproves the proposed Budget at the Fall Conference.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions. I look forward to seeing you all at the Fall Conference October 18-20 at Stephens Point, Wisconsin!

Respectfully Submitted,
D/LT/C Tracy Gustafson, AP-IN
D-10 Treasurer





United States Power Squadrons®

Central Wisconsin Sail & Power Squadron
Invites you to the

District 10 Fall Conference

October 18-20, 2019

Holiday Inn Hotel & Convention Center
1001 Amber Avenue
Stevens Point, Wisconsin



Registration

Rank _____ Name _____ Grade _____

Rank _____ Name _____ Grade _____

Squadron _____ Sq Position/Committee _____

Phone(s) _____ E-mail _____

Children's Names & Ages _____

EVENT	Cost	Number	Total
Friday Night Buffet: Beef Burgundy; Tilapia Polonaise; Wild Rice Pilaf; Oven-Roasted Red Potatoes; Green Beans w/ Toasted Almonds; Carrots in Spiced Honey Butter and Cookies and Bars	\$ 32	_____	\$_____
Saturday Lunch Buffet: Soup, Salad and Baked Potato Bar	\$ 20	_____	\$_____
Saturday Dinner: Ribeye Steak, ranch salad, carrots, twice-baked potatoes, rolls, beverage and apple pie	\$ 41	_____	\$_____
Chicken Cordon Bleu, ranch salad, carrots, twice-baked potatoes, rolls, beverage and apple pie	\$ 33	_____	\$_____
Special Dietary Requests: Please describe _____			
Tour of Stevens Point historic brewery followed by a visit to the tasting lounge (Note-this event is being funded by a District 10 BoatUS award. Event limited to 56 persons)	\$0	_____	\$_____
Green Circle Trail bike ride Sunday afternoon (Bring your own bike)	\$0	_____	
USPS University VHF Seminar	\$23	_____	_____
TOTAL			\$_____

Make checks payable to: Central Wisconsin Sail & Power Squadron

Reply no later than: October 11, 2019

Mail form & check to: P/D/C William Dohr, SN
4200 Bluegill Avenue
Wausau, WI 54401
(715) 241-8803
billdohr@charter.net

See Page 2 for Hotel Details.

For more information, go to:
www.usps-d10.org

Please help us plan! Insert the initials of each registrant who is likely or planning to attend each of these events.

Fri: Committee Meeting (Specify)	Sat 9:45 am: Conference Meeting	Sun 8 am: Breakfast with the Bridge
Sat: 7:45 am Department. Workshop (Specify)	Sat 1:00 pm: Task Force Update/News from National	Sun: 9:30 am VHF Seminar (\$23)
Sat 8:45 am: How to Use GoToMeeting	Sat: 2:00 pm 1 st Brewery Tour Sat: 3:00 pm 2 nd Brewery tour	Sun: 9:30 am DB 2000 Overview & Merit Mark Entry
Sat 8:45 am: Navigating the National Website	Sat: 4:30 pm Instructor Development Presentations	Sun 1 pm: Green Circle Trail Bike Ride

Hotel Information: Group Rate Reservation Deadline: *September 26, 2019*

Holiday Inn Hotel & Convention Center

1001 Amber Avenue

Stevens Point, WI 54482

www.stevenspointwihotel.com

(715) 344-0200

Room rates:

Double or King \$104.99

Suite \$134.99



District 10

2019 Fall Conference Session Narratives

Using VHF & VHF/DSC Marine Radio

Presenter: Wes Koplitz

Get familiar with your boat's VHF marine radio. This seminar will teach you how to use VHF radio like a pro, including the new digital selective calling (DSC) rescue feature. You'll also get tips on purchasing and installing VHF to get the most out of your investment. Cost is \$23.00. **This seminar completes one of the requirements for BOC Inland Navigator certification.**

Includes how VHF radios work and their controls:

- Using the correct channels
- Using correct procedures and terminology
- Advanced methods of communication
- How digital selective calling (DSC) equipped radios work and their controls
- Practice DSC calls using the included DSC simulator on CD

Navigating the National Website

Presenter: Bill Dohr

During this session we will cover how to log in, find your squadron site and your squadron's membership status both in the membership committee and in the Treasurer's dues status. We will show you how to find your training status (courses, seminars, BOC, etc.) and print out course completion certificates. Looking for forms? We will show you how to find them. We will show Vessel Examiners how to submit VSC's and find your VSC records. **Bring your laptop, membership number, password and your questions.**

How to Use GoToMeeting Video Conferencing

Presenter: TBD

During this session you will learn how to join a meeting, how to set up and host a meeting, how to share your screen with other attendees, how to mute and unmute yourself and view the attendee list. You will be given information on how to use the district account. **Bring your laptop and questions.**



Stevens Point Brewery Tour

Coordinators: Maury and Jenny Rice

Saturday afternoon Stevens Point Brewery Tour: Visit the third oldest continuously operating, privately owned brewery in the United States. Get up close and personal with the process of brewing beer while experts show you first-hand how they have brewed exceptional beer for over 160 years. The walking tour includes a history of the brewery, a trip around the brewing, aging, packaging, and warehouse facilities, and a sampling of their award-winning products! The entire tour lasts an hour. And District 10 members get the tour free. When registering for the conference let us know if you want the 2:00 or 3:00 PM tour on Sat. afternoon. Due to the age of the brewery, the tour is not handicap accessible.

ALL TOUR GUESTS MUST WEAR CLOSED-TOED SHOES! 2617 Water Street, Stevens Point, WI

Visit: info@stevenspointbrewery.com

Instructor Development Course Presentations

Presenters: Instructor Development Students

Students will make presentations to their peers utilizing a variety of teaching aids and presentation skills as part of requirements for the Instructor Development Course. They will be critiqued as part of their training.

Departmental Workshops

Presenters: Respective District Bridge Officers

Squadron bridge officers meet with their district officers for discussion, updates and information within their departments.

DB 2000 Overview and Merit Mark Entry

Presenter: Maury Rice

During this session we will review the basics of DB 2000. You will be shown how to enter your user authorization information. We will demonstrate how to download rosters and upload membership contact changes. We will look at course completion data for members, forms that are available and how to print out rosters. We will review the merit mark entry procedure. **Bring your laptop. Also bring your membership number, email and DB 2000 passwords.** You can obtain them from your commander.

Silent Auction-New or Used Nautical Items

Chairman: Karen Frost

This is a fund raiser for your squadron. Bring your new or used nautical gear, nautical books and other nautical equipment to sell at a silent auction. Fill out the auction sheet with your squadron's name, value, starting bid, and the bid increments for your item(s). The proceeds of this event will go back to the squadron bringing the items for sale.



Silent Auction-Baskets of New items

Chairman: Karen Frost

This is a traditional activity for District 10 conferences. Each Squadron should bring a gift basket of new items to contribute. Please wrap in a decorative manner. Fill out the auction sheet with the value, starting bid, and the bid increments for your Basket. Suggested basket items are nautical or household items, food treats, wine, books, event or movie tickets, gift certificates, or gift cards.

Task Force Update/News from National

Presenter: Dave Fine

During this session we will update the results of the District 10 Task Force which has been discussing district/squadron reorganization and related matters with members from every squadron since the spring conference. The session will also bring back news from the national Governing Board meeting in Louisville regarding district reorganization and the role of districts within the national organization.

Green Circle Trail Bike Ride

Guide: Maury Rice

Our bike ride on Sunday on the Green Circle Trail will start at 1:00 PM at the parking lot just north of Kwik Trip #183, 3258 Church St, Stevens Point. See the map with your registration materials. The ride will be about 7-8 miles featuring the scenic Wisconsin River section, part of downtown Stevens Point, the River Park bike path and on to Bukolt Park and its boat landing, then on the way back we stop at Emy J's Coffee House & Café for a break, and back on Maury's usual ride through the town to the start. If you are interested in more riding miles, there are lots of other scenic parts of the GC. Maury has several bikes that can be used (call in advance of conference), but best to bring your own. Call at 715-340-9660, if you need more info.



The Green Circle Trail is a 27-mile scenic hiking and biking trail that loops through the Stevens Point area and connects with over 45 miles of additional trails. It winds through forests and parks, over wetlands, and along rivers, recalling the days of huge pineries, pioneer settlements, and the lore of the Wisconsin and Plover Rivers.



Help Wanted !!! – District 10 is looking for people interested in taking on a role at the District level. Key needs are:

- ⇒ Assistant Admin Officer
- ⇒ Membership Chair
- ⇒ Assistant Secretary
- ⇒ Assistant Education Officer
- ⇒ Publications Editor

Feel free to reach out to any member of the Bridge if you want more info. Taking on one of these roles is a great way to see what goes on at the District level and we could really use your help!

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