



ROTARY CLUB OF APPLETON

GUSTO

Service Above Self

February 15, 2011

Upcoming Programs

February 22

Michiels Fox Banquets

Leopold's Land Ethic –
Buddy Huffaker, Aldo
Leopold Foundation
Thumbnail: Alan Archer
Thought of the Day –
JoEllen Wollangk

March 1

Empire Room

Courtesy Awards
Thought of the Day - ?

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MEETING NOTICES

- The RYLA Committee will meet on Tuesday, February 22 at 11:30 a.m.
- The Sharing Around (the World) Medical Project will be packing on Tuesday, February 22 from 6:30-8:00 p.m. at the Goodwill Industries located at 1351 W. Spencer Street in Appleton. There are a lot of supplies to pack so your help would be greatly appreciated.
- The Rotary Club of Appleton Board will meet on Monday, March 7 at 3:30 p.m. at the Community Foundation.
- The Family of Rotary has scheduled our next Happy Hour for Tuesday, March 15 from 5:00-7:00 p.m. at Victoria's.

INDUCTION

Today, the Rotary Club of Appleton inducted Ross Neher. Ross is a sales representative at Willis Insurance. Welcome!

WHAM MINUTE

John Parker's health, wellness and fitness has been redefined the last couple of years. On May 20, 2008 and at the age of 81, John's life was pretty sedentary and his weight was too high. One day he was coming up the cellar stairs and noticed that he was breathing way too hard. This prompted him to join a gym where he was assigned a personal trainer in the hopes that he could improve his heart and lung functions. After 6 months, he had lost 12 lbs. John and Lee then joined Weight Watchers and after 6 months he lost another 12 lbs. Three years later, John is continuing to maintain his loss of 6 inches and 25 lbs. and he feels great. If John can do it so can you! Let's all try to eat healthier and exercise.

ROTARY AMBASSADORS

The last membership survey indicated that members wanted more options and variety of volunteer opportunities for the Rotary Ambassadors. Each team had a packet with 35 volunteer opportunities to look through and sign up for at least 2 per year. Some of the projects include school projects (reading, Knowledge-A-Thon and tutoring), downtown projects (Christmas Parade, summer concert series, Octoberfest and Children's Parade), SAMP Packing, community projects (Harbor House, St. Joe's Food Pantry, History Museum at the Castle, Salvation Army Bell Ringing, Fox Valley Warming Shelter, Boys and Girls Club, etc.). For those teams that signed up for a project today, bags of candy were given. Please look through this project listing and sign up!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- President Elect Dan Nisler presided over today's meeting while President Tom was visiting Mickey and Donald at Disney World. Dan thought it was somewhat appropriate since Tom was a little Goofy.
- Rotary Shines, our Club's one and only fundraiser, will be held on Tuesday, May 3 beginning at 6:00 p.m. at Fox Valley Technical College. The cost is \$100 which admits 2 adults. You will be receiving an invoice to purchase your ticket in advance.
- The current and incoming board as well as the 5 past presidents will be going through a visioning process on April 5. In order to prepare for this, club members will be asked to complete the membership survey the last week in February through the first week of March. Your responses are extremely important to this process.
- In celebration of Bassett Mechanical's 75 Anniversary, the William R. Bassett Engineering Scholarship was established. Kim Bassett-Heitzmann and Bill Bassett presented Lisa Weiner from U. W. Fox Valley Foundation with this scholarship program.

GROUP STUDY EXCHANGE NEWS

- The exchange with Rotary District 2710 in Japan will depart on October 2, 2011 and return October 30, 2011 for an exchange lasting 4 weeks. The district outbound team will consist of a Rotarian team leader, Roy Valitchka, and 4 non-Rotarians selected from within District 6220. There is no specific vocational focus and applicants from all vocational areas are encouraged to apply. Exchanges are open to all who work or reside in District 6220, provided they are not an immediate family member of a Rotarian. Applicants must be at least 25 years old and no more than 41 at the time of their application. RI pays their airfare so the only expenses they have are incidentals. The application deadline is April 1, 2011. If you know someone who may be interested, have them contact Jay Drzewiecki at jay@watermarkfncl.biz.
- There will be a Group Study Exchange team coming to our District April 11 – May 11, 2011. They will be visiting Appleton the 2nd week of April and we are looking for host families. We will co-host this exchange with Appleton Breakfast and Appleton West. Please contact Jay Drzewiecki at jay@watermarkfncl.biz if you are interested.

THE ROTARY CLUB OF APPLETON'S HISTORY MINUTE

During the next couple of meetings, my fellow committee members Matt and Alan will discuss in greater detail the development of the Rotary Club of Appleton over the years, but today I would like to focus on how the establishment of the Appleton Club reflected what was happening with the Rotary movement across the state of Wisconsin and across the country in 1917. Eight Rotary Clubs were already in operation across Wisconsin by the time the Rotary Club of Appleton was established. These were Superior (No. 20, April 1912), Milwaukee (No. 57, January 1913), Madison (No. 71, April 1913), Wausau (No. 136, January 1915), Merrill (No. 231, February 1916), Sheboygan, No. 251, January 1916), Oshkosh (No. 274, December 1916) and Green Bay (No. 279, January 1917). The dates are when organized, the numbers when elected to membership. Those following soon after Appleton were Stevens Point (No. 293, February 1917) and Racine (No. 319, May 1917). All clubs belonged to District No. 9.

In the January 1917 issue of *The Rotarian*, it was noted that in the gubernatorial election of November 1916, the Rotarian E.L. Phillip of Milwaukee and the Republican Party defeated Rotarian Burt Williams, a Democrat from Madison. On Washington's Birthday in 1917, Superior hosted the 11 rotary clubs of District No. 9. All 68 members of Superior's Rotary Club attended, as did 4 members from Madison and 1 each from Milwaukee, Sheboygan and Wausau. No members from Merrill and Oshkosh attended. Appleton, of course, was not organized until the following month. April brought America's entry into World War I and much of the activity of Rotarians across the state in 1917 involved support of the war effort. Rotary Clubs in Merrill, Oshkosh and Superior were actively involved in the State Agricultural Department's garden program, and Stevens Point and Madison worked with local County Defense Councils to support farmers and increase food production. On Labor Day weekend, all of the Rotary Clubs from Wisconsin joined the Chicago rotary Club in a 3-day outing at the Pine Point Resort at Elkhart Lake. There, 267 Rotarians and their wives from Sheboygan, Racine, Milwaukee, Madison, Oshkosh, Appleton, Green Bay and Chicago enjoyed "Rotary dinners, athletic contests, dancing, and some good 'stunts.'" And "For the women there were running races, baseball throwing contests, nail driving contests, etc."

In terms of developments at the national and international level, one must remember that 1917 was just 12 years after the founding of Rotary, and the rapidly expanding IARC was still trying to define itself and its future course. Arch Klumph, the president of the IARC in 1917, and Paul Harris, the founder of Rotary and its emeritus president, described the growth of Rotary in very similar terms at the beginning of the year. President Klumph said, "The growth of Rotary is like that of the average man. First, there is the boy and toy stage; next, the youth and fellowship stage; last, the man and serious stage. Rotary has arrived at manhood. What will be thought of it, what will become of it, if it remains in the youth and fellowship stage and fails to recognize its responsibilities to itself and to all humanity? The time has come for Rotarians to be serious. I do not mean that we should drop our joyousness and fellowship and be long-faced. We should let this joy and fellowship brighten and lighten our serious efforts to serve the world. The most delightful of friends is the man who recognizes and accepts his serious responsibilities and still retains the heart of a boy. This is what I wish Rotary and Rotarians to be and do in this new year that is dawning."

Emeritus president Harris added "The first twelve years in the lives of humans constitute the period of transition from infancy to adolescence; from tiny, helpless babyhood to romping, healthful boyhood or to blissful, bashful girlhood; past the threshold of promise to the beginning of actual realization of life. Rotary, if worthy, will outlive generations of men, and as worthwhile things go, has not as yet past its day of swaddling clothes. You and I may still continue to rock the infant cradle and to search with unflagging interest for baby's first small tooth."

And, finally, it was clear even in 1917 that understanding the history of Rotary was important to organizational leaders. In the August 1917 issue of *The Rotarian*, one can find the following passage. "A brief history of the founding and growth of Rotary was prepared in the office of the International secretary and a copy was provided each speaker [at the International Convention in Atlanta in June] upon the register. This...enables every such speaker to present the story of the Rotary movement confidently and accurately." I hope that I have maintained this tradition by presenting today's History Minute both confidently and accurately, and that you have a clearer sense as to the establishment of the Rotary Club of Appleton in 1917 in terms of state, national and international Rotary developments of the day. Thank you.

GUESTS, VISITORS AND MAKE-UPS

Guests today were Jose Ellies, Bret Buxton with Al Archer, Kim Bassett-Heitzmann and Chris Linn with Bill Bassett, Kristie Neher with Trey Neher, Kim Neher with Ross Neher, Azka with Amna Qazi, Kristen Scheuerman with Tom Scheuerman and Brian Olesen with Tracy Williams-Prince.

Making up this week was Bill Bassett in Kaukauna, Carol Busey at Appleton Breakfast, Amna Qazi and Jan Smith in Neenah, Alyce Dumke and Tim Reich on e-Club, Shipra Seefeldt in San Miguel de Allende, Guanajuato, Mexico, and Rick Stark in Sanibel, Florida.