



ROTARY CLUB OF APPLETON

GUSTO

Service Above Self

May 12th, 2015 Upcoming Programs

May 19th, 2015
Radisson- Empire
Youth Recognition Awards-
Seniors
Thought of the Day: Chad
Hershner

May 26th, 2015
Radisson- Salon CD
Mary Harp-Jirschele-Trip
Report Thought of the Day:
Alan Blake

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HIGH SCHOOL BURUNDI STUDENTS

Burundi Education Fund was created in Appleton in 2010. The organization brings hope to extremely poor children attending extremely poor schools in Burundi by providing annual school fees and school supplies, by creating basic infrastructure of clean drinking water, sanitation and by initiating sustainable projects in schools. The Burundi High School Students program was created to provide an opportunity to bright, hardworking Burundian students to witness the educational, economic, social and political structure of a developed nation. The goal of this program is for these students to one day become 21st century leaders who will bring hope of a brighter future to the people of Burundi by continuing the legacy of the American generosity and the work of the Burundi Education Fund, Inc. During their stay here in the Fox Valley, students have the opportunity to share their country's culture with Americans and also have the opportunity to help educate Americans about the extreme poverty of their country. Burundi is one of the poorest countries in the world and was named "the hungriest country in the world" by USA Today in 2014. The students that are chosen for this program come from extremely poor families. They arrive in the United States with very limited English and technological skills but with determination and desire to excel. They are greeted by their host families. Generous host families provide students with a home, meals and transportation to and from school but they are not expected to furnish clothing, school supplies, spending money, etc. for their student. Currently there are six students who are juniors in this program and they have dreams of attending post-secondary education. The students are doing all they can to prepare for acceptance at a college; excelling in academics, participating in school, community and church activities, donating hours of service to local churches, hospitals and community members and preparing diligently for their college ACT test. These students have done so well with so little thus far. They have great potential and great hope that they will one day make the world a better place. The goal of the program is to help them find a way to make their dreams come true. Please visit their website at www.educateburundi.org to learn more about their students, programs and ways in which you can join in their work.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **District Conference is May 15-17** here in Appleton at the Radisson Paper Valley Hotel. Please visit the website at <http://www.ridistrict6220.org/> to register. Our numbers are still low and we would LOVE to show our support to Rotary at this conference.
- Bimal Rajbhandari, Rotaract student from Lawrence University, is raising money for the earthquake victims in Nepal, his home. Please follow him on his Facebook page if you are interested in helping. <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Nepal-Relief/1431020890533768>
- Ruth Ann Heeter returned from her relaxing vacation in England. She presented President Deborah with gifts such as a hedgehog, which looks like a badger, and a seashell from Plymouth Harbor.

GUESTS, VISITORS AND MAKE-UPS

Today our guests were Roger Bertschausen with Deborah Wetter, Peggy Blank, Sarah Shimek, Chadia Igiraneza, Lady Ntunze, Nancy Jodarski, Jess Shaka, Didier Nimpaye, Father Don Zuleger, Bob Noll and Amanda Lauer with the club.

There were No Visiting Rotarians this week

There were No Make ups this week

MAY 26th MEETING-MARY HARP-JIRSCHLE PANAMA TRIP

Mary Harp-Jirschele will be presenting to the club on her recent trip to Panama with the Volunteer Optometric Service to Humanity group. Listen to her stories about the country they got to experience and the people they helped while on their mission.

JUNE 2ND MEETING-ROTARY ON THE ROAD-FVTC PUBLIC SAFETY TRAINING CENTER

Check out FVTC's new Public Safety Training Center. This center is the only center in the US that provides an integrated approach to training criminal justice, firefighting, and emergency medical personnel in the same setting. The center is a huge asset to the Fox Cities, both because of its role in training new and existing public safety professionals from our area, and also because of its draw at a regional, state, and national level. Sign-up sheets will be available at our next meeting.

HANDS OVER THE FOX

This is an event to remember lives lost and help the community move forward after a tragic shooting took the lives of Jonathan & Olivia Stoffel and Adam Bentdahl on the Trestle Trail in Menasha, Wisconsin.

Date:

Sunday, May 17th, 2015

Time:

Program to begin at 7 p.m.

(We highly suggest you plan to arrive on either side of the bridge trail no later than 6:30 p.m. because of the large expected crowd; shuttles will start at 5 p.m. – scroll down for parking information)

Location:

Trestle Trail Bridge, Menasha, WI

Details:

On Sunday, May 17, community members will gather on both sides of the Trestle Trail Bridge beginning at 6:30 p.m.

At 7 p.m., there will be a brief invocation, then people will be asked to walk onto the bridge from either side until both sides meet in the middle

Hands will be joined and raised during a moment of silence in honor of the lives lost. Nearby churches are asked to ring their bells at 7:33 p.m.; immediately following, boaters and kayakers in the surrounding water will collectively sound their horns as another sign of community strength and support.