



ROTARY CLUB OF APPLETON GUSTO

Service Above Self

January 30, 2018 Upcoming Programs

February 6, 2018 NO MEETING

February 13, 2018
RIVERVIEW GARDENS
The History of Magic – Ed Kern
Thought of the Day:
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Nobel Student Panel

A panel of three students and one community member shared their experiences from the October 2017 Nobel Conference. The conference is an annual event at Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter, Minnesota and this year's theme was Reproductive Technology – How Far Do We Go. Sixty-six students, thirteen educators and eighteen community members from the Fox Cities made the trek.

The panel responded to four questions:

Q: What impressed you most about the conference?

A: Ethics and technology were both addressed. The speakers were superb: we don't hear Nobel laureates very often.

Q: Gene editing may eventually enable parents to alter the traits of their children. Make them taller or shorter with blue or brown eyes for example. Any concerns with this technology?

A: Who would have access to the technology? Would high income people gain the ability to create super humans? Pain is important in some religions. We are not supposed to be perfect.

Q: One of the speakers talked about disability rights. How does that relate to reproductive technology?

A: Do we have the right to say that someone with downs syndrome is less valuable? Disabled people can lead quality lives.

Q: Will this technology be used to create the perfect person?

A: We don't want to shut down technological development. But this is creepily similar to eugenics. I don't think we want to go down this road.

The topic for the October 2018 Nobel Conference will be Living Soil: A Universe Underfoot. For more info, go to <https://gustavus.edu/events/nobelconference/2018/> and contact Cathy Mutchler cathy.mutschler@bluedoorconsulting.com.

7 DAY NOTICE

The following individual has been proposed for membership in Rotary. He has passed all committees and unless an objection in writing is submitted to the secretary within 7 days, this member will be admitted to the Rotary Club of Appleton.

Mark Shropshire of 345 E Wisconsin Ave. Suite 5 Appleton, WI 54911 has been proposed into membership by Rick Stark. He would enter under the classification of Health Care – Physical Therapy

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **SAVE THE DATE:** Our annual Community Table Event will take place on **Tuesday, August 14th** at Riverview Gardens. If you are interested in sponsoring or having your company sponsor please contact Meghan for more information.
- Welcome New Member: Jennifer DuPont who was proposed into membership by Deb Johnson.

GUESTS THIS WEEK

Guests this week were Isaiah Degner, Cathy Mutschler and Lisa Jabas with the club, Dave Burrows and Sally Mielke with John Mielke, Calleigh Merritt, Leah Ihlenfeldt, JoEllen Wollanger and Aaron Leshke with the club.

Visiting Rotarians this week were Dave Wollaugk from the Neenah Rotary

There were No make ups this week

FEBRUARY 13, 2018 MEETING – THE HISTORICAL ALCHEMY OF HARRY POTTER

Edmund Michael Kern, Associate Professor of History at Lawrence University will be our guest speaker on February 13. His historical expertise and special interests lie in early modern Europe, religious culture, Hapsburgs, and Austria. He will delight the club with the following program: "The Historical Alchemy of Harry Potter," J.K. Rowling's Harry Potter series offers an interesting blend of history, legend, and myth. It's a perfect yarn for the historian of European witchcraft and magic to unravel. Among other challenges, if one is willing to pay close attention to the alchemical symbolism used in the books, all rooted in historical depictions of the art, one can find important clues about their hero's character, moral imperative, and ultimate destiny.

ROTARY FOUNDATION CADRE OF TECHNICAL ADVISORS

A member of the Rotary Foundation Cadre of Technical Advisers recently reached out to us to make us aware of this program since they are finding that most Rotarians are unaware of the Cadre's existence. They work behind the scenes reviewing Global Grants, doing site visits and audits, and are very interested in infusing quality into projects by getting involved right from the beginning during planning. The Cadre has professionals with expertise in all six of Rotary's areas of focus. They are available to be called upon for assistance when designing/planning/implementing a project, particularly an overseas one, and can provide assistance when applying for a global grant. Additionally, the Cadre is looking for new members with expertise in some specific areas: Cardiology, Cardiovascular Surgery, Finance/Auditing and hospital/medical diagnostic equipment. There is a huge need for Spanish speaking professionals in multiple areas. Those are outlined in the attached article. If anyone is interested, the person to contact is christian.pepera@rotary.org. **The attachment is located in the email.**

2017 ANNUAL MEETING

President Gary Hermsen formally declared that the 2017 Annual Meeting is open and the only order of business on the agenda is the election of officers and board members. A motion was made that having received no other nominations for the elected officers and directors for the club for the year 2018/2019 that the nominations be closed. Seconded. Motion carried.

President Gary submitted for approval the following individuals:

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| Immediate Past President | Gary Hermsen |
| President | Nancy Leipzig |
| President Elect | Tony Gonzalez |
| Secretary | Amy Flanders |
| Treasurer | Alan Blake |
| Sergeant-at-Arms | Jeff Esker |

One Year Term Board Members

Barby Merry
Chris Mings
Ron Altenburg
Gail Enke

Two Year Term Board Members

Marlene Welter
Nancy Johnshoy
Steve Taylor
Wayne Defferding

Motion was made to accept this list of nominations as presented? Seconded. Motion carried.

The Oath of Office was administered. The object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the idea of service as a basis of worthy enterprise as set forth in the Rotary International Constitution Article 4 and the standard Club Constitution Article 3. Will you swear to abide by those principles? (We do.)

Have no further business a motion was made to adjourn the 2017 Annual Meeting. Seconded. Motion carried.
