



# ROTARY CLUB OF APPLETON GUSTO

Service Above Self

## November 15th, 2016 Upcoming Programs

### November 22nd, 2016 FOX BANQUETS

Foundation Annual Report/Report of club Budget  
Thought of the Day:

### November 29th, 2016 FOX BANQUETS

Ethics in Business Panel  
Thought of the Day: Gail Popp

## Officers 2016-2017

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## District Governor- Diane Dappern

District Governor, Diane Dappern, visited our club on Tuesday informing us on some district changes and visions of the district. There have been several new positions filled within the District. There is a new Administrative Assistant, District Trainer and District Governor Aide. DG, Diane Dappern, is looking to make the communication easier and more effective between all the clubs in the district. She would like to have video conferences if necessary and also she is willing to skype with some clubs that are in the UP so she can be more connected with the clubs as well. She would like every club to designate a communication contact person. This will allow all the clubs to communicate more effectively and each club will be more aware of what other clubs are doing in their area. Another area she touched on were about the RYE program in our area. We have taken the lead in this area and we have more students participating in this than any other district. Our RYLA program is also one of the best and they are looking to possibly hold an event like this for Rotarians in the near future. A few dates to remember are 1. District Conference that will be held in Green Bay on May 20<sup>th</sup>. They have changed the event to only be 1 day hoping for more participation. 2. The Rotary International Convention is June 10-14, 2017 and will be held in the states in Atlanta, Georgia. This is open to everyone so if you are able to attend it is highly encouraged. Diane then moved into membership stating we are down 100 members in the District. She is not worried with this number as she has attended several meetings and saw lots of new inductions happening. She spoke with Jennifer Jones, VP of Rotary International, and Jennifer has some great ideas for membership increasing. She wants us to think about our meetings. If you came to your meeting not being a member today...Would you join? She also wants us to explore younger professionals, young minded, empty nesters and recently retired individuals. Finally she concluded with a discussion regarding the Foundation and how important it is to contribute to it. The Foundation supports a lot of great projects local and internationally such as Polio Eradication...we are so close and we need to get the job done. Rotary is rated one of the top 5 charities in the world. 269 million dollars were raised in the Foundation last year and this year's goal is 300 million. Let's help achieve that goal! If you have any questions about the District feel free to visit the website at <https://www.ridistrict6220.org/>. If you have questions for our District Governor you can email her at [rotarydidapp@gmail.com](mailto:rotarydidapp@gmail.com).



District Governor, Diane Dappern

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Beginning on January 10, 2017 our meetings will be held at Riverview Gardens. Thank you to Nancy Leipzig and John Nygaard for all of your hard work looking for a new location.
- The SAS Committee is looking for volunteers on Tuesday, December 6<sup>th</sup> to ring bells for the Salvation Army. Our location is Festival Foods on Northland Avenue. Please email Paul Hillmer at [paul.hillmer@associatedbank.com](mailto:paul.hillmer@associatedbank.com) if you are interested.
- Gail Popp and RuthAnn Heeter recently went to Sonoma, a trip purchased from our Rotary Shines event, and they brought President Jennifer back some grapes...the next best thing to wine!



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## **NOVEMBER 22<sup>nd</sup> – FOUNDATION ANNUAL REPORT/BUDGET REVIEW**

The Appleton Rotary Foundation is the charitable arm of our organization. As club members, our charitable contributions support the foundation activities. Donna Kidder will present the Foundation annual report on Nov. 22. President Jennifer will follow that up with a discussion about our club budget for the year.

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## **GUESTS, VISITORS AND MAKE-UPS**

**Visiting Guests this week were** Mark Scheffler with Jeff Knezel.

**Visiting Rotarians this week were** Dan Lacy from Neenah and Diane Dappern – District Governor from Green Bay.

**There Were No Make ups this week**

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## **2016 Holiday Celebration Announcement**

The holiday season is here and it is time once again for the annual Rotary Holiday luncheon hosted by the Holiday Celebration Committee. This year's event will be **held at the Radisson Paper Valley Hotel** on Tuesday, December 20 from 11:30 to 1:00pm. Entertainment will be provided by the Neenah High School Madrigal Singers. **Please sign up at the registration table starting November 22nd so we have an accurate count of Rotarians and guests.** You may also email your RSVP to Meghan at [rotaryappleton@gmail.com](mailto:rotaryappleton@gmail.com) . **RSVP or sign up by Dec. 16<sup>th</sup>!** There will be a \$12.00 charge for guests and "attendance not required" members.

As is our holiday tradition, we will again collect cash donations and items for those in our community who are less fortunate. This year's charitable recipient is the Fox Valley Warming Shelter. Donations of cash and goods will be collected at the Holiday Lunch. Below is a "Wish List" of items provided by the Fox Valley Warming Shelter:

1. CASH- Checks can be made to Fox Valley Warming Shelter. We collect no fees from sales or service and have no guaranteed funding from year to year. Every dollar is greatly appreciated!
2. Ear Plugs! (Can be purchased at Harbor Freight, [3325 W. College Ave. Item 96365](#)) or any hardware store. Clients use ear plugs every night to drown out the snoring and other night sounds that come from sharing the floor with 60 people sleeping on mats.
3. Gift cards to Walmart, Fleet Farm or Shopko to give to clients for essential items, such as steel toed shoes
4. Fast food gift cards (Taco Bell, [Cousins Subs](#), McDonalds, Burger King, etc.)