



ROTARY CLUB OF APPLETON GUSTO

Service Above Self

November 17th , 2015 Upcoming Programs

November 24th, 2015

Radisson – Empire

Paul Harris Incentive/Grant Procedures

Thought of the Day: Mark Logemann

December 1st, 2015

Radisson –

NFP Roundtable with a theme of addiction

Thought of the Day: Video

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STATE OF THE COUNTY REPORT

Thomas M. Nelson, County Executive for Outagamie County is responsible for: Coordinating and directing the administrative and management functions of the county government; Appointing and supervising county department heads; and Appointing the members of boards and commissions. In Outagamie County, there are 36 agencies, departments and offices headed by various elected or appointed officials. The county executive appoints 15 department heads whose appointments are confirmed by the county board of supervisors. There are 20 boards and commissions to which the county executive appoints members. Section 59.17(5) of the Statutes requires the county executive to, "...annually, and otherwise as may be necessary, communicate to the board the condition of the county, and shall recommend such matters to the board for its consideration as he or she considers expedient. Notwithstanding any other provision of the law, he or she shall be responsible for the submission of the annual budget to the board and may exercise the power to veto any increases or decreases in the budget..." In other words, the county executive is required to submit to the county board of supervisors an annual state-of-the-county message, recommendations regarding issues of concern, and a proposed annual budget. County Executive, Tom Nelson reported to the club that it was important to acknowledge the department heads, constitutional officers and county board supervisors for their assistance with crafting the budget. The budget features a declining tax rate by .63%, minimizes the impact to the average home owner (1.01%) to less than the year-to-date rate of inflation (1.6%). It holds overall health insurance adjustments to 2%, well below the industry average, and transitions to a self-funded health insurance model to leverage substantial savings in future budgets. Tom also reported to the club about 3 service areas in our county. First being the Airport: The airport has done really well in the past few years. As you most recently are aware of they have changed their name to the Appleton International Airport. They are looking to have Gulfstream expand in the next few years as well as 2 new facilities and to relocate the tower. The airport had \$400 million in economic output, which is more than the Green Bay Packers. Second being Criminal Justice reform. He touched on a new initiative called the Evidence based decision making initiative. Research shows implementing evidence based decision making can reduce recidivism up to 30% and a cost/benefit of \$10,000 per offender can be realized. They are working with 5 other counties and 2 other states. Lastly the Recycling Center. Our Recycling center is one of the largest facilities in the country processing over 94-95 tons this past year and looking to increase that number to 100. Brown, Outagamie and Winnebago Counties (commonly called the BOW) signed an agreement in 2007 to develop a single-stream recycling facility for operation over 15 years. These three counties have enjoyed a partnership that has created landfill and recycling efficiencies for the benefit of all residents.



Thomas M. Nelson, County Executive

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The Holiday Celebration is set for Tuesday, December 22, 2015 at the Radisson Paper Valley Hotel.
- The Courtesy Award Committee would like you to keep an eye out during the Holiday season for extraordinary service throughout the community.
- The SAS committee has scheduled the club for gift wrapping at the Fox River Mall on December 9th for Habitat for Humanity. If you are interested in signing up there will be sign-up sheets at our next meeting.
- The SAS Committee also signed the club up for bell ringing on December 23rd at the Northland Festival Foods from 3-8pm. They are looking for 5 Rotarians to volunteer. Please email Paul Hillmer at paul.hillmer@associatedbank.com if you are interested in volunteering.
- We are now accepting Spousal memberships. If your spouse is interested in becoming a member please contact Meghan for an application or simply go online to our website www.rotaryappleton.org.
- It's that time of year again! This year we have selected Hughes Chocolates for our Holiday Fund Raiser. We have added some options to included Dark Chocolate, Milk Chocolate and Milk & Dark as well as Crawlers aka Turtles. Our deadline for orders will be **December 8th** with pickup at our **December 15th** meeting. If a member is not able to make the meeting they can pick their order up from Dawn Nowakowski at the Building for the Arts or she would be happy to drop them off.
- John Parker is feeling better and looking forward to coming back to our meetings soon.

GUESTS, VISITORS AND MAKE-UPS

There were No Guests this week

There were No Visiting Rotarians this week

There were No Make ups this week

DECEMBER 1ST - NFP ROUNDTABLE WITH A THEME OF ADDICTION

Building on the Nobel Conference theme of addiction, we will engage in round table discussions with 10-11 organizations in our community which offer services for those dealing with addiction. Hosted by fellow Rotarian Michelle Devine-Giese, STEP Industries, representatives will address the role their organization plays in the field of addiction, trends they see in our region, and obstacles for services.