



# ROTARY CLUB OF APPLETON GUSTO

*Service Above Self*

## December 22nd , 2015 Upcoming Programs

December 29th, 2015  
**NO MEETING-HAPPY HOLIDAYS**

January 5, 2015  
**NO MEETING**

January 12, 2015

### **Fox Banquets**

View Lawrence film  
Thought of the Day: Roy  
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Meets Tuesday Noon

## 2015 HOLIDAY CELEBRATION

Our Holiday Celebration began with Frank Rippl playing the piano. President Sridhar welcomed members and guests. Sarah Schneider gave the invocation. This week A Charlie Brown Christmas aired on national prime time television for the 50th time. In a world where the latest greatest technology is outdated in a matter of months, and social media trends come and go in a matter of days, 50 years of anything becomes quite meaningful. I am a fan of all things nostalgic and all things Christmas, and so when the two are combined I am hooked, and the Charlie Brown Christmas special falls squarely into that category. I was in the first grade back when they still performed Christmas pageants in schools (less than 50 years, but still a very long time ago), and our class performed a version of the Charlie Brown Christmas. Since I was kind of a bookworm and already had a blue blanket, I was chosen to play the part of Linus. As Linus, I memorized Luke 2:8-14, and that Scripture has been hidden in my heart ever since. But while working so diligently to learn those lines, there is one important thing I didn't notice then, and didn't notice until now. Right in the middle of speaking, Linus drops the blanket. Charlie Brown is best known for his uniquely striped shirt, and Linus is most associated with his ever-present security blanket. Throughout the story of Peanuts, Lucy, Snoopy, Sally and others all work to no avail to separate Linus from his blanket. And even though his security blanket remains a major source of ridicule for the otherwise mature and thoughtful Linus, he simply refuses to give it up. Until this moment. When he simply drops it. In that climactic scene when Linus shares "what Christmas is all about," he drops his security blanket, and I am now convinced that this is intentional. Most telling is the specific moment he drops it: when he utters the words, "fear not" (at: 38seconds).

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player\\_embedded&v=s74pvLWoYzU](https://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=s74pvLWoYzU)

The world of 2015 can be a scary place, and most of us find ourselves grasping to something temporal for security, whatever that thing may be. Essentially, 2015 is a world in which it is very difficult for us to "fear not." But in the midst of fear and insecurity, this simple cartoon image from 1965 continues to live on as an inspiration for us to seek true peace and true security in the one place it has always been and can always still be found.

Before lunch was served, Ruth Ann Heeter and Tony Gonzalez read a Holiday poem to the members and after lunch, The Appleton North High School Jazz band performed several Christmas songs to the Club. They did a wonderful job and put everyone in the Christmas spirit. There are pictures on our Facebook page: Rotary Club of Appleton.

Thank you to the Family of Rotary Committee for arranging this program: Tony Gonzalez, Ruth Ann Heeter, Nancy Heykes and Eric Oelhafen. Also thanks to Frank Rippl for playing the piano, the Appleton North HS Jazz Band, the Radisson Paper Valley Hotel and staff for the wonderful lunch and service they provide us every Tuesday and everyone who made a donation to the Housing Partnership of the Fox Cities.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Reminder if you see extraordinary customer service to fill out a Courtesy Award Nomination form. You can find them on the website at [www.appletonrotary.org](http://www.appletonrotary.org).
- There will be **NO** meeting on **Tuesday, December 29<sup>th</sup>** and also on **Tuesday, January 5<sup>th</sup>**.
- If you are working on a service project that is national or international in scope, and that project aligns with at least one of the 6 Rotary International areas of focus: Peace & Conflict resolution, Disease prevention & treatment, water & sanitation, maternal and child health, basic education & literacy, economic & community development...You may be a candidate for District or Global funding. Our club's new Grants Committee is accepting proposals for possible grants. If you wish to apply for a grant, the first step is to prepare a 1-page summary of the project: how it fits with RI's areas of focus, how Rotarians are involved, what will it cost. Send summary to [lpeters@cfoxvalley.org](mailto:lpeters@cfoxvalley.org) by **January 31<sup>st</sup>**.
- Our first meeting in 2016 will be held on **Tuesday, January 12** at our new location: Michiels Fox Banquets, 111 E. Kimball St. Appleton, WI.

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## GUESTS, VISITORS AND MAKE-UPS

We had 70 guests today for our Holiday Celebration

There were No Visiting Rotarians

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## THURSDAY, JANUARY 7<sup>TH</sup>, 2016 5:00 – 7:00 PM

On behalf of Bergstrom-Mahler Museum of Glass and the Appleton Downtown Noon Rotary, I would like to invite your club members to join the Appleton Rotarians at Bergstrom-Mahler Museum of Glass to view:

***Transcending Time:***

*A Survey of the Glass Art of Italian Maestro Lino Tagliapietra*

**Thursday, January 7**

Open House **5:00 to 7:00 p.m.**

Bergstrom-Mahler Museum of Glass

165 N. Park Avenue, Neenah

**RSVP to Kelly by January 4 at [stoll@bmmglass.com](mailto:stoll@bmmglass.com) or 751-4658 x305**

The evening kicks off the new meeting format for the Appleton Club called 3 + 1, where 3 meetings will take place on our regular Tuesday at noon schedule and a 4<sup>th</sup> will be arranged offsite with a variety of formats.

The Appleton Downtown Rotarians will provide wine and cheese, and BMMOG executive director Jan Smith, along with the team will provide informal walk and talks.

Join us for an informal gathering of Rotarians.

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**HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM MY FAMILY TO YOURS!**



**Rayn, Meghan, Charlie (6) and Grady (2) Warner**