



ROTARY CLUB OF APPLETON GUSTO

Service Above Self

February 13, 2018 Upcoming Programs

February 20, 2018
RIVERVIEW GARDENS
Outagamie County Highway report
Thought of the Day:
Jim Bowman

February 27, 2018
RIVERVIEW GARDENS
Fox Valley Advanced Care Planning
Thought of the Day: Lynn Peters

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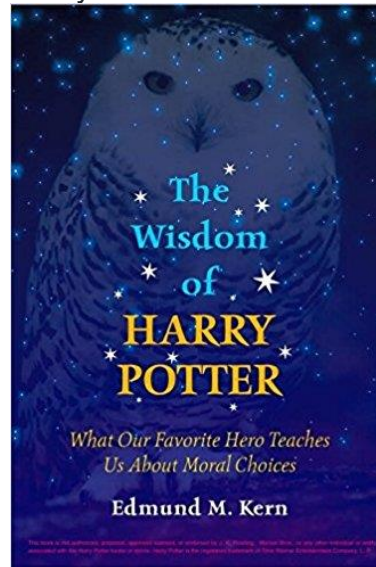
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THE HISTORICAL ALCHEMY OF HARRY POTTER

Edmund Michael Kern, Associate Professor of History at Lawrence University was our guest speaker on February 13. His historical expertise and special interests lie in early modern Europe, religious culture, Hapsburgs, and Austria. He delighted 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. Kern seeks to prove that the stories actually promote positive moral messages similar to Stoic virtues like constancy, endurance, perseverance, self-discipline, reason, solidarity, empathy, and sacrifice. Children are attracted to the fantastical elements of the stories along with Harry's quest to abolish evil in an uncertain world similar to their own.

Wisdom of Harry Potter
by Edmund M. Kern



Kern discusses Rowling's blending of history and myth, and offers parents ideas for discussing the moral implications of the books with their children. If you have any further questions regarding this topic you can email Ed Kern at edmund.m.kern@lawrence.edu.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Be sure to wish the following Rotarians Happy Birthday this month: John Mielke (2/03), Kevin Loomans (2/06), Prem Mansukhani (2/10), Bret Buxton (2/10), Trisha Huizenga (2/13), Becky Bartoszek (2/14), Dan Flannery (2/20), and Steve Taylor (2/27).

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.
- The Scholarship Committee is looking for a few individuals for their committee. If you are interested please email Meghan at rotaryappleton@gmail.com.
- Are you looking for a weekend getaway with kids or grandkids? How about a waterpark in Wisconsin Dells? **May 4-6** TriCon 2018 is coming to The Wilderness in Wisconsin Dells. This is a Rotary District Conference for Rotarians in District 6220, District 6250 and District 6270. All Rotarians from Wisconsin, the Upper Peninsula of Michigan and eastern Minnesota, with their significant others and families, and other Rotarians and friends of Rotary are welcome. TriCon 2018 Wisconsin is a collaborative project of the three Rotary Districts mentioned.

Goals are to:

- Celebrate Rotary
- Be family friendly
- Present OUTSTANDING speakers and programs.

You are welcome to attend whether you have been a Rotarian for one year or 50 years. Especially for newer members, it's a great way to learn more about Rotary and expand your scope outside of our Rotary club.

GUESTS THIS WEEK

Guests this week were Elena Cannata with Chris Mings, Kristine Williams and Ed Kern with the club.

There Were No Visiting Rotarians this week

There were No make ups this week

FEBRUARY 20, 2018 MEETING – ADVANCED CARE PLANNING

The Fox Valley Advance Care Planning Partnership is community initiative intended to spark conversations about an individual's healthcare wishes.
