



# ROTARY CLUB OF APPLETON GUSTO

Service Above Self

## February 23rd , 2016 Upcoming Programs

**NO MEETING MARCH 1<sup>ST</sup>**  
**Volunteer opportunity at Riverview Gardens**

## March 8th, 2016 FOX BANQUETS

Milwaukee Bucks/Thumbnails  
Thought of the day: Video

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## GLOBAL GRANT- SIERRA LEONE

The primary goal of this grant is to improve the quantity and quality of water accessible to residents of Calaba Town, a low-income neighborhood in Eastern Freetown, Sierra Leone. More specifically, the project's guiding objectives are: 1) Improve water quality and quantity for students at Conforti Primary School, Calaba Town by drilling a solar-powered borehole uphill and away from septic tanks and connecting it to storage tanks; 2) Improve student and community knowledge of good sanitation practices via educational training sessions and curriculum adjustment; 3) Reduce water related conflicts for students of Conforti School by providing a basis to scale up the project with another solar-powered borehole in the Calaba Town Community, expected to be funded with future grants. Direct beneficiaries will include Conforti students and Calaba Town residents who will have access to improved water. There are approximately 500 students at Conforti School, as well as another 100-200 who enter the grounds for other academic programs run by the school. All students are expected to have access to a daily amount of water, which depends on the yield of the well. Direct beneficiaries also include family members who will be trained by the Ministry of Water Resources. Indirect beneficiaries include the families of the children who will learn proper sanitation and hygiene lessons at school and will be trained in how to train their families. As Ebola continues to spread through Sierra Leone and neighboring countries, the importance of water, sanitation, and hygiene in the developing world has gained global attention. Those living in poor sanitary conditions have been advised to change their lifestyles but do not necessarily have the resources (namely, clean water) to do so. Calaba Town is located in Eastern Freetown, which though just as urban and populated as Western Freetown, is much poorer and faces severe challenges related to water accessibility. Shortly after independence in 1961, Britain built the Guma Reservoir as Freetown's only centralized water supply. This reservoir, which collects rain from a large catchment area high in the mountains, connects to a main pipeline that runs through Western Freetown but eventually cuts off somewhere in the central city. Unfortunately, most pipes have not been maintained or replaced since the 1960s, and Eastern Freetown suffers most. Communities such as Calaba Town must therefore rely solely on wells and boreholes for drinking water. When wells are not available or families cannot afford to purchase purified sachet drinking water, children can be seen drinking surface water from streams—an act that presents a high risk of contracting diseases such as cholera and dysentery. A needs assessment and feasibility study for this project was conducted in March 2014 by former Ambassadorial Scholar Sarah Ehlinger and Lawrence University Professor Claudena Skran. Professor Skran is also the founder of a cooperating organization, KidsGive. On Conforti School grounds, there exists one covered, hand-pump well. With a depth of about 15 meters and in close proximity to a septic tank, this shallow well is often contaminated. In 2012, Lawrence University chemistry students conducted water quality testing and found high coliform levels; this coincided with a severe cholera epidemic that hit Freetown, affecting 18,508 people according to the World Health Organization. Though students are told not to use the well water for drinking, interviews found that many students, because of thirst, drink the water in addition to using it for cleaning. In an interview, Conforti School Headmaster Christian Mason said that even though the well has never fully run dry, it sometimes takes several hours to recharge and has insufficient yield to meet the needs of the total school community. Students often complain of thirst. Interviews with seven parents of Conforti students found that all were willing to pay a small fee for clean, reliably available water. The Rotary Club would like to thank Sarah Ehlinger for all of her hard work with this project. Also we would like to thank the Rotaract students and KidsGive for their help. A big thank you to Gary Vaughan and Tom Boldt for their efforts to keep this Global Grant moving along.



Tammana Akram(Rotaract), President Sridhar, Sarah Ehlinger, Gary Vaughan and Professor Dena Skran (LU)

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### 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.

**Terry Petrenchik** of 313 S State St. Appleton, WI 54911 has been proposed into membership by Peter Kelly. He would enter under the classification of Organization – Community Early Learning Center.

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### ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **SAVE THE DATE:** Rotary Shines is booked for **Monday, May 9<sup>th</sup>** at the Fox Valley Technical College. More details coming soon!
- If you are interested in becoming a Paul Harris Fellow there is still time to take advantage of our incentive program until **March 1st**. Contact Meghan for details.
- Candy orders will be available until **March 15<sup>th</sup>**. Pick up date will be **March 22<sup>nd</sup>**. If you need more details please contact Dawn Nowakowski from the Rotary Shines Committee.  
[Dawn.nowakowski@wpt.org](mailto:Dawn.nowakowski@wpt.org).
- We will be having a **ROTARY NIGHT OUT** at the Wisconsin Timber Rattlers Stadium. The event will be on Thursday, June 9<sup>th</sup>. More details will be coming out so mark your calendars now!
- The District Conference will be held in Stevens Point, Wisconsin on May 13-15. Please make sure to sign up to represent the Rotary Club of Appleton!
- Doug Dugal had an issue with his old medication and has recently started new medication. He is hoping to come back to the club as soon as he is feeling better. Get better soon, Doug!

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### GUESTS, VISITORS AND MAKE-UPS

**Visiting guests this week were** Katherine Lynn, Catherine Tatge, Emily Dans, Wesley Varughese, Tom Ziemer and Dena Skran with Gary Vaughan, Tamanna Akram with Rotaract, Sarah Ehlinger, Bob Cicale and Mindy Ochs with the Club.

**There were No Visiting Rotarians this week**

**Make ups this week were** Marta Weldon at the Menasha Rotary Club

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### TUESDAY, MARCH 1, 2016 – NO MEETING DUE TO OUR 3 + 1 FORMAT

Try your hand at urban farming by volunteering with fellow Rotarians at Riverview Gardens! Last year close to 30 members of our club volunteered at Riverview Gardens. They had such a great time that we're going back to volunteer in 2016.

Last year's Rotary volunteer groups did everything from harvesting kale to repairing plastic on the outside of the hoop houses. Volunteer opportunities are available on either Tuesday March 1<sup>st</sup> from 1 – 4 p.m. or Saturday March 5<sup>th</sup> from 9 a.m. – noon. Family members, friends and children are welcome to volunteer at either shift. Volunteering may be indoors or outdoors, depending on what tasks Riverview Gardens needs to have done.

To sign up, go to our Rotary Club's website on the Local Involvement-Get Involved page and use the sign up function.

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### TUESDAY, MARCH 8, 2016 – MILWAUKEE BUCKS

The Packers season is over. The Brewers opening day isn't until April. What else is there? How about the Milwaukee Bucks? On March 8<sup>th</sup>, Alex Lasry, Vice President of Strategy and Operations with the Milwaukee Bucks will be here to provide an overview of the Milwaukee Bucks and the business side of things including the new arena and ancillary development.