

Service Above Self

February 28, 2017 Upcoming Programs

<u>March 7, 2017</u> NO MEETING

March 14, 2017 RIVERVIEW GARDENS Ethics in Business Young Professional Panel Thought of the Day: Mary Schmidt

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# ROTARY CLUB OF APPLETON GUSTO

#### **FVTC PROMISE PROGRAM**

The Fox Valley Technical College Promise program is a scholarship program designed to bring a college education within the reach of those who could not otherwise afford it. Through the generosity of these donors:

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to the FVTC Foundaiton, Inc., the Promise program will pay tuition, fees, textbook costs, and required materials and supplies, after federal and state grants and scholarships have been applied. This is available to eligible students for up to six consecutive sememsters. Promise Scholars will maintain a 2.5 grade point average as a full-time student, volunteer 8 hours/semester, participate in college success, tutoring, etc. and they have access to food pantry, emergency grants and other supportive services. Right now FVTC has over 800 Students that have expressed interest and they are currently evaluating qualifications. Those who qualify will be in the program. So Why Fox Valley Tech? It is significant beause of the number of high school students in our district that live at or below the poverty level. Because of the Promise program these students can turn the dream of college educaiton into reality. FVTC offers over 100 associate degrees and FVTC grads get jobs and stay in the community. The program is a win for local emloyers because they will get more skilled workers, the students will have brighter futures and people with more education commit fewer crimes, are less dependent on community resources and are healthier which is great for the community.

If you would like more information about the Promsie program you can visit their website at <u>www.fvtc.edu/FVTCPromise</u>. You can also email Mary Downs at downsm@fvtc.edu



## **THUMBNAILS**

**Dori Sterkenburg** is from Grand Rapids, Michigan and moved to the area 16 years ago. She has a son who is a senior at Appleton North and will be attending UW-Madison next year. She is a fitness buff and is a Recruiting Specialist with Thrivent. Her motto in life is: If it is not fun, she doesn't do it! She joined Rotary because of the values and mission of what Rotary stands for. Welcome to the Rotary Club of Appleton, Dori!

**Becky Bartoszek** is from Freedom but grew up in the UP. She has been in Wisconsin since 1998. She has 2 kids 12 & 14. She is a Chamber Ambassador and involved with her Parish in Freedom. She wanted to join a service organization so she contacted the Green Bay Rotary Club. They told her that everything happening in Rotary is happening in the Appleton Rotary so she contacted us. (Thank you Green Bay Rotary) Welcome to the Rotary Club of Appleton, Becky!

**Karen Cain** is a realtor from Coldwell Banker and has lived in the area with her husband and 2 kids for the past 15 years. Her family runs the company Kidstage. As her kids are getting older, 14&15, this allows Karen more free time to get involved with the Community and to give back. Welcome to the Rotary Club of Appleton, Karen!

## MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Be sure to wish the following Rotarians Happy Birthday this month: Tom Nelson (3/03), Tim Reich (3/03), Paul Greene (3/05), Jim Weber (3/08), Chris Mings (3/09), Rich Redman (3/09), Marlene Welter (3/10), David Hackney (3/13),), Rick Schabo (3/16), Gary Hermsen (3/18), Dick Calder (3/22), Brad Gehring (3/23), and Bob Pedersen (3/29)

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Volunteers needed for Homeless Connection on Monday, March 6<sup>th</sup>. There are 2 shifts available and they are looking for 4 people for each shift. 3:30-5:30 prep work and 5-7 serving. Please sign up at <u>Rotary SAS page</u>
- Doug Dugal has been with our club since 1964 and has been fighting cancer for the past 2 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> years. He wanted to take the time to thank Rotarians for checking up on him and seeing if he is ok. He enjoys the meetings and seeing everyone when he can.

# MEETING ON TUESDAY, MARCH 7, 2017

There is no meeting on Tuesday, March 7<sup>th</sup> due to our 3+1 format. If you are interested in the Homeless Connection volunteer opportunity please sign up at <u>Rotary SAS page</u>.

# MEETING ON TUESDAY, MARCH 14, 2017

In November, the Appleton Rotary Club hosted a panel discussion comprised of local business leaders about how both the discussion of ethics and practice of ethics is integrated into work life. On March 14 we will again host a panel, this time of younger professionals to explore how they are dealing with ethical issues in their organizations.

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

**Visiting Guests today were** Greg Vandenberg with Mary Downs and Guiliana Bonzi our Rotary Youth Exchange student with Deborah Wetter

## There Were No Visiting Rotarians this week

## There Were No Make ups this week