



ROTARY CLUB OF APPLETON GUSTO

Service Above Self

February 9th , 2016 Upcoming Programs

February 16th, 2016 FOX BANQUETS

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Wetter

February 23rd, 2016 FOX BANQUETS

Sierra Leone Global Grant
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PROJECT RUSH-FOX CITIES HOUSING COALITION

The Fox Cities Housing Coalition was established in 1996 as a voluntary partnership of twelve service agencies. Currently, the FCHC has over 30 member organizations. The FCHC is the go-to organization for housing and housing-related services for low-income and homeless individuals and families. The FCHC zeroed in on the root causes and extent of homelessness in the Fox Valley, and identified opportunities to more effectively meet the needs of individuals and families struggling with homelessness and/or housing instability. **Project RUSH-Research to Understand and Solve Homelessness**, is a research project that surveyed more than 600 individuals currently experiencing homelessness or at risk of being homeless. The volunteer efforts of about 125 community members made the data collection for the possible project. The survey focused on four categories of homelessness: unsheltered individuals living on the street or locations not intended for extended stays; sheltered-people in temporary or transitional housing arrangements; doubled up-those living with other families or individuals for economic reasons, and precariously housed-those living in their own home or apartment but at risk of eviction. Factors impacting homelessness included physical health, mental health and substance use, traumatic and adverse experiences, employment and education. Project RUSH provides these agencies the information they need to develop strategies that move from ‘treatment’ to ‘prevention’ of homelessness. The 30 plus organizations that make up FCHC will continue to analyze this data and use it to improve services and outcomes. More detailed action plans will be developed for each area as the coalition continues to explore solutions. More information about Project RUSH, including access to the full data reports, can be found on the Fox Cities Housing Coalition’s website, www.fchc.net Specific inquiries may be made to the Fox Cities Housing Partnership at (920) 731-6644, or any of its partnering organizations.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **SAVE THE DATE:** Rotary Shines is booked for **Monday, May 9th** at the Fox Valley Technical College. More details coming soon!
- The Rotary Global Grant Scholarship is a \$30,000 award for graduate study in a geographic area that has a Rotary presence. The winner must plan to enroll in a graduate-level program that starts no earlier than beginning of the academic year in the fall of 2016 and concludes no later than December 30, 2017, and expend the scholarship funds within 12 months of starting studies. Please see attached flyer and if you have any questions please contact Rich Redman at redmans@tds.net.
- One of the strategic priorities for the Club is increasing member engagement. To this end we had an opportunity to solicit input from young professionals. As announced at the meeting yesterday, we will be holding a listening session on Tuesday, **Feb 16 from 11a.m. to 11:45 am** to solicit input from our long-term members.
I request our long time members to share their views and suggestions so that we can develop broader perspective that will help us increase member engagement. Yours in Rotary, Sridhar
- Please keep Bill Hodgkiss in your prayers. Last week he took a big fall and was in the hospital. He is home now healing.
- 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.

7 DAY NOTICE

The following individual has been proposed for membership in Rotary. She 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.

Diane Abraham of 1478 Midway Road Menasha, WI 54952 has been proposed into membership by Gail Enke. She would enter under the classification of Education-Public University.

GUESTS, VISITORS AND MAKE-UPS

Visiting guests this week were Nick Hartford with Sonia Barham, Ace Pierce with Brian Pierce and Joe Mauthe with the club.

Visiting Rotarians this week were Diane Abraham from Southwest-Oshkosh Rotary

There were No Make ups this week

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23rd, 2016 – SIERRA LEONE GLOBAL GRANT UPDATE

Recently our club applied for and was awarded a Global Grant from Rotary International. This Global Grant, combines funds from our Rotary Club, the District, and RI to construct a well in Sierra Leone, West Africa. This well will bring a more consistent drinking water supply to over 600 individuals each month. On Feb. 23rd, Gary Vaughan will provide more details and background behind the project and the collaboration of other organizations to make it happen.