



ROTARY CLUB OF APPLETON GUSTO

Service Above Self

March 15th , 2016 Upcoming Programs

March 22nd, 2016 FOX BANQUETS

Summer of Service
Thought of the day: David Weiss

March 29, 2016 ROTARY ON THE ROAD

Wisconsin Timber Rattlers Stadium

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POLIO ERADICATION – INDIA – DEB WENTE

Sheboygan Rotary Club Member, Deb Wente, presented a video presentation of her recent trip to India where she was part of a team of volunteers for World Polio Day. In 1988 there were 350,000 cases of Polio in 125 countries. In 2014 there were 359 cases in 3 countries. India reported more than any other country in 1988. While in India, Deb was able to attend several Rotary sponsored events. The Jaipur Foot project provides prosthetics or artificial limbs, calipers and other physical aids and appliances, free of charge, to as many disabled people as possible through its centers, outreach programs and rehabilitation camps both in India and abroad. In 2009, this invention was in the top 50 best innovations in the world. There was such a need for this invention due to all the traffic accidents that happen daily in India. Deb shared a story about a fellow Rotarian on the trip who has a prosthetic limb who was challenged to a race with a native who also had a prosthetic limb. The race was won by the native. St. Stephens Hospital, near old New Delhi, has the only polio ward in the country. It has an average of 10 beds devoted to polio patients. The hospital offers free-of-cost polio corrective surgeries to patients who come from far corners of the country. The orthopedic team at the hospital builds the braces and prosthetics in-house, which helps keep costs low. Deb's group also attended an elementary school outside Delhi. Her group never felt threatened even though there was garbage laying around and the school was not well kept. Before their group arrived a group from Canada visited the school and mentioned that the children were in desperate need of jackets. Deb's group decided to buy jackets with the Rotary logo on for all students. The biggest event this group attended was the Rotary Rally. People marched through the streets to make people aware of National Immunization Day and to remind them to get vaccinated. There were 2.5 vaccinators and 170 million children were vaccinated. The vaccine was a live vaccine and required 3 drops in the mouth. Deb was able to administer the vaccine to children. Once the children were vaccinated they were marked with a purple dot on their finger so people knew they were vaccinated. On this groups final day of their trip they went door to door doing vaccinations. Once the family was vaccinated their doors were marked in chalk. They wouldn't just go door to door though, they would look for people under tarps, walking the streets or even catch buses to make sure everyone was vaccinated.

1.2 billion dollars was given by Rotary to eradicate polio. Polio has been reduced by 99% and over 2 billion children have been immunized since 1988. A huge Thank you to Deb Wente for presenting to the club. If anyone is interested in attending a trip of a lifetime Deb has provided her contact information. You need to move fast as these trips fill up quickly.

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Fellow Rotarian, Deb Wente from Sheboygan Rotary Club

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **SAVE THE DATE:** Rotary Shines is booked for **Monday, May 9th** at the Fox Valley Technical College. More details coming soon!
- **ROTARY ON THE ROAD—TUESDAY, MARCH 29TH** Please take note that we will be having a Rotary on the Road on Tuesday, March 29th and our meeting will be located the Wisconsin Timber Rattlers Stadium. If you haven't signed up yet, please do so. You can reserve your spot online or sign up at the next meeting. You must be signed up by **Tuesday, March 22nd**.
- Pick up date for Candy Orders will be **March 22nd**. If you need to make arrangements please contact Dawn at 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 9th**. More details will be coming out so mark your calendars now!
- The District Conference will be held in Stevens Point, Wisconsin on **May 13-15th**. Please make sure to sign up to represent the Rotary Club of Appleton!
- Rotaract has a new President and her name is Ali Fuller. Ali introduced herself to the club at our meeting Tuesday. Welcome, Ali!

GUESTS, VISITORS AND MAKE-UPS

Visiting guests this week were Ali Fuller with Rotaract, Steve Braun with Shannon Wiegman, Ralph DeMarco with Paul Hillmer and Deb Wentte with the club.

There were No Visiting Rotarians this week

Make ups this week were Rick Stark in Sanibel/Captiva Rotary Club

TUESDAY, MARCH 29TH, 2016 – ROTARY ON THE ROAD – TIMBER RATTLERS STADIUM

Baseball season is just around the corner and Rotary is going on the road to visit the Wisconsin Timber Rattler stadium on March 29th. Join us for a ballpark lunch at the stadium. During lunch, we'll hear from Timber Rattler President Rob Zerjav and have an opportunity for some Q&A. After lunch we'll head out to tour the stadium. It promises to be a great meeting to get you pumped up for spring and baseball season and for our Rotary Night Out on Thursday, June 9th!



NO MEETING – APRIL 5, 2016 – SERVICE ACTIVITY

Just a reminder there will be no regular meeting on Tuesday, April 5th. We will be having a service activity planned. More details to come soon!