



ROTARY CLUB OF APPLETON GUSTO

Service Above Self

March 29th , 2016 Upcoming Programs

April 5th, 2016
NO MEETING
SERVICE OPPORTUNITY

April 12th, 2016
FOX BANQUETS
Paul Harris Incentive Program
Thought of the Day: Video

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Meets Tuesday Noon

ROR - WISCONSIN TIMBER RATTLERS

The Wisconsin Timber Rattlers are part of a long tradition of Appleton Professional Baseball, which started in 1891. They are the continuation of a franchise that began as the Fox Cities Foxes in 1958 at Goodland Field. They became the Timber Rattlers in 1995 when they moved to the Fox Cities Stadium and they have been the Midwest League affiliate of the Milwaukee Brewers since 2009. Rob Zerjav, the President of the Timber Rattlers, “grew up” with the Timber Rattlers Organization. He was an unpaid intern to start, then went to tickets sales, and continued to climb the ladder to his current role. He has been with the organization for 14 years. Many of the players, who typically range from 18-24 years in age, live with host families in the Appleton area during the baseball season. The players typically stay with the team two years or less. If they are there for 3 years, it’s a pretty good indicator they are not going to make it as a professional ballplayer. Typically 5 players a year from the Timber Rattlers will make it to the Big Leagues. Players who play on minor-league clubs all over the country all make the same amount of money, \$1800 per month. Some of them may have received signing bonuses (some as much as \$1-2 million) but their base pay is the same. In 2013 the stadium expanded and made it a year round venue and they have been hosting more than 140 events a year outside of baseball game related events. Most of the revenue for the Timber Rattlers comes from tickets sales and concessions. The organization also works to create meaningful partnerships with the community – Fang’s Reading program, non-profit days and special community collaborations – like the FREE July 1st concert with the Fox Valley Symphony Orchestra. The club would like to thank the program committee for putting on such a great ROR and to the Timber Rattler staff for showing us their facility and providing us with a great lunch.



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Be sure to wish the following Rotarians Happy Birthday this month: John McFadden (4/04), Tony Kuehmsted (4/06), Dan Toppins (4/06), Sonia Barham (4/07), Andy Heuer (4/7), Deborah Wetter (4/08), Chuck Lewis (4/10), Robin Lutz (4/10), Scott Barr (4/13), John Hagins (4/16), Al Hansen (4/18), O. C. Boldt (4/20), Jerry Zaug (4/22), Bob Bauman (4/23), Harry Spiegelberg (4/24), Dennis Hietpas (4/25) and Lisa Kogan-Praska (4/25).

7 DAY NOTICE

The following individuals have been proposed for membership in Rotary. They have passed all committees and unless an objection in writing is submitted to the secretary within 7 days, these members will be admitted to the Rotary Club of Appleton.

Rev. Bill Lenz of W6254 US Hwy 10 Menasha, WI 54952 has been proposed into membership by Dennis Episcopo. He would enter under the classification of Religion.

Eric Welhasse of 818 Lang Way Kimberly, WI 54136 has been proposed into membership by Dennis Episcopo. He would enter under the classification of Construction.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **SAVE THE DATE:** Rotary Shines is booked for **Monday, May 9th** at the Fox Valley Technical College. More details coming soon!
- 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.

GUESTS, VISITORS AND MAKE-UPS

Visiting guests this week were Bill Kelly with Barb Kelly

There were No Visiting Rotarians this week

Make ups this week were Rick Stark at the Rotary Club of Sanibel-Captiva.

SERVICE ACTIVITY-HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Would you like to demolish the interior of a home and rehab it for a deserving family? Our club will be volunteering on a Habitat Rehab home with other area clubs over the next two months to rehab a home located at 333 Lopas Street in Menasha. We will be seeking to fill **6** volunteer spots on each of the following days:

Thursday, April 7 – 6 volunteers – Interior Demolition

Wednesday, April 13 – 6 volunteers – Hanging Sheet Rock

Thursday, April 14 – 6 volunteers – Hanging Sheet Rock

Wednesday April 20 – 6 volunteers – Hanging Sheet Rock

All volunteer days will last from **7:45am** to approximately **3:00pm**. Lunch will be provided. No construction experience needed. Habitat will provide tools and supervision. Contact Tom Simon at TomS@fchabitat.org to receive more information.

TUESDAY, APRIL 5TH—NO MEETING

Due to the new 3 + 1 meeting format, there will be no meeting on Tuesday, April 5th.

TUESDAY, APRIL 12TH, 2016 – PAUL HARRIS INCENTIVE PROGRAM

The Paul Harris Fellow recognition acknowledges individuals who contribute \$1,000 to The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International. Rotarians also have a tradition of supporting the Foundation by honoring their friends and family by making donations in their honor. This is yet another way the fraternity of Paul Harris Fellows has grown.

Through their generous gesture members have sought to strengthen the Rotary International Foundation as also Appleton Rotary Foundation. In the true Rotary spirit of "Service above Self", several members have made this recognition possible by transferring their own Foundation Recognition points. Join us on April 12 to confer Paul Harris Fellowships on seven members and their nominees and to celebrate the spirit of giving.