



# ROTARY CLUB OF APPLETON GUSTO

Service Above Self

## March 8th , 2016 Upcoming Programs

### March 15th, 2016 FOX BANQUETS

Polio Eradication - India  
Thought of the day: Karen Laws

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Sridhar

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Meets Tuesday Noon

## MILWAUKEE BUCKS

In 2014 the Milwaukee Bucks basketball team was purchased by Marc Lasry and Wes Edens. The NBA approved the purchase of the Bucks by Lasry and Edens, New York City hedge fund managers on May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2014. The pair purchased the team from long-time owner Herb Kohl. A big focus for the organization is to build a new arena for the Bucks and for the community. By creating this new arena they would be creating a bigger space to be able to host big headliners in Milwaukee. Currently the Bradley Center is not big enough for these types of events. Also, the Bradley Center is currently on an “island” which means there is nothing around it. They organization would like to create a space to include local restaurants and shops so the facility can be used year round.

The Milwaukee Bucks mission is to play hard and pursue victory. Off the court, the Bucks mission is to contribute to a better quality of life in Milwaukee and Wisconsin, and positively affect the lives of all people in this community. The organization participates in numerous charitable and philanthropic endeavors. As highly visible members of the community, each Milwaukee Bucks player is committed to being a part of the community.

The owners have some great things planned for this team and the community. If you would like to attend a game please contact Alex Lasry at [alasy@bucks.com](mailto:alasy@bucks.com) and your first tickets are free. Just let him know when you would like to attend a game. GO BUCKS!

## THUMBNAIL-DIANE ABRAHAM

Diane was born in Appleton at St. Elizabeth Hospital, however she has traveled a lot since then. She went to 4 high schools and 4 colleges such as, Penn State, Cal State, UW-Oshkosh and Marian University. She earned her Bachelor of Science in Economics and Master of Business Administration from UW-Oshkosh and her PH.D in Philosophy from Marian University. Diane has been a resident of Oshkosh for the past 2 ½ years and before that she lived in Arizona for approximately 1 ½ years but she has been part of the Fox Cities community for over 20 years. Diane is currently the Executive Director at the UW Fox Foundation. She has been part of Rotary for years and is coming from the Oshkosh West club. Please welcome Diane to the club!

Laurie Berkedal will be giving her Thumbnail on March 22<sup>nd</sup>. Please welcome Laurie to the club!

## OUR NEWEST MEMBERS WITH THEIR SPONSORS



President Sridhar, Diane Abraham, Gail Enke, Laurie Berkedal and Tom Berkedal

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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!
- **ROTARY ON THE ROAD—TUESDAY, MARCH 29<sup>TH</sup>** Please take note that we will be having a Rotary on the Road on Tuesday, March 29<sup>th</sup> 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 2 meetings, March 15 and March 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- If you are interested in becoming a **Paul Harris Fellow** there is still time to take advantage of our incentive program until **March 15<sup>th</sup>**. 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<sup>th</sup>**. Please make sure to sign up to represent the Rotary Club of Appleton!

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

**Visiting guests this week were** Ali Fuller and Nigel Schuster with Rotaract, Ray Juidici with Ron Altenburg, Jon Miskowski and David Hestad with Dawn Nowakowski and Alex Lasry with the Club.

**Visiting Rotarians this week were** Scott Chicoine with Oshkosh West

**Make ups this week were** O.C. Boldt and Tom Boldt at Appleton West

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## **TUESDAY, MARCH 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2016 – SUMMER OF SERVICE (ROTARY SHINES BENEFICIARY)**

On March 22<sup>nd</sup>, we'll be talking about summer. Specifically, the Summer of Service campaign, which is a recipient of this year's Rotary Shines proceeds. The program was designed to engage more young people, especially those from disadvantaged circumstances, in community service work during the summer months. Sean Kuether, Community Liaison Officer from the Appleton Police Dept. and Kayla McNamara, Director of the Boys and Girl's Club's Truancy Reduction and Assessment Center will be here to tell us more about this program provides team-building activities, opportunities for skills assessment and improvement, and a service learning component to help youth understand the importance and the impact of their community service efforts.

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## **TUESDAY, MARCH 29<sup>TH</sup>, 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 29<sup>th</sup>. 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 9<sup>th</sup>!