



# ROTARY CLUB OF APPLETON GUSTO

Service Above Self

**May 9, 2017**  
**Upcoming Programs**

**May 16, 2017**  
**RIVERVIEW GARDENS**  
Point Follow Up Program  
**Thought of the Day:** Roy Valitchka

**May 23, 2017**  
**RIVERVIEW GARDENS**  
Youth Recognition Awards  
**Thought of the Day:** Gail Popp

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**ROTARY YOUTH EXCHANGE STUDENT – GIULI BONZI**

The mission of the Rotary Youth Exchange is to foster world peace, international understanding and goodwill by extending international communication at the personal level through the exchange of students of high school age. What began in Copenhagen, Denmark the Rotary International youth exchange program has run continually since 1929, and here locally since 1970. For over forty years the Appleton Downtown Rotary has sponsored from our community student goodwill ambassadors to all parts of the globe. That is quite an achievement we all can be proud of. Annually, over 29,000 students from 78 countries around the world share their cultures with the Rotary Youth Exchange program and continue in the traditions of the RYE program. It is Rotary's hope that these young people will be able to observe, first hand, the problems and accomplishments of other countries by living with and meeting people of cultures, color and creeds other than their own. Giuli Bonzi is our RYE student we are sponsoring this school year along with Appleton Breakfast. She is currently attending Kimberly High School but she is visiting us from Resistencia Argentina. Resistencia is the capital of Chaco located in the northeastern part of Argentina. It is one of the warmest cities in Argentina reaching temperatures as high as 115-120 degrees. Resistencia is known nationally as the "city of sculptures" and "open-air museum" because of the more than 500 monuments and other works of art spread among the streets. Giuli is the youngest of 4 children and she has two older sisters and one older brother. Every Sunday they have Family day where their entire family gets together. At her local high school they have grades 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>. Everyone is required to wear a uniform to create equality. Their school day consists of only a half day of school and they never leave their classroom. They have the same classmates throughout their entire school career. All of their schools are in the middle of the city which is pretty distracting. She likes how our schools are spread out so you can concentrate more on your studies. A big difference from the United States to Argentina is that we drive everywhere. In her home town they drive downtown and park and then walk to each of their destinations. Their city is a square so it's impossible to get lost. Giuli also mentioned some of her favorite foods from back home such as Empanadas and MEAT. She said they love meat back home and when they make it their entire dinner consists just of meat. One of the things she misses the most about home is the food and cooking with her brother. In closing she shared some of her favorite spots from home.



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## CENTENNIAL MINUTE

Founding of Our Club – Wayne Defferding

What do the following have in common? **Attorney, Train, Pittsburg, Pa, April Fools' Day**

**September 1914** – George H. Beckley of the Travelers Ins. Co. wrote to the International Association of Rotary Clubs to inquire about starting a club in Appleton. Nothing came of it. **January 1916** – August H. Meyer of Langstad-Meyer Construction Co. wrote to the IARC also inquiring about forming a club, but nothing came of it. **November 1916** – (third time's a charm!) Francis S. Bradford, a local **attorney** wrote to IARC saying that it was possible to form a club here in Appleton. He stated that Victor Marshall of Appleton had a good friend who had just joined the Rotary Club in **Pittsburg, PA** who would help form the Appleton Club. (Note: At that time a new club needed to be sponsored by an existing club. Thus Mr. Marshall's friend in the Pittsburg club was very instrumental in forming the Appleton club.) **December 1916** – Mr. Bradford and Mr. Marshall rode the evening **train** together to Chicago and committed on that train ride to form a club. **March 8, 1917** – Appleton's first Rotary Club is formed. **April 1, 1917** -- The certificate of membership in International Association of Rotary Clubs is signed and issued to the new Appleton Club ---- **April Fools' Day** And now you know how our club started. Two More things: 6 April 1917 – U. S. Congress Declared war on the German Empire & in April 1917 – Salvation Army started in Appleton

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## SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

The Rotary Foundation Scholarship fund is a part of the Appleton Rotary Foundation that is specifically designated to support scholarships for students in our community. The Rotary Foundation Scholarship Fund currently awards three \$4,000 scholarships. The recipients receive \$1,000 annually, renewable for up to 4 years. This year we had 60 qualified applicants. All of these students are bright, talented and passionate about furthering their education. This year's Appleton Rotary Foundation Scholarship recipients are Johanna Kopecky who attends Appleton West High School and Renaissance School for the Arts. In high school she was a member of the math and science teams and active in school theatre, musicals and choir. Johanna is fascinated by math and plans to pursue a degree in mathematics at Lawrence University in the fall. Our second selection is Lillie Lee who also attends Appleton West High School. Throughout high school Lillie participated in activities including Yearbook, Appleton West prep band, Hmong Club and volunteering at the Boys and Girls Club. Lillie plans to study as an education major and hopes to become a teacher. Our final recipient is Nora Ptacek who attends Appleton North High School. Nora was actively involved in numerous activities over the course of her high school years including the student newspaper, track and cross country, Youth in Government and Democratic League. Nora will continue to pursue her passion for learning and engagement by seeking degrees in political science and economics. To all of our recipients we say congratulations and we hope that our financial assistance will help make it possible for you to pursue your dreams.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- President Jennifer would like to invite you to attend the District 6220 conference being held at the Hampton Inn in Green Bay on May 20, 2017. Visit the website at <https://www.ridistrict6220.org/> to reserve your spot today!
- We will be celebrating our club's Centennial on **Tuesday, May 30<sup>th</sup>**. Please make sure to mark your calendar.

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## MEETING ON TUESDAY, MAY 16<sup>TH</sup> – POINT FOLLOW UP PROGRAM

The POINT (Poverty Outcomes & Improvement Network Team), an 18-month initiative taking place throughout Northeast Wisconsin, is designed to equip the region with continuous improvement methodologies focused on poverty. As a follow-up to the POINT presentation given by Greg Vandenberg on January 24th, representatives from agencies involved in this initiative will discuss their quality improvement work and how this will help reduce poverty in our region. Speaking will be Lisa Strandberg, Samaritan Counseling, Dan Haak, Mooring House/STEP Industries, and Mike Sandercock, a continuous improvement coach from Pierce Manufacturing

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## GUESTS, VISITORS AND MAKE-UPS

**Visiting Guests today were** Giuli Bonzi with the club, Maryland Coleman with Jennifer Stephany, Johanna Kopecky and Craig Kellenberger with the club.

**There Were No Visiting Rotarians this week**

**There Were No Make ups this week**

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