



ROTARY CLUB OF APPLETON GUSTO

Service Above Self

May 24th, 2016
Upcoming Programs

May 31st, 2016
Fox Banquets
Criminal Justice reforms at the County level
Thought of the Day: Dennis Episcopo

June 7th, 2016
No Weekly Meeting

June 9th, 2016
Timber Rattlers Game – Rotary Night out

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CHARLES AND ADELE HEETER OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP AWARDS

The Charles and Adele Heeter Outstanding Community Leadership Award is bestowed on Rotarians or individuals of the Appleton/Fox Cities community who exemplify the Rotary Motto of “Service Above Self” by providing significant Rotary and/or community leadership and/or service through the use of his/her time, talent or treasury. Such leadership and/or service should reflect the standards described in the Rotary Four Way Test. These individuals should also demonstrate a strong commitment to volunteerism in one of the four Rotary Avenues of Service outside the scope of his/her normal job responsibilities. The Rotary Club of Appleton has a tradition of giving out this award which is accompanied with a Paul Harris Fellowship. It originated when Charles Heeter made a donation in the amount of \$25,000 to the Appleton Rotary Foundation. The Charles Heeter Fund was then started to recognize outstanding community leaders. Today, this endowment fund is over \$100,000 because of the generous donations from Rotarians and investment results.

It was 73 years ago this summer that my parents brought me to Appleton. I was enrolled in first grade at Jefferson School on 5th St at Locust St. It's gone now, replaced by Harbor House. Soon I was walking or biking the three blocks from home to school and vice versa four times daily for five school years until Jefferson School became too small. It was a growing up time with neighbor kids and free range roaming of a City clearly bounded by attractive farm land. There was a special quality of life that was shared those days; survival of the depression and a terrible war, new vistas of the future, anxious families ready to roll forward. Life was different then, but an often unrecognized characteristic, then and now, is that when it comes to quality, living in Appleton has stayed ahead of the curve. Staying ahead doesn't just happen; it is because we are blessed with individuals who alone and in concert make things happen to improve our day-to-day experiences. These individuals speak up and they show up. They volunteer. They apply their talents and their treasures. They gather the force when it is needed, and with a record of trustworthiness they lead us. They not only have a community focus, but they open the wider world of the Wisconsin community and beyond for us. Here, at Rotary, we honor them with the Heeter Outstanding Community Service Award. The Charles and Adell Heeter Outstanding Community Service Award honors Rotarian and non-Rotarian community leaders who have carried out Rotary's goal of “service above self.” It goes to individuals who have given significant contributions of their time and talents – particularly as volunteers – to make our community a better place. And it includes a contribution of \$1,000 by our club to the Rotary Foundation, which qualifies the person to become a Paul Harris Fellow, a designation many of us carry with pride. Today, for a half century of consistent community service we honor **Char and Bob Sigman**. I met Robert M. Sigman in the first grade at Jefferson School. We were neighborhood buddies bordering Pierce Park. From Jefferson, to Wilson, to AHS (now West) we shared growing up in various ways above and below the radar. His academics were to be admired, but I think I had his number in math. If he had a handicap it was that his father was a respected attorney who required unrelenting decorum; even this was often shared with Bob's peers as we grew to have respect for our friends, our teachers, our town and our individual aspirations. Except for obtaining a law degree at Madison and a stint in the 1960's Army, Appleton has been Bob's base. He joined the firm of his father and uncle and his leadership maintained the firm's critical role in the community structure until his recent retirement. His focus was and is on the community and its members; his involvement always consistent, sometimes obvious, often silent. Bob was attracted to Char before she had been in Madison very long as a first year student. In 1960 they were married in her hometown of Wheeling WV. The marriage deal included settling in Appleton under the watch of Bob's parents. Meaningful insertion into the community's life followed. Char often relates to her growing up years on the Ohio River with her value-based family. She laments Wheeling's decline, and it seems to drive her extra commitment to community service and support. In a listing of leadership roles over the past 50 years, Char and Bob appear with regularity, recognizing the values they hold close, advocating the good, over and over again. The list includes the Community Foundation, United Way, Hmong welcoming, mental health in many ways, City commissions, and more. Our community is the better for it. To honor a married couple with the Heeter Award is an unusual event for us; we often look at individuals and their sole contributions. We could do that today. However, the committee thought it more appropriate to honor the unique model of leadership that the Sigmans exemplify for us; a model of shared commitment, continuing concern and focused action. Char and Bob each will become Paul Harris Fellows. Char and Bob Sigman, the Downtown Appleton Rotary Club thanks you for many years of community leadership, and we proudly present you with the Charles and Adell Heeter Outstanding Community Service Award! Congratulations!

OUTAGAMIE DRUG COURT

Outagamie County's Drug and Alcohol Treatment Court is a program that turns people's lives around so that nonviolent addicts and alcoholics become productive, tax-paying citizens. In addition, it saves money in criminal justice costs. The court, like many others around the country, began several years ago as an experimental program. It was funded partly by the county, partly by grants and partly by volunteers. Judges and many other people offered their time to give the drug and alcohol court a chance to prove its value. The Drug and Alcohol Treatment court relies on a tremendous amount of time volunteered by county employees. The most important volunteers are the judges who preside over the courts: Judge Metropulos is from Circuit Court Judge Branch III in Outagamie County, where he's presided since 2007. He is also an Adjunct Teacher at Fox Valley Technical College, and also dedicates his time to the Outagamie County Mental Health Court. Shayla Russell, who recently left the Drug and Alcohol Court to serve as coordinator for the Mental Health Court, which was developed to help individuals within the criminal justice system who have a severe and persistent mental illness. Shayla's position was filled by Sarah Bassing-Sutton who is currently the coordinator of the program. The program began in 2009 and in 2013 the first coordinator came aboard. In 2013 there were 111 participants and the graduation rate was 37.3%. In 2015 the graduation rate was 76.5% and the retention rate was 72%. Amy Richards is a graduate from the program and she spoke to the club. She shared her story to the club about how she started in the program and how she was able to get a job with Step Industries. She has moved her way up in the organization and is now in the Human Resources department. She has changed her life around and it is all because she was offered a second chance by the Alcohol and drug treatment court.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- We will be having a **ROTARY NIGHT OUT** at the Wisconsin Timber Rattlers Stadium. The event will be on **Thursday, June 9th**. Tickets will be sold at our meetings on May 17th, 24th and 31st. They are BYGO and the cost is \$23/ticket.
- If you see extraordinary customer service fill out a Courtesy Award Nomination form. Deadline to get your applications in by is August 19th. You can find them on the website at www.appletonrotary.org or go to Survey monkey at <https://surveymonkey.com/r.LXPH8BP>.
- **SAVE THE DATE: TUESDAY, AUGUST 2ND** – Rotary on the Road at Reid Golf Course from 11:30-3:00. If you are not a golfer please stop by afterwards to enjoy some refreshments. More details coming soon!
- The Menasha Rotary Club has committed to help build a new playground on Menasha's east side (at the end of Tana Ln.) on Saturday, June 4. Things start at 7:30am. We could use the help of your club members! A sign-up form with the details about this service opportunity can be found here: [http://www.cityofmenasha-wi.gov/content/departments/parks_&_recreation/\(10\)parks_information/documents/playgroundbuildvolunteerform.pdf](http://www.cityofmenasha-wi.gov/content/departments/parks_&_recreation/(10)parks_information/documents/playgroundbuildvolunteerform.pdf) Parks & Rec Director Brian Tungate would like to know who is coming. Lunch will be provided. So, if you have any members who are interested in helping out, please email Vicki Lenz at lenz@menashalibrary.org.

GUESTS, VISITORS AND MAKE-UPS

Visiting guests this week were Stephen Scharero with Frank Rippl, Jamie Loehnis with Michelle Devine-Giese, Milly Rugland with Walt Rugland, Jerry Wetter with Deborah Wetter, Char and Bob Sigman, Amy Richards, Mitch Metropulos, Sarah Bassing-Sutton and Shayla Russell with the Club.

There were No Visiting Rotarians this week

There were No Make ups this week were

TUESDAY, MAY 31st – CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORMS AT THE COUNTY LEVEL

Social science research suggests that the justice system has endangered community safety and increased criminal recidivism by not focusing on proper criminogenic needs and risks when detaining and sentencing defendants. With the help of the National Institute of Corrections, a broad based group of citizens is working on a plan to change the way persons are processed, evaluated, treated and incarcerated in Outagamie County. Judge Des Jardins, Circuit Court Judge for Outagamie County and Tom Nelson, County Executive will present this innovative program. Don't miss it!

TUESDAY, JUNE 7TH – NO MEETING DUE TO OUR 3 + 1 FORMAT