



ROTARY CLUB OF APPLETON

GUSTO

Service Above Self

June 20, 2017

Upcoming Programs

June 27th, 2017

RIVERVIEW GARDENS

Gary Hermsen's induction

Thought of the Day: Amy Flanders

July 4th, 2017

NO MEETING

Officers 2016-2017

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OSCAR C. BOLDT ROTARY LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

This year the Rotary Club of Appleton is celebrating its Centennial Year, and as such The Rotary Recognitions Committee has been charged with reviewing our club's rich history and recognize those Rotarians who have had a significant impact on the success of this premier Fox Cities club. Would the recognitions committee members please stand and be recognized for their good work. Chair Deb Wetter, Curt Detjen, Karen Laws, Peter Kelly, myself, Barb Merry. Also, thank you to our honorees family who assisted in today's presentation. For my part, I would like to credit any and all articles that have been written about our honoree and plagiarized by yours truly. O C Boldt, is someone near and dear to our club and community. His personal impact on the Fox Cities and on a wider scale, the construction industry is enormous. Yet, he is a man with a gentle, kind nature who has never forgotten his roots nor has he ever been swept up by all of his success. Humble is a good descriptor. Generous is another. In 1948, annual sales at Boldt Construction were \$100,000. In 2016, annual sales were in excess of \$1billion dollars. With more than 2000 employees, and 14 offices in North America, Boldt Construction is one of the nation's largest construction services firms. OC Boldt has been a member of this club since January 5, 1954, 63 years, served as Club President in 1972, and has 7 Paul Harris Fellow recognitions. His life exemplifies the Rotary Four Way Test. He is a man who has shaped the path of the Fox Cities with his leadership, vision, and is like family to many of us. OC describes himself as "an odd combination of spare parts that needed to be remodeled and fashioned to fit into the right spot." Many of us know his life partner of 68 years, Pat, who is a pillar of strength alongside our honoree and is equally loved by our community. As I was doing this research I ran across a facebook comment from former Rotarian and past Appleton Police Chief, Rick Myers, who said the following: OC remains the most inspiring model I have ever had the privilege of being around. He is an intellectual, a philosopher, a philanthropist, and in addition to all those things, a gentleman. His reach extends far beyond the Fox Cities and his legacy goes far beyond his buildings. Congratulations to OC on receiving the first Oscar C. Boldt Rotary Lifetime Achievement Award.



Barb Merry – Heeter Award

One of the nice things about Rotary is that you get to do special things, for special people, during a special anniversary year. We have just honored one of those special people and I have the pleasure of honoring another. This person has been a Rotarian for about 30 years. She was one of the very few women who paved that way for the rest of us. She has lead by example, becoming a true Outstanding Community Leader and role model. Let me give you just a few examples.....in Rotary alone, she has served on the Grants Committee, the Board of Directors more than once, the Rotary Foundation Board and a long list of other committees. She rarely misses a meeting or a Rotary event. In our

Community, her involvement has included the UW Health Center (now known as Mosaic Family Health), The Appleton Taxpayer Alliance, The History Museum, the Community Blood Center, The Fox Valley Symphony Board, and the Fox Cities Performing Arts Center Board and is also a member of the PAC Board of Trustees. She has chaired or co-chaired every PAC fund raising campaign since 2006....the Annual Partners, the Future Fund and the major initiative, the Keystone Endowment campaign. In 2011, she received the Distinguished Service Award for her "incredible and tireless advocacy of the Center's mission." And all the while she was volunteering her time in our community, she has been a super star for Coldwell Banker where she continues her work in real estate. By now you know that I'm talking about Barb Merry. Our Rotary Club is so honored to have this trailblazer, successful business woman, mentor, athlete, fundraiser, friend, mother and terrific wife as a Rotarian.



UNDERSTANDING AND RESPONDING TO SEX TRAFFICKING

Jonathan Cloud spoke to our club regarding the issues in our area involving sex trafficking. Sex Trafficking is a commercial sex act induced by force, fraud or coercion. There are 100,000 to 300,000 underage girls being sold for sex in America. The average age is between 12-14 years old. The Outagamie County DMST Partnership 2015-2016 Strategy: 1. Prevention: reduce vulnerability of minors experiencing running away, truancy, and domestic violence 2. Protection: rescue minors and adults, provide coordinated multi-agency treatment and support, and apprehend traffickers and buyers 3. Prosecution: a) modified handling of juvenile offenders found to also be victims; b) investigate, charge, and pursue convictions against traffickers. Some progress highlights are Pillars well-established and projects underway, DMST Care Coordinator, Established role of project coordinator, numerous community presentations and trainings, and 3 year strategic action plan for 2016-2019 ratified by steering committee. Vision of what success looks like: 1. Reduction of threat to vulnerable youth and adults of enticement, grooming, entrapment by traffickers 2. Established a well-resourced system of services for survivors of sex trafficking 3. Coordinated anti-human trafficking policing, investigations and prosecution work.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Saturday, June 24th** Riverview Gardens 9-12pm. Please sign-up for a head count!
<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d45a5aa2da31-66171>
- Our Annual fundraising event this year, The Community Table Event, will be on **Tuesday, August 15th**. If you have paid for your ticket for the 2016-2017 fiscal year please contact Meghan to let her know if you want these funds donated to our Centennial project or if these funds should go towards your tickets for the event in August. This Community Table Event proceeds will support Polio Plus, Bangladesh Water project or our Centennial Community project.

MEETING ON TUESDAY, JUNE 27TH

We will be inducting our new President for the 2017-2018 fiscal year, Gary Hermsen. There will be a celebration at Tandem located at 1350 W College Ave. Party starts at 4:00 pm!

GUESTS THIS WEEK

Visiting Guests today were Carissa Kranz with Chad Herschner, Tara Beaton and Ashley Webb with Nancy Leipzig, Chuck Merry with Barb Merry, Pat Boldt with OC Boldt, Izzy Stephany with Jennifer Stephany and Jonathan Cloud with the Club.
