



# ROTARY CLUB OF APPLETON GUSTO

Service Above Self

## June 121, 2016 Upcoming Programs

### June 28th, 2016 Fox Banquets

Jennifer Stephany's induction  
Thought of the Day: Paul Hillmer

### July 5th, 2016 NO MEETING

### July 12, 2016 Fox Banquets

Ramifications of child abuse in the later years  
Thought of the Day: Video

## Officers 2015-2016

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Sridhar

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Jennifer Stephany

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Deborah Wetter

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### **Rotarian of the Year**

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Meets Tuesday Noon

## 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. In 2001, upon his retirement from Kimberly-Clark today's Heeter Award recipient joined our Rotary Club. A graduate of a prestigious institution – Dartmouth College – his philanthropic roots run deep to this Ivy League school. So deep are his roots to Dartmouth that for over 60 consecutive years he has contributed to the *Harold C. Ripley Class of 1929 Society*... so named for alum that annually gifted to the school for an amazing 83 consecutive years until the time of his passing at the age of 103 years. Like Harold Ripley, who was known for his bow-ties (and not the clip-on variety) this gentleman is also very sartorial in nature in his dress and manner of wearing bow-ties as well..... A fact that was not lost on me when I first made his acquaintance in back in 2003. This gentleman was so kind and gracious to sponsor me into the Appleton Rotary. For that I would like to 'thank you' - Ray Durkee - and to be among the first to congratulate on you on the Charles and Patricia Heeter Outstanding Community Service Award. You could say Ray is a deserving nominee for this distinguished award not just because of his many deeds, but because of his valued thoughts as well, and you'd be right. That's because many of us in our Fox Cities community have witnessed first-hand how Ray has made a difference for so many organizations and projects – and the people served – with his head, heart and hands.....Even looking at a short list of the organizations and programs where Ray has chipped in with actions, dedication and hard work or by helping with strategy.....thinking creatively or providing vision and inspiration. Ray's many volunteer roles have included, Board and Committee volunteer for the Community Foundation for the Fox Valley Region, Serving on the Appleton Medical Center Foundation board and the Appleton Medical Center Ethics Committee, Serving on the ThedaCare's Board of Directors, Engagement with ThedaCare's Community Health Action Team (CHAT)... helping to bring together diverse groups of people to study problems first-hand through "plunges," ...which are day-long events that gather people most affected by or involved in solving an issue or issues. CHAT helps community members share knowledge, learn from those at the heart of the issue, and develop solutions for change, Helping to place defibrillators in many public locations as part of ThedaCare's Heart Health initiative, Leading the AMC's capital campaign to raise millions for cancer services and facilities such as the Martha Siekman Cancer Center and the Breast Cancer Center at AMC and Chairing the Bridges Healthy Cooking School... *Aristotle may have said it, but Ray Durkee has lived it- "We live in deeds: In thoughts not breaths; In Feelings, not figures on the dial. We should count time by heartbeats. He most lives who thinks most, feels the noblest, acts the best."*



Robb Waugus with award winner Ray Durkee



Ray Durkee receiving his Heeter award from President Sridahar

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## **ROTARIAN OF THE YEAR – NANCY LEIPZIG**

I am delighted to honor Nancy Leipzig, today. Ever since she transferred to our Club in 2013, Nancy lost no time in getting fully engaged and involved in our activities. In particular, I would make specific mention of two important roles she has played in the Club. In leading our Club's Service-Above-Self (SAS) Committee she truly embodies the Rotary's motto of "Service Above Self." Nancy is driven to help, to lead, and to find solutions to problems and ways to help. Nancy's passion, energy and positivity are infectious! Her "humble, energetic, and the "sleeves rolled up" attitude has impressed a cadre of Rotarians has proven that our larger group can serve as something much more than a funding group — we can be a doing group. She has been creative, energetic, supportive, highly organized and willing to make a difference — on behalf of a wonderful organization, for a community that always appreciates such good works. Nancy fully understands that our Rotary Club is in something of a transition, as we attempt to build a younger membership and as we try to leverage the power of the Rotary Club name in good works for our community. It is in this context that she brought her dynamism, organization tempered by tact to the Rotary Young Professionals Task Force. Nancy who serves as the Regional Director of Community Care, contributed her steady and thoughtful leadership to the establishment of the program Project SEARCH, an internationally franchised program model designed to prepare High School students with significant disabilities for competitive community-based employment. Nancy was one of the leaders that led this charge. Nancy's advocacy for people with disabilities, coupled with her knowledge and dedication to progress through innovation, contributed to the establishment and ongoing success of the program that is based on an inter-agency agreement among five diverse agencies. Before joining our Club, Nancy served as the President of Oshkosh Rotary Southwest Club. Nancy has agreed to join our Club's Board and Executive Committee effective July 1 to continue her dedicated service to the cause of the Rotary. It is with great pride and pleasure that I honor Nancy with the Rotarian of the Year Award!



President Sridhar presenting Nancy Leipzig with the Rotarian of the Year award

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- If you see extraordinary customer service fill out a Courtesy Award Nomination form. Deadline to get your applications in by is August 19<sup>th</sup>. You can find them on the website at [www.appletonrotary.org](http://www.appletonrotary.org) or go to Survey monkey at <https://surveymonkey.com/r/LXPH8BP>.
- **SAVE THE DATE: TUESDAY, AUGUST 2<sup>ND</sup>** – 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!
- Service Above Selfie Our Rotary volunteer activity for July and August is going to be "Ala Carte". We know our members are very active in many organizations outside of Rotary, and now's your chance to promote them as a Service Above "Selfie"! In July and August, post volunteer activities on our Rotary Facebook page.
- Volunteer activities can be with non-profits, faith communities or civic volunteer work (not related to your job) which take place in July and/or August.
- Share information about the organization, what you do, and why you do it! Photos are encouraged!
- Create a separate post for each activity.
- Each Posting in July will go into a drawing for a \$100 donation to the entity for which you volunteered. How great is that! \*If you are unable to post of Facebook, you can send your information and photo to Meghan and she will post for you.
- Kimberly Clark would like to invite any KC retirees who may be in your club to visit Kimberly Clark as part of an Open House being held on July 20th from 3-6pm. The Open House will showcase recent renovations to the West Offices that feature Kimberly Clark history that they may be interested in. Please let Meghan know if you are interested in attending at [rotaryappleton@gmail.com](mailto:rotaryappleton@gmail.com)

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

**Visiting guests this week were** Ray and Mary Durkee with the club, Paula Morgen with Peter Kelly, Aruna Shet with Ram Shet, Sameer Sridhar with Sridhar

**There were No Visiting Rotarians this week**

**There were No Make ups this week were**

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## **PRESIDENT JENNIFER'S INDUCTION AND HAPPY HOUR CELEBRATION**

Please join us Tuesday, June 28<sup>th</sup> from 4:30-6:30 at Bazil's Pub located at 109 W. College Avenue to celebrate Jennifer Stephany's induction. Popcorn and pizza will be provided!

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