



ROTARY CLUB OF APPLETON GUSTO

Service Above Self

June 27, 2017
Upcoming Programs

July 4th, 2017
NO MEETING

July 11th 2017
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Thought of the Day: Rich Redman

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BE PREPARED – GARY HERMSEN PRESIDENTIAL INDUCTION CEREMONY

Gary is originally from Kaukauna and went to Xavier High School. He studies business and received his Bachelor's degree from Purdue University and his MBA from the University of Minnesota. He is the Chief Operating Officer for McCormick Industries. Gary is a quiet, fly under the radar screen kind of guy – complete with a silver minivan as part of his disguise. So in order to provide more insights into this “boy scout” we are about to elect as President of our Rotary Club, Chad enlisted the help of Gary's wife Maureen. Gary and Maureen live in Little Chute with their 3 children – Michael, Thomas and Olivia. When I started to pull this induction together, I had no idea that Gary was a scout...I just knew him as an upstanding man of integrity and character who was always prepared. So as we get to better know Gary Hermsen, I felt it would be appropriate to learn some of the various Scouting merit badges Gary has earned and to share some stories about his experiences so that as a club we have more insights into our soon to be President.

Cooking Badge: Gary ADORES Christmas Candy and has been making candy and peanut butter balls with the kids for the past twenty years. Gary is also an expert on the griddle and during the school years, the Hermsen family had Pancake Friday's and Gary was always the head chef. **Communications Badge:** About 10 years ago, Gary decided he wanted to start modeling as a fun job for First Choice Talent in Green Bay. He mostly did Fleet Farm ads and when he started most of the ads were photos of him from the waist down in ugly man-jean shorts – so he really started out as a butt model. As time progressed, Gary did more ads for Fleet farm and in the photo above, Gary enlisted the entire Hermsen family to be a part of his successful career. Due to his work load at McCormick, Gary has turned down the last couple of modeling/commercial jobs that have come his way. He always reminds Maureen that in one photo shoot he was a doctor. So Gary loves to say “No, I'm not a doctor, but I play one on TV.” So that makes Gary our own Dr. McDreamy! As Rotary President, we are confident Gary that you will be a great spokesperson – we don't have to work with your agent though? Do we? **Skiing Badge:** Gary serves as a volunteer in the National Ski Patrol for Nordic Mountain. He taught all of the kids to ski (and many others too). He continues to ski every winter in the Patrol. We know that as President of Rotary, you will always be keeping an eye out for our members and our community. **Citizen in the Community Badge:** Citizenship in the community – for Gary that means being an outstanding citizen and representative in Packer Nation. Gary was a good citizen and attended the Green Bay Chamber of Commerce business luncheon. Seats were selected randomly to sit next to a Packer player. Gary's name was the last one drawn. It was down to sitting next to Ted Thompson or Aaron Rodgers. Guess who Gary got to eat lunch with... His new best buddy Aaron Rodgers. As President of Rotary Gary, and past Chair of the Program Committee, why have you not leveraged your relationship with Aaron Rodgers to get him to be a presenter or at the very least a guest at one of our meetings? President of the Rotary Club of Appleton Badge: Fellow Rotarians, please welcome our soon to be elected Boy Scout and Club President – Gary Hermsen!



MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT JENNIFER

President Jennifer had a very eventful year during her presidency. Our club turned 100 years and we celebrated with our Centennial Celebration on May 30th. We want to keep the fun going and have decided to hold our Annual Fundraiser this year on August 15th which is known as The Community Table Event. You never really have enough time in a year, so Jennifer looks forward to continue assisting in the Centennial Project. She is working through the City process and fundraising to keep it moving forward. The NEW Community Arts Grant is also still in process. Our Arts Scholarship fund will transition to a more broad scope of support for the arts in the Fox Cities. We want to combine the Arts Scholarship and Community Service Grant into one committee to get more involvement. The Regional Marketing project will continue as we create new ways to tell our story and increase our visibility in the community. Also, a big thank you to Rich Redman, in the New Year, we will re-christen the old Ambassadorial Scholarship Committee as the Internationals Study Fellowships Committee. This committee will promote both the district's Global Grant Scholarship and the Rotary World Peace Fellowship program to build awareness of the programs, attract qualified applications, and position Rotary as an organization interested in fostering international understanding. Jennifer also thanked Meghan for all her patience and time during this past Rotary year and presented her with a beautiful Rotary bracelet.

MESSAGE FROM INCOMING PRESIDENT – GARY HERMSEN

First, I would like to thank Jennifer for your outstanding leadership this past year in what was a very busy year. Back in March when Chad and Jennifer and I first talked about the idea of Chad and I switching spots I have to admit, I bit of panic set in that I was going to be stepping in a year earlier than anticipated. Then I started thinking about our executive committee, our board members, and our club members and the amazing support that everyone provides and realized it would be ok. I went to the PETS conference right away in March. For our guests and newer members, PETS stands for President Elect Training Seminar. The conference is designed to benefit the attendees by providing opportunities to learn about the breadth of Rotary and share ideas with fellow Rotarians. It's a short conference packed with a lot of information so it is a bit like taking a drink of water from a fire hose, but I learned a lot and came away with some ideas, BUT, my biggest takeaway was how fortunate we are and how proud we should be of being members of the Rotary Club of Appleton. We are a club that is now over 100 years old and have several members who have been with us for over half of that time. We have done and continue to do amazing things partially due to our strength in numbers and partially due to our determination to do good locally and in the world. This is very fitting since Ian Risely, the incoming President of Rotary International recently announced that this year's theme is Rotary: Making a difference. Obviously, we have been able to make a difference through financial support and we need to continue to do that. Every Rotarian Every Year (More on that another day). In addition, support of our club and community comes in the way of community service. The RI motto is Service Above Self. Our SAS committee is going on three years now and has done a fantastic job creating a renewed energy around service opportunities, providing new avenues of service and making it easier for us to contribute by finding a variety of activities and times to fit varying schedules. It's widely known that Rotarians donate money, but just as important, Rotarians get involved. If you have not been involved in any service projects in the last year... just pick 1 one service project to be involved in. I'm sure it was, which will hopefully encourage you to do it again, add one more or better yet, encourage another Rotarian to join you when signing up. Whenever we induct new members we end with the phrase "this is now YOUR Rotary Club". Yes, Rotary is an international organization, but for Rotary International to have an impact on the world it has to start at the club level and that means it has to start with every one of us. I'd like to close with a quote from Mahatma Gandhi. "The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 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.

NO MEETING ON TUESDAY, JULY 4TH

GUESTS THIS WEEK

Visiting Guests today were Stephen Schaurr with Frank Rippl, Alexander Hunt with Mark Scheffler and Michael and Maureen Hermsen with Gary Hermsen