



ROTARY CLUB OF APPLETON

GUSTO

Service Above Self

June 30th, 2015 Upcoming Programs

July 7th, 2015
Radisson – Salon A
Cap Service
Thought of the Day: Andrew Dane

July 14th, 2015
Radisson – Salon A
WI DOT Hwy 41/Interstate Update
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2014-2015 ROTARY YEAR BY PRESIDENT DEBORAH

I just want to take a minute to thank you all for allowing me to be your president. It has truly been one of the most memorable and special experiences in my life – and that’s saying a lot because I’ve had a pretty long life so far. You are an extraordinary group of people who care about each other, our community and making the world a better place. And you show it by your actions every day. Service Above Self and the Four Way Test describe how you live and work. I value the many friendships I have made in this club and I’m looking forward to serving on committees with you again and continuing to be an active Rotarian. I want to thank the dedicated Rotary and Foundation Boards that I have had the honor to serve with. We have worked together to provide a five-year strategic vision for our club and implement actions to achieve that vision. Thank you also to the wonderful committee chairs and co-chairs who have led our committees this year to accomplish so many wonderful things with the help of all of you who actively participated in the committee work. It would take me a very long time to list all of your accomplishments – and I might inadvertently forget to mention some – so let me just say how impressed I am with all of you for carrying out the programs of each of your committees with enthusiasm, passion, creativity – and I hope with great fun and comradery. It’s through our committees that much of the work of Rotary gets done – and you have done an incredible job again this year. This year Sridhar and I met regularly with other Fox Cities Rotary club presidents and presidents-elect and worked together to promote our clubs to the public through Rotary Days, joined together to sponsor and staff a booth at the Chamber Expo and are working with the Appleton Breakfast Club to jointly sponsor a RYE student this year. And we partnered with the Downtown Kiwanis group to sell wristbands and drink tickets at Octoberfest – an activity that we will continue at Octoberfest this year. And I would be remiss if I didn’t thank Meghan Warner for being my right hand – and sometimes my right and left-brain in the last year while we both learned and carried out the many things that are required to keep our club strong – and in good graces with the District, Rotary International and all of you. Thank you for giving me the honor and privilege of serving as your club president this year.

MARY BETH LEOPOLD-THUMBNAIL

Mary stated that there has been a lot of changes going on this year. First, Mary Beth works as the Executive Director for the UW Fox Valley Foundation and their logo has changed this year. The second “BIG” change was that she received a Monday Morning Makeover by WLUK Fox 11 on Monday. She has had the same hairstyle forever and now she has a sassy hairstyle to keep up with her. Mary Beth is married to her husband Tim for 10 years. She has 2 step children. One lives in Oregon and the other in Milwaukee. She has 1 grandchild and 1 on the way. She has nieces that she calls her children that live in the California area. If you hear her say she is visiting California, now you know why! Mary Beth has been part of the business world since 1980. She has lived all over but calls Appleton her home since she grew up in Shawano. She loves being involved and active in the community. Mary Beth and her husband, Tim decided to retire a little bit ago. Well that lasted 9 months and they are now back in the valley. She missed the community and had to be part of it. On a side note...Mary Beth was the first women in Rotary in 1987 in Manitowoc. When she joined 10 men quit, she’s happy to see nobody quit when she joined our club! Welcome to Rotary, Mary Beth!

PRESIDENT SRIDHAR'S INDUCTION

To get to know our new President, Sridhar a little bit better, the stunts committee decided to ask him a few questions. Reporter, Mary Schmidt, began asking him a few questions. 1st question: Lunch is an issue in our club. Are you in favor of changing the policy and why? He said our future generations will still struggle with this issue! 2nd question: How do you spell your first name and pronounce. Balakuntalam and then of course President Sridhar pronounced it nice and slow for all of us! 3rd question: What is your favorite way to waste time? President Sridhar answered that he pretends that he is teaching his online classes when he is really surfing the web. A follow up question asking which sites he was visiting. He quickly answered that he will use the 1st amendment and plead the 5th. 4th question: Cats or dogs? Dogs was a quick answer. He then quickly followed up saying that cats can be good friends of dogs. 5th question: Jobs are an issue in our economy. What was your worst job and why? What's your dream job? His response is that he worked for a boss who was jealous of Sridhar's success. His dream job will be that he would be accountable to nobody and get all the money in the world...good luck with that! 6th questions: The first item on the Rotary 4-way test is "is it the truth." What was the last white lie you told? He answered with he doesn't indulge in white lies and then responded that was his last white lie. 7th question: If a movie were made of your life, what actor would play you? Why? His quick response was Dumbo. Even elephants can fly and need help from their friends. He could not do the things he has done without the help from his friends. Sridhar then spoke briefly about his time at the Rotary International conference and how he went fishing on the Amazon for the first time and even caught a fish. He was going to send back to President Deborah but realized a Piranha was not the best idea...plus she is allergic to fish!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Radisson has increased our meal charge to \$11.00 per person starting 7/1/2015.**
- As part of the **Service Above Self Committee (SAS)**, Rotary will recruiting "**Bigs for a Day**" for the Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Fox Valley Region Family Picnic. Sign up with Big Brothers Big Sisters to be a "Big for a Day" at their Annual Picnic at the Timberrattlers stadium. You will be matched with a child who is not yet matched to a Big Brother or Big Sister. You will eat dinner with them, play games and just get to know them. The picnic runs up until the T-rats game time. You are welcome to go to the game with your Little or just stay for the picnic. The Little's parents will also be present.
Event Date and Time: **Wednesday July 29th 5:30 to 6:45 pm** Children are ages: 6 -14
15 volunteers needed. For More Information call Greg Woller at 920-739-3542 or email: gwoller@bbbsfvr.org

GUESTS, VISITORS AND MAKE-UPS

Today our guests were Dawn Nowakowski and Tim Leopld with Mary Beth Leopold, Mona Dugal with Doug Dugal, Dnyanesk Parker, Sameer Sridhar and Sandhya Sridhar with Sridhar.

There were No Visiting Rotarians this week

There were No Make ups this week

JULY 14TH MEETING-WI DOT HWY 41/INTERSTATEUPDATE

Please join us as Bryan Lipke, P.E., Planning Project Manager – WisDOT, Northeast Region, provides an update on the I-41 & WIS 441 projects in our area.

BRIGHT FUTURE SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

The Bright Future Scholarships started two years ago when a memorial was established in the name of Ken Johnston to provide educational scholarships. This year, the committee requested funds from the operating budget to continue this program. Bright Future Award recipients were asked to fill out an application and monies were divided equally among those that applied. Those receiving \$334.00 scholarships were:

Amara Hoffstatter	UW Fox Valley	Veterinarian Tech
Britiny Tank	?	Fashion Design
Ryan Kochanek	Fox Valley Technical College	AODA Counseling
Claire Holeton	Fox Valley Technical College	CNA/Nursing Assistant
Hope Wheeler	Fox Valley Technical College	Early Childhood Education
Mary Thao	Fox Valley Technical College	Pharmaceutical or Registered Nurse