



# ROTARY CLUB OF APPLETON

## GUSTO

Service Above Self

### June 9th, 2015 Upcoming Programs

**June 16th, 2015**  
**Radisson – Empire Room**  
Young Professionals  
Meeting/Induction Thought of  
the Day: Dan Flannery

**June 23rd, 2015**  
**Radisson – Empire Room**  
Exhibition Center Update  
Thought of the Day: Jenni  
Eickelberg

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### NON-PROFIT ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSIONS

The program for our meeting was the fourth installment of the Rotary Non-Profit Roundtables. Over the years, the Club has had many inquiries from nonprofit organizations to make presentations about their organizations to inform members about what they do. Today, members were assigned a table with a director/executive of a nonprofit organization. Each director/executive director made a presentation and then time was left for discussion and questions.

Those members and organizations were:

Jennifer Stephany from Appleton Downtown Inc.  
Mary Beth Leopold from UW Fox Valley Foundation  
Sonia Barham from SOAR  
Mark Logemann from Boy Scouts of America  
Marta Weldon from the Boys and Girls Club  
Nancy Leipzig from Community Care  
Robb Waugus from Salvation Army  
Patti Warmenhoven from Junior Achievement  
Beth Schnorr from Harbor House  
Maria Van Laanen from Performing Arts Center

We would like to thank everyone, especially the non-profit leaders who shared their information with the club. We hope everyone enjoyed the conversations and discussions at your table.

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### ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Bimal Rajbhandari, Rotaract student from Lawrence University, is raising money for the earthquake victims in Nepal, his home. Please follow him on his Facebook page if you are interested in helping. <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Nepal-Relief/1431020890533768>
- Our website is live so please go check it out and let us know if you have any thoughts, concerns or questions. Please visit [www.appletonrotary.org](http://www.appletonrotary.org).
- Ram Shet was gone for 4 ½ months to India and also did some world travel. While in Warsaw, Poland he picked up a bottle of vodka for President Deborah.
- Roger Bertschausen, is leaving the city of Appleton and moving to St. Louis, MO. He wanted to thank the club for their generosity over the years. He gave President Deborah a glass from Ferguson Brewing Company.

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### GUESTS, VISITORS AND MAKE-UPS

**Today our guests were** Shannon Wiegman with Mary Beth Leopold and Roger Bertschausen with Deborah Wetter

**Visiting Rotarians this week were** Doug Maki with Appleton Breakfast

**There were No Make ups this week**

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### **DEAN HUNT- THUMBNAIL**

Dean is very familiar with Rotary as he was a member of the Appleton West Rotary but had to resign due to his job responsibilities at that time. Dean has taken a new position since with Bayland Builders as their Director of Marketing and Business Development. His company wanted him to get involved with the community and that is what brought Dean to our club. Dean grew up in Oshkosh and attended UW-Oshkosh. He is married and has a 10 year old daughter. He love the Fox Cities Community and is involved on several other boards. Dean is on the YMCA board and also the Building for Kids. He is the founder of the Downtown Appleton's Children parade that takes place in July through the Building for Kids. The reason Dean is so involved with the community is because of his parents. They showed him that hard work goes a long way and getting involved in your community can make a difference. Dean told a story about a neighbor of his growing up. He saw his neighbor plant a rock, yes a ROCK, in his yard. Dean thought this guy was losing it and ran home to tell his parents. Now his parents knew what this neighbor was up to and just played along. A few days later Dean went to check on the rock and he noticed it was sticking out of the ground a little bit. Years went by and Dean was graduating from College. He forgot about the rock at this time. At his graduation party that neighbor came and mentioned the rock to him. The neighbor then told him that every night he would go outside and dig that rock out a little further to make it look like it was growing. Dean asked....WHY? The neighbor responded with, "I wanted to show you kids that ANYTHING is possible." That story still sticks with Dean today.

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### **JUNE 23<sup>rd</sup> MEETING-EXHIBITION CENTER UPDATE**

On June 23 Peter Stueck, Chairman of the Appleton Redevelopment Authority will be here to discuss the status of the proposed exhibition center in downtown Appleton.

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### **MEGHAN'S YEAR ANNIVERSARY**

WOW....It has been a year since I have been employed by the Rotary Club of Appleton. I want to thank everyone for welcoming me and being patient with me. I thought it would be a great time for me to tell the club a little bit about myself. I grew up in Appleton and my family is very involved with downtown. My parents are Greg and Peg Otis....yes I am an Otis. I have 2 older brothers, Corey and Adam. I received a bachelor's degree in Communications from the University of Stevens Point. I met my husband, Rayn (rain) at college and we have been married for 8 years. We moved to Kaukauna in 2006 and have 2 little boys. My oldest is Charlie and he is 5 ½ and my youngest is Grady and he will be 2 on June 13<sup>th</sup>...Flag Day parade! I am really enjoying this position as it allows me to work from home and spend time with my family and still be involved with my activities downtown. I also work for Appleton Downtown Inc. and help out at the Farm Markets on Wednesday and Saturdays. If you see my, please stop and say HI! I am also on the Appleton Parade Committee so you will probably see me this Saturday at the Flag Day parade. Thank you again for this opportunity and I look forward to another great year!