



ROTARY CLUB OF APPLETON GUSTO

Service Above Self

July 25, 2017
Upcoming Programs

August 1st, 2017
NO MEETING

August 8th, 2017
RIVERVIEW GARDENS
Does Money Make you Mean? Shipra Seefeldt
Thought of the Day:

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AMERICA’S NAVY – REAR ADMIRAL BRUCE GILLINGHAM

America’s Navy protects our nation from attack in many ways. Ships, submarines and aircraft possess the necessary combat power to counter threats from the air and sea, making potential adversaries think twice about threatening our shores. The Navy also preserves America’s strategic influence in key regions of the world by protecting U.S. citizens and American interests abroad, in times of peace and war. By doing this, the Navy continues to retain its significance as a cornerstone of American security and prosperity. More than two centuries ago, after winning the Revolutionary War, the newly independent United States disbanded the Continental Navy. Why? We didn’t need it, we said. The British had gone home. What’s the point of spending money on ships we’ll never use? But then hostile forces began to threaten and capture our merchant vessels in Europe. It quickly became clear that our young nation needed what all of the world’s great powers had...a front-line, oceangoing Navy. This fleet of ships would have an important mission: to defend our shores and protect our interests, no matter where they were in the world. The material foundation of our Navy, of course, is the ships. Instead of those original six frigates, the Navy now possesses a wide variety of surface vessels from 97,000-ton aircraft carriers to fast, agile littoral combat ships and coastal patrol vessels. The presence of these very vessels anywhere in the world can help deter potential conflicts and avoid escalating tensions. In 1794, Congress authorized the construction of six frigates – one of which was the legendary USS Constitution – with the acknowledgment that attacks on our merchant vessels rendered it necessary “that a naval force should be provided” for protection. Those six frigates were the genesis of the Navy we know today. America’s Navy reaches into every corner of the world. We have six major commands responsible for naval operations – ranging from our own shores to Europe and the Middle East, from Central and South America to Africa, and from one side of the Pacific Ocean to the other. America’s Navy is faced with more than its share of challenges. Some are material, some are financial. Needless to say, all of these challenges pose significant issues for our Sailors and their leaders going forward. And here’s what they are doing to meet those challenges every day – now and into the future. Restoring and maintaining the Navy’s operational and combat readiness is an immediate concern. America’s Navy is investing in the next generation of naval and aviation technology. Of course, America’s Navy is nothing without its most important component...the American Sailor. The men and women of your Navy serve in a wide variety of jobs throughout the fleet, manning and maintaining our ships, submarines and aircraft around the clock. Recruiting, training and properly equipping our Sailors is an important step in keeping America’s Navy at the forefront of the world’s sea services. Over the past year, there has been a lot of discussion about what America’s Navy will look like in the decades to come. Two central themes have emerged. First, our Navy will need at least 350 ships to maintain our superiority on the seas and second, you can’t just assume that “more” means “better.” As new ships are brought into the fleet. They are looking to innovate as they go along, with an emphasis on expanded power capability, improved networking and rapid modernization of weapons and sensors. Through generations of Sailors and ever-changing technology, the U.S. Navy is all about defending our country’s interests and protecting America. It always has been, and it always will be. That’s the mission of America’s Navy...and our mission continues protecting America’s interests at home and around the world.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Our Annual fundraising event this year, The Community Table Event, will be on **Tuesday, August 15th**. This Community Table Event proceeds will support Polio Plus, Bangladesh Water project or our Centennial Community project. This fundraiser is open to the public and tickets are \$50/person and available to purchase online at our website www.appletonrotary.org.
- **Committee chairs** be sure to reach out to all of those who said they are interested in serving on your committee to welcome them to the committee or welcome them back and let them know when meetings will be. Also, if you have signed up for a committee and haven't heard from someone within a couple of weeks or you didn't sign up and would like to now, feel free to reach out to the committee chair.
- Invoices have been sent out for the 2017-2018 Rotary year. You can pay these quarterly, bi-yearly or yearly. If you have any questions regarding payment please contact Meghan.

NO MEETING ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 1ST

There will be no meeting on Tuesday, August 1st due to our 3+1 format.

MEETING ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 8TH

Does Money Make You Mean? It can, according to research, which demonstrates how people behave when they feel wealthy (hint: badly!). Shipra will lead a discussion on the important role that our values can play to make a positive difference in our world.

GUESTS THIS WEEK

Visiting Guests today were Grayson Hohner with Matt Hohner, Ken Stolzman with Phil Seal, Lola Hunt with Dean Hunt, Aruna Shet with Ram Shet, Micah Neely, Lisa VanSistine with Vickie Winkler from Nairobi and Matt Evertt, Josh Carbridse, Brian Badurs and Bruce Gillingham with the club.

Visiting Rotarians this week were Vickie Winkler from The Nairobi Club in Kenya

There Were No Make ups this week
