



# ROTARY CLUB OF APPLETON GUSTO

Service Above Self

## August 11th, 2015 Upcoming Programs

August 18th, 2015  
**Radisson – Salon CD**  
Chief of Police- Todd Thomas  
Thought of the Day: Amy  
Price

August 25th, 2015  
**Radisson – Empire**  
Mindfulness in Individual and  
Health-Dr. Sodhi Thought of  
the Day: Andy Heuer

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Meets Tuesday Noon

## AFGHANISTAN INTERPRETER-NAHZATULLAH JAFFARY

Nahzatullah Jaffary was born in 1989 in Afghanistan, 1 year before the Taliban came in to power. Jaffary was raised by his parents, his father being a Colonel in the Afghanistan Army. His father warned him at an early age that allies would eradicate international and national terrorist. He wanted Jaffary to learn English so he could help out his country when this happened. Jaffary went to college and learned the English language and then he joined the Army and served for 3 years. While in the Army Jaffary had 3 mentors, the Americans, British and Spanish. He learned several different languages and when asked to reenlist he decided against it because he wanted to become an interpreter. In 2008 he took the test and he picked to work with the US Army because the US was making sacrifices abroad. His job as an interpreter kept him away from home most of the time and in 2009 was hit with an IED and was transported to the east side of the country. He spent the next 9 years recovering and then continued his mission for Afghanistan freedom. Jaffary would stop home about every 6 months. On a trip back home he received a letter that stated he needed to quit his position as an interpreter. The paper was not official and most likely it was someone threatening him because they do not like improvement in their country and since he was well educated and an interpreter they felt threatened by him. Another time he stopped home they were ambushed and 4 US soldiers were killed, 4-5 Afghanistan Police officers and about 18 military people. Just last month he visited Minnesota to pay his respect to a fallen soldier's family. On one of his last trips home he received the "official" letter to quit his job. The CIA told him it was a serious thing and his Dad told him it was important he listen to the letter and quit his position. His Commander also told him it was in his best interest and his family's best interest that he quit and leave the country. At that point in time Jaffary moved his wife and left Afghanistan and relocate to Appleton, Wisconsin. He resides with his wife and has a baby that was born in October at Appleton Medical Center. When he came to America he received a special VISA that allowed him to get a green card right away because of his job as a military interpreter. He chose Appleton because he believes it is a clean and safe environment to raise a family.

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## THUMBNAILS

**Prem Mansukhani** was born in Neenah and has spent most of his life in the area. He lived in Madison, Wisconsin for 12 years while attending the University of Madison receiving his B.S. in Chemistry and Computer Science, M.S. in Computer Science and M.S. in Mechanical Engineering. He currently is employed as a Research scientist by Brand M, which is a family owned Inkjet Ink Company located in Neenah. Prem is also one of the Directors of the Corporation. His community service included involvement in Wisconsin Hoofers since 1998. Hoofers is the largest single campus student organization in the country and has 3000 members and 150 volunteers and employees. Prem is a world traveler and has visited about 120 countries so far. He is looking to get more involved in his community and wants to be active and engaged in the community.

**Dnyanesh Patkar** moved to America in 1988 to pursue an education in engineering. He has lived in about 16-17 different places in the US because of job needs. He is married and his wife works for Kimberly Clark. They moved to Appleton 12 years ago but it was supposed to be a temporary move. Dnyanesh loves the quality of life here and the cost of living. He has 3 children ages 11, 9 and 5 and said those are great ages to be at. Recently he took a trip back to India and this sparked him to want to give back. He has 2 causes that are near and dear to him and those are education and environment. He is currently involved with Indus and that organization led him to Rotary. He has been an asset to the larger community and now he can be an asset to Rotary.

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- **Radisson has increased our meal charge to \$11.00 per person starting 7/1/2015.**
- Invoices are out. If you are interested in paying online please visit our website at [www.appletonrotary.org](http://www.appletonrotary.org). If you have any questions, please contact Meghan at [rotaryappleton@gmail.com](mailto:rotaryappleton@gmail.com).
- President Sridhar asked that the committees meet and provide feedback regarding the Strategic Plan for 2015-2016. Please provide that by **August 18, 2015**.

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

**Guests today were** Nahzatullah Jaffary with the club and Kelly Radandt with Robb Waugus

**There were No Visiting Rotarians this week**

**Make ups this week were** Rick Stark at Lewistown Montana Rotary Club

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## **AUGUST 25TH MEETING-MINDFULNESS IN INDIVIDUAL AND ORGANIZATIONAL HEALTH**

Next week, Dr. Sudeep Sodhi will talk to the club about "Mindfulness and Change". How mindfulness will help us to navigate a changing world in our lives and workplace.

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## **On 11 August, we marked a tremendous milestone: One full year without a single case of polio caused by wild poliovirus in Africa**

The magnitude of this achievement can hardly be overstated. A polio-free Africa has been within sight, so near and yet so far, for over a decade. The hard work and commitment that have brought us to this point have been nothing short of heroic. Tens of thousands of health workers reached hundreds of millions of children with vaccine, in some of the most difficult conditions imaginable. Together, we have done what once seemed impossible: We have stopped polio in Africa.

Yet this progress, momentous as it is, is still fragile. As long as polio exists in the two remaining endemic countries of Pakistan and Afghanistan, the virus still has the potential to spread and to spark new outbreaks. Now, more than ever, we need the power of all of Rotary to carry us through to the end: not just a polio-free Africa, but a polio-free world.

Wherever you live, whether your country has just conquered polio or has been polio-free for decades, we need your voice, and your help. I ask all of you to read and use the materials in this [tool kit](#) to find ways to raise awareness in your community, and beyond. We need every Rotarian, in every Rotary club, to be talking about polio: making sure that media outlets report on our progress and our elected officials see polio eradication as a global priority. Your grassroots work helps drive the increased media coverage we have seen in the past year, which in turn drives global backing of our work to eradicate polio. Together, we will keep polio front and center in our communities and on our national agendas, keeping up the energy and the momentum that will push us through to the finish.

The battle in Africa has, for the moment, been won, but we need the strength of every Rotarian to help us win the war. Together, we will End Polio Now and truly *Be a Gift to the World*.

Warm regards,

K.R. Ravindran

President, Rotary International

News media prominently featured Rotary and its 30 years of work to protect children from the crippling effects of polio when Nigeria marked its one-year milestone in July, including:

- An [Associated Press](#) story that quoted Rotary's national PolioPlus chair for Nigeria was published by more than 100 times major and local North American newspapers, including the [New York Times](#), [The Globe and Mail](#), [Seattle Times](#), [Atlanta-Journal Constitution](#) and [Boston Globe](#).
- The [Houston Chronicle](#) applauded Rotary's work in a feature that ran on the front page of the paper's City-State section and online.
- A story in [Time](#) credited Rotary's leadership: "For more than a generation, it has been Rotary that has led the drive to eradicate polio."