



ROTARY CLUB OF APPLETON GUSTO

Service Above Self

August 15th, 2017 Upcoming Programs

August 22nd, 2017
RIVERVIEW GARDENS
President's Report
Thought of the Day: Barb Kelly

August 29th, 2017
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Thought of the Day: Robb Waugus

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BEE POPULATION AT RISK

Bees make more than honey – they are key to food production because they pollinate crops. A world without pollinators would be devastating for food production. A third of the food that we eat depends on pollinating insects: vegetables, fruits, nuts, spices, and many more. Since 2006 we have lost 40% of commercial honeybees in the US. Bee-killing pesticides in particular pose the most direct risk to pollinators. The main reasons for global bee-decline are linked to industrial agriculture, parasites and climate change. What can we do? There are 5 tips for supporting pollinators. 1. Plant native flowers: this increases food sources for native bees, who are more attracted to native flower species than exotic plants. 2. Build your own bee hotel. See the example below or look online at <http://www.byobeez.org/>. 3. Reduce pesticides use by buying organic produce or using non-neonicotinoid pesticides in your garden. 4. Contact your local representatives and let them know how much you love having public greenspaces, like parks and gardens. These are important habitat areas for pollinators. 5. Buy local! Shop local farm markets to support food sources for pollinators in your area. Locally we are fortunate to have the Appleton Pollinator Project. Their mission is to protect and increase native bee biodiversity in our community. They have bee hotels set up in several of the Appleton city parks. The students at Lawrence University take the samples back to their lab for identification, which helps them measure bee abundance and diversity.

Bee Boxes can Be seen at:

- Lawrence University Main Lawn**
- Lawrence University SLUG garden**
- Tellulah Park**
- Bubolz Nature Preserve**
- Pierce Park**
- Riverview gardens**
- Memorial Park**
- Heckrodt Reserve**



A bee hotel located at Lawrence University

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The SAS Committee is looking for volunteers for Monday, September 4th to help at the Homeless Connection. If you are interested please visit this link <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d45a5aa2da31-serve> to sign up.

MEETING ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 22ND- PRESIDENT'S MEETING

President Gary will be on-hand to review the club's progress towards its strategic goals and what his vision for the next year looks like.

GUESTS THIS WEEK

Visiting Guests today were Gerry Misch with David Weiss, Steve Johnshoy with Nancy Johnshoy, Greg Otis with Meghan Warner, Jason Mills and Hailey Bomar with the club.

There Were No Visiting Rotarians this week

There Were No Make ups this week

COMMUNITY TABLE EVENT

Thank you to all who attended our first annual Community Table Event on Tuesday. It was a great night for the event and it was a lot of fun. A special thank you to our sponsors Appleton Alliance Church, Appleton Downtown Inc, Bassett Mechanical Inc., Boldt Family Fund, Inc, Schenck SC, Barb Merry, Tom Simon and Curt Detjen Family Fund. A very special thank you to Dawn Nowakowski, Deb Johnson, Jennifer Stephany, David Weiss, Dori Sterkenberg, Karen Cain, Shannon Wiegman, Lisa Kogan-Praska and Steve Taylor for ALL the work you did to make this event possible.

