



ROTARY CLUB OF APPLETON GUSTO

Service Above Self

August 16th, 2016 Upcoming Programs

August 23rd, 2016
FOX BANQUETS
Future Wisconsin
Thought of the Day:
Deborah Wetter

August 30th, 2016
Fox Banquets
SAS Committee/Club Update
Thought of the Day: Gary
Vaughan

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GREEN ENERGY

Tyler Huebner, Executive Director of RENEW Wisconsin, spoke to the club about Wisconsin's innovations, progress and challenges of "Green Power" industry. RENEW's mission is to lead and accelerate the transition to Wisconsin's renewable energy through advocacy, education, and collaboration. They have several activities and action plans that reflect their mission and their member's best interests in advancing and defending bioenergy, solar power, wind power, and hydropower in Wisconsin. Tyler concentrated on the renewable energy technologies in Wisconsin and their policies. Solar Energy is good for Wisconsin. Believe it or not we have enough sun shine in Wisconsin to power current electricity needs. Policies and programs are critical to expanding solar energy, and RENEW Wisconsin's efforts are critical to making solar energy work for Wisconsin. With more and more Americans choosing solar for their home or business, demand for solar jobs is rising. We do have plenty of solar power ready and available now so instead of sending jobs out of state we should take advantage of the nation's fastest growing industries. Wind Power provides local energy, improved environmental and economic impact. Wisconsin has 13 wind farms in size from 1.3 MW to 163 MW with a total of 647 MW. This represents about half of all wind energy used in Wisconsin. The power is local, has no emissions, and is now one of, if not the, lowest sources of electricity in Wisconsin and the Midwest. Wisconsin is the leader in biogas and biomass energy usage. There are currently about 150 biogas-producing applications in Wisconsin serving dairy farms, food processing facilities, municipal wastewater treatment plants, and landfills, a large number of biomass and co-fired generation power plants, and wood pellet manufactures located in Wisconsin. The first hydroelectric power plant began operating here in Appleton, Wisconsin in 1882. Two hydropower plants came online in 2014 and new companies are looking to engineer innovative ways to harness the power of water. Currently there are 105 hydro facilities and approximately 241,000 homes are powered by it. Two recent projects being completed are the Badger Hydro Plant in Kaukauna, which will replace 2 older facilities and produce 25% more power than the 2 combined and it can power 4,500 homes per year. The other project is the Angelo Dam owned by Western Technical College originally built in 1854.

Renewable Energy is good for Wisconsin for so many reasons:

1. Creates jobs
2. More local investments to our Communities
3. Protects our natural resources
4. Ensures a better Wisconsin for future generations.

On Sunday, October 2nd, it's the 4th Annual Ride with RENEW event. The event takes place in Fond du lac and if you would like more information you can visit their website at www.renewwisconsin.org/ridewithrenew2016.htm.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Committee Interest forms have been sent out. Please fill yours out and send back to Meghan ASAP. There are still a couple chair positions available. If you are interested please contact President Jennifer Stephany at jennifer@appletondowntown.org.
- **THERE IS STILL TIME....**If you see extraordinary customer service fill out a Courtesy Award Nomination form. Deadline to get your applications in by is August 19th. You can find them on the website at www.appletonrotary.org or go to Survey monkey at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LXTPX99>
- Continue posting your Service Above Selfie on our Rotary Club of Appleton Facebook page. Your charity could receive a check for **\$100**. If you need help reach out to Meghan at rotaryappeton@gmail.com.

NEW MEMBER – KAREN CAIN

Karen Cain, our newest member, was inducted into our club this past Tuesday. Please welcome her to the club!



President Jennifer Stephany, Karen Cain with her sponsor Barb Merry

GUESTS, VISITORS AND MAKE-UPS

Visiting guests this week were Tyler Huebner with the club.

There were No Visiting Rotarians this week

There Were No Make ups this week

AUGUST 30th MEETING – SAS COMMITTEE/CLUB UPDATE

Many Rotarians are already involved in a variety of service projects. Here is an opportunity to step outside of your familiar environments and expand your horizons by getting involved with our Rotary Service Above Self! Learn about what the SAS committee has been doing and what they have in store. President Jennifer will also be on-hand to review the club's progress towards its strategic goals and what her vision for the next year looks like.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

We will be looking for volunteers for Octoberfest on Saturday, September 26th and for the Houdini 10K on Friday, November 4th and Saturday, November 5th. Please visit our website at www.appletonrotary.org and click the Local Involvement tab and then Get Involved tab for more details and how to sign up.