



# ROTARY CLUB OF APPLETON GUSTO

Service Above Self

## August 18th, 2015 Upcoming Programs

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

September 1st, 2015  
**Radisson – Salon CD**  
Falls in the Elderly – The Hidden Epidemic and Its Impact on our Communities-Dr. Ray Georgen  
Thought of the Day: Video

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Meets Tuesday Noon

## APPLETON POLICE CHIEF – TODD THOMAS

Appleton Police Chief, Todd Thomas, was sworn in to office in January of 2015. He is in charge of 110 officers and civilian employees. Todd was born and raised in Appleton. He is married to Stephanie, who is a police officer in Green Bay has a 24 year old son, Trent who is in school for criminal justice, a daughter Hannah who manages a nursing home in Appleton and a younger daughter, Samantha. In 1984 he started as a Community Service Officer in Appleton, which was a good base to have for law enforcement because it was 100% service oriented. His passion for police work started when he was a young boy. His godfather was a motorcycle officer for 20 years from 1926-1946 (with APD) and that is really the reason he became an officer. Although he never met his godfather he felt a connection to him. His aunt used to speak so highly of him, the pride she had and pictures where everywhere of the Appleton Police Department and of him in his uniform, so that is what made him want to be an officer. Chief Thomas still carries with him a memento of his godfather, his bible. The bible still sits nearby on his desk at the Appleton Police Department and someday will end up in the APD museum next to other items that belonged to his Godfather. But before that happens Thomas says he will lean on his experience to help him guide his new department. The vision for the Appleton Police Department is to Impact the Future For a Safer Tomorrow. Chief Thomas encourages his officers to “think outside the box” to solve problems in the community. Appleton is lucky to have the community it does. Appleton has a very educated hard-working police department. Departments in the city work together to address issues. Our city has zero tolerance for crime and that all plays well together and makes the city what it is. Chief Thomas has implemented some changes within the APD. They have a new internal move structure. The department sends out a form via Survey Monkey to get everyone’s perspective on the individual who is trying to better themselves. He believes this will hold each other accountable. He also implemented a program for emotional survival. Officers need to understand that their families are impacted by this job. They get peer support and other agencies are getting involved. This program is growing and expanding. They are bringing in families to talk about how their families have been impacted. Thomas also implemented a new evaluation system. Officers need to understand their mission and go out every day and make a difference. Chief Thomas ended with, “We need to keep our foot on the gas, looking for new ways to engage more people, get more of the community members involved that may not be involved and just keep going forward.”

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## THUMBNAILS

**Shannon Wiegman** lives in DePere and has been married for 13 years. She has a son who is 9 years old and enjoys Karate and currently has his brown belt...soon to have his black belt! Her oldest son is 11 and shares her passion of football with her. She graduated from St. Norbert and was in the insurance industry for the 25 years. She worked at Secura for a short period of time and then was at Ameriprise for 15 years. In 2012 she was approached to help with the United Way Foundation through work. It was a blessing in disguise and an eye opener for her. This opportunity opened up a passion of Shannon’s that she didn’t even know existed. From there she went to Habitat from Humanity and recently took a position with Rebuilding Together in May of this year. She currently is the Executive Director for the non-profit organization. She is looking to do more in the community and believes in the Rotary motto: Service Above Self and instills that in her children every day and loves what Rotary will teach them.

**Dawn Nowakowski** is married to Ken for the past 30 years and he also happens to be her high school sweetheart. They have 2 grown children Cameron, 24 and Hannah who is attending UW-Madison. Her family moved to the Fox Cities 12 years ago. She grew up in Coleman, which is not too far away from Appleton. Both her parents were entrepreneurs and owed a dry cleaning business. Dawn ended up in banking savings/loans and residential lending after college. After that she went in to National plastic sales and then her husband's job at Thrivent moved them to the Appleton area. When Dawn moved to the area she started a Mortgage/Broker store. She got involved with the Chamber and civic groups. She quickly learned about Appleton's wonderful giving community. She learned a valuable life lesson from her Great-Grandfather, John Walker to always be caring and passionate and to carry that through your everyday life. She is grateful to be part of Rotary and to be around an amazing group of community leaders.

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#### **7 DAY NOTICE**

The following individual has been proposed for membership in Rotary. She has passed all committees and unless an objection in writing is submitted to the secretary within 7 days, this member will be admitted to the Rotary Club of Appleton.

**Kelly Radandt** of 2800 E College Ave, Appleton, WI 54915 has been proposed into membership by Robb Waugus. She would enter under the classification of **Broadcasting – Radio Management**.

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#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

**Guests today were** Paul Schmerse with Paul Hillmer, Jim Phalen with Andrew Micheletti, Ashley Gustafson with Sonia Barham and Chief Todd Thomas with the club.

**There were No Visiting Rotarians this week**

**There were No Make ups this week**

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#### **SEPTEMBER 1ST MEETING-FALLS IN THE EDLERLY – THE HIDDEN EPIDEMIC AND ITS IMPACT ON OUR COMMUNITY – DR. RAY GEORGEN**

Did you know that falls are the 2<sup>nd</sup> leading cause of death in Wisconsin and the first cause of hospitalization? And....every 29 minutes an older adult (65 and older) dies from a related injury. Falls are NOT a natural part of aging. On Sept. 1, Dr. Ray Georgen will be here to discuss falls in the elderly, which are a growing cause for concern within our community.

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