



# ROTARY CLUB OF APPLETON GUSTO

*Service Above Self*

**August 29<sup>th</sup>, 2017**  
**Upcoming Programs**

**September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017**  
**NO MEETING**

**September 12, 2017**  
**RIVERVIEW GARDENS**  
District Governor – Tina Hall  
**Thought of the Day:**

**Officers 2017-2018**  
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## **HOW ROTARY CHANGES THE WORLD – BETHANY LERCH**

Bethany Lerch is a UW Oshkosh alumna who went on to receive Fullbright and Rotary Ambassadorial scholarships. Later, she was an Assistant Lecturer of American Studies at the University of Leipzig in Germany. Then, for three months in 2014, she taught English and social responsibility to girls grades 3-8 in Nablus, Palestine. Most recently, Bethany was a Military Advisor in Kabul, Afghanistan, where she began as a Gender Integration and Resource Management trainer for Coalition personnel. Now a graduate student of Professional Counseling at UW Oshkosh, Bethany also works at the Winnebago County Literacy Council to further her skills for the area's English Language Learners. Bethany is the founder of ABLE TO known informally as the Afghan Education Project which is supported by multiple community organizations. The program hopes to grow by 1-2 students per year and candidates must maintain passing grades and fulfill UWO's graduation requirements. Most importantly, candidates must commit to returning to Afghanistan to share their skills and help others. UW Oshkosh offers reduced tuition fees to the residents, a host-family assuages living expenses, and UW Oshkosh's Office of International Education facilitates immigration and enrollment needs. The current ABLE TO student is Zahra an Afghan girl raised in Iran. She is determined to further develop education in Afghanistan. The ABLE TO program is an opportunity for her to broaden her understanding and deepen her knowledge. She wants to continue working in education because it is a place to nurture intellectuals and future leaders with the guts to defy the odds. For information on how to help this program or to hear more from Bethany you can contact her via email [lerch.bethany@gmail.com](mailto:lerch.bethany@gmail.com) or phone 920-376-1930.

I am only one,  
but still I am one.  
I cannot do everything,  
but still I can do something;  
and because I cannot do everything,  
I will not refuse  
to do something I can do.  
*Edward Everett Hale*

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### SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Please wish the following Rotarians Happy Birthday: Beth Schnorr (9/04), Dennis Hultgren (9/06), Ron Altenburg (9/07), Maria Van Laanen (9/14), Nancy Leipzig (9/15), Ruth Ann Heeter (9/17), Jon Kester (9/20), Marta Weldon, (9/21), Tom Scheuerman (9/22) and Sridhar (9/29).

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### ANNOUNCEMENTS

- There will be no meeting on **Tuesday, September 5<sup>th</sup>** due to our 3+1 format.
  - Our meeting on **Tuesday, September 26<sup>th</sup>** will be at Radisson Paper Valley Hotel.
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### MEETING ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12<sup>TH</sup>- DISTRICT GOVERNOR – TINA HALL

Tina Hall, a member of the Marquette Breakfast Rotary and our District Governor will be here to take questions and fill us in on the activities of District 6220.

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### GUESTS THIS WEEK

**Visiting Guests today were** Anjali Seefeldt with Shipra Seefeldt, Eshalon Mayer with Kelly Nutty, Sayeda Zahra Mousasi and Bethany Lerch with the club.

**There Were No Visiting Rotarians this week**

**There Were No Make ups this week**

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