



# ROTARY CLUB OF APPLETON GUSTO

Service Above Self

## September 15th, 2015 Upcoming Programs

September 22nd, 2015  
**Radisson – Salon CD**  
Youth Mental Health First Aid  
Thought of the Day: Karen Dorn

September 29th, 2015  
**Radisson – Salon CD**  
Party at the PAC  
Thought of the Day: David Weiss

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Meets Tuesday Noon

## COMMUNITY EARLY LEARNING CENTER

The Community Early Learning Center is a multi-agency center that focuses on the families of young children and those serving them so their children will be ready for kindergarten by age five – especially those families with young children who are at risk due to experiences of poverty or other unhealthy stresses. The Center serves not only to those children and families on site, but also the Fox Valley region and beyond through collaborative programming, outreach to local and regional educational and family resources, various program initiatives and the dissemination of information. The CELC houses five different not-for-profit public organizations under one roof to serve children from birth to five year old in the Fox River Valley and beyond. Appleton Area School District's birth to Five programs, Even Start Family Literacy, Outagamie County Early Intervention, Project Bridges Day Care, and the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh Head Start program. The \$2 million dollar renovation project of the former St. Mary Catholic Central School was completed in early September 2014 and accommodates approximately 275 children and 100 full-time and part-time staff. Some of the CELC's first year highlights consist of: Strengthening Partnerships within all the groups that are under one roof, Coordinate schedules between all the different classes, "Universal" Screenings (Birth-to-5 Developmental Screening Days), Connecting Families to Resources, Outreach to families through playgroups, Connections to the Community, Week of the Young Child Event and 4K summer institute. If you are interested in taking a tour please stop by any time. They are located at 313 S. State Street in Appleton.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- John Parker is feeling better and is open to visitors. If you are interested in visiting him at the Rennes Health & Rehab Center please call 920-731-7310. John is located in room 406.
- Rotary is working with Rotaract on a project called Rebuilding Nepal. A concert will be held on Saturday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> 7:00 pm at the Lawrence Chapel. Tickets are \$10/adults and \$5/students w with ID. Tickets will be on sale at our next meeting.
- We have a fun opportunity for service. On **Saturday, September 26** – which is Appleton's Oktoberfest, the Downtown Kiwanis Club has offered to share the volunteer opportunity with us in a cooperative effort to sell wrist bands and drink tickets. They have agreed to split the money earned with us – generally a total of \$3,000 - \$5,000 – which would mean our Club would earn \$1,500 - \$2,500. This will give us a wonderful opportunity to increase our visibility in the community by wearing Rotary attire like t-shirts or hats and a chance to get to know and work alongside Downtown Kiwanis members. We see this as the beginning of other cooperative projects with Kiwanis as well as with other Rotary Clubs in our area. If you are interest please contact Meghan at ([rotaryappleton@gmail.com](mailto:rotaryappleton@gmail.com)) or Deborah Wetter ([deborah.wetter@appleton.org](mailto:deborah.wetter@appleton.org)) or call Deborah at 920-832-2291. Family members are welcome. Shifts are 4 hours (9-1 or 1-5). Feel free to sign up for more than one shift.
- The Community Service Committee has finalized their grant application materials and deadline for this year. The application and instructions are attached, and the deadline this year will be **October 9**. You can also get an application online at our website [www.appletonrotary.org](http://www.appletonrotary.org).

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

**Guests today were** Greg Vanden Berg with Jan Quinlan, Kellie Delveau and Jordan Kimmel with Bob Pedersen, Dena Skran, Wesley Varughese, Alex Kurki with Gary Vaughan, Julie Keller with Mary Downs, Nigel Schuster, Tamanna Akram and Jarrod Bittner with the club.

**Visiting Rotarians this week were** Jeff Buchta with Neenah Breakfast Rotary

**There were No Make ups this week**

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### **SEPTEMBER 29<sup>TH</sup>- PARTY AT THE PAC**

Every fall, high school students from almost 40 area schools party at the Performing Arts Center in Appleton. However, this party stands for Prevent Alcohol and Risk related Trauma in Youth. The program is a reality education program for high school sophomore students, which aims to empower them to make safe choices by shedding light on risk-taking behaviors and the importance of personal responsibility. On 9/29, Kathi Hegranes will be here to tell us more about this impactful program.

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### **THE ROTARY FOUNDATION EARNS EIGHTH STRAIGHT 4-STAR RATING**

The Rotary Foundation earned a 4-star rating from [Charity Navigator](#), the largest and most prestigious independent evaluator of nonprofits in the United States.

This year's top distinction is the [Foundation's eighth in a row](#), which places the Foundation in the top 2 percent of U.S.-based charities. In a letter to the Foundation, Charity Navigator President and CEO Michael Thatcher wrote, "Receiving four out of a possible four stars indicates that your organization adheres to good governance and other best practices that minimize the chance of unethical activities and consistently executes its mission in a fiscally responsible way.

"This exceptional designation from Charity Navigator differentiates The Rotary Foundation from its peers and demonstrates to the public it is worthy of their trust," Thatcher said.

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