



# ROTARY CLUB OF APPLETON GUSTO

Service Above Self

**September 27, 2016**  
**Upcoming Programs**

**October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2016**  
**NO MEETING**

**October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2016**  
**FOX BANQUETS**

The Future of Air Travel  
Thought of the Day: Chad Hershner

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## COURTESY AWARDS

The Courtesy Awards are given to recognize sales people and others who work with the public and have provided service above and beyond the call (went the “extra mile” for the Rotarian). The recipients received a framed Courtesy Awards certificate, a check in the amount of \$100.00. Congratulations to the following Courtesy Award recipients:

**Alex Ross**  
Recyclist Bicycle Company  
Nominated by: Gary Hermsen

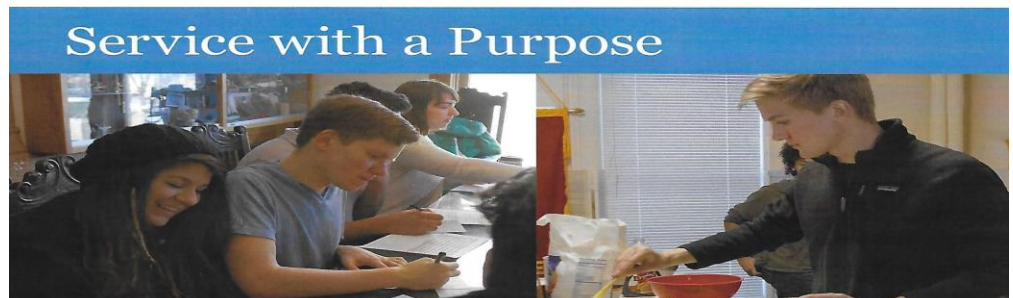
**Dan Buss**  
Festival Foods Neenah  
Nominated by: Michelle Devine-Giese

**Randy Tuma**  
Gordon Bubolz Nature Preserve  
Nominated by: Alan Blake

Thank you to the Courtesy Awards Committee for putting on this program: Tom Simon (Chair), Barb Kelly, Gail Popp, Mary Harp-Jirschele and Tim Reich.

## ROTARACT ARTICLE

Lawrence University presents a "Report to the Community" at a breakfast meeting to invited guests. This year's report was presented this past Wednesday. Included in their report brochure was a very nice article featuring our Rotaract Club.



Community service and engagement have always been pillars of the Lawrence student experience, but one campus organization has elevated the volunteering experience in the past few years in partnership with key Fox Valley organizations.

The Rotaract Club of Lawrence University, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Appleton, is a service, leadership and community service organization for young adults. “Rotaract” stands for “Rotary in Action”. Bimalisen Rajbhandari '17 founded the LU chapter in 2014.

In its first year alone, Rotaract recruited more than 70 active members and served a total of more than 500 hours in the community. “Rotaractors,” as they call themselves, partnered with local organizations like Riverview Gardens, Friends of Appleton Schools and World Relief Fox Valley on community projects.

Throughout each academic year, the club hosts campus cleanups, park cleanups and talks on pressing global issues, such as world hunger. Each week, the club leads service outings to Loaves & Fishes in Appleton and St. Joseph’s Food Pantry in Menasha. Rotaract even collaborated with Greenfire, the Fox Valley Sierra Club and other community partners to organize an Earth Day hike.

Rotaract’s impact extends beyond the Fox Cities and even the United States. The club is working with KidsGive, the Rotary Club of Appleton and others to

improve the quality of water in eastern Freetown, Sierra Leone, by funding and building a solar-powered well. The club also held a Nepal relief concert featuring performances from local groups such as the Appleton Boychoir and raised \$3,200 to build a clinic in Nepal in the aftermath of the country’s devastating earthquake last year.

Club member Tamanna Akram '18 says “the diversity of the Rotaract board and the mentorship from local Rotarians who are also committed to doing good” are unique aspects of the LU club.

One of those mentors is Gary Vaughan, coordinator of Lawrence’s Innovation and Entrepreneurship Program and a member of the Rotary Club of Appleton. Vaughan emphasized Rotaractors “can be part of Rotary in Appleton as well as their home state or country. They have that connection, so they can be a part of something here and continue it after they leave.”

Indeed, when asked about her favorite part of Rotaract, club president Ali Fuller '17 says “all the wonderful people I’ve connected with, because the whole Rotary organization is an amazing community that knows no geographic bounds.”

### **PAUL HARRIS FELLOWSHIP-BRET BUXTON**

We are pleased to recognize those members who have made a financial commitment to The Rotary International Foundation. The Work of Rotary International is vast and touches the lives of millions. This is evidenced most visibly through its work to eradicate polio worldwide. Each of us has been encouraged to support RI so these efforts as well as others can continue. Today we honor Bret Buxton with the support from Mark Logemann, who recently left our club, transferred his remaining points and with our matching program contributed \$1000 to RI. In recognition of this gift he will receive a Paul Harris Fellowship.



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### **OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS**

Be sure to wish the following Rotarians Happy Birthday this month: Chuck Barnum (10/02), Chris Sitzmann (10/04), Bill Breider (10/07), Nikos Efthimiou (10/08), Gary Vaughan (10/08), Frank Mueller (10/13), Barb Kelly (10/16), Michelle Devine-Giese (10/17), Mary Downs (10/19), Mary Harp-Jirschele (10/22), Chad Hershner (10/23), Patti Warmenhoven (10/24), Jim Perry (10/25)

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### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- The SAS committee is in need for volunteers for the Houdini 10K run on November 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested please contact Meghan at [rotaryappleton@gmail.com](mailto:rotaryappleton@gmail.com).
- Sridhar is looking for volunteers for the Salvation Army. If you are interested in helping out please email him at [sridhar@uwosh.edu](mailto:sridhar@uwosh.edu).
- If you attend the Ethics of Business Summit on Tuesday, October 4th please let Meghan know so you can receive a make up for attending.

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### **OCTOBER 4, 2016 – NO MEETING**

Due to our 3 + 1 format we will not be holding a regular scheduled meeting this Tuesday.

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### **OCTOBER 11, 2016 – THE FUTURE OF AIR TRAVEL**

Abe Weber, Airport Director at Appleton International Airport will update us on airport projects and partnerships, with a look at future air service trends in the US.

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

**Visiting Guests this week were** Salad Vang with Gary Vaughan, Dan Buss, Mike Buss, Craig Lester, Darrin Kuehn with the Club.

**Visiting Rotarians this week were** Rick Vanderloop from Oshkosh West

**There Were No Make ups this week**

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