



# ROTARY CLUB OF APPLETON GUSTO

*Service Above Self*

## September 8th, 2015 Upcoming Programs

September 15th, 2015  
**Radisson – Salon CD**  
CELC- Jon Stellmacher  
Thought of the Day: Tom  
Simon

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Meets Tuesday Noon

## CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES GRANT RECIPIENTS

In 1941, Rotarian William J. Roemer established a trust in the name of his wife, Helen Thom Roemer, to support the work of the Orthopedic Committee of the Rotary Club of Appleton and named the Rotary Club of Appleton the trustee of that trust. Today that committee is called the Children with Disabilities Committee. The income from this fund was set up to be used to benefit disabled children within a radius of 50 miles. The committee approved the following distributions from the Helen Thom Roemer Fund in the Appleton Rotary Foundation:

### Appleton Area School District – Early Education (\$2,022)

Young children are motivated to learn and are engaged for longer periods of time when they can explore and experience “hands-on” activities. When these activities are captured in pictures and videos, shown to the students on a large screen or transformed into books, social stories, and other visual supports, they’re attention is increased and their language skills increase significantly. This is particularly true for 3-5 years old who have special needs. The ability of these children to give their full attention and remain engaged for the duration of any activity presented is quite limited. Bringing technology, through the use of iPads, iPad cases and Applet TVs, into the Early Childhood Classroom is the focus. Special Education Early Childhood teachers, in the Appleton Area School District (AASD), do not have these technological devices. Classroom Early Childhood teachers, students, and their families would benefit greatly with the use of classroom iPads.

### Appleton Area School District – Physical Therapy (\$5,280.96)

The Therapy and Special Physical Education Department currently provides occupational therapy, physical therapy and special physical education to approximately 431 students at 43 different sites. Students with disabilities receive special education from ages 3 through 21. The TSPE department travels to students in the schools, day cares and 4K sites they attend throughout the Appleton Area School District. The purpose of “Best Seat in the House” is to furnish the Therapy and Special Physical Education Department with the equipment desired to provide our expanding programs the seating choices needed for school success. As the district grows and the population we serve increases, our need for seating choices has outgrown our ability to keep up with the necessary seating choices. We have added 25 4 year old kindergarten sites to the district. The therapy team wants to ensure each student from 3 to 21 has the tools to succeed in tall school activities.

### Easter Seal WI (\$4,000)

The Easter Seals Disability HelpLine is a program of Easter Seals Wisconsin designed to meet the needs of Outagamie County residents with disabilities. The HelpLine has been serving Outagamie County since 1997. The mission of Easter Seals Wisconsin is to increase independence, maximize opportunities, minimize barriers and enhance the quality of life for people with disabilities. The Easter Seals’ Equipment Grants for Outagamie County Children with Disabilities program assists local families needing disability-related equipment for their child with a disability. The program provides financial assistance to low income families so that they can acquire the equipment needed to assist with any barriers the child may encounter in their daily lives.

### SOAR Fox Cities (\$2,500)

SOAR Fox Cities focuses on youth and adult programming, family support, advocacy, camp, community education and Special Olympics programs. Through these programs, SOAR Fox Cities continues to improve the lives of individuals with developmental disabilities and their families. These programs help instill our mission of Empowering People with Differing Abilities. SOAR Camp Onaway offers a five day camp experience to youth and adults with developmental disabilities. The program includes nursing staff for those campers requiring ongoing medical care, including medication disbursement. Able and Active Weekend camp at Camp Nan A Bo Sho offers a weekend camp experience for those with high energy and greater mobility.

### **Special Olympics WI – Fox Valley Region (\$3,935)**

Their mission is to provide year-round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for children and adults with intellectual disabilities, giving them continuing opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrates courage, experience joy and participate in a sharing of gifts, skills and friendships with their families, other Special Olympics athletes and the community. The Sports Training and Competition programs are offered year round to children 8 years and older featuring training and competition opportunities in 18 different sports. Project UNIFY is an exciting new program focusing on inclusive sports providing youth with and without intellectual disabilities the opportunity to train and play together as teammates. Students develop exceptional athletic skills while forming friendships, fostering respect for each other, and becoming leaders on and off the court.

### **The Building for Kids Children's Museum (\$2,500)**

The vision of BFKCM is to create exceptional learning opportunities that are innovative, deeply-engaging, and long-lasting. They believe these opportunities should be available to all children regardless of the family's ability to pay. Through the generosity of our community, we are able to provide programs and scholarships to anyone seeking assistance. Spectrum Saturdays is a free monthly program supported by the Autism Society of the Fox Valley and the Green Bay Packers Foundation. This program allows families with children on the spectrum to play, explore, and learn in an educational environment.

### **WisconSibs (\$2,250)**

WisconSibs, Inc. (formerly Fox Valley Siblings Support Network) was established in 1998 to provide peer support and information to children and adults who have siblings with disabilities or long-term illnesses throughout their lifelong journey. In November 2014, the organization was renamed WiconSibs. The 12<sup>th</sup> annual, Santa Celebration is on December 4, 2015. At this event, children with disabilities and their families enjoy breakfast with Santa and other fun activities designed to involve children with disabilities of all ages with siblings. No lines. No rush. No embarrassing stares from strangers. Just fun, acceptance and Santa's magic. New this year will be an expansion of the event time to accommodate more children and their families. The Down Syndrome Association of Wisconsin Fox Valley would like to increase their participation and will be sponsoring this expansion.

### **YMCA of the Fox Cities (\$2,000)**

The YMCA serves children and families from all social, religious, ethnic and economic backgrounds. Programs are made available to children, families, and adults in Winnebago, Outagamie, and Calumet Counties. Our mission is to put Christian principles into practice by promoting youth, adult, and family activities that build a healthy spirit, mind and body for all. The character values we strive to incorporate into our programs offering are those of Caring, Honesty, Respect and Responsibility. YMCA Camp Hope is a day camp for children, ages 6-15 years, with physical and cognitive disabilities. The program is held at Plamann Park for two weeks from July 20-July 31, 2015. Camp Hope is designed to offer recreational and social experiences including singing, swimming, arts and crafts, activities focused on health and safety, nature walks, games and a family event. The program focuses on enhancing skills and helping children with disabilities enjoy an outdoor camp experience that is parallel to other camp offerings for children without special needs.

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### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- If you are interested in volunteering for the Appleton Houdini 10K run, please sign up via the website or send Meghan an email at [rotaryappleton@gmail.com](mailto:rotaryappleton@gmail.com).
- We need 14 volunteers for the Octoberfest wristband booth on September 26<sup>th</sup>. There are 2 shifts available. Please sign up via the website or email Meghan at [rotaryappleton@gmail.com](mailto:rotaryappleton@gmail.com).
- John Parker has recently been hospitalized for pneumonia and heart issues. Please keep him and his family in your thoughts and prayers.

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

**Guests today were** Ross McDowell with Jennifer Stephany, Marti Hemwall with Curt Detjen, Caitlyn Quast with Amy Flanders, Jill Gretzinger, Bobbi DeWitt, Dawn Jones, Lori Bjelde, Harriet Redman and Lori Allman with the club.

**There were No Visiting Rotarians this week**

**There were No Make ups this week**

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### **SEPTEMBER 22ND-YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID**

Bob Woodford and Val Dreier will present to the club the program "Youth Mental Health First Aid". They will discuss what it is and what it is intended to accomplish. They will also talk about the local Project Aware grant supporting the training being provided free in our community.

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