



ROTARY CLUB OF APPLETON

GUSTO

Service Above Self

December 2nd, 2014 Upcoming Programs

December 9th, 2014

Nobel Students/Business Meeting
Inductions-Dan Flannery and Andy Heuer
Thought of the Day: Jake Woodford

December 16th, 2014

Holiday Celebration
Thought of the Day: Robb Waugus

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DUCKS UNLIMITED- AMERICA'S ENERGY

Ducks Unlimited is an international nonprofit organization dedicated to the conservation of wetlands and associated upland habitats for waterfowl, other wildlife and people. In January 2012 it had roughly 597,000 members. Their Mission: Ducks Unlimited conserves, restores, and manages wetlands and associated habitats for North America's waterfowl. These habitats also benefit other wildlife and people. Their Vision: The vision of Ducks Unlimited is wetlands sufficient to fill the skies with waterfowl today, tomorrow and forever. Thanks to decades of abiding by that single mission, Ducks Unlimited is now the world's largest and most effective private waterfowl and wetlands conservation organization. DU is able to deliver its work through a series of partnerships with private individuals, landowners, agencies, scientific communities and other entities. Waterfowl are not the only beneficiaries of DU's habitat work. Wetlands improve the overall health of our environment by recharging and purifying groundwater, moderating floods and reducing soil erosion. The United States alone has lost more than half of its original wetlands, and tens of thousands of wetland acres continue to be lost at an accelerating rate each year. Each year, DU volunteers and staff hold more than 4,000 fundraising events across the country. By simply attending a local event, you can have a great time while helping DU fill the sky with waterfowl for future generations. If you are interested in finding out about these opportunities or joining Ducks Unlimited you can simply log on to their website at www.ducks.org.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A fellow Rotarian and friend, Merle Mueller passed away on Thanksgiving Day. The club had a moment of silence in his honor.
- Reminder there will be no meetings held on **December 23** and **December 30th** due to the Holidays.
- Rotary Shines sold out of chocolates this year...60 boxes! If you were unable to attend the meeting on December 2nd but ordered chocolate Amy Flanders will have your chocolate. Again, the price per box is \$20.00.
- The Courtesy Award is given to recognize vocational excellence in the Fox Valley area. It is presented to people who work directly with the public and have exhibited exceptional service or uncommon courtesy to the people they serve. It is one of the club's oldest awards, given to those in the community who demonstrate the Rotary ideal of Service above self. Rotarians are encouraged to submit nominations, which must be received by January 23, 2015. The rules and nomination forms are available on our website at <http://www.focol.org/aprotary/Documents/2015Courtesy.pdf>
- The district wants to invite members to apply for the District Governor position for 2017-2018. If you have any interest in applying please contact Meghan and she can give you the information.
- Daniel Krueger has resigned from our club due to not being able to attend meetings.

SAMP ANNOUNCEMENT

Help is on the Way!!! District Governor, Tom Berkedal, made an announcement to the club that SAMP will be receiving a grant of \$10,000 from the district. This will allow us to keep SAMP going and also to work with other clubs in the district.

GUESTS, VISITORS AND MAKE-UPS

Guests today were Andy Heuer with Peter Kelly and Chris Anderson with the Club

Visiting Rotarians today were Bruce Deadman from Green Bay West

There were No Make-ups this week

NEXT WEEKS MEETING- DECEMBER 16TH, 2014 HOLIDAY CELEBRATION

The holiday season is here and it is time once again for the annual Rotary Holiday luncheon hosted by the Family of Rotary Committee. This year's event will be held at the Radisson Paper Valley Hotel on Tuesday, December 16 from 11:30 to 1:00pm. Entertainment will be provided by the NewVoices (formerly White Heron Chorale). Please sign up at the registration table starting Nov. 25th so we have an accurate count of Rotarians and guests. You may also email your RSVP to Meghan at rotaryappleton@gmail.com. There will be a \$12.00 charge for guests and "attendance not required" members.

As is our holiday tradition, we will again collect cash donations and items for those in our community who are less fortunate. This year's charitable recipient is the Boys & Girls Club. Donations of cash and goods will be collected at the Holiday Lunch. If you would like a wish list please contact Meghan and she will provide that.