



ROTARY CLUB OF APPLETON

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Service Above Self

March 17th, 2015 Upcoming Programs

March 24th, 2015
Radisson- Salon CD
FCC&VB-Amy Karas
Thought of the Day: Andrew Micheletti

March 31st, 2015
Radisson- Salon A
Integration of Refugees in Fox Valley
Thought of the Day: Nancy Johnshoy

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NEIGHBORHOOD PARTNER PROJECT

Neighborhood Partners is a collaboration of more than 20 nonprofit, government and corporate organizations that work alongside people who are creating a positive social, economic and environmental change in their neighborhoods. Their vision is for a vibrant and resilient Fox Valley, built neighborhood by neighborhood, by people at the grassroots. Their pilot neighborhood, located just north of downtown Appleton has partnered with St. Therese Parish to make community gardens plots available to more than 40 parish and neighborhood families. They are learning about the gifts and skills neighbors have to share, and connecting people in the community. They have launched the Historic Central Neighborhood Food Hub where gardeners learn and share. They have renovated the Columbus Elementary/Appleton Bilingual School playground. They are training kids in learning lawn care skills and matching them with property owners needing those services. Neighbors are teaching neighbors how to save energy and money and there is community planning for the future. All across the Fox Valley, citizens have tremendous potential to self-organize to create new ways of meeting their needs in our local communities. Most just need organizational support to get started. By providing support- applying methods, models and organizational assistance this project hopes to help other communities as they did their own and will continue to do. If you are looking to get involved with this project please check out their website at <http://sustainfv.org>. The Neighborhood Partner Project would like to thank all of you for the donation they received last year from our club.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Rotary Shines** is looking for bottles of wine for the cork pull. If you are interested in donating a bottle please bring to the meeting and give to Megan Klubertanz or Amy Flanders. Value should be around \$20/bottle.
- **District Conference is May 15-17** here in Appleton at the Radisson Paper Valley Hotel. Please visit the website at <http://www.ridistrict6220.org/> to register. Meghan will also have paper copies available if you are interested.
- Reciprocity has begun! If you are unable to attend our meeting you can now attend Neenah Rotary - Holiday Inn Neenah Riverwalk - **Thursday-Noon**, Menasha Rotary-Waverly Beach, N8770 Fire Lane 1, Menasha - **Wednesday-Noon**, Fox Cities Morning Rotary, Best Western Bridgewood, 1000 Cameron Way, Neenah - **Tuesday 7-8 am** with no cost. Please remember to sign a visiting Rotarian card.
- President Deborah welcomed our newest member: Jeff McLaughlin. Welcome Jeff!

SAS COMMITTEE UPDATE

The Service Above Self Committee is looking for volunteers for their first project. If you are able to help out at **Riverview Gardens** on **Monday, April 6 from 2-5** or **Saturday, April 11 from 9-12** please email Jenni Eickelberg at jenni.eickelberg@thrivent.com or Dan Flannery dflannery_gw@gwic.org. There will also be sign-up sheets at the next meeting on each table.

Here is the list of other volunteer opportunities coming up.

- April/May: Old Glory Honor Flight
- July 29: Big Brothers, Big Sisters Timber Rattlers Game
- September 20: Fox Cities Marathon Water Station
- September 26: Oktoberfest Wrist Band Sales
- November/December: Habitat for Humanity Gift Wrap

ROTARY SHINES APRIL 17TH, 2015 AT FOX BANQUETS

This year's beneficiaries will be:

Polio Plus Program

United Way Fox Cities PATH (Providing Access to Healing) for students program

Project Bharati: Rehabilitation and Empowerment for Girls Rescued Human Trafficking and Sexual Violence

Here are the Sponsors so far:

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GUESTS, VISITORS AND MAKE-UPS

Today our guests were Matthew Brehmer with Rotary Days, Greg Vandenberg and Jeff Jirschele with Mary Harp-Jirschele, Bryan Pierce with John Parker and Julie Filapek with the Club.

There Were No Visiting Rotarians

No Make ups this week

MARCH 31st MEETING-INTEGRATION OF REFUGESS IN THE FOX VALLEY

Every year, over 27 million people are forced to flee their homes because of persecution and conflict, or a very present fear of it. On March 31, City of Appleton Diversity Coordinator Kathy Flores along with Tami McLaughlin, the new Office Director for World Relief Fox Valley will be here to discuss how new refugees are being integrated into the Fox Valley.
