



ROTARY CLUB OF APPLETON GUSTO

Service Above Self

March 27, 2018 Upcoming Programs

April 3, 2018
NO MEETING

April 10, 2018
RIVERVIEW GARDENS
Mary Harp-Jirschele-Trip
Thought of the Day: Paul Hillmer

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ELENA CANNATA – RYE STUDENT

For the last three years, our Rotary Club has been co-sponsoring a Rotary Youth Exchange (RYE) student with the Appleton Breakfast Club. This year our RYE student is Elena Cannata from Sicily, Italy. She has been in the US since August living with Scott and Lacie Revoir in Kimberly and attending Kimberly High School as a junior. She attended the meeting with her host parents and with Ray Sweeney who is the RYE Officer for Appleton Breakfast. Ray is the person who makes our RYE program possible because we do not presently have a RYE officer in our club. Ray has RYE officer credentials, finds host families, makes all the arrangements for the RYE student and is the point of contact for RYE students, their parents and the host family. We are so grateful to Ray for doing all this and to Appleton Breakfast Club for letting us share their RYE student.

Lacie and Scott Revoir are the host parents for Elena. This is their very first experience as host parents but this is something they have always wanted to do. They explained to the club that this experience has been very easy. The students coming in are coming to learn and they want to experience everything they can. Elena has become part of their family and the entire experience has made them better people and has opened up their minds to another culture. It has been rewarding for the Revoirs and their family and they are getting just as much out of the experience as Elena has. They will miss her when she goes back home. Elena is from Sicily, Italy and lives with her parents and has 2 sisters. Elena describes her home in 4 words: WARMTH, FAMILY, RESPECT and SACRIFICE. Her family has strong feelings in loyalty to not only each other but to their culture and traditions. Elena spoke about her friends far and near. She has met many friends through Rotary and they meet once a month for Rotary meetings. She would like to thank Rotary for their support and her opportunity to study abroad. She would also like to thank Ray Sweeney for everything he has done for her and for taking her to California so she could ride the waves! A special thank you to Deborah Wetter and to Chris Mings for all their help with everything and making sure our club is involved with the RYE Student we help sponsor.



Ray Sweeney, Elenea Cannata, Deborah Wetter and Scott Revoir

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **SAVE THE DATE:** Our annual Community Table Event will take place on **Tuesday, August 14th** at Riverview Gardens. If you are interested in sponsoring or having your company sponsor please contact Meghan for more information.
- Are you looking for a weekend getaway with kids or grandkids? How about a waterpark in Wisconsin Dells? **May 4-6** Tri-Con 2018 is coming to The Wilderness in Wisconsin Dells. This is a Rotary District Conference for Rotarians in District 6220, District 6250 and District 6270. All Rotarians from Wisconsin, the Upper Peninsula of Michigan and eastern Minnesota, with their significant others and families, and other Rotarians and friends of Rotary are welcome. Register at <https://ridistrict6220.org/district-resources/district-conference-2018-registration-page.html>
- Sridhar is taking the initiative and starting an Interact Club with Appleton North High School. Through Interact, Rotary clubs invest in young leaders guiding, supporting, and working alongside young people as they build leadership skills, serve their communities and increase international understanding. He is looking for **1 SPONSOR**. If you are interested please email him at sridhar@uwosh.edu.

GUESTS THIS WEEK

Guests this week were Jennifer Thompson with Dawn Nowakowski, Joann Sweeney with Deborah Wetter, Scott and Lacie Revoir and Elena Cannata with the club.

Visiting Rotarians this week were Ray Sweeney from Appleton Breakfast

There were No make ups this week

NO MEETING NEXT WEEK – TUESDAY, APRIL 3RD

Due to our 3 + 1 format we will not be meeting on Tuesday, April 3rd.

TUESDAY, APRIL 10, 2018 – MARY HARP-JIRSCHLE

Our club's own Mary Harp-Jirschele will provide a bird's eye view of her recent eye care mission trip to Nicaragua and a recap of the "best of the best" experiences over the past 15 years. Mary's mission team is funded, in part, by a World Service grant from our club.

