



ROTARY CLUB OF APPLETON GUSTO

Service Above Self

April 17, 2018
Upcoming Programs

April 24, 2018
RIVERVIEW GARDENS
WI Technology Council
Thought of the Day: Alan Blake

May 1, 2018
NO MEETING

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SIERRA LEONE UPDATE

In 2006, Professor Claudena Skran was awarded a Fulbright Scholarship to conduct research in Sierra Leone. After years of research, Professor Skran created the KidsGive organization. KidsGive organizes annual field experience trips for Lawrence University students to travel to Sierra Leone where they direct research projects as well as participate in volunteer activities when visiting Sierra Leonean schools. KidsGive is a nonprofit organization associated with Lawrence University. Their mission is to educate students in the U.S. about Sierra Leonean life and culture as well as to promote informed giving while providing children in Sierra Leone with the opportunity to learn and become the next great leaders of their generation. A pillar of their group is the scholarship fund that goes to several kids from Sierra Leone every year. They provide opportunities for field research and every year students from Lawrence University have the opportunity to travel to Sierra Leone and conduct independent projects pertaining to their individual majors. Conforti School is located in Freetown, Sierra Leone and it is one of our oldest partnerships. The primary goal of this grant is to improve the quantity and quality of water accessible to residents of Calaba Town, a low-income neighborhood in Eastern Freetown, Sierra Leone. More specifically, the project's guiding objectives were to: 1) Improve water quality and quantity for students at Conforti Primary School, Calaba Town by drilling a solar-powered borehole uphill and away from septic tanks and connecting it to storage tanks; 2) Improve student and community knowledge of good sanitation practices via educational training sessions and curriculum adjustment; 3) Reduce water related conflicts for students of Conforti School by providing basis to scale up the project with another solar-powered borehole in the Calaba Town Community. Direct beneficiaries will include Conforti students and Calaba Town residents who will have access to improved water. The KidsGive team worked hard with Rotary International, The Ministry of Water in Sierra Leone, and the Conforti staff to make this happen and we are happy to announce that this past December we saw the complete project running smoothly and appreciated greatly. Team members will travel back periodically to check on its maintenance and we are brainstorming future projects like this one!

Here is a link you can click on to see the well ceremony from Water Celebration Day at Conforti this past December, celebrating the completion of the well.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ix4GYF2Rgnk>

For more information you can visit Kidsgive website at:
<https://kidsgivesierraleone.wixsite.com/lawrence>



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>
- SAS Committee is looking for volunteers on **Monday, May 7th** to help cook and serve food at Homeless Connection. Please sign up at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090445a5ab23a4f58-homeless1> if you are able to help!
- Thank you to Paul Hillmer and Marlene Welter for your volunteer hours which lead to a contribution from their Employer, Associated Bank, for \$500 we can use towards our Community Table Event!
- Our club passed around the Blue Box requested by our District Governor, Tina Hall and we raised \$350 for Polio Plus. Gary Hermsen will deliver the check to Tina at the Tri-Con event.

GUESTS THIS WEEK

Guests this week were Bill Kelly with Barbara Kelly, Faith Sealy with Phil Sealy, Elena Cannata with the club, Sarah Ehlinger, Dena Skran, Tamanna Ahram, Tessa Singer, Abby Oerris, Chris Shaw, Peter Bukszar, Greg Procopio, Ayomide Akinyosoye, Samriodhi Tuiadhar, Berenitn Martinez-Wolberg, Bill Baer, Nancy Hendy and Maamie Oye-Aplah with Tom Boldt

There Were No Visiting Rotarians this week

There were No make ups this week

TUESDAY, APRIL 24, 2018 – WISCONSIN TECHNOLOGY COUNCIL

Is Wisconsin still America's Dairyland or are we a new technology hub? Find out when Tom Still, Executive Director of the Wisconsin Technology Council, reports on Wisconsin's progress and challenges in the ever changing tech world of the 21st century.

SIERRA LEONE PICTURES



Well ceremony at Conforti School this past December – Our Rotary Logo



Sarah Ehlinger, KidsGive students, Dr. Skran, Tom Boldt and Gary Vaughan, a few people who are making this project happen