



# ROTARY CLUB OF APPLETON GUSTO

Service Above Self

## July 10, 2018 Upcoming Programs

July 17, 2018  
**Riverview Gardens**  
Generative Local  
Community Institute  
**Thought of the Day:** David  
Weiss

July 24, 2018  
**Riverview Gardens**  
ThedaStar Nurse  
**Thought of the day:** Pilar  
Martinez

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## PRESIDENT NANCY LEIPZIG'S INDUCTION

We're here today to get to know a little more about our incoming club president, Nancy Leipzig. After spending time with her I was at exhausted by learning everything she's done...and thinking to myself "someone should give this woman a medal..." So we will. With apologies to the Olympic Committee, we are going to hold our own medal ceremony of sorts to acknowledge the varied accomplishments of our incoming president. To do so, I've asked my friends for a little help.

### Amy Flanders:

Nancy is a home town girl—born and raised in Oshkosh as the youngest in her family. Her first accomplishment was surviving 3 older brothers and she was a bit of a tomboy out of necessity. To her mother's dismay, she turned her nose up at dresses and preferred to climb trees and keep up with the boys. There's no surprise that her first job was as a general laborer in her dad's construction company. She remembers laying the curb work for the Appleton Library and a woman came up to watch her because "girls don't do that kind of work"—as it turns out, that woman was former Appleton Mayor Dorothy Johnson. So, for top scores in forging a path for women, you get the gold medal!

### Paul Hillmer:

If you ask Nancy, she's quick to tell you she's not an athlete. Then she'll tell you that she was one of the first girls to play on the boys' varsity golf team in 1980. She says she golfs "a little." She says she ski's "a little" too—both downhill and cross country. She's been doing that since high school and is good enough to regularly ski in Colorado. She also says she water skis "a little bit" (if you can get up on the skis, that's more than a little bit). While her son Taylor was in martial arts, she figured she would go to the gym with him and managed to earn a black belt in Tae Kwan Do. Then when Rotary got involved in the Houdini 10K she was so inspired, she wanted to run again and started training for a half-marathon. So, for a person who golfs a little, skis a little, runs a little, and earned a black belt, you get the gold medal for being more than a little bit of an athlete!

### Gary Hermsen

Her husband Scott is the pride of Poysippi, she's an Oshkosh girl, and son Taylor is an Oshkosh West grad who is going to FVTC in Aeronautics. Benny the springer spaniel has yet to declare his major. Even though she says "we're not boat people," they have made a home on the north side of Lake Butte Des Morts and have had their own watercraft. Incidentally, it's for sale. So, for creating a family and home, here's the gold medal—and the next time Scott says to you "so you want me to give you a medal..?" you can say you already have one!

### Tony Gonzalez

Nancy graduated from UW-Oshkosh with a degree in psychology and education and started her career working at a group home. She spent 21 years at Clarity Care in Oshkosh where she led a team providing services to adults with disabilities and special needs. Today she is the regional director for Community Care which coordinates resources to care for at-risk adults to help them live independent lives. This dedication to helping others earned her an appointment to the Governor's Committee for People with Disabilities—an organization that advises the Governor and state agencies on issues faced by people with disabilities, and helps shape legislation and programs serving those with disabilities. She has served on this committee for 15 years and has chaired the statewide committee for three years. So for dedicating your career to advocacy for those with special needs, we honor you with this gold medal.

### Deborah Wetter

While Nancy was working in Oshkosh, she was involved with the Oshkosh Southwest Rotary Club, where she served a stint as club President. She admits transferring to our club was a bit of an adjustment (was it the singing, Nancy?). After observing club dynamics for a while, she got involved in the Young Professional Task Force after learning of the changing demographics on Rotary membership. She ran to be involved in the Houdini 10K and was hooked on our brand of Rotary. In her words—"it's a great club and I just love Rotary." And, for carrying the torch for community and world service of Rotary, we award you this gold medal.

### Mary

To hear Nancy speak of her mom is evidence of the special place she has in her life. Verone was raised on a family farm in Hilbert, where her only paying job was teaching in a one-room school house. Her primary job was raising her kids with a little golf and bridge thrown in for relief. Verone, it may have taken you 90+ years to get a medal...but for raising Nancy and giving us a great club president, you get a gold medal...

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## **CHARLES AND ADELE HEETER OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP AWARD**

The **Rotary Club of Appleton Recognitions Committee** is dedicated to identifying, evaluating and honoring exemplary Rotarian and Non-Rotarian community leaders who have distinguished themselves in one or more of the **Rotary Avenues of Service\***. The Charles and Adele Heeter Outstanding Community Leadership Award is the vehicle through we accord the recognition to an individual who embodies the Rotary spirit. Today we recognize one such individual who is one of our own. The Rotarian we are recognizing has been a member our Club since 2003. During this illustrious journey, the individual has served on several important committees such as: Community Service/Arts and Service Committee, Centennial Committee, Fundraising Committee. This person has been very active on the Communications Committee that collaborated four other Rotary Clubs in the area to create a regional website to promote the spirit of Rotary. Coursing through the leadership track, this individual has served as a Board Member, Treasurer, and President-Elect and as the President of the Club. As President, has imaginatively introduced the Community Table as the sole annual fundraiser for the Club. Having narrowed the field this far, as Sherlock Holmes would say: "It is elementary Watson". The person we are recognizing today is none other than Jennifer Stephany. Jennifer has made community development her passion. In her capacity as the Executive Director of Appleton Downtown Incorporated, she has been able to marshal resources and nurture multifarious collaborations to make our downtown a lively, thriving, aesthetically pleasing place to be. These contributions go over and beyond the conventional expectations from an incumbent and have garnered recognitions, and in turn that attracted attention in national media such as the Huffington Post and Forbes magazine. Jennifer also serves as the President of Wisconsin Downtown Action Council, and serves as a Member on the Boards of Arts Wisconsin and the Fox Cities Exhibition Center. Fellow Rotarians, please join me conferring on Jennifer the Charles and Adele Heeter Outstanding Community Leadership Award.

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- **SAVE THE DATE:** Our annual Community Table Event will take place on **Tuesday, August 14<sup>th</sup>** at Riverview Gardens. The committee is looking for silent auction donations so please start thinking of ideas and if you need ideas please email Dawn Nowakowski at [dawn.nowakowski@wpt.org](mailto:dawn.nowakowski@wpt.org). **Also, you can purchase your tickets online on our website at [www.rotaryappleton.org](http://www.rotaryappleton.org). Spread the word!**
- Come join the Rotary Clubs of the Fox Cities for our 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Rotary Day at the Timber Rattlers on Wednesday, **August 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:05 pm**. Tickets are \$25.50/adult and \$21.50/kids and includes: ticket, dinner, dessert and 2 beverage tickets. Please send checks to Meghan made out to the Rotary Club of Appleton. **FINAL COUNT IS DUE BY FRIDAY, JULY 20<sup>TH</sup>!!!**
- **DUES INCREASE:** Rotary International has increased their dues. The Board voted to increase our dues by \$15 for the year for all members. Invoices will be mailed out first week of July and will reflect these changes.

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## **GUESTS THIS WEEK**

**Guests this week were** Brandon Gries with David Weiss

**Visiting Rotarians this week were** Craig Burnett from Oshkosh Southwest

**There were No make ups this week**

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## **TUESDAY, JULY 17<sup>TH</sup>, 2018 – GENERATIVE LOCAL COMMUNITY INSTITUTE**

Jason Schulist from Generative Local Community Institute will be presenting regarding his effort to create a peer learning network for the Fox Cities and other community's economic problems. His vision of creating a community peer learning network is operating and growing. It aligns well with the Rotary club service model, and will benefit our members to be aware of his efforts.

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Jennifer Stephany be presented with her Heeter award from Sridhar, Recognitions Committee Chair



President Nancy being inducted by Mary Schmidt and Committee