

ROTARY CLUB OF APPLETON GUSTO

January 22, 2019
District 6220 Club 2656



HISTORY MINUTE WITH WAYNE DEFFERDING

At the turn of the 20th century in Chicago a young man named Paul Harris wanted to get to know other businessmen in various occupations so he could learn who to trust and who not to trust. At that time Chicago was a bustling, growing city with new people moving in from the east coast and those who were “stopping off” from their westward movement to rest and regenerate before moving on.

The rapid growth of Chicago from both permanent and temporary residents made it difficult for Paul Harris and other local businessmen to know who to deal with. So, Paul Harris and several of his business friends decided to start a new “club” that would meet regularly, bring in new members from other businesses, and spend time getting to know each other and each other’s business. They decided to have each meeting at a different place of business among their membership. In other words, they would “rotate” their meetings from one business place to another, thus giving the new club its name – Rotary.

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Next Meeting January 29th

Classroom to Career is a strategy to strengthen opportunities for students to connect with local businesses, to raise student awareness and prepare them for their future employment.

Presenters

AASD Superintendent Dr. Judy Baseman and Rita O’Brien

**Thought of the Day/Greeter
Erin Schultz**

Club Meeting Information

Weekly: Every Tuesday, at
12:00 noon (except the first
Tuesday of the month)

Place: Riverview Gardens
1101 S Oneida St.
Appleton, WI 54915

Rotarian of the Year

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Membership – 128



TAKE ACTION: www.appletonrotary.org
Service Above Self

STRATEGIC PLAN

Goal A: Offering Informative and Relevant Programming

Goal B: Local Community Service Projects.

Goal C: Member Recruitment and Retention

Goal D: Increasing Visibility

Goal E: Linkage with District 6220 and RI

History Minute continued

The concept of getting to know other businessmen at regular meetings became popular and the club grew rapidly. The club's members soon realized that they could marshal their talents and resources and do something good for the community. So, they built indoor restrooms in the new city hall building in downtown Chicago, the first indoor restrooms in the city and probably the first in a downtown area throughout the nation! Word of the idea of indoor restrooms caught on and helped spread the news of this new club called Rotary throughout the nation and eventually throughout the world.

The concept of doing something that benefits the local community became popular and gave rise to the expression that Rotarians now live by – Service above self. Since the establishment of the first Rotary Club in Chicago in 1907 Rotary has now spread to over 200 nations around the world with approx. 33,000 clubs having 1.2 million Rotarian members! Our club, the Rotary Club of Appleton, was established on April 1, 1917 and meets weekly on Tuesdays at noon to carry out Paul Harris' concept of getting to know others in the business community and to live up to Rotary's motto of service above self.



Membership Corner

- **Tuesday, August 6th Community Table Event**
- **Coffee Wednesday at Copper Rock on College Ave. Begins at 7:15**



Pictured above: Sally and John Mielke with 3 area students who attended the conference.

This Weeks Program: Nobel Conference

The Nobel Conference is an annual event at Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter, Minnesota. The Mielke Foundation funds students through a gift to the Appleton Education Foundation. 56 students, 12 educators, and 17 community members attended. The theme this year was Living Soil, A Universe Underfoot. Scholars and researchers warned about soil, world-wide is being misused and neglected. Next September, the Nobel Conference topic will be Climate Changed: Facing our Future. If you are interested in attending please contact Jim Bowman at james@jbassoc.biz.