



ROTARY CLUB OF APPLETON GUSTO

Service Above Self

October 16, 2018
Upcoming Programs

October 23, 2018
RIVERVIEW GARDENS
Non-Profit Roundtable
Thought of the Day: Rick Stark

October 30, 2018
RIVERVIEW GARDENS
RYLA Student Thought of the Day: Marta Weldon

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BURUNDI CHILDREN REFUGEES FLEE WITH HOPE-EGIDE NIMUBONA

Egide Nimubona, founder of Burundi Education Fund, Inc 501 c (3) Charitable Organization in Wisconsin since 2010, presented Burundi refugee children in Rwanda and Uganda. These children refugees come from Burundi, which is a small landlocked country in East Africa. Its large population (11 millions) overstretch its meager economic resources. Add to this dire situation political instability and you have a deadly recipe for dramatic situations that had undermined Burundi society for decades. Burundi Education Fund has been supporting destitute students in Burundi since 2011. Matters got worse in April 2015. The ruling elite decided to violate the Constitution as to presidential terms. Peaceful demonstrations were met with severe repression: killings and torture, media organizations shut down and NGO bank accounts frozen. Followed mass exodus towards neighboring countries: Rwanda, Uganda, Tanzania, Zambia, and Mozambique. More than half the exiled population are children. Most refugees are in huge camps such as Mahama (65,000) in Rwanda and Nakivale (31,000) in Uganda. However, thousands also chose to stay in urban centers due to trauma suffered in internal camps in Burundi since 1993. Many of the children are out of school due to lack of school fees and extreme poverty of parents. Burundi Education Fund, Inc. decided to shift its activities from Burundi to Refugee Children wherever they are. Egide visited Rwanda in June 2016 and built a team of volunteers on the ground. Since January 2017, 359 students have attended elementary and high school in various parts of Rwanda. Very proud to report that some of the students were able to graduate in 2018 and found jobs to support themselves. Through follow-up visits (Egide, sister and brother-in-law), it was decided to help financially families in order for them to afford their children's education. Seed money has been provided to families to either buy staple foods (\$30/month) and or start small businesses (\$300-\$1000). More money is required because there are so many families in need of food, shelter and medical care. Fact-finding missions were conducted in Uganda in July and September 2018. According to the UNHCR, 10% of age school children attended high school in 2017 (466 out of 4,656) Burundi Education Fund, Inc, would like to replicate the success achieved in Rwanda in Uganda. More than 350 students in Uganda need \$57,428 to start school in 2019. Egide appealed to his colleagues Rotarians to gather financial resources to fuel this rescue mission. He called for concrete actions through issuing checks, participating in fundraising activities such as golf outing at Chaska Golf Course (summer 2019), family home-dinners.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- We are looking for volunteers for the Houdini 10K on **Friday, Nov. 2nd and Saturday, Nov. 3rd.**
Course Volunteers Sign-Up www.SignUpGenius.com/go/30E0D48ACAC2FAAFF2-course7
Early Packet Pick-Up: www.SignUpGenius.com/go/30E0D48ACAC2FAAFF2-early6
Day-Of Packet Pick-Up: www.SignUpGenius.com/go/30E0D48ACAC2FAAFF2-dayof6
Finish Line: www.SignUpGenius.com/go/30E0D48ACAC2FAAFF2-finish5
Food Tent: www.SignUpGenius.com/go/30E0D48ACAC2FAAFF2-food2
- The Rotary Friendship Exchange Program provides a means through which Rotarians in one part of the world can experience life in another country or culture. Its goal is to advance international understanding and goodwill through person-to-person connections across national boundaries. For more information regarding opportunities to travel to India/Nepal, Nigeria and Bahamas please contact Julie Craig, Chair, and Rotary Friendship Exchange at (262)880-7050 or julie@gimllp.com.
- The month of November is **New Member November**. Programs for November are: 11/13/18 Tentative: Rotary Foundation update or ESTHER-Prison Reform, 11/21/2018 BRAIN Fox Valley Group, 11/27/18 Community Early Learning Center. If you bring a prospective member lunch is on ROTARY!
- Jenni Eickelberg is recovering from a non-cancerous brain tumor that was removed. We will be donating cards to her so please bring cards to our next meeting to wish her well on her long recovery.
- October 24th, is World Polio Day. On Tuesday, October 23rd during our meeting we would like to take some pictures of the club before our program.

GUESTS THIS WEEK

Guests this week were William Kelly with Barb Kelly, John Timmer with Jan Smith, Blake Doss with Mary Schmidt, Joe Romenesko, Barb Romenesko, Joe Scheske, Renee Siryirankado, Lin Ndayifukamiye, Gary Brilowski and Steve Fischer with Egide Nimubona

There Were No Visiting Rotarians this week

There were No make ups this week

MEETING – TUESDAY, OCTOBER 23RD, 2018 NFP ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

On October 23rd the Program Committee is once again presenting Non-Profit Roundtables. This will be a great way for rotary members to learn more about some of the agencies represented in our membership and how these organizations are serving our community as a whole. Come learn about how these groups are improving the quality of life we enjoy in our community.

WORLD POLIO DAY: OCTOBER 24TH
One Day. One Focus: Ending Polio.

