

# ROTARY CLUB OF APPLETON GUSTO

APRIL 9TH, 2019

DISTRICT 6220 CLUB 2656



## HISTORY MINUTE WITH WAYNE DEFFERDING

*Welcome, welcome to our meeting. We are glad you came today. Return when you are back in town, we're always glad to see you. You have a friend in Rotary.* – reminds me of the days of the traveling salesman when society moved beyond the place of manufacturing and thus the manufacturers had to send salesman into the developing areas to sell their goods and services. It reminds me of the reason why Paul Harris and some of his business friends started the first Rotary club in Chicago – to meet and get to know others in the business world and to learn who to trust. But today we don't have traveling salesmen anymore, we have the internet!

So where did the "Welcome Song" come from? We know that in 1905 a member of the Chicago Rotary Club names Harry L. Ruggles introduced singing to the club, so we know that singing started back then. We also know that our club was singing in its early years because the manuscript of Victor Marshall indicates that on 21 September 1920 the club purchased its first song books!

So where did the Welcome Song come from? It came from Rotary International. In 1925 RI developed a list of songs for Rotary clubs, one of which was titled "The Rotary Welcome Song!"

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### NEXT MEETING – APRIL 16<sup>TH</sup>

Rotary is going on the ROAD. Email Meghan by Friday 4/12 to reserve your spot at FVTC Health Simulation or Urban Evolutions

### APRIL 23<sup>RD</sup> MEETING –

World Service Committee Fundraiser Beneficiaries

### APRIL 30<sup>TH</sup> MEETING –

Bright Futures Awards

### Thought of the Day/Greeters - April

April 16<sup>th</sup> – **Rotary on the Road**

April 23<sup>rd</sup> – Amy Flanders

April 30<sup>th</sup> – Kristin Ely-Bluemke

## Club Meeting Information

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

Place: Riverview Gardens

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### Rotarian of the Year

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Membership – 116

# Rotary



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# 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:**

I researched further and found out that in the U.S. only about half of the clubs sing, and many of the Welcome Songs that they sing are different but somewhat similar. That leads me to believe that the welcome song was probably passed around at Rotary conferences and conventions and that each club developed its own version of the Welcome song.

While researching Rotary archives I came across an article dated **September 1952** that reported the results of research into what the favorite songs were back then that Rotary clubs sang. Of 150 U.S. clubs that were contacted these are the results, in order:

10. School Days
9. Pack up your troubles
8. Shine on harvest moon
7. Down by the old mill stream
6. There's a long, long trail
5. Smile
4. Grandfather's clock
3. Let me call you sweetheart
2. I want a girl just like the girl that dear old dad had
1. Home on the range.

Notice: The "Welcome Song" did not make the top ten!

Wayne will provide another History minute on Tuesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> discussing the history of Women in Rotary.

## Membership Corner

- **Dual Conference – May 17-18<sup>th</sup> at Glacier Canyon Lodge at WI Dells. Pre-register at <http://www.dualcon2019.com/registration.html>**
- **The World Service Grant and Children with Disabilities Grant are now available. To apply please visit our website [www.appletonrotary.org](http://www.appletonrotary.org).**
- **Rotary at the Timber Rattlers! Monday, May 20<sup>th</sup> Game time: 6:35pm – Pre-game Tailgating starting at 4:30pm – tickets \$11.50+tax – Let Meghan know if you're interested**
- **Anna DeWitt, our club applicant, has been selected as the District winner of the Rotary Global Grant Scholarship of \$30,000.**
- **We are looking for Host families for the Friendship Exchange for Rotarians from Uganda and Nigeria on May 19<sup>th</sup>. Please email Meghan if you are interested.**
- **Coffee group will now meet at 8:30am at Copper Rock on Wednesdays.**

## This Weeks Program: Fox River Navigational Authority

The Fox River Navigational System Authority manages 17 locks on the Fox River. Of the 17 locks, 16 have been restored to full working order and are a recreational, historic, and economic asset to northeast Wisconsin. The lock at Rapide Croche near Wrightstown will remain closed as barrier to invasive aquatic species. A feasibility study examined the potential for economic development along the Fox River corridor. This study focused on waterfront opportunities, tourism, and development of heritage center. For more information please visit their website at [www.foxlocks.org](http://www.foxlocks.org).

