



ROTARY CLUB OF APPLETON

GUSTO

Service Above Self

December 16th, 2014 Upcoming Programs

December 23rd and 30th
NO MEETINGS

January 6th, 2015
New North- Jerry Murphy
Thought of the Day: Trey Neher

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HOLIDAY CELEBRATION

Our Holiday Celebration began with Frank Rippl playing the piano. President Deborah welcomed members and guests. Robb Waugus gave the invocation. Robb spoke about the “reason for the season”. Robb participated in a program at Tanner School in Kaukauna with 4K students called “caring is sharing”. These students raised money for the USMC “Toys for Tots” program and then went shopping with their parents to purchase a new toy and then donate that toy for a child in need. This week here in the Fox Cities over twenty four hundred families in need will go to the Salvation Army’s toy shop distribution to get plenty of new toys for their children. Over 400 families in need will be helped by the Adopt a Family program in addition to all of the families receiving food baskets in order to celebrate the season with a special meal. All of this is made possible by your generosity, so we thank you and wish you a healthy and happy New Year.

Before lunch was served, Ruth Ann Heeter and Tony Gonzalez talked about Christmas memories. Ruth Ann told a touching story about a Christmas that meant a lot to her and her family and even made her choke up at the end of the story. Tony told a story about a Christmas where his family helped a fellow neighbor in need. After each story we began lunch and you could hear all the Christmas stories being shared throughout the banquet hall.

After lunch, NewVoices performed several Christmas songs to the Club. Some of their songs included *The First Noel*, *Hark the Herald Angels Sing* and *Joy to the World*. They did a wonderful job and put everyone in the Christmas spirit.

Thanks to the Family of Rotary Committee for arranging this program: Tony Gonzalez (Chair), Ruth Ann Heeter, Nancy Heykes, Nancy Johnshoy and Eric Oelhafen (co-chair). Also thanks to Frank Rippl for playing the piano, NewVoices, the Radisson Paper Valley Hotel and staff for the wonderful lunch and service they provide us every Tuesday and everyone who made a donation to the Boys and Girls Club.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The Courtesy Award is given to recognize vocational excellence in the Fox Valley area. It is presented to people who work directly with the public and have exhibited exceptional service or uncommon courtesy to the people they serve. It is one of the club's oldest awards, given to those in the community who demonstrate the Rotary ideal of Service above self. Rotarians are encouraged to submit nominations, which must be received by January 23, 2015. The rules and nomination forms are available on our website at <http://www.focol.org/aprotary/Documents/2015Courtesy.pdf>
- The district wants to invite members to apply for the District Governor position for 2017-2018. If you have any interest in applying please contact Meghan and she can give you the information.
- Orientation, Orientation, O-RIE-N-TATION...for all new members will be held on January 13th. Please attend the meeting as normal and you will be dismissed to meet in a smaller room with the orientation committee. If you have any questions please contact Meghan at rotaryappleton@gmail.com.

GUESTS, VISITORS AND MAKE-UPS

We had 62 guests today for our Holiday Celebration

There were No Visiting Rotarians

NEXT MEETING- JANUARY 6TH – NEW NORTH

Over the last decade, retailers, hospitality and other services have taken over as the nation's largest employers, but Wisconsin has clung to its heritage and manufacturing remains the state's biggest employer. On January 6th Jerry Murphy, Executive Director of the NEW NORTH will be here to talk about the NEW NORTH's involvement in building brand awareness and promoting business development for manufacturing companies in Northeast Wisconsin.

**Reminder there will be no meetings held on December 23 and
December 30th due to the Holidays.**

THANK YOU AND HAPPY HOLIDAYS

I wanted to take a minute to say Thank you to everyone in the club for welcoming me as the new Administrative Assistant. I am truly blessed to be part of such an amazing group of individuals. I am also blessed that this club allows me to work from home and to spend quality time with my husband, Rayn (rain) and my two young sons, Charlie (5) and Grady (1). It has been a great transition for me and my family and I just wanted to say Thank you! I hope you all have a Happy Holiday and we will see you again in 2015!

-Meghan