



# Gusto for July 14, 2020

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## July 21st Program—Appleton Area School District

On July 21, AASD Superintendent Judy Baseman will share reflections on lessons learned during the state-mandated school closures due to COVID-19. Judy will also share the planning process being used to prepare for the upcoming school year. As the state's 6th largest district with over 16,000 students, decisions related to HOW students and staff return to school will impact our entire community.

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## July 21st Program

AASD Response to COVID

### Thought of the Day:

Steve Rieth

## July 28th Program

TEDxOshkosh

### Thought of the Day:

Jim Bowman

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## Club Meeting Information

(In person meetings on hold at this time)

Location: Riverview Gardens  
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Appleton, WI 54915

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## Thought of the Day by Steve Rieth

COVID 19 certainly has all of us in a quandary! No one really has all the answers, much less all the questions. We try to “open up” and that creates more cases and potentially more deaths. We stay shut down and that creates economic damage as well as other types of health crises. It begins to look like we might begin to have it under some level of control, but then it breaks out again with focus on a different age group. And since this is an election year, the media has become so political with sensational coverage that seems designed to blame one side or the other.

In reality, the pandemic is new and unpredictable for all of us. It has a mind of its own. Perhaps it is best for each of us to be patient and understand that most experts are trying their best to find the solution. Use common sense and follow medical advice, particularly the advice designed to protect others. We hope and pray that this too will pass!!

**Today** Dr. Susan May provided an overview of FVTC programs. They are predominately hands-on fields which presents particular challenges during this pandemic. They have 12 sites, 900 employees and additional adjunct faculty. Closing facilities in 24 hours in March was an easy decision compared to what has come after. Every course possible was moved to online formats (1000s of classes). They had to cancel and refund less than 5% of spring classes. They worked to get dozens of international students home quickly. They worked in a dynamic landscape to plan for summer and fall terms. They have developed phased-in plans based on program priorities to bring students and faculty back to in-person sessions.

For the balance of the year, they want to serve as many students as safely as possible. They are also preparing to pull back if the pandemic gets worse or when issues arise. So many programs (i.e., dental hygienist, message therapy, aviation, etc.) are dependent on hands-on training. They were fortunate to have the IT infrastructure in place to allow for all the aspects of remote learning whenever possible. The Center for Excellence was another infrastructure resource that was helpful to continue their work. FVTC is active in being a resource for the community, such as a large PPE donation to local health care entities and deploying driver trainers and trucks to distribute food and supplies for Feeding America. They were honored to work with Outagamie and Winnebago Counties as a COVID testing site. This has been a test of resiliency and pushed innovation in so many people who have done remarkable things.

## Want to invite a guest to join our Zoom meeting?

Send President Tony and Kathy their name and email address.  
We'll be sure to let them into the meeting as our guest!

## Another Successful Zoom Meeting!



## Membership Corner \*Zoom Coffee Meetings Thursday at 9am

Coffees will be held via Zoom  
Email Alan Blake at  
[alanblake628@gmail.com](mailto:alanblake628@gmail.com)  
for Zoom meeting details.

Club Membership = 102

## Keyla Higa

Our 2020-2021 Global Grant Scholarship recipient is Lawrence University student, Keyla Higa.

Please join the meeting next Tuesday to meet Keyla as she will be sharing information about herself and her plans (see attachment).

