



# Gusto for August 25, 2020

A publication of the Rotary Club of Appleton

District 6220 Club 2656

## September 8th Program: Imagine Fox Cities Belongness Initiative

Learn about this initiative which is serving as a catalyst for creating a community which all who live here are represented every day in the life and work of their community.

### Join Zoom Meeting

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85868002361?  
pwd=ZWRQaDM3bEkySndLZDN2eWs3Ujc1QT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85868002361?pwd=ZWRQaDM3bEkySndLZDN2eWs3Ujc1QT09)

Or by phone: 1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)

Meeting ID: 858 6800 2361

Passcode: 907924

### September 8th Program

Belongness Initiative

### Thought of the Day

Erin Schultz

### September 15th Program

Appleton Public Library

Birth-5 Programs

### Thought of the Day

Alan Blake

### September 22nd Program

District Governor

Scott Knafflula

## 2020-2021 Board of Directors

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### Club Meeting Information

Tues. 12:15 via Zoom (no 1st Tues.)

### Assistant Governor Area 5

Nancy Leipzig

### Global Grant Scholarship Recipients

Anna DeWitt

<https://annadewittglobalscholar.wordpress.com>

Keyla Higa

### Rotarian of the Year

Nancy Leipzig

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The Recognitions Committee presented The Charles and Adele Heeter Award and the Rotarian of the Year Award to Past-President Nancy Leipzig.

Nancy is very grateful and humbled to be selected to receive these awards.



**Today** we learned more about President Tony through an interview conducted by Karen Laws. Tony is from Sheboygan. Jackie and Tony have been together for 25 years, and have a son Anthony (22) and daughter Olivia (15). Anthony completed fire fighter/EMT education and now works in FDL while Olivia is attending Appleton North. Tony moved to Appleton in 1992 working with Lutheran Social Services, opening a home for individuals with mental health needs.

Tony joined Rotary while in his position as Executive Director at Red Cross in 2002. Rotary in those days had a large membership (around 220) which felt a little intimidating but he quickly realized the benefits of the club and quickly developed relationships in the club.

President Tony continues to contemplate what he would like to accomplish during his year, focusing on how we stay engaged and reach out to members who have not participated on our Zoom meetings. Do we have members who are isolated during these times? We also need to look at how we do a “hybrid” meeting, some in person and continuing the Zoom option.

What does Tony do at United Way? The list is long... Tony has the privilege of working with a great group of staff and volunteers to invest donations back into the community. They have three grant cycles each year, as well as 211 service, Fox Cities Diaper Bank, and a list of other programs.

Tony plays several types of guitars with his band, Rings, (<http://ringsofthefoxvalley.com/>) of 26 years. His most memorable gigs are the weddings we've played over the years. His son, Anthony, also plays with the band. Rings has written and produced four CDs. Tony is also a sports fan, particularly golf.

He most admires James Taylor, and would love to meet Martin Luther King Jr. as a person from the past. His greatest achievement is his children. Tony fears that people are suffering during this pandemic and we don't know or can't do anything to help them. Pet peeves? He likes to be organized and when he goes to get something (like the hammer) he wants it to be there. He cherishes a guitar on his wall from his parents and a very special hand built Petros guitar that is a work of art. He aspires to someday learn more about culinary arts.

His theme for this Rotary year is related to early childhood development. We are all invested in children whether we know it or not.

Welcome Rotary Guests!!

**Today we welcomed Jackie Gonzalez and Tammy Geenen as guests to our meeting.**

## Announcements

- Virtual meetings will continue for remainder of 2020.
- Thank you to members who completed our meeting survey. The Board will look at the data and will provide more information about next steps.
- We have invested in our own Zoom account! Contact Kathy Dreyer for Zoom meeting info for your committee meetings.

## 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**

**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!*