



Gusto for July 28, 2020

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District 6220 Club 2656

August 11th Program: Appleton North Interact Club and Global Scholar Anna DeWitt

Appleton North High School Interact Club leaders will present on their membership, service projects, fundraiser, succession planning, and how they collaborated with their sponsoring rotary on global and community projects. They would also like to reach out to our club for mentoring activity/career day as they, the first “batch” of interactors, are entering senior year during crisis.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89175140449?pwd=cmZjMU5ycUdmb2ZjaU5ndXBHdVF3QT09>

Meeting ID: 891 7514 0449
Password: 280221

If no microphone/speakers on your computer, dial
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August 4th No Meeting

August 11th Program

Rotary Youth Presentations
Anna DeWitt, Global Scholar

Thought of the Day

Becky Boulanger

August 18th Program

Policing in Appleton

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Club Meeting Information

(In person meetings on hold at this time)

Location: Riverview Gardens
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Global Grant Scholarship Recipients

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Thought of the Day by Roy Valitchka

COVID cases are increasing in Wisconsin, and we are encouraged to isolate, wear masks and avoid contact with others. Enough. There are good sides and opportunities other than TV, books, periodicals, zoom and virtual presentations from a host of outlets. One happy side is right out of our windows--at least mine.

While isolated for two months in our north woods making maple syrup, our resident loon winged over Little Maiden Lake calling a "hello" in typical loon fashion -a series of "ha, ha's" before alighting on open water along lake edge. His excited calls soon brought another for a season of nest building.

Back at home we watched a pair of robins build a nest in a tamarack within feet of our bay window. They provided hours of enjoyment tiring us old folks with their daily trips carrying edibles to nestlings. They did so well, that they were successful with a second brood. 84 degrees, sunny and humid. A robin alighted on the rim of our bird bath fountain, bent for a drink and seemingly said, "hey, the water's fine". It proceeded jump in, bath and then simply sat down and cooled its breast without seemingly a care in the world.

A Baltimore oriel dipped into Lucy's jelly dish and was observed feeding a fledgling balancing on the shepherd's hook. What color and a lesson in parental care. While that happened mourning doves awaited their turn from the tip of the metal roofed bird feeder while grackles and red winged black birds had their fill of sunflower seeds.

The season is in climax. Our grackles no longer march about our front lawn seeking grubs. They are flocking on their way to other climes. Red wings also are gathering, and we will soon miss their trills from the marsh across our road. Why this essay about neighborhood birds? There is more to life than what bears down around us every day. Look outside and appreciate the gift of winged beauty all about us.

Today Craig Burnett shared information about TEDxOshkosh. Craig is one of three co-producers. It started in 2016. Craig provided an overview of what TED is, started in 1984 to talk about the confluence of Technology, Entertainment, and Design (TED). It was invite-only and lost money, and went away for 6 years. It was reinstated and found a diversity of audiences who wanted to learn about cutting edge. In 2006, online video brought a whole new stratosphere. There is an annual conference with 3500 talks which was viewed online 14 billion times. There is an 18 minute rule and no teleprompter. If you can't express yourself in 18 minutes or less, you are talking too much. No speakers are paid.

In 2009, they quasi-franchised to local communities by license to the TED organization. TEDx are all volunteer with no pay. In 2016, three leaders brought TED to Oshkosh. It has been an interesting trip, a joy to bring a wide variety of ideas to the historic Grand Opera House. Ideas must be novel, interesting, not well-known idea that audiences will identify with.

TEDxOshkosh features an immense variety of speakers, from professors to farmers, to experienced speakers to those who have never been on stage before. They have had 54 talks, with over 1.5 million views. Sharing ideas from Oshkosh to the world. 2020 is cancelled due to COVID as the most important part of TEDx is conversation that takes place after the talks. <https://www.TEDxOshkosh.com>

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!*



Today's meeting opened with a video of the Cedarmont Kids from Franklin TN singing My Country 'Tis of Thee:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D2JUvKZoAsI>

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

Coffees will be held via Zoom
Email Alan Blake at
alanblake628@gmail.com
for Zoom meeting details.

First Five Fox Valley

Our club, along with the five Rotary clubs of the Fox Valley, are considering a funding request for FFFV. They have adopted the Help Me Grow model, a national model with a data base that aggregates screening data. Their request is for \$26,600, or \$4100 per club to fund the coordination of a database that will allow measurement of the development of our children, and allow comparison data with other communities to identify strengths and opportunities.

The board will make a decision on this funding request at their August meeting.