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Today's Program:

September 10, 2018

Rotarian: Kelly Ryan

Speaker: Wendy K. Baumann, President/CVO of WWBIC

Program: They call it micro – but its impact is MACRO

Upcoming Programs:

September 17, 2018

Rotarian: Leon Schmidt

Speaker: Warden Ericka Taylor

Program: Hunting and Fishing in Central Wisconsin

September 24, 2018

Rotarian: Loretta Schoechert

Speaker: Tari Jahns

Program: What's New at United Way

October 1, 2018

Rotarian: John Siewert Sr

Speaker: John Siewert Sr

Program: US Navy Experience of John T. Siewert

Past Program:

August 27, 2018

Rotarian: Bruce Rokke

Speaker: Nick Rokke

Program: "Bitcoin: More Than Magic Internet Money"

Nick Rokke, Financial Analyst for the Palm Beach Research Group and Editor of the Palm Beach Daily Financial Newsletter provided an introduction to Bitcoin and Blockchain. He explained how Bitcoin and the blockchain work. At its simplest, Bitcoin is digital money but it is becoming a lot more. He dispelled some common myths about Bitcoin.

- Myth #1: Bitcoin has no intrinsic value. Actually, Bitcoin does. It's a private currency, has a fixed supply, an easy way to transfer money, and is the world's largest unhackable database. We can agree, there's a value for these things.
- Myth #2: Bitcoin is only used by criminals. Only the dumbest criminals use it because all transactions are recorded on the blockchain forever. So it's really easy for prosecutors to prove a case once they figure out the culprits Bitcoin address.
- Myth #3: The government can shut down Bitcoin. Some governments have tried, but they failed. It's too easy to get around those controls. In fact, a lot of insiders want the government to create sensible regulations so they know how to structure their business or investment.

Nick briefly discussed some of the industries the blockchain could disrupt including banking, real estate, social media, and data storage. If you want more information about Bitcoin or Cryptocurrency please see his daily newsletter. The Palm Beach Daily will help you grow your bottom line and live a happier life in just three minutes a day. The newsletter is practical easy to read and understand financial information. If you would like to subscribe the address is: https://www.palmbeachgroup.com/palm-beach-daily/?post_type=content. There is no cost to receive the newsletter.

The latest edition of the District 6250 news can now be seen online at <http://www.rotary6250.org>

Rotary Memories

August 27, 2018 - Rotary Meeting

Honorary Rotarian:
Mayor Zach Vruwink

Visiting Rotarians, Interact/RILA Students:
None

Youth Rotars:
None

Guest/Guest Of:
Deb Rokke/Bruce Rokke
Emily Rokke/Bruce Rokke
Joan Bond/Bruce Rokke



Make-Ups:
Tari Jahns 8/13/18 – Online 8/20/18
Randy Jahns 8/13/18 – Online 8/20/18
Dan Guck 8/20/18 – Online 8/26/18
Sue Sippel 8/20/18 – BOD Meeting 8/27/18

Email Make-Ups to Club Secretary:
Kent Anderson
kanderson@bgcwra.org
(Make-ups for missed meetings must be completed within two weeks (prior or following) the missed meeting.)

Resignations, Rule of 85, Leaves of Absence:
Resignations: Melissa Reichert, Laura Nelson, Ellen Roesler
Rule of 85: Ahmad Musallam

Free Lunch
Doug Wenzlaff

Happy Cup
\$30.00



“Service Above Self”

Rotary Memories: Week of September 10, 2018

10 Years Ago

Mike Glodosky introduced Jeanne Weymouth who is a member of The Arts and Heritage Group, a Community Progress Initiative Cluster whose mission it is to promote the arts and heritage of the Wisconsin Rapids area. Wisconsin Rapids is the hometown of Grim Natwick – one of the lead animators of the cartoon character, Betty Boop. Betty will celebrate her 80th anniversary next year and the Arts and Heritage Group, in conjunction with the Wisconsin Rapids Convention and Visitors Bureau is planning a celebration to promote the occasion.

A.J. Frels, Director of the WR Convention and Visitors Bureau provided an overview of the events and activities being planned to mark the anniversary. It is hoped the event will become an annual Betty Boop Festival. Some of the activities being planned are local filming to promote the event, a large “Betty Boop Bash”, look-alike contests, an animation festival, tie-ins to the motorcycle brigade heading to Sturgis, inclusion in Wisconsin’s Division of Tourism “Wisconsin Originals,” and a special Grim Natwick exhibit at the historical museum. Jeanne and A.J. also presented some history and fun facts about Betty Boop and Grim Natwick.

Announcements:

- Second publication for membership. Thomas Glavin, proposed by Robin Koeshall. Thomas is a financial advisor with Ameriprise Financial.
- Congratulations to Matt Ironside as our Rotary board appointed him to the Vice President's position to fill the vacancy from Jennifer Riggerbach.
- Volunteers are needed as our Noon Rotary Club will be sponsoring the Neighborhood Table on Tuesday, September 25, 2018. Please contact Tammi Jepson, if you are able to volunteer at tjepson@papercitysavings.com or 715-422-1827.



Estate Planning? Think Rotary!

Rotary can be the gift that keeps giving. Consider supporting our local Rotary Foundation as a part of your legacy. Ask Al Bardole, Chuck Gibbons, or Dan Guck how Rotary can be included in your estate planning.

PAUL HARRIS FELLOWS:

Al Bardole +3	Joy Berg +8	Traci Biolo	Phil Brown +2	Sue Budjac +1	Jake Close +1	Marlyn Close
Todd Cour +2	James Custer +2	Nelson Dahl +1	Guy-Robert Detlefsen, Jr.	Jerry Feith	Susan Feith +1	Charles Gibbons +8
Paul Grinder	Ken Hill +1	H.M. Hughson	Tari Jahns	Tammi Jepson +1	Richard Kalscheur	Richard Kenney +3
John Kinsey	Robin Koeshall	Amy Kolo-Elmhorst+1	David Kumm +1	Ronald McCabe +2	Robert McGrath	George Mead, II +1
Warren Miller	Ahmad Musallam +2	Gregory Nettessheim	Michael O’Leary +1	Mark Olinyk +1	Bruce Rokke +2	Pam Ross +1
Kelly Ryan	Bret Salscheider	Lean Schmidt	Loretta Schoechert	James Shewchuck	John Siewert, Jr.+1	John Siewert, Sr. +1
Susan Sippel +1	Peter Smart +1	John Steele +7	Paul Wachowiak +2	Doug Wenzlaff	James Wenzlaff	Robert Zimmerman +4
Mike Zurfluh						