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Today's Program:

October 8, 2018

Rotarian: James Shewchuck
Speaker: Mandy Lang and Jackie Esselman
Program: MSTC Foundation

Upcoming Programs:

October 15, 2018

Rotarian: Sue Sippel
Speaker: RaeAnn Thomas
Program: For One Child in India

October 22, 2018

Rotarian: JR Siewert
Speaker: John Gillippsee
Program: "Our 351 Sons"

October 29, 2018

Rotarian: Dan Guck
Speaker: Dan Guck
Program: Foundation Drive

Past Program:

October 1, 2018

Rotarian: John Siewert Sr
Speaker: John Siewert Sr
Program: US Navy Experience of John T. Siewert



John enlisted in the Navy in November of 1942. He attended Boot Camp in Farragut, Idaho. John was transferred to Bremerton, WA where a new ship was being built and on July 1, 1943, The USS Satterlee DD626 was commissioned. John earned the rank of Quarter-master 3/c and was on board when the USS Satterlee underwent sea trials before escorting the British carrier Victorious thru the Panama Canal to Norfolk, VA where they joined the Atlantic Fleet.

In May of 1944, they escorted the Texas, Arkansas and others to the British Isles and on June 5, 1944, they proceeded into the English Channel to escort mine-sweepers toward the French coast. On June 6, 1944, the Allied invasion of Normandy in Operation Overload "D-Day" began. The USS Satterlee provided close fire support for the Rangers who were scaling the cliffs at Pointe du Hoc. They then spent the next 40 days on the Normandy coast defending the beach-head from sea attack. Quartermaster Siewert was awarded the French Legion of Honor or Medal for his June 6, 1944 service.

By May 8, 1945 or Victory in Europe Day "VE Day" they were in San Diego for up-dating their equipment and the it was off to join the Pacific Fleet. By August of 1945, they had made it to Okinawa and on August 6th the United States detonated the first atomic bomb over Hiroshima, Japan and on August 15, 1945, President Harry S. Truman declared the day as Victory over Japan Day or "VJ Day" and the war was over.

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

Rotary Memories

October 01, 2018 - Rotary Meeting

Honorary Rotarian:
Mayor Zach Vruwink

Visiting Rotarians, Interact/RILA Students:
None

High School Youth Rotars:
Cale Kubisiak (Assumption)
Kaitlyn Lyp (John Edwards)
Taylor Foate (John Edwards)



Guest/Guest Of:
Wally Parmeter/Phil Brown
Marlace Parmeter/Phil Brown
Jake Peterson/Phil Brown
Mary Kay Siewert/Phil Brown
Jennifer Gossick/John Siewert
Chris India/John Siewert
Carrie Nikolai/John Siewert
Barb Stannis/John Siewert
Lee Gossick/John Siewert
Wes Meyer/John Siewert
Bob Panter/John Siewert
Rick Stensberg/John Siewert

Make-Ups:
None

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:
Leave of Absence: Jim Boyd, until June 1, 2019.

Free Lunch
Tammi Jepson

Happy Cup
\$9.00

Rotary Memories: Week of October 8, 2018

In an effort to highlight "100 Years of Service," this column will occasionally be used to recognize the accomplishments of our Rotary Club and our Fellow Rotarians over the past 100 years. This past Monday, we had an opportunity to recognize John Siewert.

John T. Siewert's introduction at Rotary meeting on October 1, 2018:

It is with great pleasure to introduce John Siewert who will be telling us his compelling story of his time when he served our country during World War II. Tom Brokaw coined the expression "The Greatest Generation" and John certainly epitomizes what his generation stands for. It is certainly an honor to be with him today.

John Theodore Siewert was born to Valentine "Val" and Dorothy Siewert on February 24, 1924 in Port Edwards. The Siewert family was originally in the grocery business where they sold groceries, meats and general merchandise in Wisconsin Rapids. Val was also a long time member of our Rotary Club.

John graduated from Lincoln High School in June of 1941. By December, the United States was in World War II. Everybody who could serve served and John enlisted in the Navy. What he saw over during his time in the Navy in truly remarkable and John will be sharing some of those experiences with us today.

One of John's "claims to fame" in our club was his unbelievable attendance streak. John's streak of perfect attendance began after he missed receiving an attendance credit on June 9, 1958. His streak of not missing a Rotary meeting ended in 2014, after 56 years of perfect attendance!

Without further ado, it is my pleasure to introduce John Theodore Siewert, who will be sharing with us some of his recollections of his service in World War II. Please stand as we welcome John to the podium.

Announcements:

- Please welcome our October Youth Rotar's: Olivia Bean (LHS), Josh Carlin (LHS), Ellie Schuerman (LHS), Clay Lancour (Nekoosa), Haley Kniprath (Nekoosa) Taylor Foate (JEHS), Kaitlyn Lyp (JEHS), and Cale Kubisiak (Assumption).
- Would you like to help sponsor another international water well project in Cameroon, West Africa, through the MAKAH Foundation? If so, please contact Phil Brown or Tammi Jepson as our Wisconsin Rapids Noon Rotary Club would like to help again this year!
- We have two openings on our Noon Rotary Club board. Please contact Phil Brown or another board member, if you are interested in serving on our Noon Rotary Club board.

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 Nettesheim	Michael O'Leary +1	Mark Olinyk +1	Bruce Rokke +2	Pam Ross +1
Kelly Ryan	Bret Salscheider	Lean Schmidt	Loretta Schoeichert	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						