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Today's Program:

December 17, 2018

Holiday Program

LHS Choir Director, Julie Stoffel and members of the Lincoln High School Choir, will perform by singing songs of the season



Upcoming Programs:

December 24, 2018 – No Meeting



December 31, 2018 – No Meeting



January 7, 2018

Rotarian: Barbara Woodward

Speaker: TBA

Program: TBA

Past Program:

December 10, 2018

Rotarian: Doug Wenzlaff

Speaker: Justin Huebner

Program: The Internet of Things and Smart Home

Justin Huebner from Solarus discussed the history of the internet, the future of the Internet of Things, and the smart home. Also discussed was how everything will be connected and what it means to for our daily lives.



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

Rotary Memories

December 10, 2018 - Rotary Meeting

Honorary Rotarian:
Mayor Zach Vruwink

Visiting Rotarians, Interact/Ryla Students:
None

High School Youth Rotars:
Gaoia Xiong (LHS)
Kyle Kirk (LHS)
Olivia Peplinski (LHS)
Max Boivin (Nekoosa)
Dulce Vang (JEHS)
Josh Dachel (Assumption)



Guest/Guest Of:
Justin Huebner/Club

Make-Ups:
None

Email Make-Ups to Club Secretary:
Kent Anderson
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(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.



Rotary Memories: Week of December 17, 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 learn about something new from Solarus.

Only 20 years after Alexander Graham Bell's 1876 invention of the telephone, the Wood County Telephone Company was founded. Centralia and Grand Rapids received their first telephones in 1878. The first long-distance toll line consisted of a single No. 9 wire, connected in 1887 from the switchboard of the Wisconsin Telephone Co. at Stevens Point to a single phone in Grand Rapids.

Early telephone service was provided by the Bell Co. and it offered very poor service for a very expensive price. The rates were \$4.00 per month for businesses and \$3.00 per month for residences. A group of local businessmen began to look for an alternative. The competition for local telephone service became brutal. The Bell Co. began to offer their subscribers three years' of free service in order to put any competition out of business. Thanks to an effort by local businessmen along with the support of the Centralia Enterprise and the Grand Rapids Tribune, phone service was provided at \$2.00 per month for businesses and \$1.50 per month for residences.

The Twin Cities of Centralia and Grand Rapids embraced this new company and on June 1, 1896 the Wood County Telephone Company was established and it has been going strong ever since offering state of the art communications to our area for almost 125 years.

Announcements:

- Farewell to our December Youth Rotar's as our Wisconsin Rapids Noon Rotary Club wishes great success to all of you! The December Youth Rotars were: Gaoia Xiong (LHS), Kyle Kirk (LHS), Olivia Peplinski (LHS), Max Boivin (Nekoosa), Dulce Vang (JEHS) and Josh Dachel (Assumption).
- Second publication of membership announced for Jacob Peterson, who is a Chiropractor at Stoiber Chiropractic's.
- On Monday, December 17, 2018 it is our Rotary Club's annual Holiday Program. This is a wonderful program for Rotarians to bring a guest as it will help everyone to get into the holiday spirit! We hope to see you there!
- As a reminder there will be no Rotary meeting on Monday, December 24, 2018 and Monday, December 31, 2018. We hope everyone has a joyous holiday season and we will see you at January 7, 2019 Rotary meeting.

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 +3	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 +1	Tammi Jepson +1	Richard Kalscheur +1	Richard Kenney +3
John Kinsey	Robin Koeshall	Amy Kolo-Elmhorst+1	David Kumm +2	Ronald McCabe +2	Robert McGrath	George Mead, II +1
Warren Miller	Ahmad Musallam +2	Gregory Nettesheim	Michael O'Leary +1	Mark Olinyk +2	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 +8	Paul Wachowiak +2	Doug Wenzlaff	James Wenzlaff	Robert Zimmerman +4
Mike Zurfluh						