

# RAPIDS RIPPLES

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## Today's Program:

### October 23, 2017

Rotarian: Susan Feith  
Speaker: Spyros Heniadis  
Program: Wisconsin River Papermaking Museum

### Upcoming Programs:

#### October 30, 2017

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

#### November 6, 2017

Rotarian: Chuck Gibbons  
Speaker: Bill Hoel, District Governor Elect  
Program: Brain Game

#### November 13, 2017

Rotarian: Tammi Jepson  
Program: Club Assembly

## Past Program:

### October 16, 2017

Rotarian: Jerry Feith  
Speaker: Jerry Feith and Paul Gross  
Program: Wisconsin Rapids Clock & Bell Tower

The tower clock and bell first came into existence in 1892 installed in the City Hall and TB Scott Public Library Building at intersection of Baker and First Street North. The red brick building that the clock was originally installed in was demolished in the mid 1950's. Our own past Rotarian, Paul Gross, worked with the City to save the clock, dismantling it and putting it in storage in 1957.

In 1991, after nearly 10 years of fundraising and planning, and design by Jerry Feith, a new clock tower was constructed on the east river bank - a short distance from where it first stood in 1892. A little unknown fact: the granite panels that hold the names of the private donors who helped fund the project actually came from the old Daly Drug building used to stand on the east river bank. Paul Gross saved and purchased the granite panels as contractors were demolishing the building.

In 2015, Paul Gross had the vision to make upgrades and refurbishments to the clock and tower. With a grant from the Mead Witter Foundation, the clock mechanism was rebuilt to like new condition with new hands and new lighting. In August 2017 the mechanism returned to Wisconsin Rapids after being rebuilt and installation began in September 8th. A rededication ceremony for the clock tower was held on September 28, 2017 where local groups were recognized for their efforts.

Jerry Feith thanked the following individuals and organizations for helping restore the clock tower: Paul Gross, Phil Brown, Chad and Tom Wirl, Rory DeMesy, VanErt Electric, Quality Door, Advance Stone, City of Wisconsin Rapids, and the Mead Witter Foundation.



# Rotary Memories

## Rotary Memories: Week of October 23, 2017

October 16, 2017 - Rotary Meeting

Honorary Rotarian:

Mayor Zach Vruwink

Visiting Rotarians, Interact Students:

None

Youth Rotars:

PaChee Thao(LHS)  
Ridge Vanderhei (LHS)  
MacKenzie Frost (LHS)  
Jace Olson (Nekoosa)  
Caleb Cline (JEHS)  
Joe Grundhoffer (Assumption)



Rotary Exchange Students:

None

Guest/Guest Of:

Paul Gross/Club  
Spyros Heniadis/Jerry Feith

Make-Ups:

Melissa Reichert – Online 10/2/17

Email Make-Ups to Club Secretary:

Jennifer Riggerbach

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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:

None

Free Lunch

Jim Custer

Happy Cup

\$49.00

**10 Years Ago .....**

President Ron McCabe reported on the Rotary World Peace Symposium, which he attended prior to the Rotary International Convention in Salt Lake City. To introduce the topic, Ron presented a short video titled "Peace Is Possible" that was developed to publicize the Rotary Centers for International Studies programs in peace and conflict resolution. Ron noted that the programs in peace and conflict resolutions at six world university centers were well designed. The centers offer a graduate school core curriculum relating to peace and conflict resolution complemented by a wide range of specializations to meet the interests and abilities of individual students. Specializations include such topics as public health, environmental science, agriculture, economics, and journalism.

Ron concluded with a summary of the keynote speech at the symposium, which was given by Gillian Sorensen of the United Nations. Sorensen said that peace is possible if we work for it, understand and respond to the complex roots of conflict, ally ourselves with the efforts of others, and offer leadership that transcends historical grievances. Sorensen said that peace happens all the time. She made particular note of the leadership of Nelson Mandela in South Africa and the improved relations between Germany and the United States since World War II. Sorensen praised Rotary International's many contributions to a more peaceful world.

### Announcements:

- World Polio Day is Tuesday, October 24, 2017. Any donations made to Polio will be a 2:1 match by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.
- Rotarians Mark Olinyk and Guy-Robert Detlefsen are looking for individuals to donate to the Makah Foundation for a water well to be installed in an Africa village. This is an international project and would be done in memory of our past Rotarian Robert Zimmerman. Anyone interested in donating, please let either one of them know or Tammi Jepson.
- Thank you received from Tanner Glaza who was a Rotary Club Youth Scholarship recipient in 2013. Mr. Glaza wanted to let our Club know how much he appreciated the past scholarship from our Club and also that he graduated from the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities on May 12, 2017 with a bachelor's degree in Biosystems/Bioproducts Engineering.
- Bell ringer for Tracy Biolo as she was recognized by the LHS Football program this past week for her past 25 years of helping with the organization.

### 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.

*CURRENT CLUB MEMBERS WHO ARE*

**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	H.M. Hughson	Tari Jahns	Tammi Jepson	Richard Kalscheur	Richard Kenney +2
John Kinsey	Robin Koeshall	Amy Kolo-Elmhorst	David Kumm +1	Ronald McCabe +2	Robert McGrath	George Mead, II +1
Warren Miller	Ahmad Musallam +2	Gregory Nettesheim	Michael O'Leary	Mark Olinyk +1	Bruce Rokke +1	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						