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Today's Program:

January 29, 2018

Rotarian: Richard Kenney

Speaker: John Fanta, General Manager

Program: 2018 Rafters Baseball Season



Upcoming Programs:

February 5, 2018

Rotarian: Phil Brown

Speaker: Bret Salscheider, Kent Anderson, & Phil Brown

Program: Update on the YMCA/Boys & Girls Club Project

February 12, 2018

Rotarian: Robin Koeshall

Speaker: Pam Ross

Program: ODC

February 19, 2018

Rotarian: Laura Nelson

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Program: Wisconsin Rapids Area Convention & Visitor's Bureau

Past Program:

January 15, 2018

Rotarian: Amy Kolo-Elmhorst

Speaker: Andy Barnett

Program: Update on McMillan Library

Andy Barnett gave us an update on all the great things that the McMillan Library has to offer. Currently, the library has 20 years of local history that can be accessed online. The library has also been working with the Recollection Wisconsin Digital Public Library of America. The library also started a rural schools project, featuring maps and oral history of past rural schools. Coming soon to the local history will be Consolidated Papers and Nekoosa Papers News from 1963 - 2000. It's great to have so much local history right at our fingertips! The Woodtrust Bell Garden off the children's section has been upgraded to a monarch way station along with seating and woodland plants. In addition, the library features a Makers Space/Media Studio and it is setup to become a hub of content creation with hands on tech tools from, 3D printer, Carvy Machine, and a VR Camera just to name a few. Gale Courses are available at the library for anyone with a library card! There are over 600 online business oriented courses available. The following is a quick link to the Gale Courses: <http://www.mcmillanlibrary.org/new-mcmillan-gale-courses>.

Andy also informed the Club on the new solar panels that the library installed, along with other sustainability items with additional insulation, new HVAC controls, and they are up to 75% of their LED conversion. Along with "Lean Six Sigma" the library has streamlined many of their functions and layouts to better accommodate costs and users. The library has also been focusing on community involvement and engagement. They have created a Community Calendar that anyone can participate in, allowing a quick "click" for our citizens to see what events are happening in our area. Check out the community calendar at: <http://www.mcmillanlibrary.org/community-calendar>.

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

Rotary Memories

January 22, 2018 - Rotary Meeting

Honorary Rotarian:

None

Visiting Rotarians, Interact Students:

None

Youth Rotars:

- Hannah Rosenthal (LHS)
- Nathan Hepp (LHS)
- Heidi Gust (LHS)
- Cole Kaberle (Nekoosa)
- Rachel Kaminski (Assumption)
- Peyton Kohlbeck (JEHS)



Rotary Exchange Students:

Valentina Vargas Bonilla

Guest/Guest Of:

Joshua Alexander/Bruce Rokke

Make-Ups:

- Mike Zurfluh – 1/8/18 Online
- Mike Zurfluh – 1/15/18 Online

Email Make-Ups to Club Secretary:

Jennifer Riggenbach

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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 – Richard Kalscheur until 2/1/18

Leave of Absence – Ahmad Musallam until 4/15/18

Free Lunch

Justin Herman

Happy Cup

\$10.00

Rotary Memories: Week of January 29, 2018

25 Years Ago

Joe Streb, introduced Marlin Schneider, Wis. State Representative who spoke on the effect of the electronic age in society today. Modern technology raises many tough questions concerning privacy issues and the rights of individuals according to the First Amendment of the Constitution.

A video presentation, by a young looking James Madison, discussed some of the problems faced by each state and by Congress in regards to information and the accessibility of it. There seems to be a lot more questions today on what types of information is private or public about any certain individual or circumstance. For example, currently the Department of Transportation has annual revenue of over 5.5 million dollars for selling information from driver licenses.

Representative Schneider strongly suggests that government must address and formulate new information policies and legislation must manage the control and disbursement of all information. Information is the pillar of Democracy and modern technology provides a tool to help use information to provide a stronger more powerful Democracy.

Announcements:

- Our Youth Rotars for the month of January are Hannah Rosenthal (LHS), Nathan Hepp (LHS), Heidi Gust (LHS), Peyton Kohlbeck (JEHS), Cole Kaberle (Nekoosa), and Rachel Kaminski (Assumption).
- There is still time donate to our Rotary Club Foundation’s annual fund drive as every little bit will help make a difference locally and internationally. Thank you to everyone who has already donated as it is greatly appreciated. If you have any questions, please contact Dan Guck our Rotary Club’s Fund Drive Chair.



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 +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						