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Today's Program:

February 5, 2018

Rotarian: Phil Brown

Speaker: Bret Salscheider, Kent Anderson, & Phil Brown

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

Upcoming Programs:

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

February 26, 2018

Rotarian: Cathy Meils

Speaker: TBA

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Past Program:

January 29, 2018

Rotarian: Richard Kenney

Speaker: John Fanta, General Manager

Program: 2018 Rafters Baseball Season

John Fanta the General Manager of the Wisconsin Rafters gave an update to the Club on the Northwoods Baseball League and the Wisconsin Rapids Rafters. This year marks the 25th season of the Northwoods Baseball League and the 9th season for the Wisconsin Rapids Rafters. In 2018, there will be 20 baseball teams in the Northwoods League and each team will play 72 regular season games. The Rafters recently made improvements to the infield at Witter Field. Through the years, local high school baseball teams and other local baseball organizations and have experienced playing baseball at Witter Field and this spring they should really enjoy the recent improvements done to the infield. The Rafters will be announcing some of their special events for this coming season in the near future. Since 2010, the Rafters have provided a baseball park experience for many families in our community and in 2017, the average attendance per game was around 1,400. In 2017, the Wisconsin Rapids Rafters through partnerships with local businesses were able to donate over \$20,000 to local non-profit organizations. The Rafters also held a couple of movies nights at the ballpark and they are hoping to continue this again in 2018 for the community. If interested in being a host family, the Rafters are looking for host families for this coming year, not only for their players but also for the some of the 12 interns that come and work in the community for the summer. For more information on the Rafters Baseball organization, please visit:

<https://northwoodsleague.com/wisconsin-rapids-rafters/>.



Rotary Memories

Rotary Memories: Week of February 5, 2018

25 Years Ago

Carl Wartman introduced Mr. Mark Thimke of Foley & Lardner, Attorneys at Law, who spoke on environmental compliance in the 1990s. Both state and federal enforcement agencies are imposing significant criminal sanctions for environmental violations. Statistics show that criminal prosecution is a real threat. The federal government has an 80% conviction rate. Since October 1988 through October 1991, 108 years of jail time was imposed as well as 61 million dollars in criminal fines and penalties.

The state of Wisconsin now employs environmental wardens to aid in the search for violators. Criminal sanctions have been obtained against corporations and corporate officers. In a recent survey, 84% of the general public believed that executives should be held personally liable for environmental crimes. Mr. Thimke suggests that a company should undergo a series of Environmental audits. However, if an audit is done, one must be prepared to follow through and correct violations. Conducting these audits may show "good faith" to environmental regulators and even if a violation occurs which is subject of an enforcement action.

Announcements:

- Nathan Hepp (LHS) gave the farewell speech for the January Youth Rotars. Our Rotary Club wishes the best to the January Youth Rotar students: Hannah Rosenthal (LHS), Nathan Hepp (LHS), Heidi Gust (LHS), Peyton Kohlbeck (JEHS), Cole Kaberle (Nekoosa), and Rachel Kaminski (Assumption).
- Please welcome our Rotary Club's Youth Rotars for the month of February. They are Mia Iwinski (LHS), Curtis Price (LHS), Kayla Newman (LHS), Abigail Wogahn (JEHS), Grace Sprehn (Nekoosa), and Ellie Schill (Assumption).
- Congratulations to fellow Rotarian Richard Kenney as he was presented with his Paul Harris +3 from our Rotary Foundation President, Bret Salscheider on January 29, 2018.



January 29, 2018 - Rotary Meeting

Honorary Rotarian:
Mayor Zach Vruwink

Visiting Rotarians, Interact Students:
John Fanta/Sunrise Rotary Club

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:
Jill Kurszewski/Nan Taylor

Make-Ups:
Jenny Riggerbach 01/15/17 – Board Meeting

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:
Leave of Absence – Ahmad Musallam until 4/15/18
Resignations – Todd Cour, Jessica Maurer, Art Schmitz

Free Lunch Happy Cup
Ron McCabe \$18.00

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:

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

Meetings every Monday at 11:45am at Hotel Mead · www.wisconsinrapidsrotary.org