

RAPIDS RIPPLES

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Today's Program:

May 7, 2018

Rotarian: Amy Kolo-Elmhorst
Speaker: Valentina Vargas Bonilla from Bolivia
Program: Rotary Youth Exchange



Upcoming Programs:

May 14, 2018

Rotarian: Greg Nettesheim
Speaker: Mike Bovee
Program: Legacy Foundation's Participation in the YMCA & Boys & Girls Project

May 21, 2018

Rotarian: Dick Neuville
Speaker: Laura Nelson
Program: Local on 1st

May 28, 2018

No Meeting



Past Program:

April 30, 2018

Rotarian: Tammi Jepson
Speaker: Joe Terry
Program: Urban Forestry



Joe Terry the Director of the Public Works Department of the City of Wisconsin Rapids gave a presentation on urban forestry. Why is urban forestry important? Urban forestry is important as the trees produce clean air, provide shade, and they help save energy. Trees also help provide environmental sustainability, plus it is believed crime is reduced in facilities surrounded by trees. The City of Wisconsin Rapids annual spends around \$20,000 on forestry maintenance. Having trees can also help reduce street repairs by providing shade to the streets and also having trees can possible help increase property values. When a person's driving route includes trees, it may seem like a quicker route to take than driving a route with no trees.

Disease issues have affected trees over the years such Dutch elm disease, as many years ago several city streets were lined with elm trees. However, Dutch elm disease in the past attacked the elms tree, which is why we don't see as many elm trees as we once did. Currently, the trees in our communities have been threatened by the Emerald Ash Borers, which are invasive beetles that kill ash trees by disrupting the trees ability to transport water and nutrients. In our community, some ash trees were completely removed and some were temporarily treated. It is important to plant a diverse species of trees, as in the event a disease is affecting a specific species of tree, a community or property owner would not lose all their trees, if they had planted a variety of different trees. If you would like to help improve our urban forestry in the Wisconsin Rapids community, contact Joe Terry or your local Alder person to find out how you can help.

Rotary Memories

April 30, 2018 - Rotary Meeting

Honorary Rotarian:

None

Visiting Rotarians, Interact Students:

None

Youth Rotars:

- Kaidee Voight (LHS)
- Quan Higdon (LHS)
- Paige Vruwink (LHS)
- Molly Hannigan (JEHS)
- Ben Ashbeck (Nekoosa)
- Claire Preuss (Assumption)



Rotary Exchange Students:

Valentina Vargas Bonilla

Guest/Guest Of:

None

Make-Ups:

- Sue Sippel 02/19/18 – Board Meeting
- Amy Kolo-Elmhorst 04/23/18 – Club Service

Email Make-Ups to Club Secretary:

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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: Cathy Meils 04/01-18-06/01/18

Free Lunch

Jake Close

Happy Cup

\$16.00

Rotary Memories: Week of May 7, 2018

25 Years Ago

Robert Arterburn introduced Moose Speros, Wisconsin Tourism Development, who spoke on the vast impact tourism has on our national and state economy. Currently, tourism is the second largest industry in the US, following only health services. By the year 2000, the tourism industry is expected to be the largest industry and employer in the US.

Moose related Governor Thompson’s commitment to Wisconsin Tourism, pointing out that Wisconsin’s Tourism promotional budget is 7.0 million compared to just over a half million in 1983. The current level of promotion raises over 500 million in state sales tax, 250 million in local taxes and accounts for over 177,000 full time tourism related jobs.

Rotary Exchange Student – Say hello to Tsukasa Nakano, “Morgan” our new exchange student from Tokyo, Japan. Morgan is a 16 year old junior attending Lincoln H.S. and is staying with the John Moffat family.

Announcements:

- Quan Higdon (LHS) gave the farewell speech for the April Youth Rotars. Our Rotary Club wishes the best to the April Youth Rotar students: Kaidee Voight (LHS), Quan Higdon (LHS), Paige Vruwink (LHS), Molly Hannigan (JEHS), Ben Ashbeck (Nekoosa), and Claire Preuss (Assumption).



- Please welcome our Youth Rotars for the month of May. They are Madeline Esselman (LHS), Austin Reimer (LHS), Abigail Jenks (LHS), Garrett Ingram (JEHS), Je’Tamie Wenzel (Nekoosa), and Chrysten Linzmaier (Assumption).

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:

<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>						