



WISCONSIN RAPIDS SUNRISE SCRIPT

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Today's Program

Nick Abts – “Wisconsin Public Radio”

Feb 22	Bill Lindroth - Mark Swenson "Update on ERCO Worldwide"
March 1	Avenues of Service
March 8	Gus Mancuso - "School at Altenburg Farm Update"
March 15	Dennis McCarville - Pat Keir, UWSP LIFE (Learning is Forever) Program
March 22	Rick Merdan
March 29	Nancy Mischnick
April 5	John Moffat
April 12	Avenues of Service

Rotary News

- We welcomed student Rotars, Reece Vanderhei and Lizzie McCarville.
- We welcomed our visitors, Lottie McDermott guest of DaNita, noon Rotarian Zach Vruwink with guest and new honorary Rotarian Wisconsin Rapids Chief of Police Erman Blevins, & Dan McCarville guest of Sally (and Lizzie's father).
- We are hosting the Neighborhood Table on Thursday, March 29th
- Curling event is set for Friday evening, March 9th, watch for details.
- Ride needed for our exchange student Valentina on March 2, see Tom Schneider for details.
- Board meeting postponed to Monday, February 19th, 4 pm Hotel Mead.

Charity Chase Final Results:

Shoulder to Shoulder Water filters project in Honduras:	38%	\$637
School at Altenburg Farm:	25%	\$415
Every Rotarian Every Year:	23%	\$374
Jeremiah's Crossing:	14%	\$235

Total Raised for Charity: \$1,663

Thanks to John Moffat and Karen Kienert for organizing this project!



New Student Rotars: Reece Vanderhei (left) and Lizzie McCarville (right).



Attendance: 25

Happy Pig: About \$33 was donated to the pig.

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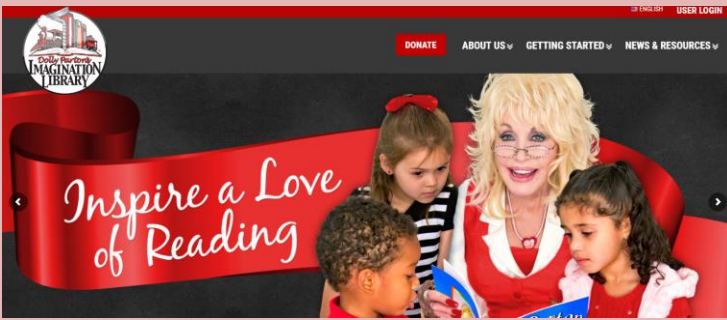
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Tari Jahns, “Women United and the Dolly Parton Imagination Library Project

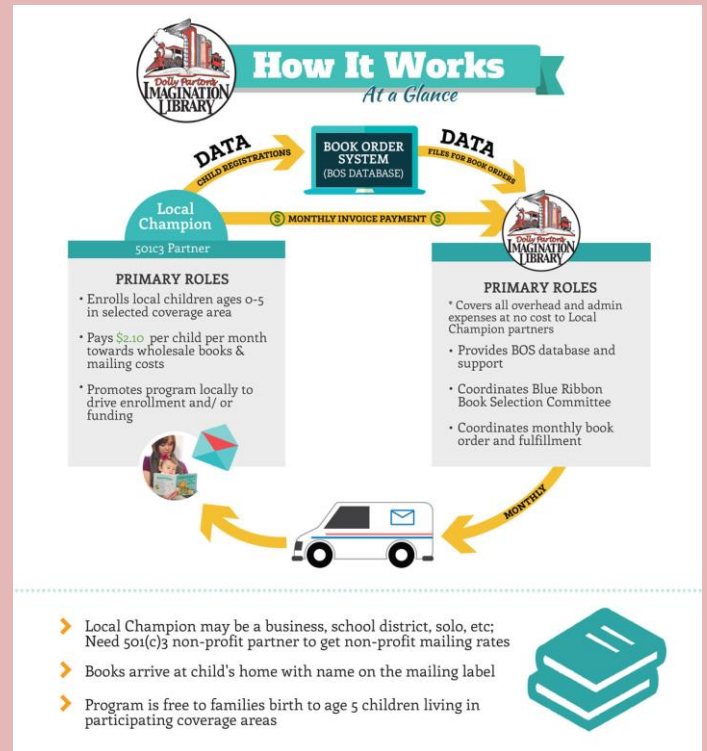
Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library is a book gifting program that mails free books to children from birth to age five in participating communities. It is a 60 volume set beginning with the children’s classic *The Little Engine That Could™*. Each month, the program mails a high quality, age-appropriate book directly to the home of a child free of charge.

Inspired by her father’s inability to read and write, Dolly Parton started her Imagination Library in 1995 for the children within her home county. Today, her program spans four countries and mails over one million free books each month to children around the world. United Way of Inner Wisconsin’s Women United® has partnered with Imagination Library to provide this service to south Wood County. Any child age birth to five can sign up for the program. The cost is only \$25 per year for a donor to sponsor a child. There are no income requirements for the children enrolled; they just need to be a resident of south Wood County.

Women United® is a group of dedicated, caring women who have come together to create lasting change in our community. Being part of Women United is a great opportunity to connect with other women, stand up and take action focused on issues that affect women and children in our community. Funding for the Imagination Library program comes from member dues and fundraising such as the “Power of the Purse” event at Bulls Eye on March 6th. <https://www.uwiw.org/power-purse>

The program is based on research that 85% of a child’s brain development occurs within the first five years. Intervention through books and reading significantly helps with development. Data shows that those in the program are more than twice as ready for kindergarten than those not in the program. United Way and Women United are aggressively working to sign up more children for the program as they are not yet at their capacity to support area children. There are 297 currently registered but the hope is to increase this to 750.

We have always heard that “Reading is Fundamental”, this program levels the playing field for every child, if you know a child in need please sign them up.



4-Way Test. Of the things we think, say or do:

1. Is it the truth?
2. Is it fair to all concerned?
3. Will it build good will and better friendships?
4. Will it be beneficial to all concerned?