

WISCONSIN RAPIDS SUNRISE SCRIPT

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District 6250 Wisconsin Rapids Rotary – Sunrise – Club No. 31198, Chartered 12/29/95
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Today's Program

Nancy Mischnick - TBD

Jan 16	Dennis McCarville – Arts Council Update
Jan 23	Jeff Kuhn – Water Works & Lighting Storm Update
Jan 30	Avenues of Service
Feb 6	John Moffat
Feb 13	Carrie Nikolai
Feb 20	Martin Obsuszt
Feb 27	Brian Oswald
Mar 6	Avenues of Service

Rotary News

- Rotary welcomed our Youth Rotars; Jonah Thomas and Hannah Felker as well as Karen Johnson.
- Thanks to all that donated items for Dove's Nest
- November Happy Pig yielded \$69
- Bill shared why he joined Sunrise Rotary. As an educator he is a supportive community member and being a Rotarian allows him to support the community in a number of ways.
- Packer Pool proceeds to date;
 - \$290 Boys & Girls Club
 - \$440 Community Outdoor Learning Center at Mead Elementary
 - \$408 Wisconsin Rapids Outdoor Aquatic Center
- Dean Veneman received his third Paul Harris Award (see photo below)



From left, President Elect Carrie Nikolai, Paul Harris recipient Dean Veneman, and club president Dave Guse



Attendance: 29
Happy Pig: ~\$12
donated to the pig.

OFFICERS 2019/2020

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Bob Ebben

Dean Veneman (3)

Dennis McCarville

Fred Stich (2)

John Moffat (3)

Karen Kienert

Kristopher Gasch

Larry Schmick

Mary Jo Green (3)

Mary Wirtz

Nancy Mischnick

Tim Krueger

Tom Paul (4)

Tom Schneider (2)

Club Chairpersons

Vocational Service

Gus Mancuso, co-chair

Carol Davis, co-chair

Community Service

Dave Guse, chair

International Service

Nancy Mischnick, co-chair

Tom Schneider, co-chair

Club Service / Membership

Rick Merdan, chair

R.I. Foundation Liaison

Karen Kienert

Polio Plus Chairperson

Tom Schneider

Youth Exchange Officer

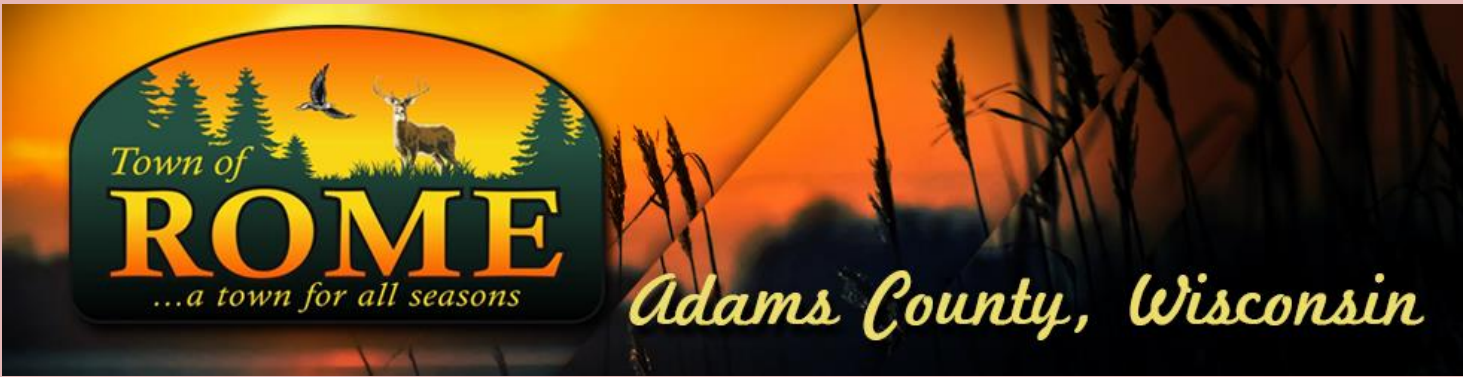
Felicia Gardner

Youth Exchange Counselor

Tom Schneider

Youth Protection Officer

TBD



Wayne Johnson & Jamie Gebert “Rome Update Avenues of Service

Wayne and Jamie talked about the expansive growth in Rome and the desire to strategically provide orderly growth. The first task was developing a five-year strategic plan, see below. They have opened a new 5,000 ft2 police and EMS building. They are in the midst of the town hall remodel replacing the ‘70’s yellow with a more modern exterior. Sand Valley has added tremendous growth to the area with a peak employment level of 700. There is a great demand for employees and employee housing. The town has adopted “Host Compliance” to work with AirBnB for the temporary rental of area housing. Though the town population is about 3,000 year round, in summer it is around 15,000. Working towards all of the needed infrastructure improvements requires more resources and the town budget has grown from \$5.2 million in 2018 to \$6.5 for 2020. The town of Rome provides roughly a quarter of Adams county revenue.

Town of Rome Strategic Plan Overview 2019-2024

<p>Long Term Goal</p> <p>Develop an infrastructure system available to create shovel-ready development sites by 2030.</p>			<p>Mission</p> <p>Positively applying the tools of government to serve and protect our people, strengthen our community and promote prosperity.</p>	<p>Vision</p> <p>The Town of Rome promotes an attractive destination that seamlessly blends the convenience of contemporary living with nature and the timeless charm of rustic Wisconsin.</p>	
<p>Strategic Milestones</p>			<p>Values</p>		
5Yr	Infrastructure Plan for Lakes	Business Park Doubles In Assessed Value	Increased Assessed Value By 20%	<p>Communication</p> <p>Utilizing proactive transparent language to engage everyone to find common ground in a civil discourse.</p>	<p>Professionalism</p> <p>Going above and beyond with passion, dependability and dedication.</p>
3Yr	Business Park Sewer System	Developer Pool	Housing Developments (Senior/Transitional)	<p>Inclusion</p> <p>Embracing our differences to create a welcoming culture of compassion, safety and security.</p>	<p>Honesty & Integrity</p> <p>Every interaction confirms that we are a trustworthy and ethical organization.</p>
1Yr	Utility Plan	Zoning	Identify Funding	<p>Teamwork</p> <p>Throughout the organization, we will collaborate with each other to meet a common goal and exceed expectations.</p>	
WISE GOAL	Complete a comprehensive utility plan to provide infrastructure (internet, water, sewer, power) that protects Rome’s rustic charm while allowing for targeted development.	Use zoning as a tool to shape growth in ways that retain Rome’s environment while promoting targeted growth.	Create an approach to funding that leverages available State, Federal and programatic sources to minimize impact on end users and town taxpayers.		
SMART GOAL	Assemble an Request for Proposal (RFP) for planning services to provide a comprehensive utility (internet, water, sewer, power) plan for the Town, with a draft completed no later than December 1, 2019 and a contract awarded by April 1, 2020.	Identify communities similar Rome with infrastructure and shovel-ready sites, and narrow down to three communities to study & visit no later January 31, 2020. Prepare Zoning amendments necessary to duplicate success and present finding to the Town Board by April 1, 2020.	Identify at least four possible funding sources evaluating the viability for the Town of Rome, presenting the best options to the board by February 2020.		
WHY Do It	Provides the opportunity to positively affect water quality by shaping future septic and water use while working to encourage and manage commercial or residential development.	Provides the tools for the Town to facilitate growth while balancing needs for green space, infrastructure, development and recreational opportunities.	Provides transparent sources of funding that support measured, feasible budgetary goals.		