



WISCONSIN RAPIDS SUNRISE SCRIPT

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District 6250 Wisconsin Rapids Rotary – Sunrise – Club No. 31198, Chartered 12/29/95
Box 1181, Wisconsin Rapids WI 54495

Today's Program

Deanna Willems – Amanda Erdmann “First Choice Pregnancy Resource Center”

July 19	Mary Wirtz - Ron Rasmussen “ Updates at Lincoln High School”
July 26	Avenues of Service
Aug 2	Nick Abts
Aug 9	Josh Alexander
Aug 16	Karen Brzezinski – Mid-State Japanese Global Experience
Aug 23	Erman Blevins
Aug 30	Avenues of Service
Sep 6	Todd Buntroc
Sep 13	DaNita Carlson

Rotary News

- We said farewell to Valentina our Rotary Exchange Student
- Kids from Wisconsin is Monday, July 16th featuring our own local Megan Shields
- Rotary Night at the Rafters is July 12th. Please share the invitation and flyers. \$15 for a ticket, hot dog, drink, and hat with \$5 going towards the Mead Outdoor Learning Center.
- Papa Bears mini-Masters fundraiser August 8th. There will be dinner and golfing for \$25 per person. We will be looking for hole sponsors. Each committee will put together a raffle prize/basket. Look for more information and a flyer to promote the event.



Winner of the Trivia Contest: Rick Merdan



Attendance: 25
Happy Pig: About \$117 was donated to the pig.

OFFICERS 2016/2017

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Joey Marshall (2)	Ida Lee Siewert (2)
Steve Sternitzky	Wayne Johnson
Elaine Semrow	Ken Hanson
Kim Auman	Rosie Anderson
Sally Young	George Hathaway
Ralph Lau	Dan McCarville
Mary Jo Green	Dean Veneman
Dennis McCarville	John Moffat (2)
Lorraine Schmutzer	Tim Krueger
Kristopher Gasch	Barry Jens
Tom Paul (3)	

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

Sunrise Rotary Outcomes/Results

1. Increase/maintain membership—40 2016 to 36 members 2018)

- a. 5 new members since 2016
- b. Created a new Sunrise brochure for marketing
- c. Updated new member welcome packet and process with mentoring component
- d. Defined current membership options and Developed new membership categories like Family membership, Friends of Rotary, Corporate (shared) membership.
- e. Developed a hardship waiver for current member as an option.
- f. Follow up to speakers & guest telling them about Sunrise and membership options.
- g. Social nights; Game Nights/Bingo; Tours, Christmas Party, Curling; Mini-golf
- h. Small fundraisers for exposure to community: Cinema under the Stars, Rafters/School at Altenburg Farms, Mead Outdoor Learning Center
- i. Increase communication
 - i. Started member profile in weekly SCRIPT 2016 and All Club photo 2017
 - ii. Share minutes of board meetings, /invite to participate
 - iii. More opportunities to network
 - iv. Personally arrive earlier before and stay after meetings to hear what members want from the club
 - v. Letter to Inactive members who are behind on
- j. Stress Involvement of Club members – Challenges to Committees



Incoming president Dean Veneman presenting tokens of appreciation to outgoing president MaryJo Green

2. Visibility – Branding in the Community-who are we?

- a. **Rotary at Work** –Rotary shirts and Work t-shirts out in the community. Neighborhood table; Brochures at Community events/Outdoor Learning Center,
- b. Rafters sponsor: photo of Ben Hiller 2017 and all drafted 2018; Rafters Night;
- c. 2016 and 2017 Dancing for a Cause – community based event; exposure with website, voting
- d. Newspaper articles on Dancing for a Cause. Channel 9 and Channel 7.
- e. Sunrise portable banners 2018

3. Youth Involvement

- a. High School representation at weekly meetings. –Thank you card for participation/recognition awards
- b. Sponsored Rotar Scholarship 2017, 2018
- c. RYLA – Sponsored 2 students @\$450 in 2017 and 2 in 2018 @450
- d. Youth Exchange –Collaborated with Noon Club to get and Exchange Student: 2 Sunrise members were host families 2017/18. Active in Committee discussions (Tom Schneider, Felicia Gardner, Mary Jo Green)
- e. Invite Counselors to Breakfast to discuss Mentoring Scholarship Program (3 attended 2018)
- f. Sponsored Cinema under the Stars 2016, 2017, 2018. Board adopted as an annual sponsorship.
- g. Worked with Incourage staff to implement new processes for Mentoring & Youth Rotar Scholarship

4. Historian

- a. Record history on WI Rapids Rotary Website
- b. Updated Rotary website pages and ability to share pictures for Sunrise
- c. Evaluate website and Facebook page use and capability for marketing
- d. Trivia contest about Rotary to build awareness of Rotary and Sunrise history.

5. Fundraising

- a. Grant – Received \$9500 from District 6250 for Scholarship Mentoring Project
- b. Smaller fund raising - Packer Pool, Rafters game, Expanded Kwik Trip to include car wash tokens
- c. Put more emphasis on Rotary International fund raising as Rotary Foundation 100th Anniversary.
- d. Re-emphasize Paul Harris. Implemented the Board Paul Harris matching option.
- e. Develop a pledge and billing process for quarterly/monthly Foundation giving for members.
- f. Dancing for a Cause Major Fundraisers raising over \$34,000 for the club between 2016 and 2017

6. Projects:

Over the last two years Sunrise Rotary has sponsored 36 different projects including beautification hanging baskets for downtown, Shoulder to Shoulder Honduras, ShelterBox, Wisconsin-Nicaragua Partners, Polio Plus, Highway Cleanup, Neighborhood Table, YMCA/B+GC capital campaign, SWEPS, and many, many more! Our motto is “Service Over Self” and our actions and results confirm our adherence to our motto. Come join us!!