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Today's Program Avenues of Service

June 28	Dean Veneman – President's 2018/2019 Goals
July 5	*** No Meeting – Day After Independence Day ***
July 12	Deanna Willems
July 19	Mary Wirtz
July 26	Avenues of Service
Aug 2	Nick Abts
Aug 9	Josh Alexander
Aug 16	Karen Brzezinski – Mid-State Japanese Global Experience

Rotary News

- We received a thank-you from Jadelyn Hunn for her time as a Sunrise Student Rotar
- Nice representation by Sunrise Rotary at the Mead block party on June 13th highlighting the opportunity to support the Mead Outdoor Learning Center by buying tickets to our Rafters game fundraiser on July 12th.
- Date for mini-Masters fundraiser has changed to Wednesday, August 8th to avoid the first Packers pre-season game on the ninth. Stay tuned for more details.
- June 20th is the Hatch Pitch presentation at Mid-State Technical College in the Urban Forestry lab starting at 6 pm. Five entrepreneurs will have a shot at a \$2,000 prize to advance their business ideas. Each will give a five-minute business presentation to a panel of six judges and a live audience at Hatch, an entrepreneurial pitch competition started by BrightStar Wisconsin Foundation and NEWaukee, a social architecture firm in Milwaukee.
- Ribbon cutting Tuesday, June 19th for the new River Riders bike share program featuring the new Zagster system with all-new bikes with six locations at the library, Pizza Hut, both Quality Foods, Veterans Park, and the zoo. The ceremony will be at the Veterans park location.



Attendance: 27
Happy Pig: About \$14 was donated to the pig.

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Incourage Update - Kelly Ryan and Kristopher Gasch

Kelly and Kristopher provided an update on activity at Incourage. In 2019 they will be celebrating their 25th year being formed in 1994. Their vision continues to be “A community that works well for all” guided by values of Equity, Opportunity, and Shared Stewardship. Their principles are a long-term view, holistic, values-led, user-centered, and based on data and research. They are working towards an engaged and informed citizenry.

Tribune Update: They continue lobbying and advocacy to for investment in our area. Research by Numbers and Nature LLC provided a perspective on the lag in recovery in our area vs. the state and nation. Our area trails both for employment, population, and income. Separate research indicates 1 in 5 households has little to no wealth and that 17% of households control 79% of the wealth in this area. Mid-State new hospitality curriculum will collaborate with the commercial kitchen space within the Tribune Building. You can support the project as part of the Global Giving Crowd-Funding Site project at www.globalgiving.org/projects/tribune. Four “teaser” events coming up at the Tribune; Brews, Brats & Bags on June 14, Teach & Taste June 21, Friday Night Lights August 3, and Farmers Market Chef Demo on August 25.

2017 Community Survey: Top three results/findings are that the community is ready for change, “good jobs” are important to the area, and a shift in recognizing that growth will occur organically and not from a “white knight”.

Scholarships: In the past the scholarship process included over 30,000 sheets of paper in a very manual system. The new automated process removes potential biases and streamlines the process. This allows Incourage to make the highest and best use of its resources. In 2018 more than \$144,500 in scholarships were awarded to 145 students pursuing or continuing their education. To date more than \$2.3 million has been awarded.

Community Picnic: The seventh annual community picnic will be Wednesday, August 1st this year again near the Tribune Building. Volunteers are still needed in the areas of kid’s activities, food servers, beverage stations, and waste stewards. You can register to help at 715-423-3863 or at; www.incouragecf.org/act/community-picnic



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?*