



# 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

TBD

March 22	Nancy Mischnick - Father Jerome Patric, "Living & Growing Up in Southern India"
March 29	Rick Merdan – Dr. Shelly Mondeik, new Mid-State President
April 5	John Moffat
April 12	Dennis McCarville - Pat Keir, UWSP LIFE (Learning is Forever) Program
April 19	Diane Moss
April 26	Tom Paul
May 3	Jim Riebe – Bret Salscheider, Kent Anderson, Kurt Heuer, and Phil Brown on an update on the new YMCA/Boys & Girls Club
May 10	Larry Schmick
May 17	Avenues of Service
May 24	Tom Schneider
May 31	"Fifth-Thursday"

### Rotary News

- We welcomed our student Rotar, Peyton Metcalf.
- Dean Veneman attended President Elects Training last weekend and made great connections and ideas; new theme will be "Be the Inspiration" will be looking to collaborate more with the noon club.
- Motion made, seconded, and approved to sponsor for children in the Imagination Library program via UWIW for \$100
- Motion made, seconded and approved for an annual sponsorship of Cinema Under the Stars in June as long as the event remains viable. It will cost \$375 this year.
- Curling event is set for tonight, March 9<sup>th</sup>, 5 pm, bar-b-ques will be provided. Please bring a dish to pass and a clean pair of shoes to wear on the ice. Beer will be available for sale there. The address is 131 Hurley St, Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54495. Feel free to bring a friend and introduce them to curling and Rotary, a "two-for".
- We are hosting the Neighborhood Table on Thursday, March 29<sup>th</sup>



#### Attendance:

26

#### Happy Pig:

About \$14 was donated to the pig.

#### Student Rotar:

Peyton Metcalf, Lincoln High School.



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Dean Ryerson

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Joe Lane

Larry Koopman

Lynda Almonte

Josh Mason

Sue Siewert

Dave Mueller

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

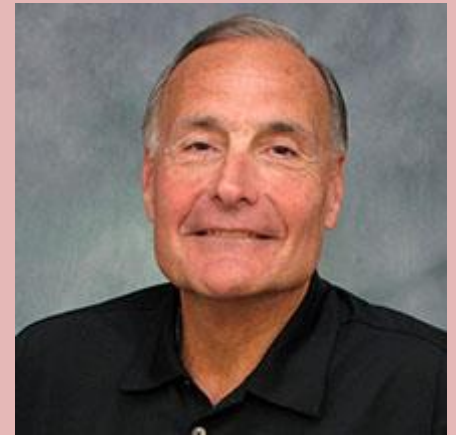
Felicia Gardner

### Youth Exchange Counselor

Tom Schneider

### Youth Protection Officer

TBD



## Gus Mancuso, Brad Kramer, & Scott Sigourney Update on the School at Altenburg's Farm

### Background:

Imagine a school where students can come and not just learn, but thrive. A classroom made of earth and sky students can get out from behind their desks, get their hands dirty, and learn life skills. Harold Altenburg's wish is to have Altenburg's Farm continue to benefit the community beyond his lifetime. With his passion for youth and their development, his vision is to form a not-for-profit farm school. The school's goal is to help young people develop life skills through on-farm learning. The farm will also continue to provide the products and activities the community has enjoyed for so many years.

### Update:

Gus provided an update on the school farm. The first farm manager, Greg Gertess is leaving for another opportunity, so they are looking for a new manager. Due to a generous gift from the Ed Okray Jr. Foundation they have a two-year grant to support Scott Sigourney, 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher at Woodside, to be the K-12 liaison with the farm arranging more partnership opportunities. They will also be looking to diversify into additional crops beyond strawberries and pumpkins. They are also in need of a treasurer for the board as the current person is retiring from the board.

### New Goal:

They have a goal to create six youth apprenticeship scholarships at \$5,000 each for a total of \$30,000. A one-year youth apprenticeship requires 450 paid hours which at \$10 an hour is \$4,500. In addition, the plan is to provide each student that completes a \$1,000 scholarship to continue their education. They are looking for businesses that would be willing to sponsor these scholarships.

### 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?*