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Today's Program

Gus Mancuso - "School at Altenburg Farm Update"

March 15	Dennis McCarville - Pat Keir, UWSP LIFE (Learning is Forever) Program
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	Avenues of Service
April 19	Diane Moss
April 26	Tom Paul
May 3	Jim Riebe
May 10	Larry Schmick
May 17	Avenues of Service
May 24	Tom Schneider
May 31	"Fifth-Thursday"

Rotary News

- We welcomed our exchange student Valentina Vargas and our new student Rotar, Peyton Metcalf. She attends Lincoln High School is in the national honor society and DECA and is planning on attending UW Madison for finance and/or business law.
- We received a thank you from Jessalyn, our mentoring student in the nursing program at UW Oshkosh. She is doing well and is thankful for the club support.
- In February, the Happy Pig yielded \$95 for our work.
- The WR Mayor's beautification council asked if we would again sponsor some hanging baskets. A motion was made, seconded and approved to donate \$100 from the Happy Pig for two hanging baskets.
- Curling event is set for Friday evening, March 9th, 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 29th
- Darlyn, our Shoulder-to-Shoulder scholarship student in Honduras has graduated with a degree in IT. There is a picture of her and her family on the next page.

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TBD



Student Rotar: Peyton Metcalf, Lincoln High School.



Attendance: 22
Happy Pig:
 About \$10 was donated to the pig.

Avenues of Service

International

- Above is Darlyn's graduation picture! Congratulations!
- There are volunteer opportunities with the Wisconsin-Nicaragua Partnership including warehouse days which are the third Thursday of the month. They are also in need of volunteers for Farm Technology Days as they will have a food tent at the event July 10-12.
- The Portage County cultural festival is May 12.
- As a non-profit we are able to sell Rubi-Red fundraising items and the club will get 40% of the sales.

Vocational

- Scholarships closed on February 15th. We are waiting to hear about potential recipients.
- There are two students to attend RYLA this year, Trent Waltenburg from Nekoosa and Hayden Beck from John Edwards. The event is the third week in May, so we will look to have them share their experience within several weeks after their return.
- Committee expressed the need for greater public relations recognition for Rotary, Youth Rotars, Youth Exchange, and RYLA. They are pursuing our local River Cities Community Media to promote these programs.

Club/Membership

- The group brainstormed five additional people to reach out to and invite to try Rotary.
- An email will go out about the curling event and will be shared with Current (the area young professionals club)
- We will be looking to do something social and service-wise on the fifth Thursday in May.
- We will be looking to collaborate with other organizations to gain scale in service work, potentially Kiwanis and Current.

Community Service

- Looking at the opportunity for the club to help volunteer at the Humane Society.
- ODC – Potentially another electronic recycling day this fall.
- We will be collecting infant needs items for the Elks infant needs program.
- We will again support Cinema Under the Stars this year and will look for volunteers to help with some concessions
- Opportunity to participate in the United Way "United We Can – Strike out Hunger" food sculpture contest on June 7th at the Rafters. We could do a simple "Rotary" in cans or make a Rotary gear, see examples below.



- 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?*