



WISCONSIN RAPIDS SUNRISE SCRIPT

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Today's Program

Larry Schmick; Father Jerome Patric,
"Living & Growing Up in India"

May 17	Avenues of Service
May 24	Tom Schneider – Valentina Vargas, Perspectives on Rotary Exchange
May 31	"Fifth-Thursday"
June 7	Elaine Semrow
June 14	Fred Stich
June 21	Avenues of Service
June 28	Dean Veneman
July 5	Sue Wesley

Rotary News

- We welcomed new student Rotars, Morgan Jarosinski from Lincoln High School who will be pursuing a career in accounting and Victor Hoffmeister from Nekoosa High School who is pursuing a career in the arts.
- We also welcomed our Rotary exchange student Valentina Vargas and sang her happy birthday.
- We welcomed Josh Alexander as our newest member (see below)
- Cinema Under the Stars is June 14th
- Mead block party is June 15th
- Sunrise Rotary Rafters night will be Thursday, July 12th



New Student Rotars: Morgan Jarosinski (left) and Victor Hoffmeister (right)



Attendance: 32
Happy Pig: About \$8 was donated to the pig.



Josh Alexander, our newest Sunrise Rotary member, congratulations!

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Steve Sternitzky	Wayne Johnson
Elaine Semrow	Ken Hanson
Kim Auman	Rosie Anderson
Sally Young	George Hathaway
Ralph Lau	Dan McCarville
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Dennis McCarville	John Moffat (2)
Lorraine Schmutzer	Tim Krueger
Kristopher Gasch	Barry Jens
Tom Paul (3)	

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Youth Exchange Counselor

Tom Schneider

Youth Protection Officer

TBD



YMCA / Boys & Girls Club Project Update

Bret Salscheider and Kent Anderson provided the Sunrise club an update on the progress of the new joint facility on the site of the former Rapids Mall. The \$27.5 million project is on track with about \$1 million left to raise in addition to \$5.5 million in new markets tax credits.

From their progress site at app.southwoodymca.org *“For decades, the Boys & Girls Club of the Wisconsin Rapids Area (BGCWRA) and the John E Alexander / South Wood County YMCA (SWC YMCA), have provided strength and support to our community and to those individuals who need us the most. We are looking toward the future and combining efforts to build a stronger foundation where children, adults and families can become more; connected, confident and secure through activities which promote holistic health and wellness.”*

Some details shared included that the complex will be 88,000 ft². In addition the move of the VA will result in nearly doubling their space with will support an increase in staffing of 8 FTEs. The JC Penney space will house the Boys & Girls Club as well as the early childhood center, a recording studio and a STEM room. There will be a 6 lane competitive pool with spectator seating for 200 along with a zero-entry activity pool. There will be an indoor walking track and a second floor fitness area.

The Boys & Girls club lease at the Pitsch building is ending and they need a permanent home. The collaboration with the YMCA is perfect timing for the two organizations to share space, programming, and staff to further increase efficiencies.

The west-side facility will help address four community needs; reduction of obesity, mental health, AODA, and healthy growth & development.

They are anticipating a June 1st ground-breaking, June 23rd, 2019 dedication, and a January 2020 grand opening.



Left to right, Bret Salscheider, Kent Anderson, Kurt Heuer, and Phil Brown accepting a \$1,500 contribution from our president MaryJo Greene on behalf of the club to the new YMCA/Boys&Girls Club project.



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?