



WISCONSIN RAPIDS SUNRISE SCRIPT

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Today's Program

Jim Riebe – Bret Salscheider, Kent Anderson, Kurt Heuer, and Phil Brown,
an update on the new YMCA/Boys & Girls Club

May 10	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 our student Rotars, Jadelyn Hunn and Chasten Vruwink and our exchange student Valentina Vargas.
- We welcomed Josh Alexander as our newest member!
- Sunrise Rotary Rafters night will be Thursday, July 12th at the Roscoe Cheesehead Bobblehead night. The charity selected for the fundraiser is the Mead Outdoor Learning Center. They are having a block party on June 13th and Rotary will have a booth there.
- May 4-6 is the Tri-Con Rotary conference, Dean will represent our club
- Still looking for contributions to the Every Rotarian Every Year project.
- Working on a mini-golf fundraising event at Papa Bears new facility in Rome on August 9th.



New Student Rotars: Jadelyn Hunn (left) and Chasten Vruwink (right)



Attendance: 30
Happy Pig: About \$28 was donated to the pig.

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| Jere Johnson | Larry Schmick |
| 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

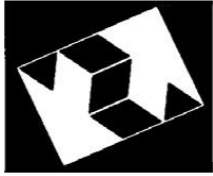
- Felicia Gardner

Youth Exchange Counselor

- Tom Schneider

Youth Protection Officer

- TBD



WISCONSIN/NICARAGUA *Partners of the Americas, Inc.*

Amy Wiza & Betty Pionek, "Wisconsin-Nicaragua Partners Update"

Where did Partners of the Americas originate?

- 1955** President Eisenhower was interested in exploring possibilities of developing closer ties between the Central and South American countries and the U.S.
- 1961** President John F. Kennedy launches the Alliance for Progress (a program of governmental cooperation in the Western Hemisphere)
- 1964** Partners of the Americas was founded as the people-to-people component of the Alliance for Progress
- 1965** The Wisconsin/Nicaragua Partnership is incorporated and received the 501©3 status as a non-profit, non-governmental agency
- 1973** Fort Atkinson/Puerto Cabezas form the 1st Partner City relationship
- 1990** Formal signing of the Stevens Point/Esteli Partner City with Stevens Point Mayor Scott Schultz, Alfredo Rodriguez, Esteli, Sherin Bowen and Alan Haney, Stevens Point
- 2015** 50th Anniversary Wisconsin/Nicaragua Partners



Amy and Betty provided a history of the origins and establishment of the Wisconsin/Nicaragua Partners of the Americas.

Their Mission and Vision, they believe...

- Social change must be sustainable; that is, it must create its own momentum to continue indefinitely once put into motion
- The beneficiaries of development must have leadership roles in its realization
- The end goal of development is not to educate but to empower individuals to educate themselves
- The basic structural unit of W/NP is a peer-to-peer partnership, not a patron and client hierarchy
- The partnership is a two-way relationship involving mutual planning and conduct of programs and projects
- Volunteers are Partners' main participants, resources, and reasons for being
- There should be equal participation at all levels of the Partners organization
- Our most valuable assets are the human resources of each country
- Partners should focus on improving the quality of life in each of our countries
- Partners' programs, to be truly effective in the long run, must benefit each side of the partnership equally

With the \$750 that Sunrise Rotary donated last year it supported their shipping project and learning centers. Packing days are the third Thursday of each month where donations are packed into 4'x4' gaylord containers for shipment. Larger items such as ambulances or fire engines are shipped via military aircraft (see picture to right). They are now working on the development of the Cultural Commons project that will be in Piffner Pioneer Park in Stevens Point.



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?*