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Today's Program

Bill Lindroth - Gillian Goetsch, homeless coordinator for WRPS

Zoom Link: <https://zoom.us/j/95892847101?pwd=UXV5SDZnc1pgN1V0OVA5MktHQkxJdz09>
Meeting ID: 958 9284 7101 Passcode: 852039

Now meeting (normally) In-Person Meeting at the Elks Lodge 430 Jackson

Week	Rotarian/Program
Apr 21	Program – Update on “Jeremiah’s Crossing”
Apr 28	Jeff Kuhn – “STEM Scouts”
May 5	Caleb McGregor
May 12	Rick Merdan
May 19	Carrie Nikolai

Rotary News

- Attendance was 20 including a new youth Rotar, Eric Huglen from LHS. He plays tennis and is an IT Youth Apprentice and will be attending UW Madison for Computer Science.
- Dean apologized for winning as the coordinator of the March Madness pool. The other winners were Bill, MaryJo, and Jim Riebe.
- Motion was made, seconded, and approved to donate \$150 to the BeStill Retreat Center.
- Prairie Chicken Festival fundraiser event Saturday, April 9, at Aaron’s Event Barn.

Chad Dove – Update on the “Dove’s Nest Retreat Center”

The Alex C. Dove foundation was formed after Alex’s passing from cancer. He found great respite in being at the lake and wanted to share that opportunity and experience for others in need. The 501c3 was established in 2016 and purchased a home on Lake Camelot. It is a no-cost respite option for those going through terminal illness. They hosted their first guests in 2020 right before COVID struck. Recent discussion with regional cancer centers has increased interest and they have 7 scheduled for this year so far. It hosts up to 8 guests at a time.



Chad



Alex

They still owe under \$200,000 on the mortgage so fundraising is an important component. They have a Bloody Mary bar during the Lake Camelot fisheriee which typically results in \$4-5,000 but the main fundraiser is the annual Lake Camelot event which is always on the third Saturday in May. Last year it raised \$37,000 and they are hoping to make \$50,000 this year. It will feature raffle baskets, kid’s games, four food vendors, and the band “Cherry Pie”. It is on May 21 at the Lake Camelot Lodge.

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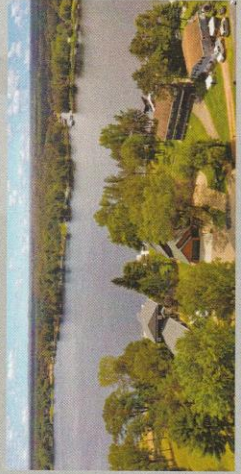
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Alex's Story

In 2016 at the age of 21 Alex was diagnosed with Grade 4 Glioblastoma Brain Cancer. While going through surgery, endless chemotherapy and radiation treatments he was still able to graduate from UW - Whitewater with a double major in Accounting and Business Management. Alex would always stay positive and focused on what made him happy.

Growing up, Alex loved going "up north" to his grandparents' lakeside cabin in northern Wisconsin. It was a place for the whole family to relax and have fun together. Alex believed that having a free retreat for people with a terminal illness would offer a wonderful gift: rest and relaxation away from the stresses experienced by patients and their families.

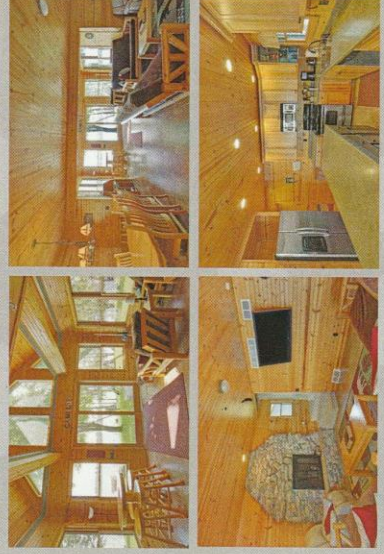
That is how The Alex C. Dove Foundation was created. Alex passed away on March 3, 2019 at the age of 24, after a 3 year battle with brain cancer. His legacy lives on through the foundation.



Welcome



To Our Nest



How To Apply

The Dove's Nest Cabin is located in Rome, Wisconsin on Lake Camelot, just 25 minutes South of Wisconsin Rapids.

The cabin is designed to offer a beautiful and relaxing free one week stay for the patient, their family, and caregivers to forget about life struggles.

The qualified applicant (adult/child) must be undergoing, or have been in treatment within the last year, or under hospice care for a terminal illness.

To apply, visit:

www.AlexCDoveFoundation.org

Download and fill out the Housing Application and Property Rental Agreement.

Send to:

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