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Today's Program

Megan Duellman – IT Security

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

Week	Rotarian/Program
Sep 1	Karen Brzezinski – European Vacation
Sep 8	DaNita Carlson – “Mary’s Place Transitional Housing”
Sep 15	Bob Ebben – Potential Rafters Update
Sep 22	Kristopher Gasch
Sep 29	MaryJo Green
Oct 6	Kim Grover

Rotary News

- Attendance was 17 including three guests from Aspirus
- Confirmed Christmas party on Thursday, Dec. 1 Alexander House, mark your calendars.
- We need to keep seeking participants and sponsors for the August 30th Mini-Golf fundraiser. You can sign-up on-line.

Brian Kief & Lisa Skibba “Aspirus Riverview Update”

Brian is the interim president of Aspirus Riverview and Lisa is a Vice President.

Brian and his family live in Lake Tomahawk.

He has had a long career in the healthcare industry. Lisa is a physical therapist and advanced to a number of roles and is now a vice president. They opened the program up for questions.



Brian Kief



Lisa Skibba

- The greatest challenge currently is staffing. With the heavy burden from COVID, extra shifts, death and dying, it has caused a number of people to seek other occupations or to retire.
- Due to the extreme need across the nation many staff left for traveling positions which were paying two to three times as much. The shortage at the hospital then forced them to also hire traveling staff at high cost.
- COVID Also shut down a significant portion of the talent pipeline. For instance, the local CCHI program where local students learn about the healthcare field. Many also reconsidered their career paths due to the stress and danger.
- The lack of staffing is causing many smaller hospitals across the nation to close. 73 Closed in 2021 with another 900 at risk this year.
- COVID Showed that the 2015 purchase by Aspirus was crucial to provide the economies of scale especially when purchasing supplies like the personal protection equipment (PPE) that was so critical at the beginning of the pandemic.

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