



WISCONSIN RAPIDS SUNRISE SCRIPT

Volume 28, Issue 32 Website: wisconsinrapidsrotary.org

March 24, 2021

District 6250 Wisconsin Rapids Rotary – Sunrise – Club No. 31198, Chartered 12/29/95
Box 1181, Wisconsin Rapids WI 54495

Today's Program

Michael Kirschling – Avenues of Service

Zoom Link: <https://zoom.us/j/95892847101?pwd=UXV5SDZnc1pqN1V0OVA5MktHQkxJdz09>

Meeting ID: 958 9284 7101 Passcode: 852039

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

Week	Rotarian/Program
Mar 31	Sally Kissner – Jesse Urban “Be Still Retreat Center”
Apr 7	Avenues of Service
Apr 14	Bill Lindroth
Apr 21	Dennis McCarville
Apr 28	Jeff Kuhn – “STEM Scouts”
May 5	Caleb McGregor

Rotary News

- Attendance was 22 including youth Rotars Megan Jochimsen, and Brandon Swensen.
- Also attending was our district governor, Karen Hebert and her husband.
- Dean described the March Madness pool.



Todd Eckes “East Side Fire Station Remodel”

Todd is the interim fire chief for Wisconsin Rapids. He started out as a pipefitter in the mill while on the Vesper volunteer fire department following in his father’s footsteps. He spent 19 years as a volunteer and after a downsizing at the mill went into fire fighting full-time for the last 16 years. His leadership has led the ambulance service to achieve certification, only the second in the state.

Currently the department has two stations, east and west side, 36 members, 11 on each crew with 3 executive officers. The department has two engines, a 100’ ladder truck, rescue squad, rescue boat, and hazmat trailer. They provide contract ambulance service for Biron, Saratoga, Port, Cranmoor, and Nekoosa.

The department motto is to be professional, proficient, polite, and compassionate.

The 1982 east side fire station is undergoing a major expansion and remodel. The initial impetus was to accommodate female fire fighters but has expanded to increase efficiency and safety. Currently carcinogens from vehicle exhaust and from smoke can permeate the firehouse. The new design will provide separation to keep all the carcinogens separate as well as a steam shower which can eliminate any carcinogens on their bodies. Firefighters are ten times as likely to experience cancer due to their exposure to carcinogens. Groundbreaking occurred last year and the plan is for them to move into the new space by April 8 at which point the remodel portion can begin with plans to be completely finished by July.



OFFICERS 2021/2022

District Governor – Karen Hebert

President – Michael Kirschling

michaelkirschling@gmail.com

President Elect – Karen Brzezinski

karen.brzezinski@mstc.edu

Past President– Carrie Nikolai

carrie.nikolai@coldwellbanker.com

Treasurer – Mary Jo Green

mary_jo_green@hotmail.com

Secretary - Bill Lindroth

mwlindroth@solarus.biz

Dennis McCarville for meetings

dennis.mccarville@ampf.com

Sergeant at Arms – Kyle Cronan

cronaky@pesd.k12.wi.us

Script Editor- Rick Merdan

rick.merdan@gmail.com

Current Paul Harris Fellows

Bob Ebben

Dean Veneman (3)

Dennis McCarville

Fred Stich (2)

Karen Kienert

Kristopher Gasch

Larry Schmick

Mary Jo Green (3)

Tom Paul (4)

Tom Schneider (2)

Club Chairpersons

Vocational Service

Carol Davis, Chair

Community Service

TBD

International Service

Tom Schneider

Club Service / Membership

Rick Merdan, chair

R.I. Foundation Liaison

Karen Kienert

Polio Plus Chairperson

Tom Schneider

Youth Exchange Officer

TBD

Youth Exchange Counselor

Tom Schneider

Youth Protection Officer

TBD