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Today's Program

Caleb McGregor - Ray "Boz" Bossert, "Nepco Lake Update"

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
May 12	Rick Merdan – Wendy Savage, Red Cross Blood Donation
May 19	Carrie Nikolai
May 26	Dwight Heaney, the Rotary Foundation
June 2	Brian Oswald

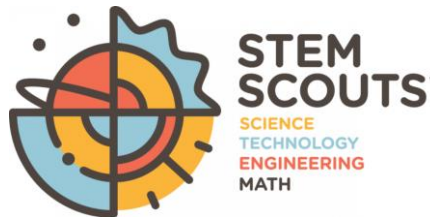
Rotary News

- Attendance was 18 including youth Rotars, Eric Huglen and Ebony Zacher.
- Social at B's Tap House was a hit with 16 in attendance including several spouses and some previous members. We'll try to organize a social each month.
- Highway cleanup is Monday, May 2, at 5:00 pm at the corner of Highway 54 and 48th street, the more help the better.
- Michael challenged the club that if we meet the Every Rotarian Every Year goal by June 1 he will not only shave his mustache but his head as well.

Jeff Kuhn – "STEM Scouts Update"

STEM SCOUTS AT A GLANCE

- 10-20 boys and girls, 3 or more leaders per unit
- Units grouped by elementary, middle and high school ages
- Weekly meetings, monthly field trips
- 4- to 6-week learning modules
- Lessons created & vetted by STEM educators
- Participation and achievement awards rather than ranks or rank advancement
- Leadership and mentoring opportunities
- Development of new skills



The goal of the STEM Scouts program is to help young people grow in character and skills as they explore their curiosity about STEM fields. Jeff provided the history of STEM scouts that started on a Boy Scouts retreat back in 2012 and resulted in a co-ed pilot program in Knoxville that was so successful it was expanded to 12 councils, the smallest and yet the most successful was the Samoset Council here in central Wisconsin. The program was expanding exponentially until COVID. One more virtual program was not enticing. Several labs have begun again in person including Jeff's lab which is based out of St. Vincent's. The program is very successful in expanding STEM diversity with 45% of participants female! The basis of the program are 4-6 week modules in areas such as robotics, chemistry, geology, physics, hydraulics, paleontology, etc. The modules are interactive encouraging the participants to learn leadership skills as well at teamwork. They use the scientific method to demonstrate various principles. Cost to participants is \$250 which helps cover the cost of all the module materials, however, with financial supports no child is turned away.

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