



WISCONSIN RAPIDS SUNRISE SCRIPT

Volume 27, Issue 43 Website: wisconsinrapidsrotary.org

May 6, 2021

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

Today's Program

Angel Whitehead - Dr. Jill Dillon "Addition by Subtraction"

This week Sunrise Rotary is conducting its weekly meeting on Zoom.

Click on this link to Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/76631647715?pwd=RWVteU1aMzhXTmtGa3QyRmtTTi9HZz09>

Meeting ID: 766 3164 7715 Password: 4J7xBF

Dial in: 312 626 6799 Passcode: 960151



Week	Rotarian/Program
May 13	Karen Wiessinger
May 20	Avenues of Service – Preparation for Food Drive
May 27	Nick Abts
June 3	Penny Antell
June 10	Karen Brzezinski

Rotary News

- We had 20 people on the meeting including our April youth Rotar Hunter
- Thanks to everyone that helped with Highway Cleanup last Thursday. We had 10 people which was very appreciated! We picked up 15 bags of trash.
- Finalizing the details for the May 22 food drive and then the promotion will be available for widespread distribution.

Shane Blaser, City of Wisconsin Rapids Update

Shane provided an update on economic development within the city last year. Matalco is up and running with rumors that they are already considering expanding. Housing remains an issue with the city looking for developers to expand local opportunities.

Shane is working on the proposal for a street utility. Right now when improvements are made, property owners are assessed which can range from \$7,000-15,000. The concept is to have a utility that everyone pays into that pays for the needed improvements – everybody paying a little every year so that nobody gets a big bill periodically. Some churches have opposed the concept but just within the last decade churches have paid \$80,000 in special assessments so it is already hurting many. The charges will be based on estimated use/traffic.

The Rapids Together task force hasn't met since December but work continues. The Consolidated Coop is seriously interested in the operation however Verso continues to run the converting operation and Sonoco continues to run the #12 paperboard machine.

As far as funding goes the city is receiving \$1.4 million from the CARES act but they are not sure what projects are allowed on which to spend it. They are also receiving an EDA grant for \$144,000 with a WEDC \$36,000 match to study potential uses of the Verso property if the mill is not restarted.

OFFICERS 2020/2021

District Governor – Bill Pritchard

President – Carrie Nikolai

carrie.nikolai@coldwellbanker.com

President Elect – Michael Kirshling

michael@insurandwealthplanning.com

Past President – Dave Guse

senegaldave1@gmail.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

Barry Jens

Bob Ebben

Dean Veneman (3)

Dennis McCarville

Fred Stich (2)

John Moffat (3)

Karen Kienert

Kristopher Gasch

Larry Schmick

Mary Jo Green (3)

Mary Wirtz

Nancy Mischnick

Tim Krueger

Tom Paul (4)

Tom Schneider (2)

Club Chairpersons

Vocational Service

Carol Davis, 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

TBD

Youth Exchange Counselor

Tom Schneider

Youth Protection Officer

TBD