



# WISCONSIN RAPIDS SUNRISE SCRIPT

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

## Today's Program

### Rick Merdan- Jim Arnold “Riverkings and South Wood County Recreation Center Events”

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

Click on this link to join virtually

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/76631647715?pwd=RWWteU1aMzhXTmtGa3QyRmtTTi9HZz09>

Meeting ID: 766 3164 7715 Password: 4J7xBF Dial: 312 626 6799 Passcode: 960151

Week	Rotarian/Program
Nov 11	Tom Paul
Nov 18	Larry Schmick – Kent Anderson, “Boys and Girls Club”
Nov 25	Thanksgiving – No Meeting
Dec 2	Tom Schneider
Dec 9	Brian Oswall

#### Rotary News

- We had 21 in attendance and welcomed our two youth Rotarians, Sadie Donahue and Zach Schaefer.
- We also welcomed Wood County Sheriff Shawn Becker and Wisconsin Rapids Police Chief Erman Blevins to receive their funds from the mini-golf event.
- Tom Schneider won the Packer Pool and donated an extra \$10 to The Neighborhood Table (he stated it was karma from highway cleanup).
- There are 160 “Attitude of Gratitude” Flower sale orders, thanks to all that got their orders in on time. Distribution will be Monday, November 22.
- We received thank you notes from youth Rotar Ashley Abbot and the Miss Wisconsin Rapids Area pageant for sponsoring the Miss Congeniality award.



#### Kyle Cronan “The Benevolent Protective Order of the Elks”

The Benevolent Protective Order of the Elks is a local non-profit organization that was formed initially in 1868 by Charles Vivian in order to provide community especially for actors and entertainers. The Wisconsin Rapids Lodge 693 was chartered in 1901 with their initial location in 1915 on the river at 230 2nd St. South. Their mission is “To inculcate the principles of Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity; to recognize a belief in God; to promote the welfare and enhance the happiness of its Members; to quicken the spirit of American patriotism; to cultivate good fellowship; to perpetuate itself as a fraternal organization, and to provide for its government, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America will serve the people and communities through benevolent programs, demonstrating that Elks Care and Elks Share.

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#### Current Paul Harris Fellows

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- 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



Membership requirements are that candidates are at least 21 years old and are a U.S. Citizen. Like many organizations, membership has declined, precipitated by COVID. Twenty years ago there were approximately 250 members and currently have 120.

The order of the Elks established the first few field hospitals in WWI and veteran's hospital after the war. They are responsible for advocacy of Flag Day. Some of their famous members were General George Pershing and Harry Truman.

They have been community oriented, and the local lodge contributed over \$30,000 in their last fiscal year. Some of their community programs are the Christmas Basket program which provided 59 baskets last year and the Infant Needs Pantry which provides needed baby items such as formula, diapers, and wipes and is part of SWEPS.

The lodge also operates the club which has banquet facilities and a bar. One of their famous local events is their annual Lenten fish fry. The banquet hall is also available for rent at a reasonable cost.



**FRY-DAY NIGHT  
Lenten  
FISH FRY**

*Wisconsin Rapids Elks*  
*2020 Lenten Fish Fries*

430 West Jackson Street  
Wisconsin Rapids, WI  
(Across the street from the WR City Hall)  
Handicap Accessible



*Elks Care - Elks Share*

**FEBRUARY 28, MARCH 6, MARCH 13, MARCH 20, MARCH 27, APRIL 3, APRIL 10**

Serving from 4:30 until 7:30pm

Carry Outs also available  
**(CALL: 715-423-1930)**

*We deliver to area businesses, assisted living facilities and the mill (3 or more orders)*

**Dinners Include...**

**FRIED OR BAKED FISH, OR SHRIMP  
BAKED POTATO OR FRENCH FRIES  
BAKED BEANS  
COLESLAW  
BREAD & CAKE**



<b>Baked Fish Dinner:</b>	(1 piece) \$9.50	(2 piece) \$10.50
<b>Deep Fried Fish Dinner</b>	(1 piece) \$8.50	(2 piece) \$9.50
<b>Shrimp Dinner</b>	(3 piece) \$8.50	(6 piece) \$10.50

**Children's Menu Items available**

**Cash Bar Available!**

*All proceeds from the Fish Fries go to fund and support our local charitable projects.*