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RAPIDS RIPPLES

Rotary District No. 6250

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Today's Program

Rotarian: *Mike Mehr*
Program: *The Wisconsin Budget Deficit & Some Ways to Solve It*
Speaker: *Marlin Schneider*

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CONTACT THE VICE PRESIDENT OF
YOUR DIVISION IF YOU HAVE ANY
QUESTIONS.

**PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR SYNOPSIS OF YOUR PROGRAM
TO THE SECRETARY PRIOR TO THE PROGRAM. Thank You.**

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| January 25, 2010 | Rotarian: Connie Loden
Program: Heart of Wisconsin Business Alliance's Innovation Think Tank
Speaker: Chris Scheller and Jerry Bach |
| February 1, 2010 | Rotarian: Cathy Meils
Program: Bachelor of Fine Arts Acting Program at UWSP
Speaker: Tyler Marchant |
| February 8, 2010 | Rotarian: Linda Buchs-Hammonds
Program: Club Visioning
Speaker: Darla Leick, District Visioning Committee |
| February 15, 2010 | Rotarian: Dan Meyer
Program: TBA
Speaker: TBA |

REMINDER: Sign and Initial the LUNCH REGISTRATION. Thank you.

PAST PROGRAM: **January 11, 2010**

Rotarian: Rob McGrath
Program: Riverview Community Dental Clinic
Speakers: Mark Skibba and Sue Berard

In January of 2009 Riverview Hospital Association assumed control of the Lakes Area Medical Center Dental Hygiene Program from Ministry Health Care, and then expanded the program to Wisconsin Rapids with the services of Dr. Robert McGrath at the Riverview Community Dental Clinic on Two Mile Avenue.

Riverview Community Dental Clinic serves only patients with Medicaid and Badger Care Plus insurance, more than 13,000 children and adults. The average loss per patient visit is \$100.

Thanks to the generosity of clinic partners, Delta Dental, The Wood-Trust Bell Foundation, The United Way of Inner Wisconsin, and individual donors, hundreds have been helped. The need continues, Riverview Community Dental Clinic could use the services of additional dentists and more funding, even hoping to develop an endowment fund.

MEETINGS: EVERY MONDAY AT 11:45 AM, HOTEL MEAD

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY.....

**Only those who
RISK
going too far will
ever know how far
they can go.**

HONORARY ROTARIAN:

None

VISITING ROTARIANS:

Dave Villeneuve La Crosse Valley View Club
Dale Leffel Marshfield Rotary Club

INTERACT STUDENTS:

None

ROTARY EXCHANGE STUDENT:

Lovro Kuspilic

Dave and Joanne Wickersham
365 Abington Court, Nekoosa, WI 54457
(work) 421-4200

GUESTS:

GUEST OF

Ann Seamoneson	Reedsburg Rotary Club
Jeannine Mueller	“ “ “
Elanore Chiguaine	“ “ “
Kathy Rufemacht	“ “ “
Nancy Hahs	“ “ “
Tom Seamoneson	“ “ “

Also, all of above were Guests of Club

MAKE-UPS:

Elton Polansky 12/14 Online

FREE LUNCH: (Strike thru means Club Wins)

Phil Hartley

YOUTH ROTARS for JANUARY:

Prairie Kramer	Lincoln High School
Joseph Hintz	Lincoln High School
Dixie McMahon	Lincoln High School
Marialle Wettstein	Nekoosa High School
Drew Staniforth	Port Edwards High
Eric Scharff	Assumption High School

HAPPY CUP:

\$ 9.00 on 1/11/10

RESIGNATIONS/LEAVE OF ABSENCE/

RULE OF 85:

None



ROTARY MEMORIES:

****10 Years Ago This Week.....***

Today’s Program – Fellow Rotarian, Dan Dick from the Hotel Mead introduced Bill Otto who is Senior VP/Operations for Marcus Hotels & Resorts and Chairman of the Governor’s Council on Tourism. Here are a few of the highlights from Mr. Otto’s presentation:

- Tourism is the largest industry in the world.
- Travel industry by 2020 will reach \$2 Trillion.
- By 2005, one in ten jobs will be tourist-related.
- Most of our tourists come from MN and IL.
- 94% of our first time visitors return for another visit.
- Recently, the Wisconsin Rapids Convention and Visitor’s Bureau’s (CVB) budget increased from \$69,000 to \$77,000.

****25 Years Ago This Week.....***

Today’s Program – Fellow Rotarian Tim Kelly gave us a very interesting presentation on his employer: Ore-Ida. Back in the 1950s a couple of fellows in Ontario, Oregon started to freeze both corn and French fries for retail sale. In the early 1960s, the company acquired a plant in Idaho and the company became known as Ore-Ida. In 1965, Heinz bought Ore-Ida. It quickly became the largest frozen food service company in the world. Mr. Kelly’s \$50,000 movie about the “perfect fry” gave us a very informative tour of the Ore-Ida process. Kelly said that most of the filming had been done at the Plover plant. In yet another grueling question and answer segment, we found out that the different taste to French fries comes mostly from the use of vegetable or beef frying fat, not from the kind of potato. Tim did a very nice job of presenting an inside look into one of our largest local employers. Thank you.

****65 Years Ago This Week.....***

Last Wednesday, we viewed a Technicolor motion picture showing the production of synthetic rubber. Ken (Rawson) did a good job handling the machine. This topic drew lots of interest because of the condition of our tires.

ROTARY FOUNDATION – A resolution adopted at Rotary’s 1944 convention provided that the principal of your Rotary Foundation should remain intact, except for the contributions earmarked for specific purposes.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- 1) December Youth Rotar—Drew Overfelt gave the farewell.
- 2) The “traveling bell” was captured today by the Reedsburg Western Sauk County Rotary Club. They sent a team of six Rotarians from their club.
- 3) Please mark your calendars for upcoming Fireside Meeting to be held Wednesday evening February 24, 2010. More details to follow.

MAKE-UP at the following area clubs:

- Boy Scout Troop 105 Meetings, Huntington House, Lower Level
2nd & 4th Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m.
- Greater Portage County, Comfort Suites,
300 N Division St., Stevens Point, Friday 7:00 a.m.
- Stevens Point Noon, Stevens Point Country Club, Wednesday Noon
- W.R.Sunrise:Hotel Mead,Wisconsin Rapids; Thursdays 7:00 a.m.
- Marshfield Breakfast:Best Western, Marshfield; Thursday 7:00 a.m.
- Marshfield Lunch:Best Western, Marshfield; Monday Noon
- Wausau Breakfast:The Rose Garden, Wausau; Thursday 7:00 a.m.
- Wausau Lunch: Jefferson Street Inn, corner of 2nd Street & Jefferson, Wausau; Monday Noon
- Waupaca Breakfast:Waupaca CC; Monday 7:15 a.m.
- Appleton Breakfast:Riverview CC; Monday 7:15 a.m.
- Appleton Noon:Paper Valley Hotel; Tuesday Noon