



RAPIDS RIPPLES

Rotary District No. 6250

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Today's Program

Club No. 2723
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Rotarian: *Connie Loden*
Program: *Heart of Wisconsin Business Alliance's Innovation Think Tank*
Speaker: *Chris Scheller and Jerry Bach*

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YOUR DIVISION IF YOU HAVE ANY
QUESTIONS.

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

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

February 22, 2010 Rotarian: Michelle Michael
Program: TBA
Speaker: TBA

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

PAST PROGRAM: January 18, 2010

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

Our Assemblyman Marlin Schneider discussed in detail the many factors of the Great Recession of 2008 that negatively caused decreased tax revenues due to massive job losses in Wisconsin. He enumerated the many cutbacks in state employees plus wage freezes and implementing furloughs. Mr. Schneider also talked about the changes in auto insurance, the threat of red carp fish coming into our waterways, the need for grants to assure the new company to manufacture windmill blades which may go to other states with the loss of 400-500 jobs and the veto of the Hwy 54 project.

It was also stated that in the last year the Assembly and Senate have become more rigidly partisan since the recent presidential election.

Marlin's speech was thorough and enlightening for all present.
Well done, Marlin.

2009—2010 RI Theme

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



HONORARY ROTARIAN:

Mayor Mary Jo Carson
Representative Marlin Schneider

VISITING ROTARIANS:

None

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None

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Mike Zurfluh	1/11	Online
John Clark	1/11	Online
Anita Whetstone	1/11	Online
Anita Whetstone	1/4	Online
Todd Cour	1/4	Online
Kim Krause	1/4	W.R. Sunrise

FREE LUNCH: (Strike thru means Club Wins)

~~Mitchell Bain~~

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:

\$7.00 on 1/18/10

**RESIGNATIONS/LEAVE OF ABSENCE/
RULE OF 85:**

None



ROTARY MEMORIES:

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

Today’s Program – Fellow Rotarian, Dr. Michael Downs introduced Tom Willems, Assistant Professor at UW-SP who took us on a visual survey of selected archeological sites. He discussed Central Wisconsin’s past 10,000 years of environmental and cultural change. He explained how advances in technology have enabled archeologists to sort through enormous amounts of archival information and discover previously unseen patterns of prehistoric human behavior. These patterns of behavior are expressed in the unique landforms, tools and art that have been discovered throughout the area. He further explained the concept of cultural resource management and the critical importance of stewardship in the preservation of Central Wisconsin’s nonrenewable resources.

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

Editor’s note – Many of us will remember the following program as one of the most unique Rotary programs ever presented:

Today’s Program – Fellow Rotarian, Chuck Kugel, presented us with a very entertaining and interesting presentation on old cars. Kugel made a surprising entrance when he drove to the podium with one of his own restorations. He began by telling us that there have been over 4,000 different kinds of cars made in the United States. He related that 40-50 of those were manufactured right here in Wisconsin. Kugel believes that Indiana, Cleveland, or Milwaukee could have been today’s “Detroit.”

Kugel reflected on important and “not-so” important developments of the industry. 1911 – white lines down the middle of roads, 1912 – first rear-view mirror, rumble seats with convertible tops, dead man switches, back seat windshields, golf club doors, and the Checker Cab Company’s “aged” doors and panels. In closing, Kugel added that the German name “Kar” went out with the 1st World War, and that he felt that a little company by the name of Jordan, with a car named the Playboy, set today’s foundation for automobile advertising.

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

THIS WEDNESDAY – The Reverend Arthur R. Oates, Minister of the Marshfield Presbyterian Church will be the speaker. Subject unannounced. The Rev. Oates is a Rotarian and has been in Marshfield for a goodly number of years. *Google the word “goodly”.* This appeared the following week:

Last week the Rev. Arthur R. Oates, Minister of the Marshfield Presbyterian Church gave a very interesting and thoughtful talk on “A Better Way for a Better Day in World Affairs.” The problem is pressing just now and his talk was timely.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- 1) President Nelson Dahl shared information with the club on the Haiti Earthquake Relief Fund; a donor advised fund within The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International. This fund has been established to streamline the flow of contributions from Rotarians to assist victims of the earthquake in Haiti.

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