



RAPIDS RIPPLES

Rotary District No. 6250

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Today's Program

Club No. 2723
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Rotarian: *Michelle Michael*

Program: "New Beginnings" - *Energy Composites Growth Plan in Wisconsin Rapids*

Speaker: *Jamie Mancl*

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All Members:

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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| March 1, 2010 | Rotarian: Warren Miller
Program: Snapshots of Wisconsin's Aviation History
Speaker: Tom Thomas, Wisconsin Aviation Hall of Fame |
| March 8, 2010 | Rotarian: Ahmad Musallam
Program: TBA
Speaker: TBA |
| March 15, 2010 | Rotarian: Larry Nash
Program: TBA
Speaker: TBA |
| March 22, 2010 | Rotarian: Greg Nettesheim
Program: TBA
Speaker: TBA |

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

PAST PROGRAM: February 15, 2010

Rotarian: Dan Meyer
Program: Update on Mid-State Technical College
Speaker: John Clark

Mid-State Technical College (MSTC) President Dr. John Clark provided an update on recent developments and program initiatives underway at the college. MSTC is a leader in the development of the central Wisconsin workforce and economy. Over 9,000 individuals attend annually for credit and non-credit courses. 80% of program students attend part-time. Annually, over 1,000 students graduate from MSTC with 94% of graduates employed within six months of graduation; 84% are employed in their field of choice; 70% of graduates are employed in the MSTC district. The average beginning salary of an Associate Degree graduate is \$35,328. The average beginning salary of a Technical Diploma graduate is \$24,000. Training and educational partnerships with key area employers include Ocean Spray, ERCO Worldwide, Domtar, NewPage, Sentry Insurance, Renaissance Learning and Energy Composite Corporation. MSTC is a leader in renewable energy-related training with five associate degree programs to choose from. The top three reasons to attend MSTC include hands-on learning, instructors are industry experts, and affordable tuition.



HONORARY ROTARIAN:

Mayor Mary Jo Carson

VISITING ROTARIANS:

None

INTERACT STUDENTS:

None

ROTARY EXCHANGE STUDENT:

Lovro Kuspilic

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GUESTS:

None

GUEST OF

MAKE-UPS:

Mike Zurfluh	2/8	Online
Anita Whetstone	2/1	Online
Anita Whetstone	2/8	Online
Al Bardole	2/15	Polio Plus Jazz Mtg
Dick Kalscheur	2/8	Auction Committee Mtg

FREE LUNCH: (Strike thru means Club Wins)

John Clark

YOUTH ROTARS for FEBRUARY:

Danielle Pazurek	Lincoln High School
Megan Gallager	Lincoln High School
Jonathon Engelein	Lincoln High School
Ross Ebbe	Nekoosa High School
Andrea Regalia	Port Edwards High
Emma Voelker	Assumption High School

HAPPY CUP:

\$2.00 on 2/15/10

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

None



ROTARY MEMORIES:

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

Our Rotary Club invited our State Senator, Kevin Shibilski, to talk to our club about state government and the economy. With great enthusiasm, Mr. Shibilski focused his comments on taxation and the growth in investments by the general public. Adult citizens (many with incomes of \$25 – 35,000) investing has risen from 18% to 50% in the last few years. He serves on the Joint Finance Committee and has passed more legislation in the past five years than any other member of the assembly by utilizing a bi-partisan problem-solving approach. He wants to change the antiquated tax structure through more bi-partisan proposals. He has already worked on eliminating taxes on family to family business transfers. Q & A included questions regarding the new Packer stadium facility. To which Kevin said he would keep an open mind, but does not generally favor special interest taxation.

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

Dinner Theater – There will be a sign up sheet circulated next week for those interested in the dinner theater on February 27. Preceding the production of Antie Mame, will be dinner at the Mead with a choice of chicken or rib eye at \$9.50 and \$10.50, respectively.

New Members – Next week Bill Wilson and Art Gilmaster will be inducted into the club.

Bell Ringer – Jeff Gellerman was recently engaged.

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

Last Wednesday, Ruben Peterson, superintendent of Home for Aged, gave the Rotarians a good idea of what his institutions is doing. His size did not deter him from making as good come-backs to remarks from the members as were shot at him. You know, I really believe the Rotarians bring out good fellowship with these sly digs before the speaker gets going and I believe it puts the speaker at ease and his talk becomes more informal.

Jack Warwick: “We are winning the war by jeeps and bonds.”

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- 1) President Dahl announced that District Governor Dean Dickinson approved our Polio Plus Jazz project.** Fundraisers for this project will be held in Wisconsin Rapids and La Crosse. All Wisconsin Rapids Rotary members are encouraged to support this exciting project in its efforts to raise money for Polio Plus. Special thanks to Mitch Biba for his work on this project.
- 2) Fireside Meeting will be Wednesday, February 24, 2010, 6:00 pm at Mead Museum, 730 1st Avenue South, with hors d’oeuvres and beverages catered by Great Expectations. ALL members are encouraged to be present—especially new club members!**

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