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# RAPIDS RIPPLES

Rotary District No. 6250

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## Today's Program

### OFFICERS:

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### All Members:

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

**Rotarian:** *Ahmad Musallam*

**Program:** *The Future of Rotary is in Our Hands*

**Speaker:** *Kristin Duckart, Governor-Elect*

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

**March 15, 2010**

Rotarian: Dick Neuville

Program: All Children Together Playground

Speaker: Kathy Kester & Nikki Sanger

**March 22, 2010**

Rotarian: Greg Nettesheim

Program: Human Trafficking

Speaker: TBA

**March 29, 2010**

Rotarian: TBA

Program: Middle Skills Jobs

Speaker: Connie Wilfardt & Jennifer Riggerbach

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

### PAST PROGRAM: **March 1, 2010**

**Rotarian:** Warren Miller

**Program:** Snapshots of Wisconsin's Aviation History

**Speaker:** Tom Thomas, Wisconsin Aviation Hall of Fame

Tom Thomas shared highlights of aviation in Wisconsin, beginning with balloon flights in the 1800 's and moving through history. He highlighted Wisconsin pilots and events and shared early photos of Alexander Field here in Wisconsin Rapids.

Wisconsin Aviation Hall of Fame is dedicated to collecting, preserving, and sharing Wisconsin aviation news and history. Mr. Thomas made available copies of the organizations quarterly magazine, Forward in Flight, which is printed by The Print Shop, and features Wisconsin aviation stories – both past and present.



**HONORARY ROTARIAN:**

Mayor Mary Jo Carson

**VISITING ROTARIANS:**

None

**INTERACT STUDENTS:**

None

**ROTARY EXCHANGE STUDENT:**

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Robb Sigler

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**GUEST OF**

Phil Brown

John Steele

Chris Scheller

**MAKE-UPS:**

Anita Whetstone 2//22 Online

Richard Kenney 2/15 Membership Committee

Richard Kenney 2/1 Fireside Meeting

**FREE LUNCH:** (Strike thru means Club Wins)

Traci Biolo

**YOUTH ROTARS for MARCH:**

Beth Rayome Lincoln High School

Dillon Witt Lincoln High School

Trevor Sloat Lincoln High School

Katherine Peterson Nekoosa High School

Dylan Smith Port Edwards High

Becca Sigler Assumption High School

**HAPPY CUP:**

\$0 on 3/1/10

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

None

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- 1) Last weeks Fireside Meeting was successful and President Dahl thanked George Mead & Susan Feith for hosting and Sheldon Ferkey for making the food arrangements. Nelson also thanked all the participants. Feedback from the meeting supported moving forward with the Club Visioning project. 15-30 participants will be needed for this project.
- 2) President Dahl also thanked Doug Wenzlaff and his committee for doing a great job in preparing the Ripples for the club.
- 3) The Club received District approval and is moving forward with The River Cities International Tour Club project that will raise money to eradicate Polio. Mitch Biba is leading this effort. April 9th is a PAC concert to raise dollars to help fund the tour's expenses.

**ROTARY MEMORIES:**

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

Today's Program – Earle Garber introduced Timothy Bednarz who spoke about the retail business in Russia today. Dr. Bednarz is a principal partner of Bednarz Business Strategies International of Stevens Point, WI. His company also has an office in Voronezh, Russia which specializes in providing sales and marketing information and expertise through a variety of mediums, including the internet, seminars, speeches, and training programs. Dr. Bednarz is a syndicated author with a weekly sales column, which can be seen locally in the Central Wisconsin Post Crescent Sunday. His program included observations as a consultant in Russia concerning the Russian way of living and working.

New Members Inducted – Bruce Rokke and Dr. Thomas Nelson.

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

Today's Program – Jerry Luebke introduced Ray Anderson, professor of wildlife at UW-Stevens Point. Ray's program discussed the reintroduction of species that are locally extinct in Wisconsin. This list includes, with the year of extinction:

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|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| Woodland caribou – 1842 | Moose – 1921          |
| Pine marten – 1925      | Cougar – 1884         |
| Fisher – 1920           | Wolverine – 1870      |
| Bison - 1832            | Trumpeter swan – 1893 |
| Turkey – 1872           | Whooping crane – 1884 |

Reintroduction of the turkey has been so successful in Wisconsin and elsewhere that it is now hunted in 43 states. Populations are reported to be extremely heavy in Dane County, some say even on the Capitol Square (*ha,ha,ha*). A very interesting experiment that Ray participated in involved the equipping of Sand Hill cranes with radio transmitters. A pair of such cranes was found to winter at separate locations in Florida, but to return together for nesting in Northern Wisconsin in the springtime.

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

Paul P. Harris Asks –

“Is everything all right in Rotary? If so, God pity us. We are coming to the end of our day. I like to think that the pioneering days of Rotary have only just begun. What's 40 years in the life of a great movement? There are just as many new things to be done as ever there were. Kaleidoscopic changes are taking place, many of them without our will. Even to hand to the fringe of this fast-changing world is about all most of us can do. Rotary simply must continue to pioneer or be left in the rear of progress.”

- From an anniversary message in the Rotarian for March 1945

**ANNOUNCEMENTS continued:**

- 4) Give to Share Auction “Rotary Roundup” is April 16, 2010 at the Ridges. All Rotarians are asked to sell raffle tickets and donate items for the silent auction.
- 5) **Save the Date! Thursday, May, 13th**  
Our Club will serve at the Neighborhood Table. Please volunteer to help!

**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

