



**NEWSLETTER**  
**Appleton Breakfast Club**  
**ROTARY**



Rotary Year 2011-12 – The 27<sup>th</sup> Year of ABC Rotary

November 10, 2011

Guests

Bob Harrington  
 Ryan Harrington

Announcements

President Dave asked for a list of charitable organizations that may be eligible for our foundation money.

There will be a presidents meeting next Tues, 11/15.

A new monthly project will be announced next week.

There is \$110 in the jackpot. There are only 6 cards left so be there next week.

Program

Ryan Harrington -Our exchange student to Belgium.

Belgium is a country between France and the Netherlands in eastern Europe. It is about 1/5 the size of Wisconsin with 11-12 million people and was created from portions of the Netherlands and France. They speak French, Dutch and German languages.

There is much diversity between the northern and southern parts of the country both politically and personally. They do not get along with each other and foster a divided country mentality.

While Bryan was in Belgium he lived and went to school in Liege which is in the southern and French speaking part of the country. All of his classes were

in French so he had to learn the language fast.

He lived with three different families around the city and had to take public transportation back and forth to school. He said that form of transportation was readily available and inexpensive. He could go anywhere in the country on a train for \$5 and took train trips to several other cities in the country. He also went on trips with other exchange students to several other countries in Europe.

He said all the families that he stayed with were very nice and treated him like one of the family. He said the families always tried to have dinner together and if the father was late the rest of the family would wait to eat with him. They felt that this time together was very important.

The school that he went to offered English or Spanish as a second language. He took English but did not end up with the highest grade in the class. He made many friends while he was there and didn't want to leave them.

Ryan wanted to thank our club for the opportunity to be an exchange student. He feels that it really changed his life.

Upcoming Programs

Nov 17 – Jeff Hatton: The Economy

Nov 24 – No Meeting - THANKSGIVING