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UPCOMING

September 3
Board Meeting:
Wells Fargo Conf Rm.

September 13
Capital Brewfest

September 18
Cruise Ship
Luncheon

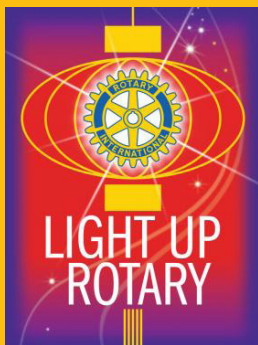
GREETERS

September 2
Dru Fenster
Warren Russell

September 9
Millie Ryan
Scott Fischer



2014-2015 Rotary
International Theme:



This Week's Program:

U.S. Senator Mark Begich

Senator Mark Begich is in his sixth year representing Alaska in the U.S. Senate, where his primary focus is building a strong Alaska economy.

Since his election to the Senate in 2008, Senator Begich has attained key leadership positions for Alaska, including positions on the Senate Appropriations Committee and the Commerce, Indian Affairs and Homeland Security committees. He is chairman of the Commerce Committee's Subcommittee on Oceans, Atmosphere, Fisheries and Coast Guard, which has broad jurisdiction over important Alaska issues including reauthorization of the Magnuson-Stevens Act. Senator Begich also works on behalf of servicemen and women on the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs.



As part of the majority leadership, Senator Begich has the opportunity to educate his colleagues on the unique needs of Alaska.

Before his election to the Senate, Mark served as mayor of Anchorage for nearly six years. He also served on the municipal Assembly for 10 years. Born and raised in Anchorage, Senator Begich's other priorities include reducing the national deficit, tax reform, and building a national energy policy that emphasizes Alaska's oil and gas resources, an Alaska natural gas pipeline and the state's many renewable resources.

A lifetime member of the NRA, Senator Begich is a strong advocate for the Second Amendment and the basic rights of Alaskans and all Americans to keep and bear arms.

A businessman since age 14, Senator Begich brings both his business experience and common-sense approach to the Senate. He is married to Anchorage businesswoman Deborah Bonito and they have a young son, Jacob.

Senator Begich's congressional page online at <http://www.begich.senate.gov/>

Recap of Last Meeting

Becca Parker Soza from JEDC, students from local schools and volunteers presented a look at the STEM program helping to promote robotics here in Juneau. Their mission is to encourage students to embrace science, technology, engineering and math - enhancing learning, career opportunities and it's fun!

Visit JEDC website at <http://www.jedc.org/>



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Rotary Reminders:

Capital Brewfest is September 13

Tickets are going fast! To help you can sign up for an activity at the event and get ready for the 3rd Annual Capital Brewfest this coming September 13 from 1PM to 5PM. Volunteers on the day of the event make it all happen! We have live music ready for the event, we have food vendors (someone new this year too), and we have more brewers than previous years. Visit [www. CapBrewFest.com](http://www.CapBrewFest.com) for tickets and info.



Nominations for Vocational Service Awards are open.

Submit! --your nominations, that is. Rotary is about “Service Above Self” and recognizing it in others. Think outside the box (Rotarians in the room) and identify those who make a difference in our community. September 26 is the deadline to submit your nominations for Business, Nonprofit, Public Sector, and Individual awards to Millie, Wayne, Armando, or Sally (Smith).

ROTARIAN MAG: What Makes a Hero?

If heroes seem to be everywhere these days, that’s because they are, according to Elizabeth Svoboda, who, in *What Makes a Hero? The Surprising Science of Selflessness* (Current Hardcover, 2013), delves into the science of how and why people act selflessly.

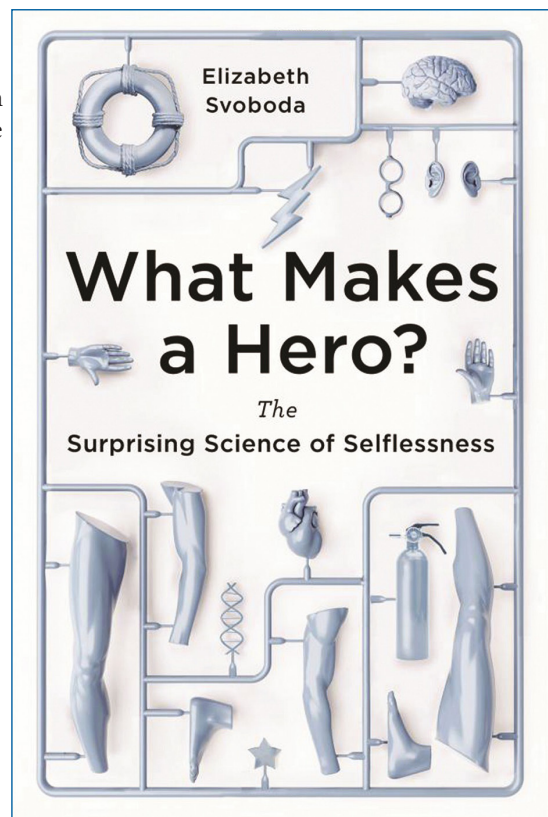
The definition of a hero has expanded from a quasi-mythical figure, she says, to include soldiers, firefighters, and “social heroes” – such as professional football players who

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speaking out about head injuries, and kids who stand up to bullies. This reflects our culture’s assumption that anyone can be a hero, and creates the expectation that we all should act heroically, or at least “pro-socially,” to help those in need.

But there is a fine line between behaving altruistically and acting heroically, and Svoboda spends much of the book examining new research into why we help others and whether humans have evolved an instinct for what’s called “group selection” – meaning that we help others because group survival is better for all of us. As evolutionary biologist Charles Goodnight explains: “You put one person in the middle of the jungle and they’re dinner. Twenty people, you have a village. We can’t survive on our own, but we can collectively.”

Read the rest on Rotarian Magazine Online at <http://therotarianmagazine.com>



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