



## Weekly Club Meeting Minutes

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**Meeting Date: July 19, 2017**

<b>Overall Comments:</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Very moving speaker who sold multiple books after her presentation... Her theme... learn to “see” others!</li></ul>
<b>Meeting Details:</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• We welcomed back Hussein and Tom Bird as repeat guests</li><li>• Keith Moeller’s reflection was on the Cowboy’s Code... speak with pride; do what you said you would do; do what you must; be tough but fair; keep your promises; be loyal; say less; don’t sell out</li><li>• Of course the Rooters (led by Scott Benson) followed the Cowboy Code with a rousing rendition of “Home on the Range”</li></ul>
<b>President’s Comments and General Meeting Announcements:</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• RI President elect Sam Owori died recently and unexpectedly ☹</li><li>• Ken Stone reminded us of the Canstruction project</li><li>• Toni attended the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade graduation celebrating Way to Grow with the signed Dragon books</li><li>• Reminder on the CES Food Shelf volunteer opportunity August 26</li></ul>
<b>Vocational/Happy Bucks:</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• SPECIAL PRESENTATION:</li><li>• Anna’s niece Sienna Coskran reported on her Exchange year in Sicily. Highlights:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• She spent her time in Sicily (special emphasis vs. Italy)</li><li>• She had just one host family, grew very close. They lived in a multi-unit complex where all the other owners were relatives of her host family!</li><li>• She was the only exchange student in that city (Ragusa) which made her gatherings with other students in the district very special</li><li>• Her biggest transformation was becoming a chef / she loved to cook for her host family and even prepared Thanksgiving Dinner for a group of 25 immediate family members</li><li>• One of the definite highlights was a Euro Tour of 11 cities</li></ul></li></ul>

**Program/Speaker:**

- Stephanie Glaros, author of “Humans of Minneapolis”
- Stephanie is a photographer and teaching artist. She was Art Director for the Utne reader. On her commute she began to realize that she was seeing some of the same people on the streets every day, but not interacting.
- Using her camera as a platform, she began interviewing people and taking their pictures. For the last seven years she has devoted herself to what has become Humans of Minneapolis. There is a very popular movement known as Humans of New York, to which she is not officially connected but certainly in spirit.
- Over the last 7 years she has become very good at reading people, knowing who is more or less likely to be willing to be interviewed and photographed. She begins by explaining her project and asking permission.
- Stephanie captured the City of Lakes Audience by showing a few slides containing multiple photographs. She would ask the group to guess who was who after giving brief descriptions (e.g., guess which person is homeless, which person is blind, which person is a classical pianist).
- She asks some questions in her interviews and then truly listens. By truly listening she builds trust which leads to these incredible photos.
- She is more about quality than quantity and might spend a full week carefully editing someone’s photo / audio and story before finding another subject.
- What is a labor of love and kindness has also led to making a living as she has been commissioned by several organizations for photo shoots and more.
- Stephanie’s first stack of books she brought to our meeting “sold out” quickly and she had to go and get more 😊

**Next Week’s Program:**

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The meeting was adjourned with a ring of the bell by \_\_\_\_\_ at 8:30am

Reporter: Jeff Meacham