



Weekly Club Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: March 14, 2018

Overall Comments:

- Our meeting this week took place in the main dining room of the Minneapolis Club, our home base. We enjoyed a hot breakfast, including bacon, this morning.

Meeting Details:

- President **Bill Klein** opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.
- **Terryl Brumm** provided today's reflection reassuring the club that the powers that be in Washington D.C. , who she visited with last week, are aware and appreciative of the work Rotary International is doing around our country and the world.
- In honor of upcoming St. Patrick's Day **Keith Moeller** led the club in a rousing version of "There was an Old Man named Michael Finnegan". A first in the 26+ years I've been a member of this club.

President's Comments and General Meeting Announcements:

- **Marlene Dieterich** introduced today's guests.
- **Meghan Waterman** and **Jewlie Grape** announced the 33rd Anniversary Happy Hour which will be held March 29th at the Normandy Inn the original venue for the club's weekly meetings starting in 1985.
- Immediately prior to the Happy Hour there will be a new member orientation at Bill Klein's office.
- **Carole Russell** reminded members to sign up for the annual spring joint meeting at the Town and Country Club on THURSDAY April 12th.
- **Steve Olson** reminded us of the YCAP mock interviews at Dunwoody on April 19th.
- **Ed Kodet** brought the club up to date on **Ken Stone's** progress. He is back at work and will join us again in the next couple of weeks.
- Next week we will be meeting OFF-SITE at the Federal Courthouse for a tour. Details to follow in an e-mail prior to next week's meeting. A word to the wise is aware that the courthouse screens all visitors via metal detectors. Plan accordingly.
- **Brock Ray**, President Elect, made a passionate pitch for COL members to attend the District Conference. Included was a video clip of Rick King, a past president of Rotary International, regarding the Rotary Club of Prague which has endured many years of meeting in secret while Communism banned Rotary in Czechoslovakia. The theme for the Rotary year commencing 7/1/18 is "Be the Inspiration".

Vocational/Happy Bucks:

- **Steve Morris** gave his new member vocational. His relationship with Rotary began as a camper at Camp RYLA. Steve is a native of Duluth and is in software sales.

Program/Speaker:

- Day Chair **Bob Baker** introduced today’s speaker, **Jennifer Bielstein**, Managing Director of the Guthrie Theater a position she has held since April 2016 after Joe Dowling’s retirement.
- Jennifer provided us with the history of the theater which opened 55 years ago in its original location adjacent to the Walker Art Center. In 2006 the Guthrie moved into its new location on Second Street where all functions of the theater are housed in a single location.
- The Guthrie has three theaters:

Wurtele Thrust Stage	1,100 seats	9 productions Annually including “A Christmas Carol”
McGuire Proscenium Stage	700 seats	Minimum production lead time 1 year
Level 9 Series	Flexible up to 200 seats	Includes “Happenings” which can be turned around in 6 days

- Core Values of the Guthrie: 1. Artistic Excellence 2. Equity, Diversity and Inclusion 3. Community 4. Fiscal responsibility.
- Last year there was an \$18,000 Surplus on a budget of \$28,500,000.
- The theater has annually: 400,000 patrons, 2,000 seats on three stages, 28 productions, 655 performances and 20,000 season ticket holders.
- The theater also is involved with students and participates in summer camps for students and adults.

Next Week’s Program:

- Off-site meeting at the Federal Courthouse. Watch your e-mail for details.

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

Reporter: Blake Shelton