



**FOUR WAY TEST - Of the things we think, say or do:**

- Is it the TRUTH?
- Is it FAIR to all concerned?
- Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS ?
- Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

*Service above self.*

### This Week's Program

Gorden Hedahl will speak about the Rotary District Foundation.  
[Program arranged by Rex Cattnach and John Rheinberger.]

### Last Week's Program

On a Farther Shore, author Bill Souder [Program arranged by Liz Weaver.]

### Upcoming Programs:

Feb 14 Rotary District Foundation, Gorden Hedahl  
Feb 21 H<sub>2</sub>O for Life, AP Geography Program  
Feb 28 St Croix River Association, Tracy Maki  
Mar 7 To Be Confirmed

### Greeter Schedule

		3/28	Roger Smith
2/14	Dave Magnuson	4/4	Steve Keister
2/21	Keith Komro	4/11	Peter Polga
2/28	Molly O'Rourke	4/18	Dave Palmer
3/7	Lou Saeger	4/25	Bev Driscoll
3/14	John Lammers	5/2	Angie Laska
3/21	Oree Robinson	5/9	Lori Johnson

### Weekly Newsletter Stillwater Rotary Club Club 2171, District 5960

- Birthdays (2/10-16)  
Erv Neff (2/13)  
Gretchen Stein (2/15)
- Wedding Anniversaries (2/10-16)  
Lyle & Clara Lou Anderson, 45 years (2/15)
- Club Anniversaries (2/10-16)  
None this week
- Attendance Last Week  
36 members (63.2%)
- Guests Last Week
- Make-ups

Note: All dates come from the Club website. If they are not correct, please let Bill Turnblad know and he'll correct your profile for you.

### Officers

President: Bob Eiselt  
President Elect: Bev Driscoll  
Vice-President: Molly O'Rourke  
Treasurer: Keith Komro  
Secretary: Dolly Parker  
Immediate Past Pres: Katie Rolf

### Meetings

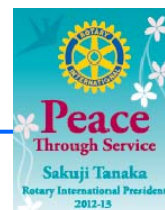
Thursdays @ 11:45 AM  
Lowell Inn  
102 N. 2nd St, Stillwater, MN



### Quote for the Week

Most human beings are quite likeable if you do not see too much of them.

— Robert Wilson Lynd



## Rotary International News Briefs

### Microcredit Expert Shares Lesson

By Arnold R. Grahl

Rotary News -- February 8, 2013



Years ago, Marilyn Fitzgerald learned valuable lessons about sustainability from an impoverished rice farmer in Indonesia.

Fitzgerald, a past-president of the Rotary Club of Traverse City, Michigan, was visiting a community to which her club was sending money to enable children to attend school.

But the farmer she encountered didn't want money; he wanted a water buffalo.

The events that followed became the subject of her recently published book, "If I Had a Water Buffalo," and have shaped her thinking about sustainability, a key principle of The Rotary Foundation's new grant model.

#### Water buffalo, piglets, and hens

Fitzgerald relates how she persuaded her family to give her money as a Christmas gift so she could buy the farmer a water buffalo. The result was that he was able to triple his crop yield, increase his income, and could therefore afford to send his children to school without financial aid.

The next year, women in the village wanted 20 piglets to raise, breed, and sell. Then the children wanted hens so they could make and sell an egg snack popular in the area. Eventually, many community members increased their self-sufficiency.

The most important thing any Rotarian can do to make a project sustainable, she says, is to listen. The local community has to be involved in all stages of a project, from identifying a need to coming up with a solution to implementing that solution.

She defines sustainability as the ability of a project to continue once the donations end. "A lot of people tell me a project is sustainable because they have long-term donors or they have all these clubs involved," she says. "But that's not true. If the donors walk away, what happens to the project?"

Fitzgerald, a clinical psychologist, is a board member of the Rotary Action Group for Microcredit and serves as microcredit adviser and economic and community development coordinator for District 6290. She says she likes microfinance projects because a well-run program lets the beneficiaries come up with their own business plan, while Rotarians provide the capital and act as mentors.

#### What they really wanted was cell phones

Fitzgerald tells another story, about visiting a village to pursue a sanitation project for her club, only to discover that the villagers really wanted cell phones.

"I thought, no way is my club going to go for cell phones." But when she probed further, she discovered that the villagers wanted the phones so they could relay business decisions – such as what color fabric is really selling well – to their markets more than a day's journey from the village.

"If we provide cell phones and villagers increase their income, then they can buy these other things," says Fitzgerald. "We absolutely have to talk to our beneficiaries and ask them what they want. We need to educate them about the possibilities, then let them determine the solution that's right for them."

She says she used to believe that any charity was better than none, but she no longer feels that way.

"I believe we can cause great harm when we build programs that people become dependent on," she says. "Charity robs people of choice, voice, and dignity."

## Stillwater Rotary Club News

### KIDS AGAINST HUNGER SERVICE PROJECT

Our Club is participating in the Kids Against Hunger Meal Packing Event again this year. Some of the meals packed this year will go to help victims of Hurricane Sandy who are still struggling to recover from that disaster. We have reserved 30 spots for our club members and guests and arranged for a block of time from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 19th at the Andersen Windows Corp. offices. Cost of the event is \$20 per person - to cover the cost of food ingredients, packing materials, supplies and shipping. Please make out checks to "Trinity Lutheran Church" and note "Meal Packing" in memo on check. Give your check to Angie Laska, Event Coordinator for Rotary.

A sign-up sheet will be available at the club meeting this week or, you can sign up on-line and pay later! Just go to our website, click on "calendar" at the top of the page, then click on "Kids Against Hunger". That will bring you to an event registration form.

This is a family-friendly event! Spouses and kids are welcome! Please sign up and help us fight hunger locally and around the world!

Thank you!

Bob Eiselt, President

### CLUB GRANT APPLICATIONS DUE

The applications for our local club grants should be submitted by February 17. That is by this weekend. So, now it is crunch time for thinking, collaborating, and writing. Application forms are available on the club website [http://www.clubrunner.ca/Data/5960/5639/HTML/151548//Rotary\\_Grant\\_Application2-2-12.pdf](http://www.clubrunner.ca/Data/5960/5639/HTML/151548//Rotary_Grant_Application2-2-12.pdf)

Please mail the applications to Stillwater Rotary Club PO Box 81, Stillwater, MN 55082. Or, they can be given directly to Keith Komro.

### AWARD CRITERIA

- Programs or projects that promote the community's health.
- Programs or projects that benefit children, youth, and families.
- Programs or projects that benefit children or adults with disabilities.
- Programs or projects that benefit elderly citizens who do not have other resources or financial, social or emotional support.
- Programs or projects that benefit areas where people are without basic levels of food, shelter or welfare and where a Rotary intervention can have a demonstrated impact.
- Programs or projects that embrace the arts in the St. Croix Valley Area.
- Programs or projects that benefit the environment and help protect natural resources.