



**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

Tracy Maki of the St. Croix River Association will speak to the club this week. [Program arranged by Rex Cattanaach.]

## Last Week's Program

H<sub>2</sub>O for Life, AP Geography Program [Program arranged by Rex Cattanaach.]



## Upcoming Programs:

Feb 28 St Croix River Association, Tracy Maki  
 Mar 7 To Be Confirmed  
 Mar 14 St. Croix Valley Transportation for Elderly—Service Project  
 March TBA

## Greeter Schedule

|      |                |      |                |
|------|----------------|------|----------------|
|      |                | 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   |
| 3/28 | Roger Smith    | 5/16 | Kathy Buchholz |
| 4/4  | Steve Keister  | 5/23 | Peter Clements |

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

- Birthdays (2/24-3/2)  
Jim Torseth (2/26)
- Wedding Anniversaries (2/24-3/2)  
None this week
- Club Anniversaries (2/24-3/2)  
David Brandt—40 years (3/1)  
Merilyn Cummings—24 yrs (3/2)
- Attendance Last Week  
29 members (50.9%)
- 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

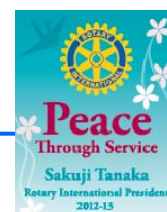
## Meetings

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



## Quote for the Week

Living is easy with eyes closed.  
 - John Lennon



## Local & District News

### Ideas from Around the District

by Joseph Kovarik, DG 5960

#### Money: Win by Losing

President Mark Grotewold, Fridley/Columbia Heights Rotary Club, presented a great idea for a local fund raiser: the *Spring 2013 Weight Loss Competition*. It started with a weigh-in this month and ends March 20 with a recording of a member's final weight.

The buy-in is \$100 and the winner—you guessed it—is the greatest loser. He or she who loses the most weight receives \$100. Mark says, "It is self-reporting and the only rule is the Four Way Test's first precept of 'Is It the Truth?'"

#### Mindfulness: Celebrate Your Birthday

Hold a birthday party for your Rotary Club. You already know how much fun it is to have your own birthday remembered. Consider the same for your club. Don't forget a cake, candles, streamers, and balloons. Invite family members, friends, community and corporate partners, and your local media.

Did you know that in March, eight clubs have birthdays? OK, I tell you who: Amery, Janesville, Lakeville, Ramsey, River Falls, Siren/Webster, Waseca, and Woodbury. They range in age from 9 to 52 years. I'll let you guess the youngest and the oldest. So, serve the ice cream and cake. You might even get your city hall to fly a Rotary Flag on that day. Indeed, a "waving billboard" for Rotary.

### 2013 District Conference



Registration is now open for the 2013 District Conference.

At the District Conference, you'll find dynamic speakers with messages that are relevant to your work, to Rotary and to the world. You'll learn more about Rotary. You'll have a chance to participate in a hands-on service project as we pack meals for Feed My Starving Children. You'll gain fresh ideas for your club as you network with folks from clubs throughout our district. At the Friday evening banquet, you'll get an update on Rotary International's Peace through Service initiatives ... and dine to strolling accordion music (just like the streets of Paris!) ... and experience a Rotary tribute to Ol' Blue Eyes (that's Frank Sinatra, of course!).

The District Conference is about Rotary. It is about service. It is about networking. And ... it is about fun! Follow the link below and register today!

[www.rotary5960.org/registration](http://www.rotary5960.org/registration).

(Account name: future  
Password: yourhands)

Joseph J. Kovarik  
District 5960 Governor

### Historic Moments: The first four Rotarians

By Susan Hanf and Jason Lamb  
Rotary News – 22 February 2013

On February 23, 1905, Paul Harris, Gustavus Loehr, Silverter Scheile, and Hiram Shorey gathered in Loehr's office for what would become known as the first Rotary club meeting.

Harris's desire for camaraderie among business associates brought together these four men and eventually led to an international organization of service and fellowship.

Rotary's founder, Harris, was born in Wisconsin, on April 19, 1868. He was raised by his paternal grandparents in Vermont and attended the University of Vermont, Princeton, and the University of Iowa. He was Rotary president from 1910 to 1912 and a member of the Rotary Club of Chicago until his death on January 27, 1947.

Loehr, a mining engineer, was born on October 18, 1864 in Carlinville, Illinois. He was a Rotarian for only a few years, never holding office at the club or international level. But that first Rotary meeting was held in his office, Room 711 of the Unity Building in downtown Chicago. He died in Chicago on May 23, 1918.

A Rotarian for only a few years, Shorey served as recording secretary during the club's first

year. He was born in Maine in August 1862 and died in March 1944.

Schiele, a coal dealer, served as the Chicago club's first president in 1905 and Rotary International's third treasurer in 1945. Born in

Terre Haute, Indiana, in 1870, Schiele attended Terre Haute Business College and served in the U.S. Army during the Spanish-American War. He was president of the Schiele Coal Company from 1902 until his retirement in 1939. He and Harris became lifelong friends and lived near each other on the South Side of Chicago. Schiele died on December 17, 1945 and is buried near Harris at Mount Hope Cemetery.

And as a bonus, the fifth member, Harry Ruggles was originally from Michigan. He was a graduate of Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois, and joined Rotary at its second meeting. He was treasurer of the Chicago club during its first year, president from 1908 to 1910, and a Rotary director from 1912 to 1913. He is known for having introduced singing to Rotary club meetings. His printing company, H.L. Ruggles & Co., printed the first issue of *The National Rotarian* and the first Rotary songbook. He died on October 26, 1959, an honorary member of seven clubs in addition to his home club, the Rotary Club of Chicago.

