

March 14, 2013

# CWG WHEEL

STILLWATER ROTARY CLUB - Chartered August 1, 1919

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

St. Croix Valley Transportation for the Elderly—Service Project [Arranged by Roger Smith].

## Last Week's Program

Wind Energy, Lee Alness, VP Marketing and Sales for Second Wind Systems. First in our four part ENERGY SERIES. [Arranged by Bev Driscoll]



## Upcoming Programs:

- Mar 14 St. Croix Valley Transportation for Elderly—Service Project
- Mar 21 Hurricane Sandy Relief, Iona Holsten, Bayport Red Cross
- Mar 28 Colette Jurek, Manager Community and Local Government Relations/Economic Development, Xcel Energy. Second in our four part ENERGY SERIES.

[Tri-club mixer 4/25]



## Greeter Schedule

		4/11	Peter Polga
		4/18	Dave Palmer
		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 (3/10-16)  
Cameron Kelly (3/10)  
Doug Johnson (3/16)
- Wedding Anniversaries (3/10-16)  
None this week
- Club Anniversaries (3/10-16)  
None this week
- Attendance Last Week  
29 members (50.9%)
- Guests Last Week  
Tony Scheuerman,  
Fletcher Driscoll (Bev's guest)  
Melissa Stoddart (Tim's guest)
- Make-ups

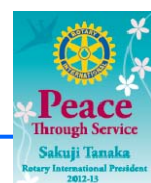
Note: All dates come from the Club website. If they are not correct, please let Bill Turnblad know and he'll correct your profile for you.

## 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 of the Week

Happiness is not a matter of events, it depends upon the tides of the mind.

- Alice Meynell, 1847-1922



## Local & District News

### 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)

## Wisconsin Club Launches Tutoring Program Using Skype

By Diana Schoberg  
Rotary News -- 7 March 2013

When Lee Breese's granddaughter called, asking for tutoring in pre-algebra, Breese wanted to help, but they lived 50 miles apart.

A retired middle school math teacher, Breese knew that tutoring would be a chance to connect with the seventh grader, who had just earned a D after spending the last quarter of school focusing too much on boys and too little on graphing.

Breese, a member of the Rotary Club of West Allis, Wisconsin, USA, was mulling over the situation in her home office when her sister-in-law appeared on her computer through Skype, a free video calling service.

"I'm looking at her and thinking, 'This is face to face. I'll try it,'" Breese recalls.

### Making it fun

She began tutoring over Skype and, after six weeks, her granddaughter had aced a retest, earned a spot in eighth-grade algebra, and inspired Breese to use the idea in her own community. "After the tutoring was finished, I thought, 'This was fun for me, and it was fun for her,'" Breese says. "Twice she said, 'Do we have to stop already?' That doesn't happen with girls her age and math."

Breese found support in her Rotary club, including from the superintendent of her city's school district, who is also a club member. The tutoring program launched last March with a pilot involving six students and five Rotarian mentors, ranging from the former mayor to a retired professor to a leader of a local Boy Scout troop.

Mentors and students met for a half hour, twice every week, over Skype. Each had a copy of the

textbook (the mentors had a teacher's edition), a white board, a marker, and an eraser. The students used computers available during an after-school homework club, and the mentors used their own computers at home or work.

"Some of the kids have such a skewed vision of who's in the community," says Becky Schneider, the school district's gifted and talented lead teacher. "It gives them an understanding that there are people in the community who may be good people."

### A different dynamic

Tutoring through Skype rather than traditional face-to-face methods shifted the typical mentor/student dynamic. The technology helped erase the chasm between adult experts and student learners, so both sides learned from each other.

"Because this was their thing – it's their technology, not ours – they came into it with a certain degree of confidence," Breese says. Other students thought it looked so fun, she adds, they asked to participate too.

Another advantage was that Skype allowed mentors to sense how students felt about the material they were working on. "You can see if they are starting to get frustrated, or if they are getting bored," Schnieder says.



"Sitting there, they might not necessarily be as open to you. But over Skype, you can read them a little bit more when they don't realize you can read them."

The project expanded to two schools for the 2012-13 school year. At one of them, students use school-issued iPads, which allows for greater flexibility in meeting times.

"The big push right now is with 24/7 learning," Schneider says. "We're offering that to the kids because we're working around their needs."