

## This Week's Program

Scientific Research at University of Minnesota, Les Grant

## Last Week's Program



Matthew Hand of Lutheran Mideast Development (LMD) explained the education scholarship program that LMD offers to the Kurdish community in Turkey. He also introduced five of the scholarship recipients, four of whom shared vocal and instrumental pieces with us. (This program was arranged by Rex Cattanach and Jerry Maier.)

## **Upcoming Programs:**

- Aug 23 Scientific Research at University of Minnesota, Les Grant
- Aug 30 Stillwater Area High School Science and STEM Education
- Sept 6 3M Research
- Sept 13 Governor Dayton (Tentative)

#### **Prospective Member**

Angie Lien has submitted her application and is a candidate for membership. Her sponsor is Erv Neff. Please take a few minutes to say hello.

## Suzi Smith Is Back In Town



Suzi Smith, former member and Club Treasurer, is back in town this week. She will be attending Thursday's meeting, so look her up. And to get caught up we will also be having a little get together Thursday night from 5-7pm at the Green Room (215 S Main Street) here in Stillwater. Everyone is more than welcome to stop down, visit and chat with Suz.

#### Weekly Newsletter Stillwater Rotary Club

Club 2171, District 5960

Birthdays (8/19-25) Brian Larson (8/22)
Wedding Anniversaries (8/19-25)
Glen & Oree Robinson 45 years (8/19)
Bob & Debra Eiselt 37 years (8/23)
O. Walter & Bette Johnson 65 years (8/23)
Katie & Don Rolf 16 years (8/24)
Bev & Fletcher Driscoll 56 years (8/25)
Club Amiscanica

- Club Anniversaries (8/19-25)
   Norm Steere 5 yrs (8/23)
- Guests Last Week LMD Scholars; Georgene Gray (guest of Holly Gray)
- Attendance last week 33 members attended (57.9%)

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	

#### <u>Meetings</u>

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



# News From the Board

The Rotary Community Services Project Committee met on August 16, 2012 to discuss service goals for the coming year. The discussion was lively. Rotary members present included: Scott Mercer, Jonathan Lindstrom, Angie Laska, Mary Planten Krell, Steve Ellison, Roger Smith and myself.

Below is a summary of the meeting but first, Bob Eiselt and I want to start off with a BIG THANK YOU to Steve Ellison for agreeing to Chair the Community Services Project Committee. Steve has hit the ground running. He has already sent an email out to current committee members suggesting that regular committee meetings be scheduled. The Committee is also looking for more members interested in putting service above self! If you are interested, please let Steve or I know.

Conversation during the committee covered the following ideas:

- Benefit of focusing service projects on a topic of interest to the membership (i.e. youth, hunger, domestic violence, suburban poverty)
- Options for ascertaining member interest in a particular topic area of service
- Need for an on-going chair of the committee
- Importance of collaborating with organizations in the community already working in the focus area(s) selected for service projects
- Potential for condensing the existing service projects
- Advantage of coordinating service goals and fundraising
- Use of service projects to integrate new members into the club
- Opportunity for service projects to strengthen the unity/cohesion of the membership
- Appropriateness of designating the Stillwater Sampler its own committee
- Difference between fundraising activities and service projects: most of the existing activities are focused on fundraising not service
- Need for the Board to develop expectations for member's involvement in service projects and fundraising and for signing up new members on a committee
- Option for hosting a program with the membership to discuss service projects

Following the discussion, the Committee agreed:

- 1) The Stillwater Sampler should be treated separately from service projects.
- 2) To focus our Club's service efforts on a particular subject area and work with preexisting organizations locally to facilitate those efforts.

As you can see a lot was accomplished in one short hour. The commitment to service displayed during the meeting was energizing. Stay tuned for more good things to come from the Community Services Project Committee!

Molly O'Rourke Vice President Stillwater Noon Rotary Club

## MISCELLANEOUS

Rotary Friendship Exchange British Columbia May 21 – June 2, 2013 Outbound Exchange with District 5080 B.C.

This district is located in British Columbia, Canada and consists of the geographic areas of Southeastern British Columbia, Canada, Northern Idaho and Eastern Washington State. They have a geographical diversity that includes snow capped mountains, pristine lakes, fertile agricultural areas and mountain deserts. Starting in Grand Forks, the exchange then moves to Castlegar and Cranbrook, BC. It ends in Post Falls, ID. The trip will last about 12 days.

District 5080 consists of 64 clubs with a membership of about 2870 Rotarians. If you would like to learn more about District 5080, visit their website at http://www.clubrunner.ca/portal/home.aspx?did=5080 The ideal number of participants in this exchange is 8-10 and team members must be Rotarians, spouses and/or friends.

Applications will be accepted beginning August 15, 2012 for this 2013 exchange. Applications must be signed by both the applicant and the Club President. A deposit of \$50 is required and is non-refundable for those applicants accepted for the team. Please make check payable to Rotary District 5960 and send with completed application to Cheryl Kohout, 1519 23<sup>rd</sup> Street, Houlton, WI 54082.

If you have any questions about this exchange with British Columbia, please contact Cheryl Kohout, Rotary District 5960 Friendship Exchange Chair, at <u>CherylKohout@aol.com</u> or 651/442-7986.