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?

### This Week's Program

This week's program is Store-to-Door: Home Grocery Deliveries for Seniors. The speaker will be Mary Jo Schifsky, Executive Director of Store-to-Door. (The program has been arranged by Norm Steere.)

### Last Week's Program



Last week's program was on Health Information and Technology. Our speaker was Dr. Connie Delaney, Dean of the School of Nursing, and Director of Biomedical Health Informatics at the University of Minnesota's Academic Health Center.

### **Upcoming Programs:**

- Aug 16 Future of Hope in the Middle East, Lutheran Mideast
  Development Scholarship Recipients
- Aug 23 Scientific Research at University of Minnesota, Les Grant
- Aug 30 Stillwater Area High School Science and STEM Education

## Letter from Relay for Life Chair

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who was a part of this year's Relay For Life. In spite of the weather and the early shut down, it was a good time. I feel bad that we did not get to do some of the fun things Jamie Lynn and her group had planned for Saturday afternoon. We will just have to do them next year. I apologize to anyone who came to the track in the afternoon to walk and we were gone. After the rough night and questionable weather that looked like it was coming our way, we, as a group, chose to shut it down.

As of this time, I do not have final numbers to share. Our plan is to announce the top teams and individual fundraisers at the August  $28^{th}$  pot luck wrap up meeting. The meeting is at the KC Hall at 7:00pm.

I also want to thank everyone who helped make our Relay For Life a very special event. Thanks to the staff, on-line chair, team and finance coordinators, entertainment committee, logistics committee, food and pop booth volunteers, security, speakers and everyone who took part in the Opening and Lighting ceremonies. There are too many people to name in the note but you all know who you are and I thank you.

Thanks also to those who worked so hard during and after the storm to make sure everyone was safe, to secure and move as many things as possible out of the rain, and to make order out of the chaos created by the storm.

Lois Raboin

#### Weekly Newsletter Stillwater Rotary Club

Club 2171, District 5960

- Birthdays (8/5-11)
  Peter Polga (8/5)
  Tom Thiets (8/8)
- Wedding Anniversaries (8/5-11)
- None this week

  Club Anniversaries

(8/5-11 ) Roger Smith 14 years (8/6) Peter Polga 23 years (8/8)

Bob Eiselt

7 years (8/11)

• Attendance last week
42 members attended
(73.7%)

#### **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



# **Grant Updates**

Our Stillwater Club has been approved at the District level for an \$8,000 District Grant supporting *A Place of Grace*. A Place of Grace is a newly incorporated Minnesota nonprofit corporation with a mission to connect people to integrative healing opportunities. The co-founders of *A Place of Grace* are Gretchen M. Stein, PhD and David L. Wettergren, EdD, longtime community leaders, professionals with careers noted for serving children and families, and nonprofit volunteers. The two combined have 60 years of service to Rotary including terms as club presidents.

The initial focus of *A Place of Grace* has been on assisting military women to make the often-difficult transition into civilian life, especially those having been deployed to overseas engagements. Extensive research was conducted into the unique needs of female veterans including a series of focus groups conducted with military women in the greater St. Croix Valley area.

This grant will allow for a program entitled: Transition Services for Military Women. It is basically a short-term retreat and education program designed to assist female veterans in their transition from military to civilian life. It also contains a component that addresses the needs of their children who have been affected by deployment of their mothers. Medical doctors, psychologists, naturalists, gardeners, grief counselors, parent educators, child development specialists and a full range of alternative healers will offer a program and services designed to facilitate healing. Each participant will receive a "Thank You For Serving" packet including a card or letter of thanks from one of the participating Rotary Clubs, information on the participating Club, and a small gift and or Rotary souvenir or token.

The program this year is scheduled for October 12-14, 2012 at the Dunrovin Retreat Center, Marine-On-St. Croix.

The length of this specific project is rather short term but with long-term implications for the community. As our nation faces not only the return by the thousands of troops deployed in Iraq and Afghanistan while at the same time continues to deploy forces throughout the world, once this important program is established it will be continued to assist our military women for years to come.

A Place of Grace is an identified Wellness Resource of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs and is a program promoted by the Beyond the Yellow Ribbon Committee of Washington County.

Next week we will provide an update on the Arusha Medical Center Project.

- Scott Mercer

# Rotary News in Brief from around the Globe

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Rotary clubs around the globe have many things in common, including a commitment to service. All year long, clubs are taking action to make a difference in their communities. Here's a roundup of recent club activities:



#### JSA

To celebrate 100 years of Rotary in Florida, the state's first club, the Rotary Club of Jacksonville, and District 6970 raised funds for a mobile health bus that will visit schools, churches, community centers, and shopping areas to provide screenings, inoculations, and basic care to local children and families. Kalyan Banerjee, 2011-12 RI president, and his wife, Binota, were on hand to dedicate the bus in February.

#### Mongolia

A 100-acre orchard planted in 2006 has grown to more than 1,200 acres and is now Mongolia's largest. Korean and Mongolian Rotarians planted five windbreak forests, one of which included the orchard, to help avert damage from Gobi sandstorms, which can affect Korea and other distant areas. The initiative, called Keep Mongolia Green, has received funding from Rotarians, Rotary Foundation Matching Grants, and the Mongolian government. The government also subsidizes a nearby juice factory to process the fruit from the orchard, and an agricultural cooperative provides jobs for local people.

#### Czech Republic

To raise funds for playground renovations at a speech-therapy kindergarten, the Rotaract Club of Ostrava hosted a rock music marathon in November. Club members worked with one of the city's most popular music venues, Fabric Club, and four local bands to organize the event for 200 people, who paid US\$14-18 for tickets. The Rotaractors also volunteered to work on the playground, which is designed to help the children develop their motor and cognitive skills.