



**STILLWATER SUNRISE ROTARY CLUB
NEWSLETTER
January 12, 2010**

FUTURE MEETINGS

January 26, Susan Hubbard, Recycling...Arba-Della Beck
February 9, Kieth Miller, Sustainability at 3M, Dan Schmid
March 30, Don Theisen, Washington County Engineer, Green

FUTURE EVENTS

May 15, 2010 Brewers Bazaar
September 24, 2010 Midnight Golf

FELLOWSHIP



Visiting Rotarians

Norm Steere, Stillwater Noon

Guests

Melissa Lewis, guest and daughter of Craig Leiser
Jason Hanlon, guest of Ken McGinley (his brother-in-law)
Speaker: Lynn Bertalmio Stillwater Public Library

Make Ups

Craig Leiser, Mpls noon and midterm Mid Term
Mid Term: Dave Newman, Mark Fisher, Mike Holsten, Margie Horning, Orwin Carter, Arba Della Beck

Links

Link to Stillwater Sunrise Website: [Stillwater Sunrise Website](#)

Link to District Website: [Rotary District 5960](#)

Link to International Web site: [Rotary International Website](#)

Link to Stillwater Sunrise Facebook Site: [Stillwater Sunrise Rotary FACEBOOK Page](#)

ANNOUNCEMENTS, REPORTS

Mary Parchetta was inducted as a new member. Janis Donnelley and President Mike conducted a very nice ceremony. Craig Leiser was her sponsor.

Margie presented several Paul Harris Awards:

Dave Newman for his additional \$1,000 gift (total lifetime gifts equal \$8,000)

Pete Smith additional gift of \$1,000 for a total of \$4,000 lifetime. Pete is also part of the Paul Harris Society. As he member he has committed to contributing \$1,000 each year.

Craig Leiser selected his daughter Melissa Lewis to be a Paul Harris Fellow. Melissa's life exemplifies the humanitarian and educational objectives of the Rotary Foundation.

Some of the main ideas from the Midterm: Future leadership was trained. We saw a video called Red Cars. The theme was think positive and focus (more about that at a later date). Leadership academy: several speakers discuss leadership and ethics, leadership and participation, leadership and having fun, leadership and getting out of the boat and into the water.

Choir practice is Friday Jan 22 at Acapulco. Lynda Halbert is in charge of bringing the "sheet" music!

District Conference is April 8 – 10th in Mankato

Norm Steer of Stillwater Noon gave a promo for Stillwater Sampler January 22 from 6-10 at the Grand Banquet Hall. Tickets are \$50. You can also purchase raffle tickets for \$5. There will be food sampling, silent auction, raffle and music. It should be a fun evening. Proceeds will support local and international projects and the hospital project in Tanzania.

Family Means sent a thank you for the cash for the teen gifts for the teens at Landfall and Cimarron (\$620).

GETTING TO KNOW OUR MEMBERS

As part of a new initiative, the previous weeks host provides a semi-biographical introduction of the host for this week's program to help us to better know our membership.



Substituting for Chuck Buehler, Dean Tibbets gave the introduction of Ned Gordon. Ned joined the club in June 1991. He moved to Stillwater in 1979. He has been married 47 years and has 5 children. 1979-2000: independent manufacturer's representative for the sale of radio communication systems, and systems for power line protection, fault detection and reporting, and data acquisition and control. 2000-present: retired; volunteer for the Lee & Rose Warner Nature Center, Minnesota Land Trust; Washington County Groundwater Advisory Board; Stillwater Public Library Board of Trustees; St. Thomas Academy Alumni Board of Directors; and, active in the St. Croix Valley Civil War Roundtable. Ned is a graduate of the Univ. of Notre Dame

NEXT WEEKS PROGRAM

Mark Lambert told us about next week's program – our very own Paul Jennings. Topic will be banking and also a mini update on YADP

PROGRAM

Long-time Stillwater librarian Lynn Bertalmio brought Sunrise Rotarians up to date on what has been happening at the library, which is a lot.

Lynn has been director for 35 years, according to Ned Gordon, a library board member who introduced her. She thanked our club for its generosity and support, and then rattled off statistics on how its use has increased. It tripled in size from the recent building do-over; has increased its internal computer access points from 11 to 33, and made a healthy increase in numbers of meetings held there last year. Tight finances have forced it to close on Sundays but numbers of people coming into the library still increased last year.

Lynn and her fellow librarians have a current campaign going to show community members how the library can be beneficial in a down economy. "Fred," for example, saved \$4,000 by listening to books in the library, rather than

buying them. Jolene got information on Alaska before going there, which saved her time and money. One of the posters shows an old-timer who has used the library daily for years to read a number of newspapers daily, saving him half-a-dozen subscriptions. Many use the computers, sometime to check out suggested "economy evaluator" suggestions.

In a look ahead, Lynn, with the help of ideas from the American Library Association, has put together a focus group to come up with suggestions for the next ten years. That cross-section of community members came up with 18 suggestions, which have since been screened down to six. Next step is to do a survey, via the library website (www.stillwaterlibrary.org), to get more input into where Stillwater's library should spend its time and effort over the next ten years.

JOKE OF THE WEEK

The challenge of the English Language.....Signs around the world....

In a temple, Bangkok:
IT IS FORBIDDEN TO ENTER A WOMAN, EVEN A FOREIGNER, IF DRESSED AS A MAN.

In a cocktail lounge, Norway:
LADIES ARE REQUESTED NOT TO HAVE CHILDREN IN THE BAR.

In a doctor's office, Rome:
SPECIALIST IN WOMEN AND OTHER DISEASES.

At a dry cleaners, Bangkok:
DROP YOUR TROUSERS HERE FOR THE BEST RESULTS.

In a Nairobi restaurant:
CUSTOMERS WHO FIND OUR WAITRESSES RUDE OUGHT TO SEE THE MANAGER.

On the main road to Mombassa, leaving Nairobi:
TAKE NOTICE: WHEN THIS SIGN IS UNDER WATER, THIS ROAD IS IMPASSABLE.

On a poster at Kencom:
ARE YOU AN ADULT THAT CANNOT READ? IF SO WE CAN HELP.

In a Kuwait city restaurant:
OPEN SEVEN DAYS A WEEK AND WEEKENDS.

In a cemetery:
PERSONS ARE PROHIBITED FROM PICKING FLOWERS FROM ANY BUT THEIR OWN GRAVES.

Tokyo hotel's rules and regulations:
GUESTS ARE REQUESTED NOT TO SMOKE OR DO OTHER DISGUSTING BEHAVIOURS IN BED.

On the menu of a Swiss restaurant:
OUR WINES LEAVE YOU NOTHING TO HOPE FOR.

In a Tokyo bar:
SPECIAL COCKTAILS FOR THE LADIES WITH NUTS.

In a hotel, Yugoslavia:
THE FLATTENING OF UNDERWEAR WITH PLEASURE IS THE JOB OF THE CHAMBERMAID.

In a hotel, Japan:
YOU ARE INVITED TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE CHAMBERMAID.

In the lobby of a Moscow hotel across from a Russian Orthodox monastery:
YOU ARE WELCOME TO VISIT THE CEMETERY WHERE FAMOUS RUSSIAN AND SOVIET COMPOSERS, ARTISTS AND WRITERS ARE BURIED DAILY EXCEPT THURSDAY.

A sign posted in Germany's Black Forest:
IT IS STRICTLY FORBIDDEN ON OUR BLACK FOREST CAMPING SITE THAT PEOPLE OF DIFFERENT SEX,

FOR INSTANCE, MEN AND WOMEN, LIVE TOGETHER IN ONE TENT UNLESS THEY ARE MARRIED WITH EACH OTHER FOR THIS PURPOSE.

Hotel, Zurich:

BECAUSE OF THE IMPROPRIETY OF ENTERTAINING GUESTS OF THE OPPOSITE SEX IN THE BEDROOM, IT IS SUGGESTED THAT THE LOBBY BE USED FOR THIS PURPOSE.

Advertisement for donkey rides, Thailand:

WOULD YOU LIKE TO RIDE ON YOUR OWN ASS?

Airline ticket office, Copenhagen:

WE TAKE YOUR BAGS AND SEND THEM IN ALL DIRECTIONS.

A laundry, Rome:

LADIES, LEAVE YOUR CLOTHES HERE AND SPEND THE AFTERNOON HAVING A GOOD TIME.

President John Kenny- Rotary International

Governor Newell Krogmann - District 5960

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