



**STILLWATER SUNRISE ROTARY CLUB
NEWSLETTER
July 13, 2010**

FUTURE MEETINGS

July 20, Bill Voedisch, "Citizen Mitten" – John Lennes
July 27, - **NO Meeting, Club Picnic Pioneer Park**
August 3, - Shari Clifford
August 10, John Wubbels

FUTURE EVENTS

July 27, **Club Picnic Pioneer Park, around 6 PM**
August 15, Arrival of Exchange Student Laura Mueller, Germany
September 25, 2010 Midnight Golf
October 16-24, Nicaragua Cultural Exchange, Families Welcome (August 16 deadline for sign-up)



FELLOWSHIP: Steve Madsen

Steve was given a Paul Harris Pin to add to his jacket...cool!!!!

Visiting Rotarians

Ute Buehler, Mpls/Univ
Doug Wolff, Stillwater Sunrise

Guests

Dr. Ginger Garlie, guest of Dean Tibbetts
Joel Button, guest of Sol Squire
Sol Squire, Speaker

Make Ups

Rick Robbins, New Richmond
Chuck Buehler, RI International Convention Montréal

Links

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

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ANNOUNCEMENTS, REPORTS: Arba Della Beck, President

Arba Della admitted she has had nightmares about the first meeting. Some included her coming in the stiletto heels of her daughter.

Don't forget to sign up for the Club Picnic, it will be two weeks from now and will be catered by Grand Pizza. Steve said it will start at about 6 PM. Bring the Bolo Game of course and anyone who wishes to help is welcome.

The Midnight golf will be September 25. More information on the website. [Stillwater Sunrise Website](#)

The Board Meeting is at Family Means on July 23, 7 AM. It is an open meeting and all are welcome.

Arba Della said that the gift given to our speakers will be in the future chocolate from Nicaragua thanks to Dave Newman. Paula explained that the chocolate from that region is very nice, a bit grainier then what we are used to and sometimes a little cinnamon is added. She ran across it in Mexico.

Stillwater Noon Rotary will have a special guest for its July 15, Mayor Chris Coleman from St. Paul. He will talk about Economic Development in the Metro.

Don Schuld was introduced as our Youth Protection Officer, thanks to Don for volunteering for this job.

NEXT WEEK'S PROGRAM

John Lennes will introduce Bill Voedisch who has written a book titled, "Citizen Mitten".

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.



Mike Holsten introduced Dean Tibbets. Dean is from Wadena, MN born there and went there to High School. Received a BS in Business at St. Cloud State College after spending some time at U. of Minnesota. Taught School for a short while, worked for a time with Minneapolis Moline and then moved to State Farm where he was an accountant and later an underwriting specialist before retiring in 2006. He is married to Cindy for 38 years and has a daughter who recently received a master's degree in Education Psychology at the Univ. of Minnesota after a BS from St. Thomas University. He works part-time as a ranger/starter at Sawmill and Loggers Trail and is very active volunteering a Courage St. Croix. He was introduced by Orwin to Rotary 3 years ago and really enjoys its members and club events.

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Rick Robbins

Rick reminded us that one should be aware the Chocolate is good for us since it comes from a bean and it is therefore a vegetable.

Doug Wolff paid for the misses he has had.

This happens to be Sports Cliché' week.

Ned Gorden has an anniversary, this month 49 years of marriage.

Chuck summarized his and Ute's trip with the RV to the RI Convention, mentioning the very French Province of Quebec, the beauty of Quebec City, the state of Vermont and the town of Ottawa Illinois where the first Lincoln/Douglas debates took place.

Tomorrow is Bastille Day in France, celebration of the French Revolution.

Lynda reported that Grandbaby Jack is one month old.

In memoriam of the recent competition for the most Hot Dogs consumed in one setting (54 eaten), Rick asked what was the maximum of members in their lifetime....the max was 3-4 and done during college days.

PROGRAM



Sol Squire is a graduate of Cambridge University. He has spent much of his lifetime dealing with overseas markets. His last responsibility was running a company in Iceland and from this experience told the story of how Iceland ended up in bankruptcy.

Iceland has always been a country dependent on its' marine resources, fishing etc... Everyone assumes that like Norway, it is clean cut hardworking and reliable. It turned out not to be.

Banks, pension funds began investing in Iceland banks. The financial empire was orchestrated by a former prime minister who had credibility.

Unfortunately they then took the money and invested in a lot of investment vehicles in the United States and when they went bust so did Iceland. Gordon Brown, then Prime Minister of U.K. called Iceland a "terrorist nation". Lots of money, millions, was lost. Why?

It is a small country, 300,000 people of which 100,000 are wage earners. Everyone knows everyone and trust is a basic. Even the newspapers stay clear of muck. The result is such irresponsibility went unchecked. And on top of it came the volcanic eruption. Sol believes they have learned little from the experience and Europe has lost a lot.
However a great place to tour.

JOKE OF THE WEEK

86-year Old Lady's Letter to Bank

Dear Sir:

I am writing to thank you for bouncing my check with which I endeavored to pay my plumber last month.
By my calculations, three nanoseconds must have elapsed between his presenting the check and the arrival in my account of the funds needed to honor it..

I refer, of course, to the automatic monthly deposit of my entire pension, an arrangement which, I admit, has been in place for only eight years. You are to be commended for seizing that brief window of opportunity, and also for debiting my account \$30 by way of penalty for the inconvenience caused to your bank.

My thankfulness springs from the manner in which this incident has caused me to rethink my errant financial ways.

I noticed that whereas I personally answer your telephone calls and letters, --- when I try to contact you, I am confronted by the impersonal, overcharging, pre-recorded, faceless entity which your bank has become.

>From now on, I, like you, choose only to deal with a flesh-and-blood person.

My mortgage and loan repayments will therefore and hereafter no longer be automatic, but will arrive at your bank, by check, addressed personally and confidentially to an employee at your bank whom you must nominate.

Be aware that it is an offense under the Postal Act for any other person to open such an envelope.

Please find attached an Application Contact which I require your chosen employee to complete.

I am sorry it runs to eight pages, but in order that I know as much about him or her as your bank knows about me, there is no alternative.

Please note that all copies of his or her medical history must be countersigned by a Notary Public, and the mandatory details of his/her financial situation (income, debts, assets and liabilities) must be accompanied by documented proof.

In due course, at MY convenience, I will issue your employee with a PIN number which he/she must quote in dealings with me.

I regret that it cannot be shorter than 28 digits but, again, I have modeled it on the number of button presses required of me to access my account balance on your phone bank service.

As they say, imitation is the sincerest form of flattery.

Let me level the playing field even further.

When you call me, press buttons as follows:

IMMEDIATELY AFTER DIALING, PRESS THE STAR (*) BUTTON FOR ENGLISH

#1. To make an appointment to see me

#2. To query a missing payment.

#3. To transfer the call to my living room in case I am there.

#4 To transfer the call to my bedroom in case I am sleeping

#5. To transfer the call to my toilet in case I am attending to nature.

#6.. To transfer the call to my mobile phone if I am not at home

#7. To leave a message on my computer, a password to access my computer is required.

Password will be communicated to you at a later date to that Authorized Contact mentioned earlier.

#8. To return to the main menu and to listen to options 1 through 7.

#9. To make a general complaint or inquiry.

The contact will then be put on hold, pending the attention of my automated answering service.

#10. This is a second reminder to press* for English.

While this may, on occasion, involve a lengthy wait, uplifting music will play for the duration of the call.

Regrettably, but again following your example, I must also levy an establishment fee to cover the setting up of this new arrangement.

May I wish you a happy, if ever so slightly less prosperous New Year?

Your Humble Client

And remember: Don 't make old People mad.

We don't like being old in the first place, so it doesn't take much to piss us off.

President Ray Klingensmith- Rotary International

Governor Craig Leiser - District 5960

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