



**STILLWATER SUNRISE ROTARY CLUB  
NEWSLETTER  
February 2, 2010**

**FUTURE MEETINGS**

February 9 – Keith Miller on Sustainability at 3M, ..... Dan Schmid  
February 16 -- Jerry Kyser on Honor Flights, ..... Margie Horning  
March 30, - Don Theisen, Washington County Engineer, Green

**FUTURE EVENTS**

April 8, 2010, District 5960 Conference 2010 at Mankato, registration now open  
May 15, 2010 Brewers Bazaar  
September 24, 2010 Midnight Golf

**FELLOWSHIP**



**Visiting Rotarians**

None

**Guests**

Nick Rennich, guest of Janis Donnelly

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**Make Ups**

Craig Leiser, three district committee meetings; Jon Stillman, two district committee meetings; Janis Donnelly and Del Peterson, Strive; Pete Smith, two Strive meetings; Lynda Halbert, Stillwater noon; Margie Horning, district board meeting.

**Links**

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

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

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS, REPORTS**

President Mike Holsten was away, so President-elect Arba-Della Beck ran the meeting, for the second week. Fellowship Chair Steve Madsen donned his (unpressed) coat-of-many-pins for the second week. Paula Williams announced this year's Brewers Bazaar will be on the Andiamo on May 15. The big boat will be on the river, but where it'll be docked isn't yet worked out.

A lot of Rotary effort is going into helping Haiti earthquake victims. RI has an International Donor-Advised Fund, the Sunrise board will discuss projects at its next meeting, some 33 Rotary projects are currently in operation, District 5960 is involved, Fast for Hope will commit funds to post-emergency assistance and individuals are donating, including Sunrise members.

Cheryl Kohout reported on "Dean's" fire last week. They were awakened about 4 a.m., to discover "the whole sky lit up" by the blaze in their big, 100-year-old barn. Dean's office, inside, was lost along with all his files, invoices and service contracts. Also lost were their motor home, four-wheelers and "all the tools Dean ever owned." Forty firemen from all neighboring communities fought the fire until about one o'clock, then hung around to check for sparks for the rest of the day. Biggest battle ahead is with insurance companies, Cheryl feels. "We will have a professional representing us."

Steve Madsen invited everyone to the Lake Elmo Lions fishing contest next Sunday..... Sunrise will host Chelsey Falzone, a SAHS senior, at the Camp RYLA leadership camp next summer..... Jon Stillman announced that the PolioPlus fundraiser is about halfway to its financial commitment goal, with \$1½ million raised so far.

#### **NEXT WEEK'S PROGRAM:**

Dan Schmid will introduce Keith Miller, who will talk about sustainability at 3M. Dan's professional career, since 1976, has been doing environmental work for 3M, a job which takes him to company manufacturing locations throughout the U.S.

#### **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.

Ken McGinley introduced the introducer of the speaker. Bob Rupp is a past national president of the American Agricultural Editors Association and a past international vice president of the International Federation of Agricultural Editors. He represented the U.S. on the International Federation board for eight years, has a lifetime achievement award from the American Agricultural Editors Association and is a retired Army colonel.

#### **PROGRAM**

Kris Janisch is an International Baccalaureate scholar from St. Paul's Central High School and a Cum Laude graduate of Mankato State University. He joined *The Gazette* in 2006, has been managing editor for the past two years and is involved keeping Stillwater's 140-year-old newspaper alive during the shift away from print news. More than 100 newspapers across the country have closed this past year. Ten thousand jobs have been lost. Ad sales are down. Of the 25 top dailies, all but *The Wall Street Journal* have lost from 7 to 20% of their subscribers.

*The Gazette*, a few weeks ago, cut from five to three issues per week. It now publishes on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, has increased its emphasis on local news and has added a Saturday issue to carry weekend ads. Mondays and Tuesdays, Kris pointed out, have more "web news, which is available from other sources." Also, advertising, which pays the bills, tends to be down early in the week.

We're still printing the same amount of news," Kris said. "And we have no plans to make more changes in the foreseeable future."

Circulation has stayed about the same. Biggest complaint has been timeliness of obituaries. Cutting out comic strips didn't produce as many complaints as Kris had anticipated. Biggest new effort has been in producing more local news. "Ninety-five percent of the stuff which comes across my desk gets into the paper," Kris said. He's open for even more. "Give me a call. If we need to be doing something different, let me know." More Letters to the Editor is one goal. "Send us Letters to the Editor – please."

#### **JOKE OF THE WEEK**

An old Italian lived alone in New Jersey . He wanted to plant his annual tomato garden, but it was very difficult work, as the ground was hard.

His only son, Vincent, who used to help him, was in prison. The old man wrote a letter to his son and described his predicament:

Dear Vincent,

I am feeling pretty sad, because it looks like I won't be able to plant my tomato garden this year. I'm just getting too

old to be digging up a garden plot. I know if you were here my troubles would be over.. I know you would be happy to dig the plot for me, like in the old days.  
Love, Papa

A few days later he received a letter from his son.

Dear Pop,  
Don't dig up that garden. That's where the bodies are buried.  
Love,  
Vinnie

At 4 a.m. the next morning, FBI agents and local police arrived and dug up the entire area without finding any bodies. They apologized to the old man and left.

That same day the old man received another letter from his son..

Dear Pop,  
Go ahead and plant the tomatoes now. That's the best I could do under the circumstances.

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**President John Kenny- Rotary International**

**Governor Newell Krogmann - District 5960**

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