



**STILLWATER SUNRISE ROTARY CLUB  
NEWSLETTER  
September 28, 2010**

**FUTURE MEETINGS**

October 5, Liz Reddy, Festival Theatre in St. Croix Falls...Janis Donnelly  
October 12, Laura Moeller, Exchange Student...Mark Fisher  
October 19, Gary Goodman, St. Croix Antiquarian Books...Justin Bonestroo  
October 26, Club Assembly  
November 16, Dr. Michael Bourne, Ailments of the Feet and Ankles...Rick Robbins  
November 23, Craig Leiser- District Governor...Roger Ruetten

**FUTURE EVENTS**

October 9, Rotary Roadside Cleanup, 8 AM, at the Stillwater Township Town Hall  
October 16-24, Nicaragua Cultural Exchange, Families Welcome (August 16 deadline for sign-up)  
October 23, Rake a Difference  
October 27, Halloween at Boutwells  
November 6, District Foundation Celebration, Prom Center, 6-10 PM  
November 30, Lost Boy Presentation, Stillwater Junior High School, 7 PM



**FELLOWSHIP: Steve Madsen**

**Visiting Rotarians**

Ute Buehler, Mpls/Univ.

**Guests**

Laura Moeller, German Exchange Student  
Val Fisher, guest of Mark Fisher  
Diane Ward, Speaker



**Make Ups**

Board Meeting- Ken, Mark, Janis, Dave N., Bob, Roger, Craig, Mike, Arba-Della, Orwin, Rick. Don S. , Brent, Margie, Jon.  
Golf – Jon Stillman and Margie

**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](#)

**Link to Our Exchange Student Abbie Huntley in Germany:** [Abbie in Germany](#)



### **ANNOUNCEMENTS, REPORTS: Arba Della Beck, President**

October 23 is Rake a Difference, only one yard this year. The signup is coming around this week and next. Bob R. is looking for someone to take the leadership next year.

Dave reported on the Golf...what a great night. The money raised was approx. \$5,000. We had 9 full foursomes. Thanks to Don S. and his wife for the schmors on the course. The winners with a 31 were Craig Leiser's son-in-law and imports from Buffalo Minnesota. The Lakeview Team came in second. Last place went to the 5 some of young ladies escorted by Ed Simonet.

Arba-Della went to the walk for Sudan. It was a great event.

Pete Smith reported that STRIVE is about to begin....18 students and 15 Rotarians. Still can use some mentors. There will be a meeting after this one.

Don't forget the Foundation Celebration at the Prom Center on November 6.

Mark Fisher gave a long report on the plans for the Halloween Parade coming up soon. All the chairpersons are in position. Chuck B. noted he was able to recruit Matt McGinley and Kaitlen Langer to help distribute candy. Steve noted that the traffic people will have flashlights, fluorescent jackets and walkie talkies. If that isn't neat what is... Young adults from Strive and United Way will be there to help.

Roadside Cleanup is a week from Saturday, October 9, Mark pointed out that coffee and pastries are provided.

A bus tour is being sponsored by Century College for the 50+ generation looking for prospective volunteers. It is Thursday, October 7 and will visit three non-profits looking for volunteers. The lunch break will have Charlie Boone as guest speaker. If interested call 651-779-3341.

Our Service Above Self Awardee this week great job on the Golf Tournament. (It was obvious reasons but we made it)



was Dave Langer. It seemed to be so obvious after such a tough to fit both Arba-Della and Dave in the same photo for

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

Next week, Liz Reddy, Festival Theatre in St. Croix Falls will be introduced by Janis Donnelly

### **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.

This week Orwin Carter was introduced by Brett Emmons. Orwin was born in Hillsdale, Ill. Went to the Univ. of Iowa and U. of Illinois for his Masters and Ph.D. in Physical Chemistry. Brett noted that that was about the time he was born. Orwin has a distinguished career, teaching Chemistry at West Point, Executive positions at several companies with the last position before retirement at IncStar now called DiaSorin, located here in Stillwater. He un-retired and joined Hamline as a VP of Finance and Administration. After 3-4 years he retired a 2<sup>nd</sup> time. He has been very active in Rotary serving as President, 2007-2008. He has had a liver transplant and after 6 years we all agree he looks great.

### **SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Rick Robbins**



Rick found out at the last board meeting that he was not reaching quota in his job as Sergeant – at – Arms. Sooooo like a police officer, he needs to write more tickets.

Andy announced there will be a Minnesota Alumni gathering at Boutwells to discuss the Non-Partisan Health Care Reform.

Jon Stillman got a note from a former Exchange Student Felix in which he said hello and announced that he has entered the fine profession of fatherhood. Pur has also sent an e-mail as well. Below is an e-mail from Abbie that Paula wanted to share.

*Hey Paula!*

*Everything here is going smoothly! I am having a lovely time thus far. School has proven to be the most difficult part of my exchange so far. I don't usually understand enough of what is going on in class to be able to participate and interact, so it is often difficult to listen. But I know this will get better and I have met many great friends, which makes school more fun! My German is coming along OK. I know it is just going to take time and it's not actually difficult for me, just a long process! My host family here is the best. We are getting along so well and I don't think anyone else would have been better suited for me. I have yet to attend my first Rotary meeting, but I have gone to a couple of weekends*

*already with all of the exchange students in my area! It has been so much fun! The first orientation we went to Giffhorn, a smaller city (a bit larger than Stillwater) north of where I live. We just had a meeting and all of the exchange students spent the day together. I spent 2 more weekends with them: one in a city that I can't quite remember the name of and one more in Hannover. I have met so many great friends through these events and they are something fun to look forward to every one or two times a month. I just want to thank you guys so much and especially you for helping me get prepared for this great experience. You guys have provided me with everything that I need!!! It has been and will be the greatest year.*

Best,  
Abbie

Rick seems to have gotten a new name "Quota Man". Rick responded with a quote from Woody Allen.....  
Knowledge is knowing a tomato is not a fruit.  
Wisdom is not to put it in a fruit salad.

## **PROGRAM**



Orwin Carter introduced Diane Ward, the Stillwater City Clerk. As clerk, Orwin said, she takes the minutes of the meeting, performs secretarial duties and oversees elections in the city. She is certified and came to Stillwater in 1996. She 1982 she was trained and certified to be an election conductor. She was heavily involved in the recent senatorial recount. She has 3 children and covets Neil Kriesel's motorcycle (it is a 550 Honda that she wants to turn into a truck?) and wishes he would sell it to her. With that Orwin gave the podium to Diane.

Many people underestimate the work of an election judge; there is a lot to do. In spite of that, Stillwater never has a shortage of judges. In 2010 we have more than enough. On average the training of a judge, which she does, takes 5 -2 hour session where the training of a head judge is 5-3 hour session. You cannot have a husband and wife at the same polling station, must not be a candidate, must be eligible to vote in Minnesota, read and write English and they have to be appointed by the City Council. The judge's normal shift is 6 AM to 2 PM and 2 PM to closing. There are two head judges in each precinct and they are there all day.

In order to register to vote you need a photo ID with a current address on it. But once registered you just need to verify your address on the roster. We have a very good turnout in Stillwater for voting, 90% in 2008 and normally 85-90% in Presidential years.

Other facts: 2011-2012 is redistricting by the legislature and the Charter Commission sets the Wards. In the last election there were 1600 absentee ballots of which 40 were rejected. It is law now that you need to open them 5 days before and if rejected a new ballot to be sent to the absentee. Stillwater notifies the absentees but this is not required by law.

## **JOKE OF THE WEEK**

Confessions continued from last week.....

There once was a religious young woman who went to Confession. Upon entering the confessional, she said, 'Forgive me, Father, for I have sinned.'

The priest said, 'Confess your sins and be forgiven!'

The young woman said, 'Last night my boyfriend made mad, passionate love to me seven times.'

The priest thought long and hard and then said, 'Squeeze seven lemons into a glass and then drink the juice.'

The young woman asked, 'Will this cleanse me of my sins?'

The priest said, 'No, but it will wipe that smile off of your face.'

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**President Ray Klingensmith- Rotary International**

**Governor Craig Leiser - District 5960**

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