



**STILLWATER SUNRISE ROTARY CLUB  
NEWSLETTER  
December 21, 2010**

**FUTURE MEETINGS**

December 28, **No Meeting**

January 4, Tom Goelz, Hays Companies – Risk Management...Nick Rennich

January 11, **No Morning Meeting, Vision Meeting 4:45 pm – 9:00 pm, Family Means**

January 18, Jon Stillman Polio Plus

January 25, Dennis Lindsay- Stillwater Area High School Pep Band – Mark Fisher

**FUTURE EVENTS**

January 8, District Midterm Meeting, Oakland Junior High School

January 11, 2011, Visioning Conference. 4:45 – 9 PM

January 19, Party at Cheryl's to report on her and Arba-Della's trip to South Africa.

April 14-16, District Annual Meeting, "The River Runs To It"



**FELLOWSHIP: Steve Madsen**

**Visiting Rotarians**

Ute Buehler, Mpls. University

**Guests**

Ann Langer, Liz Smith, Val Fisher, Jason Jordan, Liz McGinley, and Kim Pepera..STRIVE Mentors

Andrew Gibson, Alyssa Jensen, Lauren VanValkanburg, Hailey Krueger, Maddii Anderson, Sara Conlin, Tyler Moe, Jake Williams, Darius C., Kristen Erickson, Sam Johnson. STRIVE Students

Kris Huntley, mother of our out-bound student to Germany Abbie Huntley

**Make Ups**

Lynda Halbert, No. St.Paul, Maplewood,Oakdale

Margie Horning, District Board and Grants

**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**

A big thank you top Ken and others who arranged the Holiday Party Last week. A great time was had by all. Arba-Della took the occasion to wish all Happy Holidays and hope that next year is full of fulfilled promises.

Dean gave an update on the Lost Boys Presentation he attended on Nov. 30. The boys of Sudan left their country as a group when there was civil war. They walked to Ethiopia, made life on their own as orphans, went back to Sudan only to leave again and then on to Tanzania where grew up and eventually came to the US as young men. These 30 boys then set out to raise money to build wells in their country. The presentation that Dean went to was made by one of the boys. There is still a chance to contribute to them personally by finding their website on the internet. [Alliance of Lost Boys of Sudan](#)

Mark Fisher was recognized by Margie for his continuing contribution to the Rotary Foundation.



Ted Nesse was recognized for Service Above Self by Arba Della for his work on the website. He also helped her when she kept forgetting her password. He also took the occasion to report that the well for the India Community which he helped spearhead is moving right along and he also recognized Ken McGinley for his major contribution to the site.



We presented the service staff with a gift from us for all the support they give us for each meeting including the special needs of soda, tea etc.. for some members. It is interesting to note the collection amounted to \$570. Thanks everyone for contributing.



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

The next week's program is January 4, since we will not have a meeting next week. Nick Rennich will introduce Tom Goelz from the Hays Companies who will speak about Risk Management.

#### **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. Bruce was to introduce Pete Smith but he was not able to attend today.

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



Rick explained to the visitors that it was his job to raise funds for the club by giving all a chance to speak up, and assigning responsibility for payment (some call it extortion). Watch and Learn!!!!

All Humbugger's, i.e. not wearing Christmas Colors were asked to contribute.

Cheryl and Arba-Della have chosen January 19<sup>th</sup> for a party at Cheryl's house to report on their trip to South Africa. She said something about Pain Pal or was it Pay Pal too but this reporter could not follow. More information to come.

Rick should pay a dollar for all the time he was in the paper talking about Lakeview's alliance with Health Partners and not mentioning Rotary.

Bob Gag will be back next month according to Dave Langer.

Steve reported that his son was at the Wild Game and participated in the fan shoot-out but did not win. The wild contributed \$2500 to Valley Outreach.

The Leiser's are hosting family for the holidays, including 7 children under 7 years of age. Good Luck Craig!!!!

Chuck announced that Ute is going to exhibit her Photography next month at Lakeview Hospital. 24 pictures will be displayed in the Lakeview Gallery on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor.

Rich Cummins won the raffle and sang out "Back in the Saddle Again".

Rick closed with "You are never too old to learn something stupid."

## PROGRAM



Pete Smith introduced the STRIVE students and mentors. He noted that they had an excellent turnout this year with 20 kids, 5 times more than last year and better yet excellent attendance for all the activities.

Mark Fisher gave an excellent talk to all our visitors about Rotary. He explained that it began in 1905 with the goal to get business people together and make friends. They tended to be small town people who wanted comradeship and a chance to make friends. Singing was part of their history at which time several members of our club got up and sang "We Wish You a Merry Christmas". Today Rotary is 1.2 Million strong, all around the world. We have 32 clubs in our District and our club is 53 people in its membership.

Abbie Huntley, our outgoing student in Germany, sent us all a letter thanking us for giving her the opportunity to serve overseas. She is very happy and very happy to be with a wonderful host family. Her mother brought the letter to us and her and

Mark read it to us. She wished us all a very happy holiday.

## JOKE OF THE WEEK

This is so bad that it is good...see if you get it.

*Mick is walking past Paddy's farm one evening when he hears seductive music coming from the barn. He looks through the window to see Paddy dancing and stripping off.*

*"Bejaysus Paddy, what are you doing?" says Mick.*

*"It's not what you think" says Paddy "me and the wife have been drifting apart lately so I went to see one of those counselors and he said I should do something sexy to a tractor".*

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**President Ray Klingensmith- Rotary International**

**Governor Craig Leiser - District 5960**

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