



**STILLWATER SUNRISE ROTARY CLUB
NEWSLETTER
March 9, 2010**

FUTURE MEETINGS

March 16, -Sara Damon and Students, Sudan.....Don Schuld
March 23, - Club Assembly, Subjects: Brewer's Bazaar, Craig's Induction, and GSE
March 30, - Don Theisen, Washington County Engineer, Green.....Jay Riggs
April 6, - Gretchen Stein, Red Cars...Dave Newman
April 27, - Roger Stelljes, author.....Brent Voight
May 11, - Stewart Erickson, Sustainability...Craig Leiser
May 25, - STRIVE.....Del Peterson

FUTURE EVENTS

March 25, 7 AM Family Means Club Board Meeting
April 8, 2010, District 5960 Conference 2010 at Mankato, registration is now open
April 13, 2010, Nicaragua District Training @ Family Means
April 24, 2010, Host the Global Study Exchange Team from India.
May 6 – 16, Nicaragua Cultural Exchange, (March 6 deadline for sign-up)
May 15, 2010, Brewers Bazaar, Noon – 5 PM, Downtown Stillwater
June 20-23, Rotary International Annual Convention, Montreal, Canada
August 15, Arrival of Exchange Student Laura Mueller, Germany
September 24, 2010 Midnight Golf
October 16-24, Nicaragua Cultural Exchange, Families Welcome (August 16 deadline for sign-up)

FELLOWSHIP



Visiting Rotarians

Ute Buehler, Mpls./Univ. Rotary

Guests

Colleen Danford-YADP

Make Ups

Cheryl Kohout, Roseville
John Huenink, White Bear Lake
Lynda Halbert, Stillwater Noon
Pete Smith, STRIVE
Dave Newman, (2) New Brighton and Hudson
Roger Ruetten, Amelia Island, Florida
Chuck Buehler, Mpls/Univ.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS, REPORTS

We have good news from the exchange student program. Laura Moeller, from Germany. She speaks German, English and French. She is from a small town 100 km west of Hannover. She is scheduled to be here from about August 15 of this year til next summer in 2011. Paula is looking for people to host her while she is here. She needs at least one family to volunteer to put on the necessary paperwork. Paula also got a nice thank you from Abbey for the help with funding her travel outside the US. She has collected enough money now for her trip.

Mark F. noted that things are beginning to move for the Brewers Bazaar. We have tickets; they come in packs of 10 and are worth \$30 apiece. Next Assembly meeting we will talk details. You can get your tickets from Ken McGinley at our meetings. People are also buying on line.

There is a Polio Immunization Program in Nigeria which welcomes volunteers to come along a help out. For the 10 day trip including air etc.. The cost is approx. \$2,000. Look at the District website for more information.

Arba-Della reported there are two new initiatives coming down from the District that we need to deal with. One, in order to apply and receive grants at the District and International level there is a new grant process that requires training. We need to send 4-5 people to this training in order to be eligible for grants. Second, they are require ring any work with youth will need a thorough background check before proceeding. We need someone from the club who would be interested in helping with this, for example, it will be a requirement with STRIVE. Dean Tibbets seemed to express and interest in this.

Pete Smith noted that there was a STRIVE Meeting tomorrow, Wednesday at 11:40 AM.

There is a board meeting for our club at Family Means on March 25 at 7 AM.

NEXT WEEK'S PROGRAM:

Fast for Hope....Dave Newman will bring us up to date on our project in Nicaragua.

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.

Andy Haak told about himself since Doug Wolff wasn't at the meeting. Andy joined Rotary when John Lennes was President (1986-1987). That is 24 yrs. as a Rotarian. Andy himself was President in 1991-93. He has lived in Stillwater for 40 years, has two children and 3 grandchildren. His company helps disabled people find work. He also has a warehouse in Canada at the Canadian/ U.S. border for checking things through customs, something that is a holdover from his days in trucking. He is a CPA by training.

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS

Rich made Mike donate for his having forgotten some of the names that voted for him as President.

If you missed it, Mike Kahn was on TV announcing the Stillwater Motors has just been given back its' dealership from General Motors for Buick.

March 9 is Barbie Day which celebrates the birthday of the founding of Barbie. Ken McGinley donated for the Ken's of the Barbie world.

Dave Langer announced that his daughter scored her first 3 points in basketball playing for Hill Murray.

Lynda H. is going to Twin's spring training in Florida.

Mary P. is off skiing as usual, this time for a month. Bruce G. is going to go skinning as well.

Margie...good news there was a turkey on her deck; bad news husband tipped over the new TV and broke it installing a cable box.

Dave finished remodeling his house and Rick can attest it is a beauty.

Andy H. is going to Hilton Head thanks to winning the raffle at the Brewer's Bazaar last year.

Andy announced that a Professor from Minnesota will speak on the subject: "Drugs and Health Reform: Getting What We Pay for & Paying for What We Got". KR. Steven Schondelmeyer will speak at Boutwells on Monday, March 22, 2010 at 7 PM.

PROGRAM



Dave has been District Chairman of the Fast for Hope Project in Nicaragua since its beginnings almost 3 years ago. This has been a special project. The vision has been to help out Nicaragua "Through accompaniment, partners and communities that desire participate in a process of development in order to achieve a sustainable, healthy and economically secure environment." This vision statement was drafted collaboratively with members of the Masaya Rotary Club and Escuela AKF. The three key words are Accompaniment, Development and Sustainable.

AKF, tells the story of an Italian Non Governmental Organization that came into a community in Nicaragua, decided the community could benefit from a water pump and installed this technologically appropriate pump. A few years later when the rope broke, even though the community as a whole could have afforded to buy and replace the rope, they instead waited a few more years until the Italian

organization returned so they could fix the pump. Why?

Unfortunately it isn't that simple. You need to remember the history of Nicaragua.

- US Marine occupation in the 20's and 30's

- Three Somoza dictators from 1935 thru 1979

- Two recent civil wars

 - from the early 70's to 1979.

 - from the early 80's to 1990

- December 23, 1972 "Christmas Eve" earthquake. Magnitude 6.2

 - At the time the most lethal of record for the western hemisphere above South America

- Hurricane Mitch- November 1998 had Winds of 180 mph/Over 50 inches of rain in some places/At least 3,800 Nicaraguans killed

- Volcanoes

- Exploitation by International Companies

- Over 80% of the population lives on \$2/day or less.

It has been said that people of Nicaragua have become a culture of obedience. It has also been described as a mentality of "Si, Senior" When you think about it, it makes sense.

There are three of the important lessons we have learned since starting this program.

1. That the community needs to determine for themselves what they need.
2. That you can't just go into the community and ask them what they need. That the community needs to first learn how to dream and vision.
3. That because some communities have become inundated with well meaning NGO's providing assistance, a culture of dependency has been created. In this environment those particular communities have become so ingrained in seeking and accepting handouts that it will take years of formation work in the community before they can learn to truly develop their own dreams and visions. In other words our initiative will not work in every village.

Dave said in conclusion: we are trying to develop a new model that will enable people living in acute poverty to permanently improve their economic well being and it will take patience.

JOKE OF THE WEEK

As you know, Vancouver just finished hosting the 2010 Winter Olympics, and people from all over the world were asking beforehand various questions about Canada, posted on an International Tourism Website. It could just as well been Minnesota.

Obviously the answers are a joke but, believe it or not, these questions were really asked!

Q: I have never seen the weather look *warm* on Canadian TV, so how do the plants grow? (asked by someone from England)

A: We import all plants fully grown, and then just sit around and watch them die.

Q: Will I be able to see Polar Bears in the street? (from the USA)

A: Depends on how much you've been drinking.

Q: I want to walk from Vancouver to Toronto -- can I follow the Railroad tracks? (from Norway)

A: Sure, it's only Four Thousand Miles; be sure to take lots of water.

Q: Is it safe to run around in the bushes in Canada? (Sweden)

A: (Hmm... So it IS true what they say about Swedes.)

Q: Are there any ATM's (cash machines) in Canada? Can you send me a list of them in Toronto, Vancouver, Edmonton and Halifax? (England)

A: No, none. We don't believe in them. So you'd better bring a few extra furs for trading purposes.

Q: Can you give me some information about hippo racing in Canada? (USA)

A: Af-ri-ca is the big triangle-shaped continent south of Europe. Ca-na-da is that big country to your North...oh, forget it. Sure, hippo racing is every Tuesday night in Calgary. Come naked.

Q: Which direction is North in Canada? (USA)

A: Face south, and then turn 180 degrees. Contact us when you get here, and we'll send the rest of the directions.

Q: Can I bring cutlery into Canada? (England)

A: Why? Just use your fingers like we do.

Q: Can you send me the Vienna Boys' Choir schedule? (USA)

A: Aus-tri-a is that quaint little country bordering Ger-man-y, which is...oh, forget it. Sure, the Vienna Boys Choir plays every Tuesday night in Vancouver and in Calgary, straight after the hippo races. Come naked.

Q: Do you have perfume in Canada? (Germany)

A: No, WE don't stink.

Q: I have developed a new product that is the fountain of youth. Where can I sell it in Canada? (USA)

A: Anywhere significant numbers of Americans gather.

Q: Can you tell me the regions in British Columbia where the female population is less than the male population? (Italy)

A: Yes, gay nightclubs.

Q: Do you celebrate Thanksgiving in Canada? (USA)

A: Only at Thanksgiving.

Q: Are there supermarkets in Toronto, and is milk available all year round? (Germany)

A: No, we are a peaceful civilization of Vegan hunter/gathers. Milk is illegal.

Q: I have a question about a famous animal in Canada, but I forget its name. It's a kind of big horse with horns. (USA)

A: It's called a "Moose." They are tall and very violent, eating the brains out of anyone walking close to them. You can scare them off by spraying yourself with human urine before you go out walking.

Q: Will I be able to speak English most places I go to? (USA)

A: Yes, but you will have to learn it first

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