



**STILLWATER SUNRISE ROTARY CLUB
NEWSLETTER
December 20, 2011**

FUTURE MEETINGS

NO MEETING BETWEEN CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEARS

Jan. 3 – Sally Anderson – Executive Director for Valley Outreach – Guest of Melanie Sullivan
Jan. 10 – **Vocational Visit – Marty Larson, Uncommon Age Studio, 450 Main Street North, Stillwater, Dean Tibbetts**
Jan. 17 – Tom Simonet, Washington County Historical Society- Guest of Justin Bonestroo
Jan. 24 – Wendy Weeks, Director EMR, web & Mobile Patient Service, Health Partners, Guest of Rick Robbins
Jan. 31st – Tom Warth, Books for Africa – Bill Miller.
Feb. 28 – Dave Newman, Fast for Hope, Guest of Andy Haak

FUTURE EVENTS



FELLOWSHIP: Steve Madsen

Visiting Rotarians

Ute Buehler, Mpls/Univ.

Guests

STRIVE Students and Mentors including Liz Smith, Liz McGinley, Brent Adams, Ann Langer, Kim Pepera, Alyssa Jensen, Lauren Van Valkenburg, and Sam Shikolosky
Lance Cpl. Scott Fisher – Mark and Val Fisher

Make Ups

Craig Leiser (5), District Gov. Selection Committee, District Grants Committee, Fast for Hope, Strive and COG???

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS, REPORTS:



Pete Smith awarded Mel Sullivan a Paul Harris Fellowship for her contributions to the Rotary Foundation. This award is a special one reserved for those that contribute over \$1000 to the Foundation.

Mike read a nice note from Paul Jennings telling us about a new career he is embarking on with the United States Defense Department. He seems to have come out just fine moving to the east coast.

Bill Miller reminded us that the Brewer's Bazaar is just around the corner, May 19. We have signed up brewers already. Channel 45 us going to broadcast a story about our event.

We had 50 members and guests at our Holiday Party, and 35 club members, and family along with STRIVE students ringing the Salvation Army bells outside of Cub. Great Turnouts.

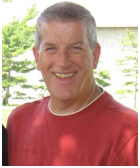
Mark presented a gift to the Wait Staff and a thank you for the great service we have had all year.

GETTING TO KNOW OUR MEMBERS

In order to get to know better our members, the previous weeks host provides a semi-biographical introduction of the host for this week's program.

Ken McGinnis introduced Val Fisher who is the head of STRIVE and had the program for today. Val attended Hamline Univ. and the Univ. of Minnesota. She has a degree in business and a degree in Interior Design. She also participated in Dance Theater. She presently is a Real Estate Agent and is a health care advocate as a result of her disabled brother. She and Mark have two sons and one of them is at our meeting today.

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS:



It was a short session, but lucrative. Anyone not wearing a piece of clothing with Christmas colors had to donate.

Mark was happy to introduce his son to the meeting. That was his good news.

NEXT WEEK'S PROGRAM

Next weeks meeting will be Sally Anderson, Executive Director for Valley Outreach. She will be introduced by new member Melanie Sullivan.

PROGRAM

This was STRIVES day. We handed out gifts for the students including gift cards to Target and Super America, a bag of goodies when they left.

We had speeches by former STRIVE students Alyssa Jensen, Lauren VanValkenburg and Sam Shikowsky. They told of their history with STRIVE, not wanting to join yet really appreciating it afterwards, entering with no direction and coming out with goals etc... Scott Fisher talked about his experience with the Marines. This years STRIVE students will be visiting Century College and Val urged all of them to consider visiting a Nursing Home and talking to residents even for a few minutes. Here is a collage of pictures summarizing the day...



We also played a game seeing who would be left holding the container as Mark read the story of Rotary and asked to pass whenever left or right were mentioned. It was a fun morning.





Joke of the Week

REPLACEMENT WINDOWS

Last year I replaced all the windows in my house with that expensive double-pane energy efficient kind, and today, I got a call from the contractor who installed them. He was complaining that the work had been completed a whole year ago and I still hadn't paid for them. Helllloooo,..... just because I'm blonde doesn't mean that I am automatically stupid. So, I told him just what his fast talking sales guy had told me last year, that in ONE YEAR these windows would pay for themselves! Hellllooooo? It's been a year! I told him. There was only silence at the other end of the line, so I finally just hung up. He never called back.
I bet he felt like an idiot.

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