



## STILLWATER SUNRISE ROTARY CLUB NEWSLETTER October 11, 2011

The club was saddened to hear the news that Orwin and Anita Carter's son, Jeff has been diagnosed with inoperable pancreatic cancer. Jeff is being moved into hospice today. Our thoughts and prayers are with the Carter family.

### **FUTURE MEETINGS**

- Oct. 18 – Louise Lentz, Community Education Instructor Alzheimer's Association – hosted by Robert Gray  
Oct. 25 -- Todd Streeter, Executive Director of the Greater Stillwater Chamber of Commerce -- hosted by Lynda Halbert  
Nov.1 – Abbie Huntley, our club's exchange student to Germany – hosted by Paula Williams

### **FUTURE EVENTS**

- Oct. 6 – Meet at 3:30 p.m. at Valley Outreach for packing food to Cimarron and Landfall;  
4:30 p.m. for distribution of food  
Oct. 15 – Highway Cleanup – meet at 8:00 a.m. at Stillwater Town Hall  
Oct. 15-23 -- Trip to Nicaragua  
Oct. 26 -- Halloween at Boutwell's -- Barbara Tischart, Chair  
Meet at 4:30 p.m. for candy mixing; Meet at 5:00 p.m. for all other assignments



### **FELLOWSHIP: Steve Madsen**

#### **Visiting Rotarians**

#### **Guests**

Wendy Paulson, guest of Mark Fisher  
Brent Aday from Lake Elmo Bank (visiting as a Strive Mentor)  
Speaker: Ricki Michael, Stillwater Area High School Activities Director

#### **Make Ups**

Craig Leiser (2) Group Study Exchange Selection and Youth Foundation, Board of Directors  
Susannah Torseth, Stillwater Noon

#### **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:**

Mark shared a thank you note from Good Samaritan for our \$500 donation. The note included an itemized list of everything they did with the money. "\$500.19 spent...impact priceless"

Dave Langer reminded us that since we did not hold the golf fundraiser this fall, we should be extra generous in our contributions to the Halloween Parade. This will provide the necessary funds to continue contributing to the Mary Jo

Weingarten "What's Best for Kids" fund. Dave passed the Halloween bucket asking for donations. The bucket will be passed next week. Bring some money or write out a check to the Club and give it to Roger (please put "What's Best for Kids" in the memo).

Thank you to Bob Gray for turning in his EREY container of change.

Brent will bring more containers next week for new members.

Ken will also bring what's left of the orange polos for any new member that wants to look good at the Halloween event.

Rake a Difference is Oct 22<sup>nd</sup>. More rakers are always needed. Let Ed Boeve know if you are available.

Highway Clean-up is this Saturday morning. Mark will have another well-organized event so everyone join us and make it a family outing.

Barbara reminded us that the Halloween Parade is just a couple weeks away (Wed. Oct 26<sup>th</sup>) at Boutwells.

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



It is Fire Prevention month so if you haven't checked your smoke alarms, pay a buck

It is also Rain Forest month. Rick asked the table of Margie, Tim, John H and Dave N "which is the #3 country with the largest area of rain forest?" Hint: the answer is in this month's Rotarian, which they obviously all read. The answer is Indonesia.

Rick also tried again to give away a travel tumbler. The answer to his music trivia was CCR. Margie got it right and Bill Miller got fined for jumping the gun and answering before Rick was finished.

Brent thanked Andy and Del for filling in for him while he was gone the past couple weeks.

Dave Newman gave a shameless self-promotion for his new Olive Oil store that just opened on Grand Avenue in St. Paul. He handed out lip balm. Please come and visit.

Bill Miller asked guest Ricki Michael if they caught the gorilla, banana and hillbilly at the football game Friday night. Ricki caught the hillbilly but the banana and gorilla are still at large.

Margie mentions that they selected a Goup Study Exchange team for Brazil.

Craig thanked Margie for her efforts with the selection committee.

Dean had his 50<sup>th</sup> class reunion. At his 25<sup>th</sup>, he and his wife were pregnant. Now at his 50<sup>th</sup>, a friend of his is having a baby...oops!

Jon Stillman is recruiting help for the Polio team at the Halloween Parade

Paula has an anniversary this week and asked for those you owe her son Xander money for popcorn and wreaths to pay-up

Bob Rupp is celebrating his 93<sup>rd</sup> birthday this month. HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!

Dave Spenser gave a buck for Kelsey Robbins who is in the Valley Chamber and who performed a solo this past weekend. Rick also chipped in for this one.

Next Week: Bob Gray has invited Louise Lentz. She is the Community Ed instructor for the Alzheimer Association.

Andy won the raffle (again).

We also raffled off Rotary coffee mugs. They were won by Mary, Janis, Lynda, Roger and Tim

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

Louise Lentz, Community Education Instructor Alzheimer's Association – hosted by Robert Gray

### **GETTING TO KNOW OUR MEMBERS**

In order to better get to know our members, the previous week's host provides a semi-biographical introduction of the host for this week's program. This week John Wubbels introduced Mary Parcheta to the club. Mary has an impressive resume including her years working in the aerospace industry, education and athletics.

### **PROGRAM**

Mary Parcheta introduced Ricki Michael, the SAHS Activities Director

Ricki is a 1981 Stillwater graduate. He attended River Fall and then St. Mary's. He taught at Lily Lake and has been the Activities Director at Stillwater for 3 years. His wife is Denise and they have 3 children. He loves baseball and was the High School coach for many years.

Ricki has learned a lot in his first 3 years as Activities Director. Mainly how hard of a job it is – more than he imagined. Each year they have 500 events scheduled. They are having another good year: girls volleyball in 2<sup>nd</sup> place, girls swim is perennial powerhouse, adaptive soccer is something to check out, boys cross-country is #1 in the state and #12 nationally. In Fine Arts, they have 106 participants in orchestra, 121 in band, 140 in choir. 63% of the student body participates in activities.

Regarding the Competitive Fine Arts...they have a new debate coach with 18 participants, robotics is a new program, the Speech Team will be returning and they have the Math League.

28 participants in a strong Drama Club with 1-Act Plays returning, as well as two language clubs: French and Spanish. They also have Independent Provider programs like bowling, karate, figure skating and equestrian. All of these activities can earn a student a letter.

The average GPA for student body is 3.04. For athletes it is 3.21. For those participating in music its 3.34 and for those in the Competitive Fine Arts its 3.61.

The districts budget is \$100 million. The Activities Department is only 2% of that budget. Ricki believes it is the best value at the high school.

Hot topics are concussion awareness. All contact sport athletes receive baseline testing and coaches are exposed to training and resources.

All fees are \$150 and financial assistance is available. No student is limited in participating based on their financial situation. How the fees are structured in the future will depend on the levy vote in November.

### **Joke of the Week**

We were talking at lunch today and one of the guys asked what I did over the winter.

I said I waded across a swamp that turned out to be chest deep,  
I could see water moccasins and a half dozen gators watching me,  
on the far side was a huge boa constructor, someone had let loose.  
Common in Florida today.  
I damn near stepped on a sleeping Puma, and stumbled upon a half dozen  
wild boars that can rip your leg off.  
I crawled through some deep muck that nearly sucked me in.  
Then I crawled through underbrush loaded with fire ants that bit the  
shit out of me.

My friend said, "What are you an outdoorsman!"

"No," I replied, "just a lousy golfer."

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**President Kalyan Banerjee- Rotary International**

**Governor Judy Freund - District 5960**

### **20011-20012 STILLWATER SUNRISE ROTARY CLUB BOARD**

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