STILLWATER SUNRISE ROTARY CLUB
NEWSLETTER
June 5, 2012

FUTURE MEETINGS

June 12 – Mike Harley, Environmental Initiative, Exec. Director, guest of Dan Schmid
June 26- President Transition, Mark Fisher to Dave Langer
July 3 – **HOLIDAY- NO MEETING**
July 10 – **Club Picnic – NO MEETING**
July 17 – John Berg & Jill Steeves –River Valley Riders guests of Dave Spencer
August 7 – Amy Mino – Minnesota Landmarks, Executive Director guest of Pete Smith

FUTURE EVENTS

FELLOWSHIP – Steve Madsen

Visiting Rotarians

Ute Buehler, Mpls./University

Guests

Marc Hugunin, guest of Dave Langer
Emily Heidick, guest of Rick Heidick
Cory Buettner, Leo's Malt and Grill Shop, Speaker

Make Ups

Craig Leiser, Dist DGSC, NCPETS, Dist. 2430 Conf. (5) clubs in Turkey
New Generations- Andy, Arba-Della, Margie, Mark, Del, David Nelsen, Bob Gray, John H., Mary, Jason
Chuck Buehler, Mpls./Univ.
Lennes, Grants sub-committee, Brewer's Bazaar
Margie Horning, Lake Elmo

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ANNOUNCEMENTS, REPORTS - President Mark Fisher:

Woodbury Rotary has finished their Miracle Field and is planning a grand opening. The news can be found in the Pioneer Press.

Again many thank you's for our contributions, this time Youth Advantage and St. Croix Foundation.

Craig Leiser told us about his visit to Turkey to see the results of our support for the installation of a water system there. It took place in a small town, Baska. It was inspirering and rewarding to see in person the results of our efforts. Craig came dressed as he was when he went there and also displayed the orange skull cap given him but we did not get a good picture...

Mark Hueginin made a presentation representing the Friends of the Boom Site north of Stillwater. This group was instrumental in getting the management of the site transferred to the Department of Natural Resources after it was closed by the Transportation Department in 2007. They are in the need of funds and are planning a fundraiser to raise money to keep up the site. Dave Langer is a good contact for us. They want volunteers to help on the day of the event (June 23, Saturday, Noon to 3 PM).

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. We skipped this today.

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS - Rick Robbins:

Orwin picked up the wrong name tag, it was Bruce Goldstrands.

NEXT WEEK'S PROGRAM

Dan Schmid will introduce his speaker, Mike Harley, Executive Director of Environmental Initiative.

Today is the anniversary of the introduction of Apple II as well as Hot Air Balloon Day. Those people who have experienced either were asked to donate.

Andy actually saw Del using an electronic instrument the other day.

Arba-Della went to the wedding of her son in the Cayman Islands. Two down two to go.

Mel contributed in honor of her 5 year birthday.

Ted paid as much as the price of a new car for his Apple II. Craig verified that, $3,000.

Bill M. son works at the balloon rides at Ahmodes. We could go as a club; they have baskets for 10-30 people.

Bruce and wife will be 50 years married.

Margie noted that we continue to provide backpacks for Landfall Summer lunch program.

PROGRAM

Chuck, introducing Cory Buettner, noted that he was not only owner Leo's Grill & Malt Shop, but a member of the St. Croix Crossing Coalition, founder of the Best Burger in the Valley Competition, on the board of Valley Outreach and President of the Summer Tuesdays Celebration Committee downtown.

Beginning with a quote from the book of Kings, where the prophet said, "All we have to do is dig the ditches and God will provide the rain." He told the story of his Dad, who Leo's is named after, the father of 11 children, who married after serving in the service and started a construction business in St. Cloud to support his family (*digging ditches)*. His dad was responsible for a big development there. The family moved to the Stillwater area in 2000 and Cory and his Dad felt that he was destined to run a restaurant. Seeing the old Darla's he told Cory that if that business ever went up for sale, buy it because that is the one. His father passed away from a stroke in 2008 and about the same time Leo's was for sale and Cory purchased it. He has never looked back.

His involvement with the Coalition led to them choosing him to testify in Washington in support of the bridge. He also was chosen to do a survey of the businesses downtown asking whether they supported the bridge. He found in spite of a few dissenters the overwhelming majority was in favor and in fact the best business they ever had was when the present bridge was shut down for repairs. We will have that chance this fall when the bridge will be closed for repairs for 3-4 months.

He described the fun he has had with the Fall Festival in town especially watching the pumpkin races between boats made from huge pumpkins cut in half. Last year the winner was Linda Best.

Joke of the Week

Sunday, December 7th, 1941--Admiral Chester Nimitz was attending a concert in Washington D.C. He was paged and told there was a phone call for him. When he answered the phone, it was President Franklin Delano Roosevelt. He told Admiral Nimitz that he (Nimitz) would now be the Commander of the Pacific Fleet.

Admiral Nimitz flew to Hawaii to assume command of the Pacific Fleet. He landed at Pearl Harbor on Christmas Eve, 1941. There was such a spirit of despair, dejection and defeat--you would have thought the Japanese had already won the war.

On Christmas Day, 1941, Adm. Nimitz was given a boat tour of the destruction wrought on Pearl Harbor by the Japanese. Big sunken

battleships and navy vessels cluttered the waters everywhere he looked. As the tour boat returned to dock, the young helmsman of the boat asked, "Well Admiral, what do you think after seeing all this destruction?"

Admiral Nimitz's reply shocked everyone within the sound of his voice.

Admiral Nimitz said, "The Japanese made three of the biggest mistakes an attack force could ever make, or God was taking care of America. Which do you think it was?"

Shocked and surprised, the young helmsman asked, "What do mean by saying the Japanese made the three biggest mistakes an attack force ever made?"

Nimitz explained:

Mistake number one: the Japanese attacked on Sunday morning. Nine out of every ten crewmen of those ships were ashore on leave. If those same ships had been lured to sea and been sunk--we would have lost 38,000 men instead of 3,800.

Mistake number two: when the Japanese saw all those battleships lined in a row, they got so carried away sinking those battleships, they never once bombed our dry docks opposite those ships. If they had destroyed our dry docks, we would have had to tow everyone of those ships to America to be repaired. As it is now, the ships are in shallow water and can be raised. One tug can pull them over to the dry docks, and we can have them repaired and at sea by the time we could have towed them to America. And I already have crews ashore anxious to man those ships.

Mistake number three: Every drop of fuel in the Pacific theater of war is on top of the ground in storage tanks five miles away over that hill. One attack plane could have strafed those tanks and destroyed our fuel supply.

That's why I say the Japanese made three of the biggest mistakes an attack force could make, or God was taking care of America.

I've never forgotten what I read in that little book. It is still an inspiration as I reflect upon it. In jest, I might suggest that because Admiral Nimitz was a Texan, born and raised in Fredricksburg, Texas -- he was a born optimist. But anyway you look at it--Admiral Nimitz was able to see a silver lining in a situation and circumstance where everyone else saw only despair and defeatism.

President Roosevelt had chosen the right man for the right job. We desperately needed a leader that could see silver linings in the midst of the clouds of dejection, despair and defeat.

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