STILLWATER SUNRISE ROTARY CLUB
NEWSLETTER
April 17, 2012

FUTURE MEETINGS

April 24 – David Francis," Bringing Jon Home", guest of John Stillman
May 1 – Larry Huttle, retired chairman of Airstream, guest of Margie Horning
June 5 - Cory Buettner, Owner Leo's Grill & Malt Shop, guest of Chuck Buehler
June 12 – Mike Harley, Environmental Initiative, Exec. Director, guest of Dan Schmid
June 26- President Transition, Mark Fisher
July 3 – **HOLIDAY- NO MEETING**

FUTURE EVENTS

April 21 – Roadside Cleanup, 8 AM, Stillwater Township Town Hall
May 19, Brewer's Bazaar

FELLOWSHIP – Steve Madsen

Visiting Rotarians

Ute Buehler, Mpls./Univ.

Guests

Story Schwantes guest of Shari Clifford
Amy Schwantes, " " "
Mark Schwantes, " " "
Camilo and Abbie Huntley, Foreign Exchange Students.

Make Ups

Craig Leiser, District Conference, GMS (?????)
Cheryl Kohout, District Conference, RFE (?????)
J. Lennes, District Conference (2).

Links:
Link to Stillwater Sunrise Website: ***Stillwater Sunrise Website***
Link to District Website: ***Rotary District 5960***
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ANNOUNCEMENTS, REPORTS:

We received the Presidential Citation at the District Meeting. Congratulations.

Signup is going around for volunteering to be a mentor for our New Generations program.

Several people volunteered summaries of the District Conference. John L. was pleased with the Rotary International Representative, Mark mentioned the elderly Peace Corp volunteer, and Cheryl was very disappointed with the parking arrangements. All in all it was an excellent meeting.

Mark noted several letters received thanking us for our help, Valley Outreach, Stillwater Junior High School with their Water of Sudan Project, and the Stillwater Chamber of Commerce.

Mark also noted that the Young Professional Campaign of Rotary is very interesting. You can find more from their last meeting… Rotary Young Professionals

The Spring Roadside Cleanup is going to be this Saturday, April 21 at 8 in morning, Stillwater Township town hall. Cold hand heaters, donuts, pastry, family fun all courtesy of Mark L. and family.

Ken has the posters and fliers here at the meeting. Here is a download that you can print-out of the poster from the Bazaar's website. http://www.BrewersBazaar.com . We may well sell out. If you are holding tickets and don't intend to sell them, bring them in to next week's meeting. New member Jeff is in charge of the day of and he circulated a sign-up. They need people for set-up and take down plus lots of chores during the day, raffle ticket sales, check in refreshing supplies etc... So please help. Jason has the raffle ticket sales, and if you want to buy now he has them. Nice prices.

Dave Langer received a Paul Harris Award. This award is presented to any Rotarian who has contributed $1000 to the Paul Harris Foundation. Congratulations Dave.

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.

Orwin introduced Shari Clifford. Shari is the Youth Exchange Officer. Her background includes being a long time employee of GMAC. She is a CPA, A graduate of St. Catherine's University, and has an MBA. She has 2 children, dog, cat, parrot and 2 horses etc…

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS:

Since this is Ford Mustang day, anyone who has had one was asked to donate. Craig said he owned an orange one with black interior. Rick had a red "Mock 1". Bruce mentioned they are going to be changing the design. Mark F. owned actually 2.

There was a table picked out that was asked to name the 4 main characters in Seinfeld and since they were able to, the rest of us had to donate.

Ned Gordon is going to Tahiti, poor guy, to suffer so.

Craig is a grandfather, baby boy Colby born at 7:22 PM last Tuesday.

Dave Spencer announced the Valley Chamber Chorale will give a concert Evening and on Sunday Afternoon. It will light and include such songs as Sting's "Love Is the Seventh Wave" – and an African American Spiritual such as "Sometimes I Feel like a Motherless Child".

Bob mentioned that his daughter will be in the Honduras building "Slip Ditches". (Latrines for the uninitiated).

NEXT WEEK'S PROGRAM

David Francis of the Jon Francis Foundation will speak to us. On Saturday morning, July 15, 2006, 24-year old Jon Francis, of Stillwater, Minnesota, climbed Grand Mogul in the rugged Sawtooth Mountains in Idaho. He reached the summit but did not return. The official search, led by local law enforcement authorities, lasted for only 29 hours and was unsuccessful in finding him. A 12 month, family-funded search, employing hundreds of volunteers and professional search and rescue resources achieved the recovery of Jon's remains on July 24, 2007. Jon was laid to rest at home in Minnesota, on October 9, 2007.

PROGRAM

We were fortunate to have Abby, our foreign exchange student to Germany, return and speak a few words before Camilo spoke. She talked life after the exchange, the fellowship with German Students and other exchange students. Facebook is an excellent communication tool for them. They as a group found that they are bonded together by gratefulness, learn to live in the present, love, courage and the understanding that there are other cultures out there. There is an organization called Rotex which helps other exchange students. She will be attending U. of MN Mankato and will also visit her German best friend this summer on the East Coast, New York.

Camilo, our Ecuador Exchange Student, gave an excellent talk about his home country of Ecuador which includes the Galapados Islands, which untouched place on earth with primitive ecology preserved through the ages). He had great slides,

showing his home province (there are 24), the cities in his province and most interesting the food of his country and various dishes. If only he had more time. The most striking part of the country is its' long beautiful beaches. The official language is Spanish and the temperatures range from 68-89 degrees.

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Joke of the Week

The Mayonnaise Jar

When things in your life seem almost too much to handle,
When 24 hours in a day is not enough;
remember the mayonnaise jar and 2 cups of coffee.

A professor stood before his philosophy class
and had some items in front of him.

When the class began, wordlessly,
he picked up a very large and empty mayonnaise jar
and start to fill it with golf balls.

He then asked the students if the jar was full.
They agreed that it was.

The professor then picked up a box of pebbles and poured
it into the jar. He shook the jar lightly.
The pebbles rolled into the open areas between the golf balls.

He then asked the students again
if the jar was full. They agreed it was.

The professor next picked up a box of sand
and poured it into the jar. Of course, the sand filled up everything else
He asked once more if the jar was full. The students responded
With an unanimous 'yes.'

The professor then produced two cups of coffee from under the table
and poured the entire contents into the jar, effectively
filling the empty space between the sand.
The students laughed

'Now,' said the professor, as the laughter subsided,
'I want you to recognize that this jar represents your life.

The golf balls are the important things - God, family,
children, health, friends, and favorite passions
Things that if everything else was lost
and only they remained, your life would still be full.

The pebbles are the things that matter like your job, house, and car.

The sand is everything else --
The small stuff.

'If you put the sand into the jar first,' he continued,
'there is no room for the pebbles or the golf balls.
The same goes for life.

If you spend all your time and energy on the small stuff,
You will never have room for the things that are
important to you.

So...

Pay attention to the things that are critical to your happiness
Play with your children.
Take time to get medical checkups.
Take your partner out to dinner.

There will always be time
to clean the house and fix the dripping tap.

'Take care of the golf balls first --
The things that really matter.
Set your priorities. The rest is just sand.'

One of the students raised her hand
and inquired what the coffee represented.

The professor smiled.

'I'm glad you asked'.

It just goes to show you that no matter how full your life may seem,
there's always room for a couple of cups of coffee with a friend.

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