



STILLWATER SUNRISE ROTARY CLUB July 24, 2012

FUTURE MEETINGS

July 31 – Tracy Maki, Executive Director of St. Croix River Association - Steve Madsen
Aug. 7 – Amy Mino, Minnesota Landmarks, Executive Director – Pete Smith
Aug. 14 – Paul Werni-45th Parallel Spirits, - Ed Simonet
Aug. 21 – Jeff Bauer, Safe Harbor Communities for Victims of Sex Trafficking, - Noelle Volin
Aug. 28 – Tri-Club Mixer – Smalley's Caribbean BBQ, Brick Alley, Pirate dress appropriate, 5-7 PM
Sept. 18 – Craig Leiser, Rotary Friendship Exchange to Turkey, Ray Queener

Fellowship: Steve Madsen



Visitors:

Andrew de St. Aubin guest of Mark Fisher
Rita Richardson guest of Mark Fisher

Visiting Rotarians:

Ute Buehler, Mpls./Univ.

Make ups

Craig Leiser (2) District Office Committee and District Grants Committee
Margie Horning, District Grants
Shari Clifford, Lake Elmo
Mary Parcheta, New Generations
Chuck Buehler, Mpls./Univ.

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](#)

Club Business/Announcements: President David Langer



Mark Fisher stood in for Dave.

An award was presented to Dave Newman by Rotary International for his "Service Above Self". There is only one from each District Chosen. The announcement was in the Rotary International magazine.

We received a thank you note from Belle Plaine for our donation of \$500 to help buy a freezer for their food shelf.

Mark introduced his two guests. Andrew is a student intern at his office; he is a graduate of Stillwater High School in 2009 and is presently majoring in accounting at the University. Dr. Rita is an optometrist from Grand Forks who has only been here for 6 months and she would like to get involved in the community.

Sergeants-at-Arms: Bob Gray and Mel Sullivan:

Last week Rick Robbins resigned and matched the proceeds of last week \$82 towards the Club. Thank you Rick. His successors began this week with Bob Gray taking charge.

Bob donated \$1 in honor of his being named the head of the Stillwater High School Booster Club. He asked that anyone who has played for Stillwater Football pitch in.

Craig Leiser complained about the lack of a final report from our club for the program in Brazil sponsored by Ariana. It



is preventing us from starting any new international projects.

Ken is celebrating his 16th wedding anniversary this week.

Ray Queener was a former coach for High School Football in Luck Wisconsin.

Jim told the story of his granddaughter living in France who came home talking about her English teacher. Mother asked if she was going to help her and Luci answered that she spoke American not English.

Margie left her husband in Canada. She has been there twice this year and Andy H. was amazed, he has a business there and is lucky to get there more than once a 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.



Dave Spencer introduced Mike Cavallaro. He began with a nice quote from Winston Churchill who when rising to speak at a talk entitled Sex, he said "It is a pleasure." "It was Dave's pleasure to introduce Mike who has been a member for 2 years, brought in by Arba-Della. He is an attorney in the firm of Anatasi & Assoc, here in Stillwater. He grew up in North St. Paul and went to Gustavus. As a sideline he "runs races."

Next Weeks Program:

Pete will take Steve's place next week and introduce Tracy Macki from the St. Croix River Association.

Program:

Chris Dufresne is leader of the District 622 (Oakdale, Maplewood and North St. Paul) Education Foundation. They are dedicated to providing quality education for their students. There are 17 people on the Board of Directors and they provide funds for various scholarships and projects in the district via private funding, much like our partnership program in our district. Their district is composed of 41.2% students of color and 42.1% of the students are on federally funded lunch program which is a measure of families who are near or under the poverty line. Their biggest fundraisers each year is a recognition banquet called Stars, Taste of 622 which is a sampling of the area's restaurants, A 5K run which is coming up this Saturday and a in school program called Dodge or Volley for Cause. They have a lively competition within their district between No. St. Paul and Tartan High Schools. Landfall, the program we support in our club, lies within 622 borders.



Our Board received the following letter from our School District and has asked that it be published in this week's newsletter:

July 20, 2012

Dear Rotary Member,

As an active and involved member of our school district and its many communities, I'd like to personally invite you to join with individuals from across the Stillwater Area Public School District for an important conversation about your schools.

Two Education Conversations will be held in August to lay the groundwork for development of the district's new strategic plan.

The existing strategic plan – Vision 2014 - will be expiring at the end of next year. In anticipation of this deadline, we will be working with the community to determine the future goals and priorities of your school district, which will impact thousands of school children for years to come.

These conversations will be held:

- Monday, Aug. 6 from 6 to 9 p.m. at Stillwater Junior High School
- Tuesday, Aug. 21 from 6 to 9 p.m. at Oak-Land Junior High School

I encourage you to attend either event, on whichever day best suits your schedule. These conversations are open to all residents, whether you have students in school or not. **Attendance is limited to 50 people per conversation, so please let us know as soon as possible if you'd like to participate so we can reserve one of these spots for you.** Please sign up online at www.stillwaterschools.org/VisionSignup.

Participants should be prepared to help answer the following questions:

- What is going well in your school district and should be continued?
- What should be considered for possible changes?
- What will district leaders and staff need to do differently in the future to meet the needs of 21st century students?

The work we do for students is guided by our strategic plan, and we've seen incredible outcomes as a result of Vision 2014 (visit our website for a list of accomplishments). We look forward to working with you to continue this great work and develop new strategies to propel us into the future. The creation of this new strategic plan will begin in early September and will finish this winter, with implementation to begin in 2014.

Thank you in advance for considering taking part in this important first step. The more feedback we gather, the stronger our strategic plan and the results will be. I hope you can join us for one of these important conversations to help us set the course for the future of your schools.

Sincerely,

Corey Lunn, Superintendent

Joke of the Week

HOW IS NORMA?

A sweet grandmother
telephoned St. Joseph 's Hospital. She timidly asked,
"Is it possible to speak to someone
who can tell me how a patient is doing?"

The operator said,
"I'll be glad to help, dear.
What's the name and room number of the patient?"

The grandmother in her weak, tremulous voice said,
"Norma Findlay, Room 302."

The operator replied, "Let me put you on hold while I check with the
nurse's station for that room."

After a few minutes, the operator
returned to the phone and said, "I have good news. Her nurse just told
me that Norma is doing well. Her blood pressure is fine; her blood work
just came back normal, and her physician, Dr. Cohen, has scheduled her to
be discharged tomorrow."

The grandmother said," Thank you. That's wonderful. I was so worried.
God bless you for the good news."

The operator replied,"You're more than welcome. Is Norma your daughter?"

The grandmother said,"No, I'm Norma Findlay in Room 302. No one tells me
shit."

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