



**STILLWATER SUNRISE ROTARY CLUB**  
**November 20, 2012**

**FUTURE MEETINGS**

Nov. 27 – Report from Afghanistan, Marine Scott Fisher – John Wubbels  
Dec. 4 – District Governor Joe Kovarik  
Dec. 11 – No Meeting; **Christmas Party at Orwin and Anita's home**  
Dec. 18 – Annual STRIVE Breakfast Meeting – Val Fisher  
Dec. 25 – **No Meeting** – **Christmas Holiday**

**FUTURE EVENTS**

Dec. 9 – Poinsettia Pick-Up  
Dec. 11 – Christmas Party at Carter's  
Dec. 15 – Sign-Up Deadline for Lisbon, Portugal RI Convention  
Dec. 19 – Bell-Ringing for Salvation Army at Cub

**FELLOWSHIP: Steve Madsen**



**Visitors**

Sara Dziuk, speaker

**Visiting Rotarians:**

Dan Brasch, Club 9, Minneapolis

**Make ups**

Cheryl Kohout, Foundation event, TriClub LiftBridge  
Del Peterson, GSE Selection Team (3), TriClub LiftBridge;  
John Lennes, Grants subcommittee, Roseville  
Margie Horning, GSE Team Selection, Grants, LiftBridge  
Dean Tibbits, LiftBridge, Rake-a-Difference  
Jon Stillman, Foundation Event.

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**CLUB BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Wear a vest for the Dec. 4 meeting with District Governor Joe Korarik – any kind of vest, even one of those yellow safety ones Sunrise members wore during last month's roadside cleanup, says Prez Dave Langer.

Sign-up sheets were circulated for the Christmas party at Carter's on Dec.11, and for bell ringing at Cub on Dec. 19 – ringers will be on half-hour shifts this year. Chairman Justin Bonestroo has an email sign-up circulating.

Those who didn't attend missed a good Tri-Club Mixer at LiftBridge Nov. 13, per Prez Dave

There will be a short board meeting with Dis.Gov. Kovarik after the regular meeting ends

A midyear Rotary Rally is scheduled for Jan. 25-26 at the Oakridge Convention Center in Chaska.

Poinsettia pick-up will be Friday, Dec. 9, from 2 to 5 pm at 1303 1<sup>st</sup> Street, S, says Tim Trooien. He'll distribute an email map the week before. A few poinsettias are still available for those wanting to place an order.

There were 187 polio cases around the world last month vs. 520 a year ago, reported Jon Stillman. Biggest hurdle at present is funding.

Prez Dave helped the cause when he told speaker Sara Dziuk that Sunrise was donating \$10 in her name to RI in appreciation of her presentation (as he does for each speaker each week). Ten dollars gets 15 kids immunized.



### **SARGENTS AT ARMS: Bob Gray and Mel Sullivan:**

Bob Gray said he was a little tired from having carved 42 turkeys yesterday. That didn't produce anything edible for the Club, but it did generate the opportunity for members to report on "What I'm thankful for" for a buck, which generated a good "take."

Best reports were by Mary Parchetta for a "fab" trip on the Danube and Rhine rivers, and a "winning by not winning" conclusion by Bill Miller, who lost a recent election but found friends and supporters throughout the St. Croix Valley.

### **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.

Tim Trooien reported on Mary Parchetta. Mary grew up on an Iowa farm, moved to Minnesota to work her way through Univ. of Minnesota transferred to California midway through to work for North American Aviation while continuing college there. She married Jack, a 3M person, in California, has two daughters, one son and two granddaughters. She's been a national water ski champion seven times, plus a national NASTAR champ five times in five years of competition. She's also a snow skier with 22 years as head coach of the Stillwater High School Alpine Ski team – loves working with teenagers.

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

John Wubbles has a Marine who had been there lined up to talk about personal experiences. Scott Fisher will give a "Report from Afghanistan."

### **PROGRAM:**

Mary introduced speaker Sara Dziuk, who holds an MBA from Mankato State, was VP of the Mankato's Convention/Visitors Bureau, an award-winning employee of Junior Achievement of the Upper Midwest, then executive director of College Possible – Twin Cities, which she joined two years ago.

The Mission of College Possible is to get poor kids through college. It does it by giving low-income students with a GPA of 2.0 coaching and support, during their junior and senior high school years, in: ACT/SAT test preparation, college application, finding financial aid and college transition guidance, then support while in college toward degree completion. The coaching comes from recent college graduates who work directly with selected students.

College Possible was started in the Twin Cities in September, 2000, as Mission Possible with 35 students. It now has nearly 12,000 students in 19 schools in three metro areas. It has also expanded into Milwaukee, WI and Omaha, NE, and has a goal of 20,000 students in ten sites by 2020. "We expect to add two or three high schools per year in the Twin Cities," Dziuk told her audience. SAHS is not enrolled with College Possible, but the program has started working with STRIVE students in other schools, she said in answer to a question.

Accomplishments include a 22% improvement in ACT scores, "with 98% of our students earning college admission," Dziuk reported. "Our College Possible students are graduating at five times the rate of their peers."

Students come from families with less than \$25,000 average annual income and are 91% of color. In 2011-12, they were awarded more than \$5 million in scholarships. Funding comes from donations. "We need to raise \$3 million per year," Dziuk said, of which 75% is expected to come from private supporters.

### **Joke of the Week**

Your first Christmas Joke....from Scotland

A man in Scotland calls his son in London the day before Christmas Eve and says, "I hate to ruin your day but I have to tell you that your mother and I are divorcing; forty-five years of misery is enough."

'Dad, what are you talking about?' the son screams.

"We can't stand the sight of each other any longer" the father says. "We're sick of each other and I'm sick of talking about this, so you

call your sister in Leeds and tell her."

Frantically, the son calls his sister, who explodes on the phone. "Like hell they're getting divorced!" she shouts, "I'll take care of this!" She calls Scotland immediately, and screams at her father "You are NOT getting divorced. Don't do a single thing until I get there. I'm calling my brother back, and we'll both be there tomorrow. Until then, don't do a thing, DO YOU HEAR ME?" and hangs up.

The old man hangs up his phone and turns to his wife. 'Sorted! They're coming for Christmas - and they're paying their own way.'

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