STILLWATER SUNRISE ROTARY CLUB
February 18, 2014

FUTURE MEETINGS

Feb. 25 – Jason Jordan -- Author Jen McDonough on Overcoming Adversity
Mar. 4 – Bob Gray – Stillwater Jr. High teacher Sara Damon on the South Sudan water project
Mar. 11 – Kristine Petersen – Presentation on student service-learning project for MN Food Shelf
Mar. 18 – John Lennes – Ray Marshall, foundation chair, on the Arcola Mills Historic Foundation
Mar. 25 – Andy Haak -- Fast For Hope presentation
Apr. 1 – Del Peterson – Karla Peterson, MN Department of Health, on drinking water quality

FUTURE EVENTS

April 16 – Meeting with Lake Elmo Rotary at Lake Elmo Inn
May 17 -- 8th Annual Brewers Bazaar

FELLOWSHIP: Jack

Guests
Speakers Brian & Ruby Buchmayer
Nancy Lyner, guest of Arba-Della Beck
Tomas, our Exchange Student

Visiting Rotarians:
None

Make ups
Board Meeting: Paula Williams, Steve Madsen, Jon Stillman, Craig Leiser, Ken McGinley, Janis Donnelly, Brett Emmons, Shari Clifford

Brewers Bazaar Meeting: Jason Hanlon, Rick Heidick. Jon Stillman, Paula Williams, Bill Miller, Steve Madsen

Craig Leiser: Grant Management Seminar
Cheryl Kohout: RFE Costa Rica, District Leadership Team
John Lennes: PDT, AGT
Jon Stillman: RI Teleconference

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Link to Stillwater Sunrise Website: Stillwater Sunrise Website
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CLUB BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS: President Paula Williams

President Paula announced that Brett Emmons is still looking for a family to host our exchange Student Tomas during the March through June timeframe. Please consider this and contact Brett!

Remember that there will be no regular meeting on Tues., April 15 – instead, plan on joining The Lake Elmo Club on Wed., April 16 at 7 a.m. to hear about the new Vikings stadium.

There will be a Brewers Bazaar meeting on Wed., Feb 26 at 6:00 p.m. Also Ken announced he had Brewers Bazaar flyers for everyone to pick up today and hand out to help promote the event!

SERGEANTS AT ARMS: Bob Gray and Mel Sullivan

Bob took charge today, and announced that Monday was Random Acts of Kindness Day! Lots of stories followed from members about examples of kind random acts, including …

Rick R. who told of some parking ramp attendants who handed out roses to people parking at the ramp last Friday! Lynda mentioned that several deer were randomly kind not to run into her car today !

Craig donated a buck because he was quoted in a news article recently and forgot to mention Rotary… and he put up another buck for Mel, who also forgot to mention Rotary in a news article.

And Rich C. noted an act of kindness by his wife, who arranged for the St. Croix Valley Chordsmen to come to his office To sing some very nice tunes on Valentine's Day!

Raffle: From Mark Fisher

Ned Gordon won – appropriately, for his birthday!

NEXT WEEK'S PROGRAM:

Jason Jordan is bringing in Jen McDonough who will speak on overcoming adversity

PROGRAM:

Cheryl Kohout and Arba-Della Beck spoke about the Friendship Exchange, and Cheryl introduced visiting speakers Brian and Rusty Buchmayer. Their presentation was a picture collage that focused on their trip to Costa Rica and "**Rotary Creating a Bridge to Friendship."**

Brian and Rusty were among a group of 10 that traveled to Costa Rica Jan. 9 – 19, 2014, as a Friendship Exchange between District 5960 and District 4240. Brian, who is a member of the Rotary Club of North St. Paul-Maplewood-Oakdale, noted that Friendship Exchange is an international program for Rotarians and Rotarian couples. For Brian and Rusty this exchange trip to Costa Rica built new friendships for them and moved them to summarize the experience in this way:

F – "Friends, Family and Fun" became the focus of their international trip
R – Rotary meetings in other countries were greatly inspirational
I – Individuals who started out as strangers became dear friends
E – "Enero" is Spanish for January, which was the time of their trip and a time of summer warmth in Costa Rica
N – Experiencing new things was fun, including eating new food and taking part in new activities like trail riding on horseback
D – District Sponsorship was appreciated, as led by Dist. 5960 Gov. Gary Campbell and Dist. 4240 Gov. Jose Rafael Bolanas
S – San Mateo was the site of the festival held to raise money for a new community center
H – Housing and Hospitality were appreciated, including very nice local accommodations
I – Inclusivity was notable in that Rotarians were included in all activities
P – Parks were impressive, and Brian noted that our U.S. national park system has a sister park relationship with Costa Rica's national parks

Brian concluded the presentation with sincere thanks to both Rotary districts for the opportunity offered to him and Rusty to make new friendships in Costa Rica. He noted that **"Pura Vida" – "Life is Good!"**

Joke of the Week

We had a power outage last week and my PC, TV and games console shut down immediately.

It was raining so I couldn't play golf, so I talked to my wife for a few hours.

She seems like a nice person.

President Ron Burton, Rotary International

Governor Gary Campbell - District 5960

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