STILLWATER SUNRISE ROTARY CLUB
January 21, 2014

FUTURE MEETINGS

Jan. 28 – Lynda Halbert – Jonathan Young, Stillwater Gazette's Managing Editor
Feb. 4 – Craig Leiser – Chelsy Falzone, Growing into Life
Feb. 11 – Mark Fisher – Kent Grandlienard, Warden of Stillwater's Maximum Security Prison
Feb.18 – Mary Parchetta – Cheryl Kohout & Arba-Dell Beck on Friendship Exchange
Feb. 25 – Jason Jordan
Mar. 4 – John Lennes
Mar. 11 – Kristine Petersen
Mar. 18 – Bob Gray
Mar. 25 – Fast For Hope presentation

FUTURE EVENTS

Jan 25, District Mid-Term in New Richmond
May 17, 8th Annual Brewers Bazaar

FELLOWSHIP: Justin Bonestroo: Margie Horning is going to Africa and Brent Voight to Israel, both leaving Friday.

Guests
Marilyn Meier, wife of Jim; Kathy Widin, speaker

Visiting Rotarians:
None

Make ups
Brewers Bazaar – Jon Stillman, Jack Gibbs.
District Grants meeting – Marge Horning, Craig Leiser

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CLUB BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS: President Paula Williams

The District Mid-Term is next Saturday, Jan. 25, at the Wisconsin Indianhead Tech College (WITC), 1019 S Knowles Ave., New Richmond, Wis. It's open to all Rotarians

Ted Nesse and Steve Madsen volunteered to take Newsletter notes Feb. 4 and Feb. 11. Others on the list until Chuck Buehler returns from Mexico are Lynda Halbert Feb. 18, and Ken McGinley Feb. 25

Pete Smith received a Paul Harris certificate from President Paula to go with several he already has

Craig Leiser and Dave Langer presented two more Kindles to the Good Samaritan Home, making a total of eight which Sunrise has donated, all purchased under the original grant. "The Home administrators are very appreciative -- older seniors need the larger type to be able to read," reported Craig

Six attended last week's Brewers Bazaar meeting, according to Chair Jason Hanlon, who asked Sunrise members for suggestions as to what this year's main prize should be. Dean Tibbetts has already signed six sponsors for next May 17. "No one has said no," he reported. Next committee meeting is Wednesday, Jan. 29.

SERGEANTS AT ARMS: Bob Gray

Bob Gray: Two lottery prizes were awarded. Steve Madsen's number was drawn from the door tickets – a gift card to Mallards; Lynda Halbert won the noon Rotary sampler gift card.

Jim Meier announced his wife, Marilyn's, birthday, which was Sunday, and her birthday present, which will be knee-replacement surgery tomorrow.

NEXT WEEK'S PROGRAM:

Lynda Halbert will introduce *The Stillwater Gazette's* new managing editor Jonathan Young, who replaced Erik Sandin a few weeks ago. Jonathan will talk about his plans for *The Gazette,* which is already showing more pages and a wider variety of subject matter.

PROGRAM:

Jim Meier introduced Kathy Widin, a PhD plant pathologist and consultant whose areas of expertise include insect, disease and cultural problems of trees and shrubs, construction damage mitigation, appraisal and issues relating to tree selection, planting and care. They first made contact when Jim asked her why some of his pines were dying.

Kathy, who is forestry consultant for Stillwater and Oak Park Heights, lives in Stillwater, works statewide, writes the "Plant Health" column for *Northern Gardener* magazine of the Minnesota Horticultural Society and is vice president of the St. Croix Oak Savanna Chapter of "Wild Ones," a national non-profit. Her business is Plant Health Associates, Inc.

She listed five things to do to enhance the natural state in Stillwater.

One is prevent damage to trees by doing such things as providing protective fencing at construction sites to keep equipment from banging into trees, not cutting roots inside the drip line or allowing a sidewalk to be laid too close to the trunk.

Second, plant native plants. They provide native habitat, food for pollinators like bees and are tolerant to local soils and growing conditions. "They do better."

Third, manage invasive plants. Eliminate buckthorn. It's a "critical issue" which crowds out native plants. Do the same with such invaders as garlic mustard and Japanese knotweed, also known at Mexican bamboo. She lauded the DNR and state Department of Agriculture for their leadership in eliminating invasive species.

Fourth, limit the use of pesticides. They can adversely affect beneficial insects, pollinators, pets, wildlife, people, water and the environment. Read labels; follow directions.

Fifth, learn to identify serious threats to trees -- things like Oak Wilt and the Emerald Ash Borer, an invasive insect from the Orient which first showed up in Michigan. It hasn't yet been identified in Washington County. And the present cold weather may help keep it out. Emerald Ash Borer larvae live under the bark, where -25 to -35 degrees may kill them.

Joke of the Week

CROW KILLS

Researchers for the Massachusetts Turnpike Authority found over 200 dead crows near greater Boston recently, and there was concern that they may have died from Avian Flu. A Bird Pathologist examined the remains of all the crows, and, to everyone's relief, confirmed the problem was definitely NOT Avian Flu.

The cause of death appeared to be vehicular impacts.

However, during the detailed analysis it was noted that varying colors of paints appeared on the bird's beaks and claws. By analyzing these paint residues it was determined that 98% of the crows had been killed by impact with trucks, while only 2% were killed by an impact with a car.

MTA then hired an Ornithological Behaviorist to determine if there was a cause for the disproportionate percentages of truck kills versus car kills.

The Ornithological Behaviorist very quickly concluded the cause: when crows eat road kill, they always have a look-out crow in a nearby tree to warn of impending danger. They discovered that while all the lookout crows could shout "Cah", not a single one could shout "Truck."

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