STILLWATER SUNRISE ROTARY CLUB
June 3, 2014

FUTURE MEETINGS

June 10 – Mike Holsten: Farewell to Tomas, Sunrise exchange student
June 17 – Jeff Nelson:
June 24 – Brett Emmons: Dick, Georgia Whitcomb, Hudson Daybreak--Phipps Center
July 1 – Paula Williams: Year in Review and Passing of Gavel
July 8 – Jason Hanlon: Dan Martens, Hudson Rotary – Water Survival Box

FUTURE EVENTS

June 17 – District Governor Karel Weigel's Installation. MN Zoo at 6:30pm
July 22 – Club Picnic

FELLOWSHIP:

Guests

Bre Tobias, guest of Shari Clifford

Visiting Rotarians:

No visiting Rotarians

Make ups
Craig Leiser – Hudson Daybreak and Chisago Lakes
STRIVE meeting: Mary, Brent, Dean and Del
Barbara Tischart – 7 meetings in Argentina

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

Pick up Rotary shirts, make sure you get the right size;

Sunrise board meeting will be Friday, June 13, at Familymeans at 7am. "Friday the 13th isn't a bad day, I have a child born on that date." **Bill Miller** – Next year's Brewers Bazaar will be Saturday, May 16. Mark your calendars – "we need **all** club members on deck, helping." "We're already selling tickets on line." Brewers are **asking** to get in; "it's becoming an event to go to."

Jon Stillman – Incoming President Steve Madsen reports, in an email, that the Australian government has just pledged one-hundred-million dollars to polio eradication! "That scoops even you on the polio situation," Steve told Jon in his email.

President Paula – Dist. Gov. Karel Weigel installation, June 17, 6:30pm, at MN Zoo. To register: http://www.rotary5960.org/showDoc.cfm?pObject=542&pMenuTop=475.

SERGEANTS AT ARMS: Bob Gray

Good contribution to Bob Gray's request for bucks from anyone with a new graduate in their family—Orwin Carter gave the most.

RAFFLE

Arba Della Beck ran the raffle; Jim Meier won the prize.

NEXT WEEK'S PROGRAM:

Mike Holsten will be in charge of the farewell presentation by Tomas, our exchange student from France, who is completing his year with Sunrise.

Program:

"This is about a *therapy* dog, not a service dog," Tim Trooien emphasized in introducing Anne Simonet, wife of Sunrise member, Ed. "Therapy dogs provide sympathy support," Anne added.

A Hudson native, Anne is a UM business graduate who met Ed on a blind date, the only one she ever had. They are the parents of Ben, 28, and Bobby, 25. And new grandparents -- Ben and wife, Natalie, had a baby boy this past winter.

Anne got into therapy dogs after a career as a stock broker. Therapy looked like an interesting retirement offset to transcribing historical documents for the Stillwater public library and the Minnesota History Center. She acquired "Flash," a five-year-old, quiet-dispositioned female Lab. After three levels of obedience training and six-months of therapy training together, they've now volunteered at the Lakeview Hospital for six years and at Oak Park Elementary for two years, along with making trips to nursing homes, churches, vet centers, even libraries.

Flash is a quiet dog, which attracted Anne to her. "She's learned to ignore other dogs, be calm in any situation, stay close, read my signals and allow herself to be petted by *everyone,* even uneven-gaited seniors wobbling toward her on a cane."

Anne and Flash got their training from Pet Partners, one of the two largest, international dog-training centers. And they go back for a refresher every two years. "They're strict," said Anne. Unlike service dogs, therapy dogs can't go on airplanes or into public buildings, except with permission. But they do spend a lot of time in hospitals. "Some days we never get beyond the waiting room," said Anne. "Patients, visitors, parents and family pet her and talk to her, and tell me about the dog they grew up with. She's a real hit with grouchy old men, who drive nurses nuts."

She's also a hit at Oak Park Elementary. "I've seen children who won't read in class read to Flash." She likes people and seems to know when to cuddle up to someone in need. "People connect with the dog, not me," Anne told the Sunrise members. "They remember the dog, not the handler."

Flash, who's getting a bit white around the muzzle, will be retiring in a few years, "when it no longer seems like fun to her to go to the hospital." Anne and Ed already have another Lab in training. "It's a lot of fun."

Joke of the Week

A Wisconsin Story (written by a man)

The year is 2024 and the United States has just elected the first woman as President of the United States.

A few days after the election, the president-elect calls her father in Milwaukee and asks, "So, Dad, I assume you will be coming to my inauguration?

"I don't think so. It's a long drive; your mom isn't as young as she used to be, we'll have the dog with us, and my arthritis is acting up in my knee."

"Don't worry about it, Dad, I'll send Air Force One or another support aircraft to pick you up and take you home, and a limousine will pick you up at your door," she said.

"I don't know. Everybody will be so fancy. What would I and your mother wear?"

"Oh, Dad," she replied, "I'll make sure she has a wonderful gown custom-made by one of the best designers in New York."

"Honey," Dad complained, "You know we can't eat those rich foods you and your friends like to eat."

The President-elect responded, "Don't worry, Dad. The entire affair is going to be handled by the best caterer in D.C. And I'll ensure your meals are salt-free. Dad, I really want you and Mom to come."

So her parents reluctantly agreed, and on January 20, 2024 arrived to see their daughter sworn in as President of the United States of America.

The parents of the new President are seated in the front row. The President's dad sees that a Senator is sitting next to him and leans over and whispers, "You see that woman up there with her hand on the Bible?"

The Senator whispered in reply, “Yes, sir, I sure do."

Dad says proudly, "Her brother played football for the Packers."

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