STILLWATER SUNRISE ROTARY CLUB
September 16, 2014

FUTURE MEETINGS

Sept. 23rd – Nancy Lyner will bring staff members from Hope Adoption and Family Services, (newly combined with Evolve Adoption & Family Services)
Oct. 7th – Boat tour of the new bridge construction with Terry Zoller – Engineer with MN DOT – Mark Lambert
Guests are welcome at a cost of $25.00/person
Oct. – Mark Lambert is scheduling a date in October
Oct. 21st - Tim Mulcrone, Polio Presentation - Jon Stillman
Oct. 29th - Halloween Parade at Boultwells

FUTURE EVENTS

Paul Harris Foundation Annual Event, Nov. 1, Prom Center
Christmas Party at the Rivertown Inn, December 16

FELLOWSHIP: Ted Nesse

Guests: Stale Rustad from Norway – guest of Craig
Don Schuld – guest of Arba Della – Hopefully is welcome back to the club for Don

Visiting Rotarians: **- None**

Make ups:

Strive – Mary, Ted, Brent, Del, Dean, Mel, George
Strive Planning – George, Brent, Steve
Craig Leiser – 5 at Rotary Zone Institute in LaCrosse, WI
Cheryl Kohout – 2 at Rotary Friendship Exchange

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 AND ANNOUNCEMENTS: President Steve Madsen

Steve reminded us of the Halloween Event on October29th. Offer to help Jason to make this the best event ever.

Steve awarded Mel for her commitment the Rotary Foundation to donate $1,000. a year.

Craig talked about the Rotary Zone Institute in LaCrosse, WI and in particular the work we as Rotarians have done to eliminate polio around the world. Is estimated that 10,855,000 kids would have suffered from polio if Rotary had not started the Eradicate Polio Campaign back in 1987. The polio campaign is not easy. Last 3

years 31 polio workers were killed in Pakistan trying to eradicate polio. During the Zoned Institute $298,000 was raised for the polio campaign.

Craig also talked about having an Elevator Speech ready to take to people about Rotary. Could include being able to tell them about joining Leaders, taking Action and Exchange Ideas all with a group of individuals that have fun at what they do in bringing good to the world. We need to engage and attract new young members while also encouraging older people to continue to be involved.

Cheryl discussed the possibility that a Rotary Friendship Exchange could be done in connection with the Rotary International Conference to be held in Brazil in 2015. You would have the opportunity to attend the Conference and spend about a week living with a family in Brazil all on one air fare. Think about doing this.
The next Friendship Exchange will be to Romania in April, 2015.

SERGEANTS AT ARMS: Bob Gray and Mel Sullivan

Mel mentioned the picture of Arba Della in the paper

Mark welcomed back Don Schuld

Jack – 56th Anniversary
Margie – 47th Anniversary
Andy – 45th Anniversary
Lots of money to fight polio

Ned – Paid a fine in quarters as a memory to Lynn Schaffer (former member) who always paid her fines in change
Bob – Filled on salmon while fishing. I couldn't do that and I am only half his age (Andy)
Rich - caught a 43" northern while fishing in Lake of the Woods. Bigger than some of Rich and Anne's a grand kids.
Arba Della – Thanked the Club for the $2,000. Gift for the Cimarron construction campaign

NEXT WEEK'S PROGRAM:

Nancy Lyner will bring staff members from Hope Adoption and Family Services, (newly combined with Evolve Adoption & Family Services) and they will discuss current trends in Adoption, Foster care and Pregnancy Services.

RAFFLE: - Jack won a gift certificate to the Chilkoote Café complements of John Huenink

GETTING TO KNOW OUR MEMBERS

Bill Miller
Vice President
Senior Business Relationship Manager
Twin Cities East Metro
Wells Fargo & Company
Bill Miller is a Business Banking Relationship Manager for Wells Fargo with responsibilities for St. Paul, the Twin Cities east metro and western Wisconsin markets.
A 28-year veteran in the financial services industry, he is a third-generation banker who started working for his family's mortgage/finance company in 1981.

Bill and his wife, Leanna, have lived in Marine on St Croix for 25 years with their two children Jonah and Kaleb. Leanna is a Special Ed Para for the Marine Elementary School, Kaleb a sophomore at Stillwater Sr High, and Jonah a freshman at Mankato State University currently in the Law Enforcement program.

A hunter and sailor in his spare time, Bill earned his Bachelor's degree in Business Administration and Masters in Finance from Minnesota's University of St. Thomas, and later taught small-business classes at both Metro State University and Anoka Tech College.

His current list of volunteer pursuits is lengthy, and includes his serving his third term as Chair of the East Central Regional Development Commission (ECRDC) Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) Board of Directors, sits as Vice President on the Stillwater Ponies Touchdown Club Board, is active in the Stillwater Sunrise Rotary, and volunteers for United Way of Washington County East. He is also a past Councilmember for the City of Marine on St. Croix, is a retired 20-year member serving as Assistant chief of the Marine on St. Croix Volunteer Fire Department, and coached boys lacrosse for Stillwater High School.

And for full disclosure I am also on the ballot for this upcoming election for Marine on St Croix City Council.

PROGRAM:

Bill's speaker had an accident and couldn't present the program today. Bill was able to get Craig to talk about International Projects.

Three C's
Connections – We are all connected as one
Community – Global to local
Collaboration – Win-Win
Then he talked about our Sister Parks in our region and the Parks in Costa Rico The Are a number of US National Parks in our region of the country involved in the project with Costa Rico National Parks.
Reviewed what has been accomplished so far on the project and what is yet to be accomplished. Some of the highlights are that together we have build 14 bird watching platforms in the parks in Costa Rico. We are planning a major water project to provide safe water for a community of 85 families near the park. Good progress is being made.

Joke of the Week

THE BLACK TELEPHONE

When I was a young boy, my father had one of the first telephones in our neighborhood. I remember the polished, old case fastened to the Wall. The shiny receiver hung on the side of the box. I was too little to reach the telephone, but used to listen with fascination when my mother talked to it.

Then I discovered that somewhere inside the wonderful device lived an amazing person. Her name was "Information Please" and there was nothing she did not know. Information Please could supply anyone's number and the correct time.

My personal experience with the genie-in-a-bottle came one day while my mother was visiting a neighbor. Amusing myself at the tool bench in the basement, I whacked my finger with a hammer, the pain was terrible, but there seemed no point in crying because there was no one home to give sympathy.

I walked around the house sucking my throbbing finger, finally arriving at the stairway. The telephone! Quickly, I ran for the footstool in the parlor and dragged it to the landing. Climbing up, I unhooked the receiver in the parlor and held it to my ear.

"Information, please," I said into the mouthpiece just above my head.

A click or two and a small clear voice spoke into my ear.

"Information."

"I hurt my finger..." I wailed into the phone, the tears came readily enough now that I had an audience.

"Isn't your mother home?" came the question.

"Nobody's home but me," I blubbered.

"Are you bleeding?" the voice asked.

"No, "I replied. "I hit my finger with the hammer and it hurts."

"Can you open the icebox?" she asked.

I said I could.

"Then chip off a little bit of ice and hold it to your finger," said the voice..

After that, I called "Information Please" for everything. I asked her for help with my geography, and she told me where Philadelphia was. She helped me with my math.

She told me my pet chipmunk that I had caught in the park just the day before, would eat fruit and nuts.

Then, there was the time Petey, our pet canary, died. I called, "Information Please," and told her the sad story. She listened, and then said things grown-ups say to soothe a child. But I was not consoled. I asked her, "Why is it that birds should sing so beautifully and bring joy to all families, only to end up as a heap of feathers on the bottom of a cage?"

She must have sensed my deep concern, for she said quietly, " Wayne , always remember that there are other worlds to sing in."

Somehow I felt better.

Another day I was on the telephone, "Information Please."

"Information," said in the now familiar voice.

"How do I spell fix?" I asked.

All this took place in a small town in the Pacific Northwest . When I was nine years old, we moved across the country to Boston . I missed my friend very much.

"Information Please" belonged in that old wooden box back home and I somehow never thought of trying the shiny new phone that sat on the table in the hall. As I grew into my teens, the memories of those childhood conversations never really left me.

Often, in moments of doubt and perplexity I would recall the serene sense of security I had then. I appreciated now how patient, understanding, and kind she was to have spent her time on a little boy.

A few years later, on my way west to college, my plane put down in Seattle . I had about a half-hour or so between planes. I spent 15 minutes or so on the phone with my sister, who lived there now. Then without thinking what I was doing, I dialed my hometown operator and said, "Information Please."

Miraculously, I heard the small, clear voice I knew so well.

"Information."

I hadn't planned this, but I heard myself saying,

"Could you please tell me how to spell fix?"

There was a long pause. Then came the soft spoken answer, "I guess your finger must have healed by now."

I laughed, "So it's really you," I said. "I wonder if you have any idea how much you meant to me during that time?"

"I wonder," she said, "if you know how much your call meant to me. I never had any children and I used to look forward to your calls."

I told her how often I had thought of her over the years and I asked if I could call her again when I came back to visit my sister.

"Please do," she said. "Just ask for Sally."

Three months later I was back in Seattle ..

A different voice answered, "Information."

I asked for Sally.

"Are you a friend?" she said.

"Yes, a very old friend," I answered.

"I'm sorry to have to tell you this," She said. "Sally had been working part time the last few years because she was sick. She died five weeks ago."

Before I could hang up, she said,

"Wait a minute, did you say your name was Wayne ?" "

"Yes." I answered.

Well, Sally left a message for you. She wrote it down in case you called. "Let me read it to you."

The note said, "Tell him there are other worlds to sing in. He'll know what I mean."

I thanked her and hung up. I knew what Sally meant.

Never underestimate the impression you may make on others.

Whose life have you touched today?

Lifting you on eagle's wings.

May you find the joy and peace you long for.

Life is a journey... NOT a guided tour.

President Gary C.K. Huang, Rotary International

Governor Karel Weigl - District 5960

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