STILLWATER SUNRISE ROTARY CLUB
August 26, 2014

FUTURE MEETINGS

Sept. 2 - Doug Wolff
Sept. 9 - John Huenink
Oct. 21 - Tim Mulcrone, Polio Presentation - Jon Stillman

FUTURE EVENTS

Twins Baseball Game Rotary Minnesota, August 22, 7:10 PM
Paul Harris Foundation Annual Event, Nov. 1, Prom Center
Christmas Party at the Rivertown Inn, December 16

FELLOWSHIP: John Stillman

Guests:

Visiting Rotarians:

Make ups:

Links:
Link to Stillwater Sunrise Website: Stillwater Sunrise Website
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CLUB BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS: President Steve Madsen

SERGEANTS AT ARMS: Bob Gray and Mel Sullivan

NEXT WEEK'S PROGRAM:

GETTING TO KNOW OUR MEMBERS:

There was some confusion as to which member is to be introduced each week. The tradition has been the person who has the speaker in a given week is to be introduced by the person who had the speaker the week before.

PROGRAM:
Dedication of Lake McKusick Fishing Pier, McKusick Rd and Admundson

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Joke of the Week

AUGUSTA, Ga. - We interrupt the pimento-cheese sandwiches, ball-skipping at the 16th and solemn walks around Amen Corner to pose a philosophical question: When finally after 46 years you meet the man to whom you owe all the happiness and joy you feel blessed to have enjoyed for most of your life, how long of a hug is long enough?

Clebe McClary wasn't sure, so as the embrace intensified, **Billy Casper** leaned in and whispered, "Don't let go till you want to let go."

So right there in front of dozens of patrons, in the shadow of the iconic oak tree behind the Augusta National clubhouse, McClary and Casper hugged . . . and hugged . . . and hugged.

"We hugged for five minutes," said Casper, who choked back tears. But McClary? He didn't even try to hold 'em back. He cried like a baby, which was not so conspicuous because as the scene played out, so, too, did the emotions of so many others let loose.

"We all just cried our eyes out," said Julia Cervantes, one of Casper's 11 children.

On any day, Casper is a wonderful story, a righteous man with a keen sense of human kindness. But on this cool, breezy Masters day, his story was even more wonderful thanks to a reunion with McClary, who told everyone how Casper had saved his life. It was 1968, the height of the Vietnam War, and Casper, in the prime of his golf career, was off to Japan to play some offseason tournaments.

While he was there, did he want to visit some wounded American troops, who had been convalescing from Vietnam? Casper said yes, because, well, that's his warm-hearted nature. "I was recently asked by a man what I want to be remembered for," Casper said. "I told him, 'I want to be remembered for how I loved my fellow man.' "

That day at a hospital in Japan may have shown Casper at his warmest because when he looked over at a bed and saw a young man who had been wounded to a point where he could barely be recognized, the golfer moved closer. A doctor told him not to bother, that Marine 1st Lt. Patrick Cleburne "Clebe" McClary "was ready to die," said Casper, but something made him approach the man.

"I will never forget that day," said McClary, who on March 3, 1968 had been wounded during his 19th reconnaissance mission in Vietnam. McClary lost his left arm and his left eye and laid in that bed that day thinking one thing. "I'd given up," he said. "I wanted to die, and I'd have died right there if not for him."

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