STILLWATER SUNRISE ROTARY CLUB
Sept. 8, 2015

FUTURE MEETINGS

Sept 15 – District Governor, Marlene Gargulak **New Location, Lowell Inn Event Center**

FUTURE EVENTS

Sept 4 – Board Meeting
Oct 28 – Boutwells Halloween Parade
Dec 15 – Club Holiday Party at Pub112
April 5 - Second Harvest Foodbank help

FELLOWSHIP: Brent Voight

Guests

Karen Pepin guest of Doug Pepin
Kara Vanderkamp

Visiting Rotarians:

None

Make ups

Craig Leiser - New Brighton/Mounds View (2), District Committee
Bret Emmons - Lake Elmo Rotary (New Exchange Student Ayane)

Links:
Link to Stillwater Sunrise Website: Stillwater Sunrise Website
Link to District Website: Rotary District 5960
***Link to District* Governor Marlene Gargulak's : Weekly Newsletter**
Link *to International Web site: Rotary International Website*
Link to Stillwater Sunrise Facebook Site: Stillwater Sunrise Rotary FACEBOOK Page

CLUB BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS: President Shari Clifford

We are going to meet in a new location next week. The remodeling of Joseph's has converted our meeting space into a great location for socializing and dining. However, our board has decided in the best interest of our growing club to seek a new venue for a traditional meeting format. We have engaged the Lowell Inn Banquet Center to host our regular Club meetings beginning with the September 15,2015. Further information is available in the hand out at the meeting and the letter we all received in the mail or by clicking on this link.New Location

A reminder of the Valley Outreach gardening help on September 12 a Saturday, sign up or just show up to help.

The Volunteer and Patron Support for the Pollinators will occur on Sunday, Sept. 13.

The visit of Jim Hunt from White Bear Lake has resulted in our club participating in the Second Harvest Foodbank help on April 5.

Drivers for the visit of the Romanians Rotary Friendship are needed, two on Sept. 16 to drive to Woodbury and one on September 19 to drive to Marine on the St. Croix. Contact Cheryl if willing to help.

The handicap ramp at the Valley Outreach is now complete. Check it out when you are helping on Saturday at the gardening.

We need volunteers for the non-local grants committee and the Literacy Committee.

The Halloween Event at Boutwells is October 28 and Margie said it is going fine.

Strive is tomorrow, be there at 10:45 for training or normal time of 11:40.

SERGEANTS AT ARMS: Jennifer and Mark

Rich Cummins summarized all the places we have met as a club over the years: Oak Glen, then the Dock Cafe, then back to Oak Glen, then Josephs for the past 20 years.

Rick Robbins remembers his first meeting coming to Josephs late and opening the sliding door and Nile Kriesel saying something to the effect “Whadda ya want ???” and when Rick explained he thought the meeting started at 7:30 Nile saying “Come on in, never too late”.

Ute’s first meeting and subsequent meetings as a visiting Rotarian it was “Good Morning Ute” She misses it since when became a member and so we all said it again to make her feel at home.

Andy announced that he and Carol will be on Sunday, celebrating their 46 wedding anniversary.

Andy noted that sad news that a case of Polio has been reported in Ukraine. It appears to be the vaccine related kind versus the wild version.

NEXT WEEK’S PROGRAM:

Our District Govenor **Marlene Gargulak** will be here. If you would like to take a look at her visits to other clubs and her priorities take a look at her newsletters… Weekly Newsletter

MEET YOUR FELLOW ROTARIANS

Doug Pepin was born and raised on Stillwater Road in Maplewood, went to Tartan High School and has a distinguished carrier in the Army. Won a wonderful free trip to South Korea and after leaving the Army, obtained a BS at Metro State. He worked as a Human Relations Professional at Press On here in Stillwater. He has been a volunteer fireman in North St. Paul and Stillwater and recently formed his on Human Relations Consulting firm. His wife is Karen.

PROGRAM:

Our talk today was about the Country of Niger, at country in central Africa as explained by Kara VanderKamp. It is not a violent country and lies mostly in the Sahara Desert north of Nigeria. It is very hot and their food is mainly Millet. The country is 98% Muslim, large families (woman have on average 7 children). Only 37% attend school and those who attend usually are at the description of the families. They have an exam when they reach the 6th grade they have to pass in order to go on to middle school. (since it was a former French colony it follows the French system of education and the main educated language is French). Only 9% do on to middle school. Kara who has spent 2 years living there, found out a lot about the schools through the Evangelical Church and the local Episcopal church which has as its’ mission to improve the education of the populace.
Remember Niger Coalition is an organization which it trying to help do this through a local Rotary Club and a Global Grant initiated by the New Brighton/ Mounds View Rotary club. The grant of $36,000 has done so much. Cindy Carlson from that club has spearheaded the effort in Rotary. They have now 6 schools including facilities, water and sanitary facilities. An excellent program.

Joke of the Week

The uncertainty of the English language.

Two guys were discussing popular family trends on sex, marriage, and family values.
Stu said, 'I didn't sleep with my wife before we got married, did you?'
Leroy replied, 'I'm not sure, what was her maiden name?'

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