



**STILLWATER SUNRISE ROTARY CLUB**  
**December 6, 2016**

*"The quality of our expectations determines the quality of our actions" Andre Godin*

**FUTURE MEETINGS**

<u>DATE</u>	<u>ROTARIAN</u>	<u>SPEAKER/TOPIC</u>
Dec 13th	Cheryl Kohout	<b>Holiday Party</b> , 6:00 pm - <b>Reve Bistro &amp; Bar</b> , 200 E. Chestnut St., Stillwater
Dec 20th	Dave Langer	Breakfast at the Lowell Inn before. the <b>Vocational Visit</b> - JX Event Center
Dec 27th	No Meeting	Meeting cancelled for the holidays
Jan 3rd	Craig Leiser	Tannie Eshenaur, Planning Director Mn. Dept. Health - Ethiopia & Water
Jan 10th	Paula Williams	
Jan 17th	Wendy Heck	Scott Welle - Outperform the norm
Jan 24th	Mike Holsten	Clark Schroeder - The Royal Golf Club at Lake Elmo (Formerly Tartan Park)
Jan 31st	Susannah Torseth	
Feb 7th	Jeff Nelson	
Feb 14th	Doug Pepin	Kara Vanderkamp - Remember Niger Coalition
Feb 21st	Brett Emmons	
Feb 28th	Ted Nesse	
Mar 7th	Dave Newman	Fast for Hope presentation
Mar 14th	Jason Hanlon	
Mar 21st	Roger Ruetten	

**Please Note that During Election Seasons:** Elected officials or announced candidates may not speak to Rotary after June 1 in the year they are up for election.

If your program highlights one of Rotary's six areas of focus, feel free to mention the area when you introduce your program. **1. Water & Sanitation 2. Education and Literacy 3. Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution 4. Maternal & Child health 5. Economic Development 6. Disease Prevention & Treatment**

**Please remember this is a 3-week commitment:**

**- Week before.....Announce Program & Speaker**

**- Week of Scheduled Program.....Introduce Yourself and Your Speaker**

**-Week after Program .....Bring Gift, Conduct Raffle**

**-Your speaker will have 20 minutes to present.**

If the Tuesday you've been assigned isn't convenient, please arrange to swap dates with another member. (Call Tim Trooien 651-439-3153, or email [timtrooien@comcast.net](mailto:timtrooien@comcast.net) if you do switch.)

And remember: You will be assessed a \$30 charge if you forget to conduct the raffle!

## **FUTURE EVENTS**

Salvation Army Bell Ringing, Dec. 15, 4 P.M.

One Rotary Summit/Mid-Term, Jan. 14 Hamline University, On line Registration District Websites, no fee

**FELLOWSHIP & GREETER:** Rick Robbins

### **Guests:**

Lynne Bertalmio, speaker guest of Steve Madsen

### **Visiting Rotarians:**

None

### **Make ups:**

Jack Gibbons - Lake Elmo

### **Links:**

*Link to Stillwater Sunrise Website: [Stillwater Sunrise Website](#)*

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## **CLUB BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:** President Mel Sullivan

Tomorrow, is 75th anniversary of Pearl Harbor and we paid tribute to our WW II veteran Bob Rupp.



Janis was back with us and received her 10th Paul Harris Award, she announced that she has been gone having a knee replaced. Welcome back Janis.

Don't forget the Holiday Party next week at Reve's. No meeting that day. Bring gifts for the teenagers at Cimirran and Landfall to the party.



The following week, December 20, we will visit the JX Event Center across the street after breakfast as usual at the Lowell Inn. And the week after that, December 27, we will not have a meeting because of the Holidays.

Board meeting this Thursday Dec. 8 at 7 AM at Family Means.

## **SERGEANTS-AT-ARMS:** Jennifer Giovinazzo and Mark Fisher



Craig Leiser shared with us his remembrances of announcement we were at war with Japan, the assassination of John Kennedy and the Twin Towers disaster.

Brent noted that one of the STRIVE students who is helping us with the bell ringing at Cub, had been selected the bell ringer of the year by a local radio station.

Bob Rupp recalled the announcement of the Bombing at Pearl Harbor and he was at Camp Riley and the shock. However even more surprising, the next day everything went on as normal.

Rich just returned from a trip to southern Europe and noted that even have never floated in the Dead Sea, you should try it, amazing.

## **NEXT WEEK'S PROGRAM:**

**Holiday Party**, 6:00 pm - **Reve Bistro & Bar**, 200 E. Chestnut St., Stillwater, Bring gifts for teenagers.

## **GETTING TO KNOW OUR GUEST:**

Steve Madsen has been in Rotary for 12 yrs. former President. He works at the Lake Elmo Bank, he and his wife have 2 children, Frankie and Barret (who is a senior at Stillwater Area High School).

## **PROGRAM:**

Steve Madsen introduced Lynne Bertalmio, Stillwater Library Director. Lynne is from Northern Illinois but has spent most of her life here in Stillwater.

She talked about the many changes in the library, noting the contributions of our Rotary in the capital drive to build the new addition which triples the size to the library. We hosted 3 New Year's Eve parties at the library as a means of raising funds. It ended up that ½ the funds to build the library came from private contributions and ½ from City. The result is a facility that in addition to books etc... there are meeting rooms and a balcony that are used for weddings, girl scouts, local home associations etc...

This week they are completing another renovation, combining the information and registration desks into one thus freeing up an employee to help with peoples questions. In this regard, she noted that in the day and age of digital, the library has not only been computerized but provides help to people doing a more thorough search then Google©.

She would like to see the library do more in the community, like setting up book groups and working with associations like Valley OutReach and Headstart.

### **THIS WEEK'S JOKE**

#### MOM'S BIBLE

Four brothers all became successful business men and lawyers and lived across the country from each other.

They met to discuss the 95th birthday party and gifts they were to give their elderly mother.

The first said, "You know I have had a big house built for Mom."

The second said, "And I had a large theatre room built into that house."

The third said, "And I had my Mercedes dealer deliver an SL600 to her."

The fourth said, "You know how Mom loved reading the Bible and you know she can't read anymore because she can't see very well. I met this Minister who told me about a parrot who could recite the entire Bible. It took ten Ministers almost 8 years to teach him. I had to pledge to contribute \$50,000 a year for five years to the church, but it was worth it. Mom only has to name the chapter and verse, and the parrot will recite it."

The other brothers were impressed. After the celebration Mom sent out her "Thank You" notes.

She wrote: "Michael, the house you built is so huge that I live in only one room, but I have to clean the whole house. Thank you anyway."

"Mervin, I am too old to travel. I stay home; I have my groceries delivered, so I never use the Mercedes. The thought was good. Thank you."

"Mark, you gave me an expensive theater with Dolby sound and it can hold 50 people, but all of my friends are dead, I've lost my hearing, and I'm nearly blind. I'll never use it. Thank you for the gesture just the same."

"Dearest Mitchell, you were the only son to have the good sense to give a little thought to your gift. The Cornish hen was delicious. Thank you so much."

Love,  
Mom

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