



STILLWATER SUNRISE ROTARY CLUB
February 7, 2017

"Failure is not fatal, but failure to change might be" John Wooden

FUTURE MEETINGS

| <u>DATE</u> | <u>ROTARIAN</u> | <u>SPEAKER/TOPIC</u> |
|--------------------|------------------------|--|
| Feb 14th | Doug Pepin | Kara Vanderkamp - Remember Niger Coalition |
| Feb 21st | Brett Emmons | Hussein Mohamud (aka - Suud), American Refugee Committee - refugee crisis |
| Feb 28th | Ted Nesse | Sara Damon, <i>Global Studies Teacher</i> - H2O For Life-Water For South Sudan |
| Mar 7th | Dave Newman | Fast for Hope presentation |
| Mar 14th | Jason Hanlon | |
| Mar 21st | Roger Ruetten | |
| Mar 28th | John Huenink | |
| Apr 4th | Club Assembly | Brewer's Bazaar Planning Meeting |
| Apr 11th | Chris Hilgers | |
| Apr 18th | Mark Lambert | |
| Apr 25th | Margie Horning | Joanne Sackreiter - global/district grant, improving health care in Jamaica |
| May 2nd | Jon Stillman | Pete G. Smith, CEO, BWBR Architects - Athletes Village |
| May 9th | Lonny Stormo | |
| May 16th | Club Assembly | Brewer's Bazaar Planning Meeting |
| May 23rd | Brent Voight | Strive meeting |
| May 30th | Rick Heidick | |

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 ProgramBring 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 if you do switch.)

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

FUTURE EVENTS

FELLOWSHIP & GREETER: Jeff Nelson

Guests:

Ron Ofstead and Dan Wachtler, speakers, guests of Jeff Nelson

Visiting Rotarians:

None

Make ups:

Dave Newman made up four (4) at Mid-train, District Leadership Training, Fast For Hope and River Falls.

Links:

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

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CLUB BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS: President Mel Sullivan

- We received thank you notes from Daylight and the Partnership Plan
- Membership needs to be reported; however, each club can define some of the activities that may count for attendance regarding active membership
- Doug Wolfe, long-time member, has submitted a letter of resignation.
- Next Board Meeting is February 16 at 7 AM at Family Means
- A Get Well Card was circulated for Rick who is recovering from an accident. He may need rides occasionally and would appreciate Rotary friends helping out.
- With our quorum met, it was moved by Craig, seconded by Steve, and passed that we accept the Bylaws as

amended by the group.

SERGEANTS-AT-ARMS: Jennifer Giovinazzo and Mark Fisher

No notes today, big Program

NEXT WEEK'S PROGRAM:

Doug Pepin will introduce Kara Vanderkamp - Remember Niger Coalition

GETTING TO KNOW OUR MEMBERS:**PROGRAM:**

Ron Ofstead (retired scientist) and Dan Wachtler (retired lawyer) have become aware of a community situation and have taken meaningful action. It is that youth, aged 13 – 24, in the NE metro are facing homelessness without support or shelter. They began with a task force starting with researching already existing support systems and others doing similar work across the Twin Cities. Their project is called, "Finding Home." They determined that approximately 500 youth are considered homeless in the NE metro. Statistically, 13 – 24 is a critical time as it is learned that if intervention occurs before 24, there is hope of a changed life. After 24 the impact lessens and negative patterns begin. They noticed VERY FEW SERV ICES in the NE metro and especially in Washington County. For instance, there is NOT an overnight shelter and there is NOT a daytime drop in any Washington County City.

Youth are homeless for many reasons such as family break-up, medical crisis, aging out of foster care, and LGBTQ status. In fact in MN 20% of the youth homelessness problem comes from children with said status rejected by their families and out on their own. Nationally, the statistic is 30% and in some areas as high as 50% because of their LGBTQ status.

What can we do? Advocacy is the first action possible with new legislative initiatives possible, affordable housing, and bonding bills. Next is the new concept of "host homes" which is volunteer and not through the foster care system. Finally, the last option seems to be a Youth Drop In Center.

Ron and Dan helped to establish a Drop In Center in Oakdale which is now run from 3 – 7 Monday through Friday by Tubman. Tutoring, showering, computers, and basics are available. The site is by Hill Murray High School in their old monastery and it opened June, 2016. There is also a clothes closet called Harriet's Closet and a children's play area and day care. One part time staff has been employed and 25 volunteers run the drop in center.

The current needs are sustainability, supplies, community awareness and engagement, volunteers, and financial support. The problem is that people in Washington County do not see the youth that are homeless because we are so spread out. Kids are isolated and needs are unmet.

Long term, "Finding Home" would like to expand the daytime hours at Tubman to weekends and evenings, have a commercial kitchen to prepare food, and a larger shelter space.

Dan and Ron thanked Sunshine Rotary for their gift to purchase storage shelves at the Drop In Center.

THIS WEEK'S JOKE

A guy is driving around the back woods of Montana and he sees a sign in front of a broken down shanty-style house: 'Talking Dog For Sale'

He rings the bell and the owner appears and tells him the dog is in the backyard.

The guy goes into the backyard and sees a nice looking Labrador Retriever sitting there.

'You talk?' he asks.

'Yep,' the Lab replies.

After the guy recovers from the shock of hearing a dog talk, he says 'So, what's your story?'

The Lab looks up and says, 'Well, I discovered that I could talk when I was pretty young. I wanted to help the government, so... I told the CIA.

In no time at all they had me jetting from country to country, sitting in rooms with spies and world leaders, because no one figured a dog would be eavesdropping.'

'I was one of their most valuable spies for eight years running...

But the jetting around really tired me out, and I knew I wasn't getting any younger so I decided to settle down. I signed up for a job at the airport to do some undercover security, wandering near suspicious characters and listening in. I uncovered some incredible dealings and was awarded a batch of medals.'

'I got married, had a mess of puppies, and now I'm just retired.'

The guy is amazed. He goes back in and asks the owner what he wants for the dog.

'Ten dollars,' the guy says.

'Ten dollars? This dog is amazing! Why on earth are you selling him so cheap?'

'Because he's a bull shitter - he's never been out of the yard'.

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