



STILLWATER SUNRISE ROTARY CLUB
March 28, 2017

*"It's a shallow life that doesn't give a person a few scars." Garrison Keillor, host of A Prairie Home Companion,
 born in MN*

FUTURE MEETINGS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>ROTARIAN</u>	<u>SPEAKER/TOPIC</u>
Apr 4th	Club Assembly	Brewer's Bazaar Planning Meeting
Apr 11th	Ed Boeve	Mel Duncan - Nonviolent Peaceforce, protecting civilians w/ unarmed strategies
Apr 18th	Mark Lambert	Dr. Dennis Brummond, Chiropractor - Top 10 Wellness system
Apr 25th	Margie Horning	Joanne Sackreiter - global/district grant, improving health care in Jamaica
May 2nd	Jon Stillman	Pete Smith, BWBR & Mark Coyle, Athletic Dir. - Gopher's Athletic Village
May 9th	Lonny Stormo	Genevieve Plumadore, Vice President Government Relations - Medical Alley
May 16th	Club Assembly	Brewer's Bazaar Planning Meeting
May 23rd	Justin Bonestroo	John Crudele, Speaker - Author, The Courage to Connect
May 30th	Brent Voight	Strive meeting
June 6th	Club Assembly	Brewer's Bazaar in review, planning
June 13th	Eli Quiett	
June 20th	Dan Schmid	
June 27th	Rick Cummings	
July 4th	Holiday	No Meeting today
July 14th	Mel Sullivan	Year in Review-passing the gavel to President Barbara Tischart
July 18th	Bill Miller	

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

Tri-Club Cook Off, BBQ, April 20, 6-8 PM, Lake Elmo Event Center
2017 District Conference April 27 - April 29, 2017 Holiday Inn East, St Paul, MN
11th Anniversary Brewer's Bazaar, Saturday May 20

FELLOWSHIP & GREETER: Jim Meier

Guests:

Robert Bach and Chris Otto guests of John Huenink .

Visiting Rotarians:

Jim Hunt, District Governor

Make ups:

Craig Leiser and Marge Horning - Grants Meeting in Rochester
Doug Pepin, Bazaar Meeting

Links:

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

Link to District Website: [Rotary District 5960](#)

Link to International Web site: [Rotary International Website](#)

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CLUB BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS: President Mel Sullivan



Jason gave a short report and circulated a sign-up for the Bazaar. Paula was giving out tickets to all members when they came in. Doug Pepin sent out an e-mail with an ad we can post on Social Media. He has 3500 followers on LinkedIn it can be very effective.

The Board meeting has been changed from April 13 to the 20th.

We were fortunate to have our District Gov. Jim Hunt come to our meeting unannounced to promote the upcoming District Meeting. Well known speakers and very interesting speakers.

Mel is attempting to put together an album of members. Please send her a picture and a short bio. There is no deadline, she would like to finish it by the end of her Presidency.

Bob Grey urged us to donate to the foundation.

Laurie has agreed to coordinate our entry into the Tri-Club BBQ cookout. Should be fun.

Andy is looking for donations to Fast for Hope. Make the checks out to the Foundation if you want a tax deduction. We are the top club in the district for Fast for Hope so let's continue our record.

Rick's update on the Hoops for Hope. Rich Cummins and Ute Buehler are competing for first place with a possible win by Rich because he picked Gonzaga to win and Ute Villanova. Jennifer is guaranteed to come in last winning a free ticket for next year. We have a record of 35 entries this year.

Brent is working hard on Career day for the Strive Students. Anyone willing to explain their job and how they got there let him know via e-mail.

SERGEANTS-AT-ARMS: Jennifer Giovinazzo and Mark Fisher



Jim Meier Rick Heidick is hoping they will let him bend his knee next week.

We voted our dollars on who we thought would win with the Hopes or hope, Ute or Rich, it looked like a tie.

Rich went to the Minnesota Gopher basketball banquet last night, the players are real gentlemen.

Barbara is going to Tampa for a Bridal Shower.

NEXT WEEK'S PROGRAM:

Club Assembly - Brewer's Bazaar Planning Session

GETTING TO KNOW OUR MEMBERS:

John Huenink works for Kraus/Anderson which are building the additions to the Stillwater Area High School and a school in Hudson. He has been a welcome guest at the Hudson Rotary. He and his wife Angie have Morgan a senior, Jacob 8-9th grade and Abbie in 5th Grade. He has lived in the South Miller farms for 18 yrs. His Hobby is golf.

He is pictured behind the speaker in the photo below.

He also gave a pitch for Nancy Lyner's Golf Tournament for Family Adoption Services which will occur on May 22 and passed out Brochures.

PROGRAM:



Robert Back, Principal of Stillwater Area High School, along with his assistant Chris, explained the building improvements at the school and the change over from grades 10-12 to 9-12 at the school which will begin next year. Before he began he explained the motto of education today that is "We are not teaching but the students are learning and that is our goal." The High School has about 700 students per class so it is a big facility. They are working hard to prepare for the arrival of these new 9th graders through orientation on academics, social i.e. all aspects. The goal, as we go through every aspect of their lives. Students themselves are involved. The best quote is one of the students on the transition team.. "It feels like as we live our lives we are learning as we go".

THIS WEEK'S JOKE

This is quite a story !!!!!!!!!

They told me the big black Lab's name was Reggie, as I looked at him lying in his pen. The shelter was clean, no-kill, and the people really friendly.

I'd only been in the area for six months, but everywhere I went in the small college town, people were welcoming and open. Everyone waves when you pass them on the street.

But something was still missing as I attempted to settle in to my new life here, and I thought a dog couldn't hurt. Give me someone to talk to. And I had just seen Reggie's advertisement on the local news. The shelter said they had received numerous calls right after, but they said the people who had come down to see him just didn't look like "Lab people," whatever that meant. They must've thought I did.

But at first, I thought the shelter had misjudged me in giving me Reggie and his things, which consisted of a dog pad, bag of toys almost all of which were brand new tennis balls, his dishes and a sealed letter from his previous owner.

See, Reggie and I didn't really hit it off when we got home. We struggled for two weeks (which is how long the shelter told me to give him to adjust to his new home). Maybe it was the fact that I was trying to adjust, too. Maybe we were too much alike.

I saw the sealed envelope. I had completely forgotten about that.
"Okay, Reggie," I said out loud, "let's see if your previous owner has any advice."

To Whomever Gets My Dog: Well, I can't say that I'm happy you're reading this, a letter I told the shelter could only be opened by Reggie's new owner. I'm not even happy writing it. He knew something was different.

So let me tell you about my Lab in the hopes that it will help you bond with him and he with you. First, he loves tennis balls. The more the merrier. Sometimes I think he's part squirrel, the way he hoards them. He usually always has two in his mouth, and he tries to get a third in there. Hasn't done it yet. Doesn't matter where you throw them, he'll bound after them, so be careful. Don't do it by any roads.

Next, commands. Reggie knows the obvious ones ---"sit," "stay," "come," "heel." He knows hand signals, too: He knows "ball" and "food" and "bone" and "treat" like nobody's business. Feeding schedule: twice a day, regular store-bought stuff; the shelter has the brand.

He's up on his shots. Be forewarned: Reggie hates the vet. Good luck getting him in the car. I don't know how he knows when it's time to go to the vet, but he knows.

Finally, give him some time. It's only been Reggie and me for his whole life. He's gone everywhere with me, so please include him on your daily car rides if you can. He sits well in the backseat, and he doesn't bark or complain. He just loves to be around people, and me most especially.

And that's why I need to share one more bit of info with you... His name's not Reggie. He's a smart dog, he'll get used to it and will respond to it, of that I have no doubt. But I just couldn't bear to give them his real name. But if someone is reading this ...well it means that his new owner should know his real name. His real name is "Tank." Because, that is what I drive. I told the shelter that they couldn't make "Reggie" available for adoption until they received word from my company commander. You see, my parents are gone, I have no siblings, no one I could've left Tank with ... and it was my only real request of the Army upon my deployment to Iraq, that they make one phone call to the shelter ...in the "event" ... to tell them that Tank could be put up for adoption. Luckily, my CO is a dog-guy, too, and he knew where my platoon was headed. He said he'd do it personally. And if you're reading this, then he made good on his word. Tank has been my family for the last six years, almost as long as the Army has been my family. And now I hope and pray that you make him part of your family, too, and that he will adjust and come to love you the same way he loved me. If I have to give up Tank to keep those terrible people from coming to the US I am glad to have done so. He is my example of service and of love. I hope I honored him by my service to my country and comrades. All right, that's enough. I deploy this evening and have to drop this letter off at the shelter. Maybe I'll peek in on him and see if he finally got that third tennis ball in his mouth. Good luck with Tank. Give him a good home, and give him an extra kiss goodnight - every night - from me.
Thank you, Paul Mallory

I folded the letter and slipped it back in the envelope. Sure, I had heard of Paul Mallory, everyone in town knew him, even new people like me. Local kid, killed in Iraq a few months ago and posthumously earning the Silver Star when he gave his life to save three buddies. Flags had been at half-mast all summer.

I leaned forward in my chair and rested my elbows on my knees, staring at the dog. "Hey, Tank," I said quietly. The dog's head whipped up, his ears cocked and his eyes bright.
"C'mere boy."

He was instantly on his feet, his nails clicking on the hardwood floor. He sat in front of me, his head tilted, searching for the name he hadn't heard in months. "Tank," I whispered. His tail swished.

I kept whispering his name, over and over, and each time, his ears lowered, his eyes softened, and his posture relaxed as a wave of contentment just seemed to flood him. I stroked his ears, rubbed his shoulders, buried my face into his scruff and hugged him.

"It's me now, Tank, just you and me. Your old pal gave you to me." Tank reached up and licked my cheek.

"So whatdasay we play some ball?" His ears perked again.

"Yeah? Ball? You likes that? Ball?"

Tank tore from my hands and disappeared into the next room. And when he came back, he had three tennis balls in his mouth.

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