



STILLWATER SUNRISE ROTARY CLUB
May 30, 2017

FUTURE MEETINGS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>ROTARIAN</u>	<u>SPEAKER/TOPIC</u>
June 6th	Club Assembly	Brewer's Bazaar in review, future planning
June 13th	Eli Quiett	Katie McNulty - World Water Day and CAITHS Kenya
June 20th	Dan Schmid	Mike Hensel, Copper-Nickel Mining in Minnesota
June 27th	Rick Cummings	Mike Hoefler (HAF Architects), new boutique hotel on North Main Street
July 4th	Holiday	No Meeting today
July 11th	Mel Sullivan	Year in review - passing the gavel to President Barbara Tischart
July 18th	Bill Miller	
July 25th	No Morning Meeting	Annual Club picnic at 6:00 p.m., Pioneer Park, Stillwater
Aug 1st	Ned Gordon	
Aug 8th	Rick Heidick	
Aug 15th	Bob McDowell	
Aug 22nd	Orwin Carter	
Aug 29th	Barbara Tischart	District Governor, tri-club breakfast at the Lake Elmo Event Center
Sept 5th	Jack Gibbons	
Sept 12th	Ed Simonet	
Sept 19th	Shari Clifford	

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: Craig Leiser

Guests:

Visiting Rotarians:

Make ups:

Links:

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

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

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

Link to Stillwater Sunrise Facebook Site: [Stillwater Sunrise Rotary FACEBOOK Page](#)

CLUB BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS: President Mel Sullivan



Had 73 students attend a STRIVE meeting this year (39 students who attended nearly every meeting). STRIVE awarded \$9,250 in scholarships this year, \$1,000 provided by Lake Elmo Rotary, the remainder by Stillwater Sunrise. 26 mentors this year. Next year will be meeting Friday mornings 7:40-9:00.

SERGEANTS-AT-ARMS: Jennifer Giovinazzo and Mark Fisher



NEXT WEEK'S PROGRAM:

Club Assembly, Brewer's Bazaar in review, future planning

GETTING TO KNOW OUR MEMBERS:

Brent introduced himself....I am an ardent and unapologetic follower of Jesus Christ. He would say I am a bumbling fool, missing His mark daily and falling short of his expectations in my most important relationships—but that He adores me anyway. I am husband to Heather who would say I am a serial volunteer. I am father to Tanner, 13; Kylie, 11; and Jenna, 10

PROGRAM:

Our goal in STRIVE is to encourage, inspire and broaden the perspective of the students we work with. I'm going to show you over the next 15 minutes how we've done just that. As a Club, we are committed to providing **OUR** young people a sense of value, belonging and importance that will help to grow their confidence and give them permission to aspire, to dream, and to accomplish.



This morning, we are celebrating STRIVE as a program, but we are also celebrating the students that we are providing scholarships for this year. Today, we are awarding \$9,250 in scholarships—\$1,000 from the Lake Elmo Rotary Club, the rest from our Club—the most ever in our STRIVE's history.

We encouraged each senior to turn in a "project" as their application, with the theme, "Making a Difference in the world around me." I called the application a "project" because I know that every student we work with is smart—but not all are logic or word smart, which is required to put together a good essay. Three students did video or oratory projects, two did visual depictions. The rest did essays. I'm going to read you an excerpt from 9 of the 10 entries, and then we'll introduce our scholarship winners and close with the 10th essay entry.

My goal for STRIVE is to inspire, encourage and broaden the perspective of our students. I hope what I share here does the same for you:

Carson-- Strive has opened up many opportunities in my life. One was meeting Mark Lambert at highway cleanup. About 15 minutes before it began Mark asked me to help set up some things along the Roadway. He liked me so much he offered me a job for the summer.

Jackson—I am one of the few African Americans that go to this school...On a daily basis, I know that responsibility is partly on me to demonstrate that not all black people are what society thinks today...I tend to stand out, but not as you may think. I strive for success in everything that I do, and I am deeply invested in my education...I don't fit neatly into society's boxes...I have found my place through the strive program and other mentors in life. These people have shown me that I don't have to fit into one of the regular boxes. I have chosen to be me."

Jared--STRIVE offers quite the advantage as most students at SAHS will not have a mentor...Having a mentor gives us one more person in our lives to help us see our full potential...an example of a mentor pushing us to our fullest potential is my mentor Mike. Every meeting he asks me how I'm doing. That usually leads to how I am doing as a writer. Having him wanting me to succeed makes me want to strive to be a better writer as well.

Matt-- STRIVE brought people in from the real world to connect with kids and to connect kids with life after high school. It was an experience that moved us forward in our thinking and actually inspired me, personally, not to get too caught up in high school situations because it helped me see that high school is just a small step in getting on with real life.

When I thought about how I could make a difference in the world around me, and of how participating in STRIVE influenced me, I thought back to a day when a man named, Adam Dince, came in and spoke. He shared a lot of interesting things including how he is now a great success, but the thing that stuck with me, was how he shared that he struggled greatly in high school. I could relate to that, because many times I found myself struggling to learn in some classes that just didn't seem like 'real life' to me, such as chemistry and Algebra 3. And other times, I excelled in classes I enjoyed, like Personal Finance, Conceptual Physics and AVID. The difference for me was that these classes seemed like 'real life' to me... We need more classes that connect us to the real world, more people (like the mentors in STRIVE), to bring their world inside our schools, and a better way to explore our interests while we are 14-18 years old. Then when we graduate from high school, we have a better idea of who we are, what we are good at, what we like, and what we might want to do to really make a difference in the world that we are going into... programs like STRIVE should be the norm for kids, not just a day here and there.

Megan-- Changing the world happens with starting small. It takes one moment, one person, and one experience to start changing the world around us... These experiences have helped shape me into a caring and giving person that wants to step out and change experiences, people and the world with one moment, one action, one experience at a time.

Mikayla quoted Robert A Heinlein "A child's life is like a piece of paper on which every person leaves a mark." She then wrote: my job will be, as a teacher to support each student I have wholeheartedly and not give up, no matter the challenge. It's not a quick difference I am trying to make because it will take time to see the effects of the work...I hope to impact a child in the same way my teachers impact me now.

Cailey Boisvert—In 5th grade I read a book about girls in Africa, and discovered that many of those girls could not go to school. I didn't know at the time that I could ever help them...I want my life to be about caring for people...make change for other people. When the NDSU admissions counselor came and we did the exercise to pick what majors interested us, I decided I would make change in the world politically, economically, socially.

Mitch-- STRIVE has opened my eyes to the real world and when Adam came in and talked to us it made me realize that there's a way out of every situation. A man that lived in a garage with his dad as a boy and endured a rocky childhood chose to become more than anyone expected, turning into a successful businessman seemed unthinkable. Seeing someone who actually did it in person makes it seem so much closer and so much more possible. If you had told me a year ago that I'd be pursuing a path in marketing, I would have thought you were crazy, but STRIVE, and especially the guest speaker from the twins, inspired me to reflect on who I am and taught me to believe I can do and be anything I put my mind to. Without STRIVE I probably wouldn't know that marketing opportunities like hers exist. Honestly, I think STRIVE should be further marketed and expanded. Had I not been in AVID, I would have missed out on these life-changing lessons.

Collectively, these experiences have shown me that I have what it takes to make a difference. Making positive changes is the result of choosing to work hard and influencing others by leading through positive example. My college education will help me to further refine myself as a change agent. It is for these reasons the STRIVE scholarship would mean so much to me.

Tyler—swimming: teamwork and sportsmanship; Applewood Hills: working hard vs. working smart & communication skills; STRIVE: guidance, encouragement, pride in giving back, multi-generational interaction, the more you learn the more you earn; I have enjoyed the opportunity that STRIVE and the Stillwater Rotary have provided me.

And now I'd like to invite the scholarship recipients to join me up here before I read the 10th scholarship entry. Four students are receiving scholarships for perfect attendance at STRIVE either or both last year and this year. Because STRIVE grew so much this year, we are no longer able to offer the perfect attendance scholarship, but we wanted to honor the commitment we made when we recruited students two years ago, so the seniors this year that were with the program last year that were able to achieve perfect attendance, achieve this scholarship. The four students receiving perfect attendance scholarships for either or both last year and this year are Jill Schaffer, Sydney Spreeman, Carson Humphrey and Tyler Banks.

Four of our students are winning competitive scholarship awards of \$1,500. The four winners of our competitive scholarship are Jackson Dunleap, Jared Taylor, Diana Martinez and Mitch Banken.

And one scholarship recipient was chosen by mentors to receive the special Mentor's Choice Scholarship, also worth \$1,500. This young man volunteered a number of times—sometimes bringing his dad and his mom—for Rotary initiatives: highway cleanup a couple of times, the landscaping project at Valley Outreach, ____others? He also was one of our Club's delegates to Camp Enterprise in the fall, and came back to share his experience with the Club. This year's recipient of the Mentor's Choice Scholarship is Tyler Banks.

Call for mentors:

One student filled out the survey answering a question about mentors with this: Mentors are what makes STRIVE great. Keep them." We will. So first I'd like to say a great big thank you to all the mentors we've had over the years, and especially this year. You truly are what makes STRIVE great. (clap) And that's my call to this Club—please come join me in serving these kids next year. I am hoping to have 25-30 solid, regular volunteers to serve these great kids.

Next year, STRIVE will take place Friday mornings, 7:40 to 9:00. Generally we will meet the second Friday of each month, with the exceptions being September and January. In Sep we will meet the 2nd and the 5th Fri's of the month, and January is TBD. We will again be meeting during the AVID class, so we are guaranteed a good number of students will be there. We will again have the format of speaker for about 45 minutes and small group time for 45 minutes.

I'll **close** with a phenomenal essay from Diana Martinez. I would love to read the whole essay. It is gripping, inspirational, but long. So I'll work with Ken and Diana to post the whole essay on the Club's website or attach it in the newsletter for this week.

Diana— “when my parents crossed the border from Mexico to the United States, they had endless hope for a better future and continued education. Unfortunately, neither were able to graduate from high school. I came along shortly after they arrived, preventing them from completing the educational part of their dream. As a result, I feel even more compelled to earn a college degree, not only for myself, but for my parents too. I will be the first in my family to graduate from high school, and I have no intention of stopping there...My parents have always known they wouldn't be able to support my dream of attending college. Despite their belief in what I can achieve, they just don't have the educational experience or financial means...I have taken every opportunity to demonstrate my level of commitment to completing and surpassing their (and my own) educational dreams. It is also important that I serve as a role model to my sisters. My hope is to encourage and inspire all of them to follow in my footsteps by finding and living out their own educational and career dreams. I would like to reach a point in my life when I might be able to give back to other students like me by creating financial scholarship opportunities that might allow others to reach their career goals.

THIS WEEK'S JOKE

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