



Rotary Club of Arden Hills/Shoreview

Arden - Shores

Friday, December 09, 2011

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If you have any comments or questions, email the editor.

Future Speakers

Dec 13 2011

No Morning Program

"Evening Holiday Party"

Dec 20 2011

Dan Hoverman,
Superintendant

"District 621 State of the State"

Dec 27 2011

TBD

"Kaposia Vocational Rehab Facility"

Jan 3 2012

Quarterly Club Assembly

"Choose avenue of service and meet in small groups to discuss direction"

Jan 10 2012

Brenda Holden, Arden Hills
Council Member

"New development/businesses in AH/TCAAP with or without a stadium"

Jan 17 2012

Robert Rehkamp

"A CPA perspective on taxes and where we stand today"

Jan 24 2012

Alan Gregorson

"An IRS perspective on taxes and where we stand today"

Club President Article

by Robert Meyer

November was Rotary Foundation Month. \$50 of each member's dues for the year go to the foundation. It would be great if every member could add another \$50 to bring each member contribution to \$100 for the year. They are tax deductible.

A very special thank you goes out to each of our members for their attendance. Our club has been ranking at the top for sometime now. Attendance numbers reflect the aggregate total of meeting attendance, participation in club sponsored community events, makeups at other clubs, and attendance at board meetings or special administrative meetings. This number helps justify and confirm the Rotary International's choice to make District 5960 one of one hundred Future Vision Pilot Districts in the world.

Important progress is being made to clarify and adapt our club to the Five Avenues of Service espoused by Rotary International. At our January 3, 2012 Club Assembly meeting members are encouraged to identify an Avenue of Service that most closely matches their reason(s) for being a Rotarian. Thank you John for your efforts in this matter.

This is a good time to reflect on the fading 2011 year and to look forward to a refreshed, reinvigorated, and resolved determination to make 2012 and even better Rotary year.

Monthly Attendance

by Paul Bartyzal



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Jan 31 2012

Henry Bromelkamp Chair Africa Classroom Connection

"3 speakers explain how Rotary Clubs worldwide have built thousands of classrooms in 800 villages"

Upcoming Events

Holiday Party - Dec 13, 2011 (Tues evening)

Dec 13 2011

News

Mark Your Calendars!

General liability insurance - Rotary Clubs

Thought for the Month - Who Said It?

Quote of the Week - Who Said It?

Sea Story

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Weekly Greeters

by Paul Bartyzal

Dec 6 - Frank Mabley
Dec 13 - None
Dec 20 - Vern Moore
Dec 27 - Jerry Peterson
Jan 3 - Kent Peterson

Monthly Celebrations

by Paul Bartyzal

Member Birthdays

Adel Chamoun - Dec 4
Ken Hola - Dec 10
Michael - Dec 12
Kevin Keenan - Dec 16
Mark Stange - Dec 17

Spouse Birthdays

Rema Chamoun (Adel) - Dec 12

Anniversaries

- None -

Club Anniversaries

- None -

Club Service

by Kevin Keenan

December is Family Month in the Rotary Year. Many of our members bring their children or spouse to help out at the events we put on in the community. A recent example is Irene Meinen helping out in ringing the bell for The Salvation Army. When we do hold events feel free to bring your kids or spouse to help out.

Our membership drive begins in January. Let's hope the guests we invite have a good experience and are interested in joining. Please make our guests feel welcome and show them that are club is a great one to belong to.

I hope you and your family have a great holiday. Enjoy the season.

Community Service

by Larry Duppong

Sorry, no article was submitted.

International Service

by Adel Chamoun

Sorry, no article submitted.

New Generations

by Colleen Lavin

Sorry, no article submitted.

Interact Club Corner

by Hannah Chau

Hello Rotarians!

In October, Interact Club did Trick-or-Canning as its first big project. We collected 360 cans, which weighed about 345 lbs! We are very happy that it was such a big success! Thank you for all that participated!



The month of November, we are selling PartyLite Candles. PartyLite Candles make great gifts for the holidays. The profits will be donated to Catholic Charities, an organization that helps low-income and homeless people. The Interact Club will purchase useful items to give to preschool/early elementary children prior to the Holidays at Catholic Charities' Northside location.

In early December, Interact Club will be joining hands with the Rotary for Salvation Army Bell Ringing. We hope to touch hearts with our singing!

Submitted by: Teevee Vang

Trick-or-Canning (Interact)

by Paul Bartyzal



Picture of the nonperishable food items the MVHS Interact Club collected for Trick-or-Canning.

(picture attached, Hannah (Pres) on the left, Teevee (VP) is on the right)

November 8 - Club Meeting

by Peggy Strom

Today's speaker rode his bike to the meeting from his home in Shoreview - which was no big deal after the 1200k (760 mile) ride he did in France in 2010 - in about 70 hours. Bob Elias is married, with three children and works for Boston Scientific in Arden Hills. He has been passionate about biking his entire life, which led him to the sport of randonneuring, which is a long-distance cycling sport in which riders attempt to complete the course within specified time limits, and receive equal recognition regardless of their finishing order. Riders may travel in groups or alone and are expected to be self-sufficient (no sag wagon or assistance with repairs!) The route taken on this particular event was Paris to Brest on the Atlantic coast of France and back to Paris, sleeping only about 1 of those 70 hours. He proclaimed the most stressful part of the whole adventure was getting through the TSA airport inspection on both legs of his journey - trying to ensure that every single piece of his disassembled bike made it back into its carrying case. As one of 6,000 riders allowed entry into the event, Bob completed the course in well less than the 90 hours he

committed to at the start. He was required to complete a number of shorter qualification rides prior to being allowed to participate. He gave many thanks to his wife for encouraging him to tackle this challenge, noting that at least she got a trip to France out of the deal!

November 15 - Club meeting

by Terry Schwerm

The Club welcomed honorary member Irene Meinen. Kevin Keenan announced that the Shoreview Community Foundation was hosting a Friends dinner on Thursday December 1st at the Shoreview Community Center and he was trying to put together a table of Rotarians for the event.

The guest speaker was Michelle McKenzie from Advocates for Human Rights-Minnesota, which is a non-profit group consisting of lawyers from the area whose mission is to reform social and political structures that oppress people.

The organization's goal is to "create a place where everyone can live with dignity, freedom, justice, equality, and peace. The agency has about 20-25 staff and 500 active volunteers. The focus of her presentation was on immigration. She provided a great deal of information on different types of aliens that are living in the United States. She noted that aliens include lawful permanent residents (green card holders), refugees, non-immigrants (visitors, student visas), and undocumented (illegal). She indicated that in the past decade there is a trend toward the criminalization of migration. There currently is a tremendous backlog of processing of immigration cases. The Advocates for Human Rights will provide free legal service to many people with immigration issues.

November 22 - Club Meeting

by Terry Schwerm

The Club welcomed visitors Hannah Chow and Angela Torres from the InterAct Club. Club President Hannah talked about InterAct's service projects including Trick or Can for the food shelf on Halloween and raising money for Catholic Charities. It was also announced that Marge Shaver would be hosting the annual holiday party on Tuesday, December 13th and that there would not be a club meeting on that date.



The guest speaker was Arlys Freeman from Midwest Floating Island, which is a new natural model to help clean water in our lakes and ponds. She indicated that these floating island are made of recycled plastic and work as natural peat bogs within lakes. Typically they are planted with natural wetland plants on the top surface so they appear to be part the natural lake or pond landscape.

Studies have shown that these manufactured floating islands remove nitrates and phosphorus from the water and also reduce the amount of suspended solids in the water. She also discussed a recent project that they completed with the American Society of Landscape Architects-Minnesota Chapter that placed natural floating island on Spring Lake in Minneapolis.

November 29 - Club Meeting

by Peggy Strom



Secretary Paul started us out today with a few of Murphy's "other laws" - including "Light travels faster than sound. That's why some people appear bright until you hear them speak." Indeed. Mark Stange engaged us in a round of Happy Dollars where plenty of good news was shared. Our speaker for the day was Susan Brower, a Sr. Research analyst for the State Demographic Center. Ms. Brower reviewed data from the state's 2010 Census in a presentation entitled "The New Normal". Our state population grew by 7.8% during the decade, putting us in the middle of the pack in terms of state rankings. We have definitely become a more diverse population, although, at 17% diverse population, we are still far behind the rest of the U.S. in which 36% of our country's population is now "non-white". Another headline statistic is our aging population. This next decade will see more people falling into the 65+ category than the prior four decades combined! The achievement gap in our student population continues to be a major concern, with 85% of white students graduating from high school but only 51% of black students doing so. When combined with the estimate that 68% of jobs will require some college education by 2018, this statistic becomes even more troubling. In conclusion, Ms. Brower defined the "New Normal" as encompassing slower economic growth, a big focus on increasing productivity, chronic government deficits and cuts in services. On a positive note, however, our new reality also includes a whole new set of opportunities!