



Rotary Club of Arden Hills/Shoreview Arden - Shores

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Future Speakers

Feb 22 2011

Gerry Wenner

"Minnesota Sister Cities Organization"

Mar 1 2011

Steve Markuson/Kory Lesnick

"Twin City Gateway and the Hilton"

Mar 22 2011

Jill Hutmacher

"Community Development"

Upcoming Events

Run and Romp

May 7 2011 - May 7 2011

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Sea Story

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Club President's article

by Marjorie Shaver

Sorry, no article submitted.



Monthly Attendance

by Paul Bartyzal



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Greeters

by Paul Bartyzal

- Feb 1 - Bob Meyer
- Feb 8 - Vern Moore
- Feb 15 - Jerry Peterson
- Feb 22 - Pat Riemersma
- Mar 1 - Andy Sall
- Mar 8 - Ginny Sall

Monthly Celebrations

by Paul Bartyzal

Member Birthdays

- Robert Fisher - Feb 8
- Marjorie Shaver - Feb 19

Spouse Birthdays

- Lea Ann Peterson (Jerry) - Feb 6
- Fran Hola (Ken) - Feb 19

Anniversaries

(None this month)

Club Anniversaries

(None this month)

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CLUB SERVICE

by Kevin Keenan

In February our club will present the Paul Harris award to Brenda Holden at the Service to Youth Awards held at Northwest Youth and Family Services on Thursday evening, February 10. This is the first year our club has joined with NYFS in this event and it is important that we have a good turnout. Tickets will be available from Adel, or call NYFS at 651-486-3808.

The Rotarian magazine is a great way to learn how important Rotary is in the world. In this month's issue, Rotary International's president, Ray Klingsmith, writes that although Rotary must modernize to keep pace with society, the five core values of Rotary will not change. Those core values are: **fellowship, service, integrity, diversity, and leadership.**

Community Service

by Paul Bartyzal

Sorry, no article submitted.

International Service

by John Suzukida

Rotary International is soliciting applications for the Rotary Peace Scholarship, which is the opportunity to earn a two-year masters degree in international studies, peace studies and conflict resolution. Applicants must not have direct Rotary ties, specific rules can be found on Rotary's website. Clubs have an April 4 deadline, so spread the word! Key information is below:

What's expected of World Peace Scholars?

- + impact world peace and conflict resolution in a significant, positive fashion during their future careers
- + serve as ambassadors of goodwill wherever they go maintain contact with The Rotary Foundation throughout their professional careers
- + accept assignments to a Rotary Center outside of their home countries

Who can apply? Must have:

- + a strong academic background, training and work experience required for a master's level program at the partner universities
- + proficiency in more than one language
- + a demonstrated commitment to peace and international understanding through their personal and community service activities and/or academic and professional achievements

Vocational Service

by Colleen Lavin

Sorry, no article submitted.

Mounds View Interact Club Update

by Colleen Lavin

Submitted by Hannah Frey, Interact Club President.

As of Wednesday, January 26, 2011, the Interact Club at Mounds View High School has participated in two Feed My Starving Children and has another one planned for February 4, 2011 at 2:30 pm at the Coon Rapids site. In addition to this, the Interact Club has done Trick-or-Canning (collection of canned goods to donate to a food shelter) on October 31, 2010. We also successfully donated 2 boxes (each containing 3-4 presents) to Operation Christmas Child.

Interact meets every Wednesday morning in the Mounds View Career Center at 6:30 am for about an hour. Coming up on the docket is planning for Run and Romp on May 7, 2011 as well as finding people from Interact who are interested and willing to participate in Camp RYLA on April 15-19, 2011.

We are also planning on holding a fundraiser pancake breakfast at Green Mill in early April. Our goal is to use the money gained from the fundraiser to sponsor an International project like World Vision or a domestic project. We are also working on a goal to collect old linens, sheets, and blankets to donate to a local homeless shelter.

Jan 4 meeting

by Terry Schwerm

The Club welcomed John Hakes, Shoreview resident to the meeting. The guest speaker was Dale Birkeland who works for Midwest Management Resources. Dale discussed his lengthy career in education and indicated that he believes strongly in the value of a quality education because kids are our most important resource. Growing up as a poor kid from the Iron Range, he went to a small private school and earned his BA with a teaching certificate. In his first job he taught in a small K-12 school with about 100 students. While teaching he earned his Master's degree and then took a job as Superintendent in a small district in the Red River Valley. During this time, the size of the school doubled and he then took another position at a district and earned his advanced degree. He then took a job in the metro area as Superintendent of an Intermediate School District in the White Bear area. This District was the technical college in the area before it became Century College. At the time 1200 high school kids went to technical college. After 38 years in public schools, he then did independent construction consulting work for Kraus Anderson in the planning and operation of schools. He summarized by saying that he believes strongly in the value of quality public education and has tremendously enjoyed spending a career in this field.

Jan 11 meeting

by Terry Schwerm

The Club welcomed honorary club member and today's guest speaker Mayor Sandy Martin of Shoreview. Mark Stange indicated that they have tentatively scheduled the Run and Romp on Saturday, May 7, 2011. The regular April date for this event falls on Easter weekend this year and because this regular date is now used by meteorologists and the Farmer's Almanac to predict horrible weather, it was probably a good idea to reschedule the event anyway.

Mayor Sandy Martin presented information on various activities projects that had occurred during the past year or will be occurring in 2011. She discussed the following: The city's recent upgrade to a AAA bond rating, the highest rating available; the City's business retention and expansion program that

includes visits to all key and emerging businesses in Shoreview; new expansion of the Wells Fargo Data Center in the Rice Street Corporate Park and potential new development of a retail center near SuperTarget and possible redevelopment of the strip center at Midland Terrace into some market rate rental housing.

She also discussed the continued success of the community center, which recently passed \$1 million per year in membership revenue. She talked about the recently added Tropical Adventure Indoor Playground that has been wildly successful; and the new light and sound system for the Tropics Water Park major water slide. She encouraged Rotary members to attend the weekly Farmer's Market, Summer Concert in the Commons, or our Friday Night Flix movie nights in August. Sandy also reviewed the recent renovations to the Sitzer Park, the City's oldest park. Sandy then talked about the renovation and expansion of the City's maintenance center that has finally provided a quality work environment for the maintenance division. The project will also be LEED certified.

Finally, Sandy reviewed the results of the recently completed community survey. The City takes great pride in the fact that 96% of Shoreview residents rate the quality of life in the City as good or excellent. The 55% that rate it as excellent is the highest in the metro area. She also noted that 84% of residents feel the City is headed in the right direction. Residents also rate our services (police, fire, street maintenance, park maintenance, etc) at some of the highest levels in the metro area. They also rate the City Council and the customer service by the staff very highly. In general, the Council was very pleased with the results of the survey, which appears to indicate very high level of satisfaction and pride in living in Shoreview.

Jan 18 meeting

by Peggy Strom



Have you ever wondered why some of our most notorious criminals these days get put away for mail fraud instead of their more obvious crimes? We learned why today from speaker Jeff Long, a local U.S. Postal Inspector. As he put it - the mail fraud statutes may not be sexy but they've got teeth! Theirs is the oldest federal law enforcement agency - created in 1737 soon after Benjamin Franklin founded the U.S. Postal Service. They frequently end up collaborating with the FBI and Dept. of Tobacco and Firearms to investigate and prosecute bad guys. Jeff reminded us to stay smart to avoid identity theft and get rich quick schemes. He detailed some of the more popular counterfeit check and money order scams currently being perpetrated upon the general public. More information can be found at <http://postalinspectors.uspis.gov> Jeff is a former military officer, but started his career with the post office in 1988 as a letter carrier. He also had an interesting 6 month stint as a federal air Marshall following the 9/11 terrorist attacks.

Jan 25 meeting

by Peggy Strom

We were honored to have Irene Meinen as a special guest at today's meeting. Irene gave a heartfelt thanks to the club for the support provided to she and Stan following Stan's stroke 7 years ago and his recent passing. Special thanks went to Ken Hola who visited them faithfully every Monday evening and also organized the rotating weekly lunch visits from our members.



Today's speaker was Dr. Phil Larsen, retired agronomy professor from the U of MN. Dr. Larsen presented information on the Companion Village Project, which is a partnership between Tumaini University in Iringa, Tanzania, the U of MN and 70 church congregations from the St. Paul Lutheran Synod.

The mission of the project is to demonstrate improved farming practices to local farmers near Iringa in order to increase the quantity and quality of local food production. The project started in 2008 with ten 1-acre sites and has grown to 40 sites currently. The concepts being demonstrated on these sites are frequently simple, such as how to spread fertilizer in a way that does not damage seedlings. The results have been impressive. In one case, local farmers' corn per acre results have grown from 15 to 120 bushels per acre.

February 1 Meeting

by Peggy Strom

Last year's outbound exchange student, Serena Thomas was our guest speaker today. Her father, Paul Thomas, was also in attendance. Despite technical difficulties which prevented her from projecting pictures from her year in Chile, we got a very good sense of Serena's excellent Rotary Exchange experience. She made lifelong friends with both her Chilean schoolmates as well as with the other Rotary exchange students in the country for the year. As always, the success of this program depends on the student's ability to adapt and Serena was clearly "game" for new experiences. Much to her surprise, she was enrolled in an experimental music school, despite the fact that her past piano lessons were not a particular passion of hers. Her village was near the equator and on the beach and she was thrilled to experience her January birthday as a summer event - getting sandals instead sweaters as gifts. She learned how to sandboard and was close enough to Peru to feel some effects of the severe earthquake that struck there. She became fluent in the local Spanish dialect. Serena is now enrolled in Community College and hoping to transfer to the University of MN.