



Service Above Self

## Rotary Club of Arden Hills/Shoreview

### Arden - Shores

Monday, June 04, 2012

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#### Future Speakers

**Jun 5 2012**

[Jill Hutmacher](#)

*"New Member Vocational Talk"*

**Jun 12 2012**

[Hannah Chau](#)

*"Interact Club President"*

**Jun 19 2012**

[Joey Torkildson](#)

*"New Member Vocational Talk"*

**Jun 26 2012**

[Kelly Moller, Exec. Dir. MN Alliance on Crime](#)

*"Overview of the MN Alliance on Crime"*

**Jul 3 2012**

[Club Assembly](#)

*"New Rotary Year change of officers program"*

**Jul 10 2012**

[Joe Kovarik 2012-13 District Governor](#)

*"Annual New District Governor Visit"*

**Jul 17 2012**

[Lisa Stone](#)

*"Boston Scientific in the Community"*

**Jul 24 2012**

[Deb Newman](#)

*"Long Term Care"*

**Jul 31 2012**

[John Suzukida](#)

*"Guatemala Service Project"*

#### News

#### President's Corner

*by Robert Meyer*

It is difficult to believe that my term as President is about to end. The time simply flew by.

First. Thank you for your great attendance. This is indicative of a health club.

Two. Thanks for your participation in the Run and Romp earlier this month.

Three. Thank you for your participation at the NYFS Fund raising luncheon.

Four. Our club has completed the requirements for participating in the Rotary grant application program.

Five. It was an honor to present Scholarship awards: Interact Club Award - Hannah Chau, Rotary Community Service Award - Peter Cole, Rotary Strive - Hale Monteith. These presentations were made on May 9, 2012.

We are in the process of setting up the budget for next year. Directors should get their get their budget needs in very soon. The next year begins July 1, 2012.

Once again, I do want to thank you for all that you do for this club, and Rotary at large.

#### Club Service

*by Kevin Keenan*

June is the month in which Rotary recognizes its leaders of the past Rotary year and welcomes the incoming leadership. In our club it is important to recognize Robert Meyer for all of his work over the past year and to wish John Suzukida the best in the year to come.

In our Rotary District, there is an event on June 19 at the Minnesota Historical Society from 5:00 to 7:00 recognizing Joe Kovarik as the incoming President and thanking Judy Freund for her service. If you have never been to this yearly event, I highly recommend it. It is very inspirational.

Rotary International also has its annual convention in June. The current President is Kalyan Banerjee from India. The President-Elect is Sakuji Tanaka from Japan.

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## Weekly Greeters

*by Paul Bartyzal*

June 5 - Kent Peterson  
June 12 - Dick Rademacher  
June 19 - Andy Sall  
June 26 - Ginny Sall  
July 3 - Terry Schwerm

## Monthly Celebrations

*by Paul Bartyzal*

### Member Birthdays

<None this month>

### Spouse Birthdays

<None this month>

### Anniversaries

Dick and Lorna Rademacher - Jun 10 - 57 years

Dennis and Kathy Erno - Jun 15 - 44 years

Peggy and Don Strom - Jun 29 - 10 years

### Club Anniversaries

Andy Sall - Jun 23 - 6 years

Ginny Sall - Jun 23 - 6 years

## Monthly Attendance

*by Paul Bartyzal*

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## Community Service

*by Myrna Bourcy*

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*

As the school year is coming to an end, Interact Club has made Run and Romp its last big event of the year. We hosted a dog show and a raffle. Though participation was low due to weather conditions, it was definitely worth the effort. Run and Romp has been a tradition of Interact and we were more than happy to continue that.



Interact Club will be guest-speaking for the rotary on June 12<sup>th</sup>. We'll go over the projects we've done this year as well as announce the officers for next year. It has been a pleasure to be president of Interact this past year. We've had a successful run, having been very active and fulfilling all our initial goals. The beginning of the year looked bleak for Interact, as we only had few members due to the seniors graduating. However, that turned out to be an advantage as we were able to start fresh and be much more centrally organized than we have in the past. In addition, the ease of access to technology today has made it much easier to mobilize members. I'm happy to say that Interact has come a long ways in these past months and have matured in many aspects.

Thank you so much to the Rotary for supporting us. It has been wonderful meeting many of you through Rotarian functions. Thank you so much for being such a welcoming group and it is Interact's pride to be part of such an extraordinary organization.

With these heartfelt thoughts, I conclude the last 'Interact Club Corner 'article of the school year.

Best wishes,

Hannah Chau  
Interact Club President

### **May 1 - Club Meeting**

*by Terry Schwerm*

It was a laid back and relaxing club meeting as there were no visitors or guests, and the guest speaker was canceled at the last minute. The Club enjoyed some good networking time. There was a brief discussion about the Run and Romp that was scheduled on Saturday, May 5 and a few announcements including information about a group study exchange that would be visiting from Turkey.

### **May 8 - Club Meeting**

*by Peggy Strom*

Today's speaker was Jon Hermann. Jon is a former lead investigator for the MN Attorney General's office as well as for the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension. While he has been involved in many different types of investigations, Jon's presentation today focused on election fraud. MN has the highest rate of convictions in the country for election or voter fraud. Whether this is due to more thorough follow-up or to the rate of crime itself is not known. Amongst other criteria, individuals must be 18, a U.S. citizen and not convicted of a felony unless the felony sentence has expired. It is this latter criteria that produces the highest rate of fraud charges. Naturally, big election years bring about an increase in allegations of fraud. In 2008, where we had a highly contested senate race between Norm Coleman and Al Franken, there were 1,340 allegations of voter fraud, of which 1,236 were dismissed and 104 individuals charged. ACORN is an organization that was very active in getting people registered to vote. Many of their targets did not realize that it is a felony to register to vote if all the above conditions are not met, despite whether one actually votes or not.

## May 15 - Club Meeting

*by Terry Schwerm*

The club welcomed honorary club member Irene Meinen to the meeting. After some brief announcements, guest speaker Nancy Okerman was introduced. Nancy is a founder and currently serves as the Director of Development for HOPE Adoption Family Services. HOPE was founded in 1978 and has placed nearly 2000 children from 53 countries around the world in homes. She indicated that the agency had placed 233 children from Korea, 211 children from India, and 151 children from Columbia. Nancy indicated that Haiti is currently becoming a country where more children are being adopted. She noted that many older children have not been adopted and the odds against these kids are staggering. About 50% will not finish high school. She briefly discussed their Birth Parents Program where younger kids who are getting pregnant giving their children up for adoption since they are not yet ready to be parents. She noted that teens that choose adoption are much more likely to finish school, have jobs and a higher income than those that choose to keep their children. The HOPE agency also does seminars on topics such as raising multi-cultural children and training for older child adoption.

## May 22 - Club Meeting

*by Peggy Strom*

We had a full house at today's meeting - likely because our speaker was Mark Lindeberg - MnDot project manager overseeing the I694 construction work going on in our backyard. Most of us are living with the impact on a daily basis and were anxious to hear more about it. We learned that the full project will go on through 2016 as there will ultimately be 9 bridges replaced as well as a lot of realignment work. The biggest project is the reworking of 694 between Victoria and Hwy 10, which will be complete by fall 2013. The Lexington Ave. bridge work that is currently underway will be complete by fall 2012. Double left turn lanes are being added in both directions. Revamping of the Hwy 96/10 intersection will be done in 2013, which will result in Hwy 96 being re-routed underneath Hwy 10. Hwy 96/35W bridge deck will be resurfaced in 2014. Co. Rd. H/35W bridge will be replaced in 2015. Co. Rd E/Snelling bridge will be replaced in 2015 and the Co Rd E2/35W bridge will be replaced in 2016. We forgot to ask how much all this will cost, but we probably don't want to know! Most would agree these are worthy projects and we'll just be happy to get it all done and behind us. Until then, we must remember that patience is a virtue.....

## May 29 - Club Meeting

*by Terry Schwerm*



The Club welcomed visiting Rotarian Seth from Roseville and welcomed the return of regular visitor Bill Nielson from St. Paul. The Club also welcomed Diane Peterson. Seth invited club members to the Roseville Club's Taste of Rosefest Event. Adel indicated that he is still looking for a host family for a GSE team visit from Turkey.

The guest speaker for the day was fellow Club Member Andy Sall discussing their volunteer efforts and involvement with the Puerto Vallarta Sur Club Rotario. Andy indicated that he and Ginny travel to Puerto Vallarta for three months every winter and volunteer much of their time on Rotary Club projects. He noted that his involvement with the Mexican Rotary Club is his primary reason they became involved in Rotary here in Shoreview. Andy said that this year Kent and Diane Peterson and Myrna from our club had come down to provide assistance. He indicated that Puerto Vallarta is a City of about 300,000 people located on the Bay of Banderas of the Pacific Ocean. Although nearly 50% of the population is involved in the tourism industry, there are many people that are very poor and in need of services. The Puerto Vallarta Rotary Clubs are very active in providing services for the poor in the area. He had an excellent power point presentation and explained several projects that the Club is involved in including Surviving the Dump (feeding families and children in one of the poorest areas in Puerto Vallarta), providing clothing and shoes for the local tienda (store), BECAS scholarship programs that allow children with good grades to go to school, Eye Care/Surgery Programs, computer and English language projects, musical instruments, and new clean water project. He encouraged our club to consider financially supporting either a BECAS Scholarship or the clean water initiative. Andy also noted that club members were welcome to come down and help volunteer, noting that he has a spacious 3 bedroom condo with a great view of the ocean.