Rotary District 5960 Monday Musings

Notes from Marlene Gargulak, District Governor, 2015-2016 April 3, 2016

Register for District Conference



May 12-13, 2016 Mystic Lake Casino

Join fellow Rotarians for a fun-filled action/packed day of building friendships, getting inspired and just having fun. Here is part of the schedule:

Thursday- Golfers will TEE-UP for POLIO. Click here for registration:

On Thursday evening, we will gather for a welcome reception hosted by your District Governors, (that means me and Tim Murphy)

Friday: Start the day with Breakfast and a

Keynote speaker. Then choose from over 30 breakouts that fit into 8 categories: Rotary, Health and Wellness, Technology, Fun to Learn, Business and Personal Interest, Life and Variety, and Service. Sample topics include: Developing Rotary FUNdraisers, Social Media, Organizing with Confidence, Not Being Another Fish in the Dark-Net. Guatemalan Cooking, How Good Leaders Work Less, Computer

Tips, and Tips for a Powerful First Impression. Visit the House of Friendship and get ideas on helping your club.

Most FUN will be in the "**DONE IN A DAY**" Project room. We will be cutting, sewing, assembling feminine Hygiene Kits to pack along with our global grants. Everyone can do a simple task in this room. It will be a space to relax and actually do a hands-on project.

Have you watched our **Youth Exchange** students do the flag presentation? It is one you will always remember. Be sure to register for



Friday evening and see all of our Youth Exchange students, and listen to Barbara Nieviadonski, Brazil, tell us her story. Then dance and laugh the night away with Stevie Ray and the Jazz Cats.

SEE YOU THERE

(Limited space is available so sign up early)

News from Belgium Youth Exchange Inbound:

We recently experienced an unsettling bombing in Belgium. Did you pause a moment to reflect on what it might be like to have a BOMB hit in your home country while you are away on youth exchange? One young YE student wrote this for us:

"Hello, I'm writing this mail just to tell you thank you. Thank you to make me live the best experience of my life and thank you to be such an awesome organization.

The events that happened in Belgium, my home country, and last week made me realize how important it was to be grateful for the things we have.

Those events have been for me the worst part of my exchange. The first thing I saw when I woke up that day was that. I woke up in panic; I woke like I never do. Being far away from my country at that time was the hardest part. I found myself crying all the daylong. For the first time of my exchange I realize what it was to feel lonely but it was before I realize that I had awesome host families, friends, and an amazing rotary here that immediately took some news and helped me with it. I could never thank you enough for that.

Being an exchange student last week was the hardest part but the most important at the same time. Being an exchange student is, for me; still believe that the world is beautiful despite of everything. So I'm still going to share with other how amazing and beautiful be an exchange student is and how it's the best experience you will never have.

At the last Rotary meeting our counselors told us to thanks every body who is part of our exchange and I couldn't understand that like I do now. So just thank you so much for everything that you did and do every day for us."

Elisabeth, inbound from Belgium.

We are grateful for all the Host families, counselors, and Northstar Youth Exchange in processing this immediately and making sure all is right. That is the Power of Rotary!

Do you Need IDEAS for a SPEAKER?

These people will travel and have powerful messages to tell.

- 1. **Jalaal Madyn**-presents on creating connections when meeting people and creating community contacts. Here is a link to his linked in page: https://www.linkedin.com/in/jalaal-madyun-75ab688a
- 2. **Alan Anderson**, "**What will Our Legacy Be?** We are challenged to be good stewards of the Earth. Alan, a Northfield resident, has a degree in the natural sciences. He will speak on Rising CO2 and the Science of Climate Change, or Ocean Acidification. Contact information is luckyduck49@gmail.com And cell number is 507-301-4673. (**Down to earth/common sense Science**)
- 3. Al Zdrazil- Domestic Violence- Al has a presentation on the effects of Domestic Violence in the Workplace. Contact information is located on the District website at www.rotary5960.org. or e-mail morzil@tcq.net
- 4. Pollinators:

Laurie Schneider, laurie@pollinatorfriendly.org **Marcie Forsberg**, Marcie@pollinatorfriendly.org

Meet them at the District Conference

Foundation Moment:

"At the 1917 convention, outgoing RI President Arch C. Klumph proposed to set up an endowment "for the purpose of doing good in the world." In 1928, it was renamed The Rotary Foundation, and it became a distinct entity within Rotary International.

In 1929, the Foundation made its first gift of \$500 to the International Society for Crippled Children. The organization, created by Rotarian Edgar F. "Daddy" Allen, later grew into Easter Seals. When Rotary founder Paul Harris died in 1947, contributions began pouring in to Rotary International, and the Paul Harris Memorial Fund was created to build the Foundation.

In 1947: The Foundation established its first program, Fellowships for Advance Study, later known as Ambassadorial Scholarships and three programs were launched: Group Study Exchange, Awards for Technical Training, and Grants for Activities in Keeping with the Objective of The Rotary Foundation, which was later called Matching Grants.

In 1978: Rotary introduced the Health, Hunger and Humanity (3-H) Grants. The first 3-H Grant funded a project to immunize 6 million Philippine children against polio. And in 1985: The PolioPlus program was launched to eradicate polio worldwide. In 1987 the first peace forums were held, leading to Rotary Peace Fellowships and in 2013: district, global, and packaged grants enabled Rotarians around the world to respond to the world's greatest needs.

Since the first donation of \$26.50 in 1917, the Foundation has received contributions totaling more than \$1 billion. Thanks to your generosity, Klumph's dream continues to do good in the world." Neil McBeth, PDG

PRESENTATION OF THREE MAJOR DONOR AWARDS Northfield Rotary Club



Charlie Cogan, DG Marlene, Brett Reese, David Brown, Greg Carlson and Kyle Haugen, DGN

The newest Major Donor recognition was given to three Northfield Rotarians. The award consists of an engraved crystal and a pin with a diamond. **Brett Reese, Greg and Nancy Carlson and David Brown**, m embers of the Northfield Rotary Club received this award on March 31, 2016, at the Northfield Rotary Club Meeting. Each has made contributions to the programs of the Rotary Foundation that qualify them to receive the award at Level 1. All contributions to the Rotary Foundation change lives of children, young people, and adults through a legacy of hope. Major Donors make a commitment to consistently keep The Rotary Foundation as their **Charity of Choice.**

Contributions like this enable the Foundation to carry out an array of programs through Rotarians and Rotary clubs around the globe that:

- Improve living conditions for needy families locally and globally"
- Increase food production and clean water programs
- Provide equipment and educational materials for schools
- Allay the suffering of the sick and disabled by providing immunizations, medical treatment; and rehabilitation, and;
- Provide new channels for international understanding, and brighter hopes for peace through programs like Rotary World Peace Scholarships, Vocational Training Team Exchanges.

Please consider making the Rotary Foundation your Charity of Choice by going to www.rotary.org/give

From 2017-18 DGN Kyle Haugen, Prior Lake Rotary Club

"Last week, I brought my son Cooper to our Rotary meeting for the first time. I was excited to bring him, and it went great! Sure, he decided to "talk" through the program, but it was easy to take him to the back of the room so he wasn't too much of a distraction. I guess I'll have to work on his understanding of etiquette so he doesn't try to talk over the speaker next time!

I had been looking forward to bringing him to Rotary for quite some time because I knew that everyone would be excited to see him. That's the nice thing about having a tight-knit club...from the time I announced that Carrie was pregnant, it seemed like the whole club was along for the ride. In fact, Cooper even wore his "Prior Lake Rotary" sweatshirt that some of our club members had given him after he was born!

A week or two before I brought Cooper to our club meeting, I was exchanging emails with McKinsey Goodenburger, 2017-18 President of the Rochester Risers Rotary Club. She commented on how her daughter (born in early December) had already been to several club meetings and everyone loved having her there. McKinsey doesn't have the luxury I do of having Carrie watch the baby on Rotary days either...her husband Wade is also a member of the club. It's definitely a Rotary family!

This got me thinking about how important it is for clubs to make sure they are creating a welcoming atmosphere for their members who may have small children. I know Rotary isn't supposed to be a daycare, but providing an environment that makes members comfortable bringing little ones on occasion is essential.

I'm learning being a new parent takes an enormous amount of time and energy and, for some members, Rotary could be what goes away if something has to give. By creating a welcoming environment for club members to bring their children (or grandchildren) on occasion, or having social events that incorporate entire families, those members will continue to be engaged! Plus, introducing kids to Rotary at a young age improves the chances they'll become involved with Rotary over time.

Take a step back and look at your club...is there a welcoming and accepting environment that your members would feel comfortable bringing their child to? Further...is it welcoming to all members and guests? I think if the answer to the first question is no, the second answer is probably no as well. If that's the case, how are you going to keep your members engaged and grow as a club?

If you don't think you're as welcoming as you could be...change it up! If you need Cooper's help in doing so, let me know and I'll tag along with him to one of your meetings. After all, someone needs to be his chauffeur!"

Kyle Haugen

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Register to Attend Installation of District Governor Elect: Jim Hunt



"L"OO"K WHAT OUR CLUBS ARE DOING FOR FUNDRAISING?"

Art and Culinary Show

St. Croix Art and Culinary Show - 2016

The Rotary Club of New Richmond invites you to experience a feast for your senses at our 11th Annual St. Croix Art and Culinary Show. This classic event will take place at R&D Banquet Hall/ Ready Randy's. You'll see artists' masterpieces unfold before your eyes while experiencing the smells and tastes of beer, wine and culinary delights. Through-out the evening you'll hear local musicians perform. As the evening comes to a close, you'll have the opportunity to purchase the finished artwork through drawings, silent and live auctions. Proceeds benefit scholarship and

academic achievement programs. Tickets are limited. Don't miss your chance to participate in this creative event.

Tickets are available through one of your local Rotarians, or at Ready Randy's. Again this year, you can also order online through PayPal! Click the buy now link below to order today. Tickets will not be mailed, but will be at the registration table the day of the event. All of us at the Rotary Club of New Richmond look forward to seeing you on April 24th! Purchase tickets here:

www.newrichmondrotary.com

Stillwater Sunrise Rotary:

Brewers Bazaar Presented by Cub Wine & Spirits



This event was one of the first and continues to be one of the best local beer tasting events. This will be the 10th anniversary of the Brewers Bazaar and you need to be onboard the <u>Avalon Riverboat</u> overlooking the beautiful St. Croix River in historic downtown Stillwater on Saturday, May 21st. Your ticket gets you 4 hours to sample some of the best regional beers poured directly from the brewers. In addition, you get a commemorative pilsner glass, a brat and delicious cheese by the Bass Lake Cheese Factory. The members of the Stillwater Sunrise Rotary Club present this event. All the proceeds support the Club's many service projects including

Rotary's efforts to eradicate polio throughout the world. Talk to anyone that has attended this event in the previous 9 years and they will tell you this is one of the best parties of the year. The following brewers are expected to participate in this years event: Lift Bridge Brewing Company, Joseph Wolf Brewery, St Croix Brewing, Finnigans, Mankato Brewing, Tin Whiskers, Rush River Brewing, Lake Monster Brewing, Schell's Brewing, Summitt Brewing, Still-H2O / St Croix River Valley Homebrewers Association, Brau Brothers, The Freehouse, American Sky, Bent Brewstillery, Big Wood, Maple Island Brewing, Olvalde Brewing, Loon Juice Cider, North Loop BrewCo, Inbound Brewco and Surly. This equated to over 80 different beers. And this year you can upgrade your ticket to the V.I.D. level (Very Important Drinker). A V.I.D. ticket gets you access to an exclusive and designated area on the top deck of the boat with additional snacks and beer delivered to your table. The number of V.I.D. tickets is limited. Overall, this event sells out each year so order your tickets now.

This event has helped the members of the Stillwater Sunrise Rotary Club raise over \$38,000 last year to support service projects.

Please join us again this year for the 10th anniversary of this event for some beautiful scenery, live music, great cheese from the <u>Bass Lake Cheese Factory</u>, raffle prizes, great conversations and of course plenty of excellent beer.

This is a popular event with limited space. We sell out in advance each year and we expect to do so again in 2016. <u>Tickets are on sale now</u> so order early and don't be standing on the dock while the rest of us are enjoying the beer. Go to www.stillwatersunriserotary.com



The Rotary Club of Rochester Foundation

AROUND THE WORLD BENEFIT Thursday, April 21, 2016

Rochester International Event Center



Leave your passport at home and join us for a trip around the world! Enjoy culinary delights and entertainment from some of the many countries that celebrate and host the life-changing work of Rotary.

Around The World Benefit proceeds will help support Rotary's many on-going local and worldwide humanitarian efforts such as STRIVE and Youth Exchange programs and End Polio Now.









THURSDAY

TICKETS: \$50 - Individual

\$375 - Sponsored table* (seats 8) *Table sponsorship includes table signs and premium seating near main stage

APRIL 21

5-9PM

Join ABC6 News Anchor Laura Lee for an evening of multi-cultural culinary delights and interactive entertainment, while supporting Rotary's many humanitarian efforts world wide.

Purchase tickets online:

www.rochesterrotaryclubs.org

Questions? Email romnrotary@gmail.com

We are neighbors, community leaders and global citizens uniting for the common good.

WITH YOU, WE CAN ACCOMPLISH MORE!

Thank you Sponsors:







Taste of Lakeville

Thursday, May 19th, 2016,

5:00 pm – 9:00 pm The Lakeville Area Arts Center, 21+ Event

TASTE OF LAKEVILLE - RESTAURANTS & FOOD



Enjoy all you can eat samples of food from more than 35 of the area's best restaurants and caterers.

The Taste of Lakeville is a community celebration where local restaurants, caterers, and fine beverage purveyors get together for one magical evening and offer attendees the opportunity to sample, taste, sip and devour the rich culinary treats our wonderful town has to offer. This event is for adults only. You must be at least 21 years of age to attend and proof of age will be required at the time of admission to the event.

The primary fund raising event for the Lakeville Rotary Club, proceeds from Taste of Lakeville go to support Scholarships, Youth Programs, Heritage Center and many, many others. Please feel free to review the List of Beneficiaries, then be sure to Get Your Tickets for this exciting event!

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT AND AUCTIONS

This year's event has expanded space offering two stages with live music from Tim Mahoney and Dave Hudson. There will also be Live and Silent Auctions

•TICKETS - \$35 in advance or \$45 at the door. www.tasteoflakeville.org Two Amazing RAFFLES

Wall of Wine - \$10 each (1st Prize 100 Bottles of Wine) Land of Amazement Raffle - \$10 each (Prize's include A Green Egg Grill)



(It is never too early to start the BUZZ on your next fundraiser) Winona Rotary Has the RIDE THE RIDGES coming in September. Make your plans today!)

South St. Paul/Inver Grove Heights Rotary

Humanitarian Recognition Banquet Honoring Edward and Barbara Gorski Service to Others Friday, April 22, 2016

Join Rotarians on June 18, 2016

Minnesota Twins and New York Yankees

Raise money for Polio

Raise awareness of Rotary

Buy a t-shirt and we will do a FLASH MOB at the right moment in Target Center. It will be fun.

Is it possible to have over 200 Rotarians wearing tee Shirts and making noise on the big Screen? Visit our website: www.rotary5960.org to register and order your t-shirt.

Grant Management Seminars:

To be eligible to submit a Grant a person from your club needs to attend one of these seminars:

April 9, 2016–10:00 AM -2:00 PM – New Brighton, Community Center's "Rotary Room", 400 10th St NW, New Brighton Map/Directions to the New Brighton Community Center

Click here to register for the April 9th GMS

April 16,2016–10:00 AM - 2:00 PM –
Rochester Area Foundation,
12 Elton Hills Dr. NW, Rochester, MN 55901
Map/Directions to Rochester Area Foundation, Rochester

Click here to register for the April 16th GMS