

# Rotary District 5960 Monday Musings

Notes from Marlene Gargulak, District Governor, 2015-2016  
December 13-19, 2015

## Greetings Rotarians,



What a Wonderful time of the YEAR!! It is not only a time for reflection of all the great work done in the past, but to look forward to future possibilities. Most of you are working on projects, or thinking of creating something that will have a bigger impact for **more** people in the world and your community. Through the resources of Rotary, we as Rotarians have the opportunity to look at the bigger picture. For me, this picture shows people in many countries not receiving basic food and shelter. It is the displacement from their homes and lack of resources for them. **The Rotary Foundation** can make a bigger impact for more people in more places. Consider this when thinking of your charitable giving. (*Remember, Charity Navigator ranked The Rotary Foundation as #5 in the world for doing good.*)



The personal reward I receive as your District Governor is helping you as a member and your club become successful in the projects and initiatives set forth. As I look forward to 2016, my goal is to work on this question: **How can I help members and clubs reach their goals? What support can I give to you?** Helping you achieve positive growth in membership, successful and meaningful meetings, and great projects that impact the world is what is important to all of us who work beyond the club level. Our District Leadership is one of many available resources. When reflecting and creating your goals for 2016, make them big. Working as a **team** we can make the world different.

As part of our continued support to you in regards to using the Rotary Foundation the dates have been scheduled for the **Grants Management Seminars**. You will find them listed on our website at [www.rotary5960.org](http://www.rotary5960.org). [Events 2015-16 Tab](#). This seminar is available to all Rotarians, and it will be most helpful for the champion of your project to attend.

**MIDTERM** is January 30, 2016. This year we will be **SHOWCASING** projects and ideas for you to consider implementing within your club. All Rotarians are invited to join us and learn about the initiatives of the District and projects of other clubs. You can expect to gain ideas on planting native habitats for pollinators, incorporating diversity in your clubs, Youth Exchange, water filter systems, and much more. Watch for more details.

Prior to Midterm is the **Leadership Academy**. Kyle Haugen, DGN has two awesome speakers for this event, which will start on Friday evening, January 29<sup>th</sup>. They include Chris Wright from the Minnesota Timberwolves and past Rotary International Director, Mary Beth Growney Selene.

**President Elect's Orientation** will start at 12:00 on January 30<sup>th</sup>. Jim Hunt, DGE will be working with you on leadership skills and getting ready for PETS in March. All President Elects and President Elect Nominees are welcome to attend.



Rochester Rotarians helping families in need at Christmas

TWITTER Message from RI President Ravi Ravundrun:

*“By sending joy out into the world, we do not sacrifice it for ourselves – we only multiply it. As we enter this season of giving, let us multiply the gifts we have been given by sharing them with others. Through acts of caring, kindness, and generosity, in our clubs and through our Foundation, we become and remain a gift to the world.”*

## RACKS (ROTARIAN ACTS OF CHRISTMAS KINDNESS)

(aka: Random Acts of Kindness)

This is the **SEASON** to give, but it is more fun to think outside the box and do some Rotarian Random Acts of Kindness leading up to the special day on your calendar. As Rotarians we have it in our DNA to share and spread love and cheer. Replace your club program with time to do Random Acts of Kindness

Here are some ideas to make work and home exciting and fun for the week::

- *December 13: Send a note to PDG Roland Wilsey on the loss of his wife.*
- *December 14: Tell someone in your office how much you appreciate him or her.*
- *December 15: Ring Bells for Salvation Army*
- *December 16: Drop off supplies at the local Animal Shelter*
- *December 17: Go to a nursing home at Breakfast and talk to a resident.*
- *December 18: Pay it forward!*
- *December 19: Give to the **ROTARY FOUNDATION***



**Being Conscious and Acting Randomly will change your live.**

### Rotary Club Central

More than ever Rotary Clubs are needing to have a “**One Stop Shop**” for sharing activities, projects, goals, Foundation giving and, membership. **Rotary Club Central** offers that exact tool. It allows committees to input activities and chart progress. It allows your leadership team to share information with the membership. Check it out. The Presidential Citation (an award given to clubs by RI President Ravi) will be determined via Rotary Club Central. Learn

how to use this valuable tool by clicking here: [Rotary Club Central](#). View a [video](#)

[on using Rotary Club Central](#)

**30 clubs have placed goals on this site. Let’s get to 100% by January 1, 2016.**

### Rotaract Interact Committee meets up in Evanston Dec 3-4,2015

Rotaract and Interact Committee 2015-16 met on Dec 3-4, 2015 at Rotary International Headquarters, Evanston, USA. The agenda of the meeting was to look into existing policies and recommend changes which can improve Rotaract and Interact movement across the globe. During the meeting various strategies and policy changes were discussed which would be further passed on to the Board of Directors. The meeting was presided by Florian Wackermann(Germany) and Yen Shen - Hsieh(Taiwan) with the help of Adam & his team (Rotary Staff).Other Members who were present in the meeting were Veronica Suarez (Argentina), Evan Burrell(Australia),Oliver Alvarez(Philipenes),Tommie Buscemi (USA),Safina Rahman(Bangladesh) , Henry Long (USA), Rahel Getachew (Ethopia) and Sahil Bhateja (India). We would always encourage you to write us if you have any suggestion or feedback at [ri-committee@rotaract.de](mailto:ri-committee@rotaract.de).

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*Youth Exchange Student Marcos Castros helps with Feed My Starving Children Event in Cameron/Rice Lake.*

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***Upcoming Events: Mark your calendars***

***December 18: Grants Sub-Committee Meeting***

***January 15-16, 2016: Rotary World Peace Conference, Ontario, California***

***January 29, 2016: Leadership Academy***

***January 30, 2016: Midterm and PETS Orientation***



## **GIVE THE GIFT OF ROTARY THIS HOLIDAY SEASON**

The Rotary Foundation, the charitable arm of Rotary, provides crucial funding to empower a global network of Rotarians to invest their time, money and expertise in sustainable projects that eradicate disease, promote peace, provide clean water, and fight illiteracy.

1 [Give the gift of Rotary and help make a difference](#)

**We are challenged by this theme: it is a call to action, a directive of service, an order to follow, a course to lay down, and a quest to pursue!**



**Join me during this exciting Rotary year to honor our journey together. Our time is short; it is fleeting already. We have just 6.5 MONTHS to respond to this challenge.**

**This is our Time!**