

Rotary District 5960 Monday Musings

Notes from Marlene Gargulak, District Governor, 2015-2016
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Celebrate the Day!

GEORGE WASHINGTON (1732-1799)

"I hope I shall possess firmness and virtue enough to maintain what I consider the most enviable of all titles, the character of an honest man."

ABRAHAM LINCOLN (1809-1865)

"Leave nothing for tomorrow which can be done today."

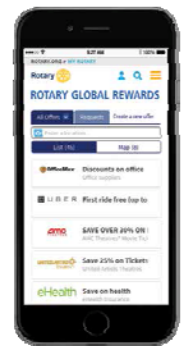
THEODORE ROOSEVELT (1858-1919)

"Far and away the best prize that life has to offer is the chance to work hard at work worth doing."

ROTARY GLOBAL REWARDS: THE GOOD YOU DO COMES BACK TO YOU

Rotary Global Rewards is a new way to add even more value to Rotary membership, by ensuring that the good you do comes back to you. This innovative program allows Rotarians to receive discounts and concessions from businesses and service providers around the world. Many offers can be used for club projects, helping you get more work done at a lower cost. Since the program's launch on 1 July, over 10,000 people have accessed Rotary Global Rewards, and over 5,000 have claimed offers.

As of 1 September, Rotarians may submit their own business to be included along with those with which Rotary has already negotiated relationships. As of this writing, there are 38 Rotarian- owned businesses offering deals to Rotary members. Businesses also have the option of returning a percentage of their profit on each transaction to The Rotary Foundation, so that the cycle of doing good may continue. You can find the rewards in your Rotary account at www.rotary.org/global rewards



If you need help creating a My Rotary account, review the [How to create a My Rotary account quick guide \(PDF\)](#). and continue to add even more value to membership in Rotary.

Give the gift of Rotary—Consider making a [birthday gift](#) to Rotary to mark the organization’s 110th year, on 23 February. When you give to Rotary, you empower your fellow leaders to improve their communities and make a lasting impact.

Meet Mike Becker, District Governor Nominee Designate

“Greetings for the New Year 2016! Let me start by introducing myself, Mike Becker. I am from Rochester and a member of Greater Rochester. I am married to Nancy for 40 years and have 5 children and 9 grandchildren, so I understand the word “busy”. In fact we have been foster parents to 82 children, so “fostering” a district of adult Rotarians should be fun.



I have been involved in the District 5960 functions for a few years now. I serve on the Vision Facilitation Team and am the Chairperson of the District Tech Team. Yes, that was me, the guy running around the conferences with computers and flash drives. As I am becoming acquainted with all of the workings of the districts, committees, bylaws, finances, etc., I have come to find one thing and that is none of this is possible without EVERY Rotarian in the district. Whether you have served your club on any of its

committees, served the district on a committee or have just helped out in any function or event at ANY level, your work is important.

As you see and hear more from me, you will find that I have a simple message, “Understand Rotary”. My main goal is to help every Rotarian, new and seasoned, to have a greater working knowledge of Rotary, such as answer the question, “Foundation, what is that?”. One thing we all need to understand is that involvement does not mean you have to take on the entire Rotary world, but rather find that one thing, no matter what level, no matter at what length and have fun with it, because if it is not fun, it’s not worth doing.

Lastly, let me put in a pitch to join the District Tech Team. You don’t have to be a computer wizard to be one this team. A minor working understanding of computers helps, but willingness to aid in making our conferences work is what the Team is seeking. If you are interested or want more information, feel free to contact me.”

Mike Becker, DGND 2018-2019 mjbecker@charter.net

BLAINE/HAM LAKE ROTARY CLUB INVITATION

You are invited to a Special Rotary Presentation featuring Maria Pacheco, Founder of Communities of the Earth and Wakami.



Maria was born in Guatemala and educated at Cornell University under a Fulbright Scholarship. She returned to Guatemala with a degree in Biological Agriculture. However, she learned that addressing famine and poverty through agriculture would take too long to save the children of Guatemala. She started Communities of the Earth to train and empower rural women in Guatemala so they can earn an income to improve the lives of their families in a more sustainable and immediate fashion.

Learn how this model has incubated rural businesses and connected isolated villages to international markets. Hear about why the United

Nations, the US State Department, and dozens of other international organizations support the work of Communities of the Earth. Find out how you can get involved through Rotary. Spend an evening with this dynamic woman, and you will understand how one person can truly change the world!

Friday, February 26th

Maria Pacheco, the founder of Communities of the Earth and Wakami, will be joining us that evening.

FROM DOUG JOHNSON, PRESIDENT OF BLAINE/HAM LAKE ROTARY

“In the simplest terms, Maria is an amazing woman who started Wakami, a woman’s economic development program in Guatemala. She learned that the way to help families break the cycle of poverty and chronic malnutrition of children was through securing income for the women of the country. She is a Fulbright scholar who was educated in the US, but her heart and soul are all about the people—mainly the women—of Guatemala. I encourage you to Google her name and see photos of her at the UN, with former first ladies, receiving all kinds of awards, etc. “

To ensure adequate space, we are requesting that you please RSVP to Julie at Julie.gotham@allina.com using the subject line “Wakami

Tournament Players Club Twin Cities

11444 Tournament Players Parkway

Blaine

Come at 6 if you would like to order dinner (on your own). Presentation begins at 7 p.m.

To ensure adequate space, please RSVP to Julie at Julie.gotham@allina.com using the subject line “Wakami.”

POLIO HEADLINES:

- Iraq has introduced the inactivated poliovirus vaccine (IPV) into its routine immunization system.
- Environmental surveillance is playing an increasingly important role in ensuring that the poliovirus is found, wherever it continues to circulate.
- There are nine weeks to go until the globally synchronized switch from the trivalent to bivalent oral polio vaccine, an important milestone in achieving a polio-free world.

Afghanistan One new wild poliovirus type 1 (WPV1) case was reported in the past week, with onset of paralysis in Shahwalikot, Kandahar, on 20 December 2015. The total number of WPV1 cases for 2015 is now 20, compared to 28 reported in the country in 2014

Pakistan: The first case of wild poliovirus type 1 (WPV1) in 2016 was reported in the past week, with onset of paralysis in Karachi Gadap, Sindh on 17 January 2016. The total number of WPV1 cases for 2016 is now 1, compared to 7 reported for 2015 at this point last year.

Lao People's Democratic Republic: Two new cases of circulating vaccine-derived poliovirus type 1 (cVDPV1) were reported in the past week, in Phonhong and Fueng, Vientiane, with onset of paralysis on 8 January and 11 January 2016 respectively. The total number of cVDPV1



RECRUIT A ROTARY PEACE SCHOLAR

Rotary Peace Fellowships are awarded to scholars to pursue a master's degree in international studies and peace and conflict resolution. A second program, a three-month summer professional development certificate course, is available in Thailand. District 5960 has had many successful applicants over the years that are now working at the United Nations and other global organizations, in governments around the world, and in business and nongovernmental settings that advance peace.

Please inform qualified applicants about this program. Candidates must have earned an undergraduate degree and have 5 years of work or volunteer experience and a demonstrated commitment to peace and service. Proficiency in a second language is strongly recommended. Rotarians and their family members are not eligible. There is a three-step application process. Candidates submit online applications to their local Rotary Clubs by **April 1, 2016**. Endorsements by local clubs will then be sent to the District level by **April 22, 2016**. In-person interviews for District finalists will be invited on May 9-10 to be conducted on **May 14, 2016**.

For more information and application, see the Rotary International website at www.rotary.org/en/get-involved/exchange-ideas/peace-fellowships or contact Kathy Hughitt at kathy.hughitt@rotary5960.org.

Applications for Significant Achievement Award

Do you want your club to be recognized for a significant achievement Award?

Does your club do a local Community Project that does the following?

- Addresses a significant problem or need in the local community.
- Involve most or all of the club's members in personal rather than monetary service?
- Been commensurate with the size of the club and its available resources?
- Enhanced the image of Rotary in the community?
- Been able to be emulated by other Rotary Clubs?
- Been Active during the Rotary year for which this award is being given

Only projects carried out by a single club are eligible for this award, and only one club per district may be nominated. If this is true for your club, please e-mail me mgargulak@charter.net. Thanks for your help!

News from St. Paul Rotary

Join the St. Paul Rotary Club for **MN Wild Night** on February 23rd.

[Click Here to Register](#)

\$98 Lower Level Ticket Includes:

Donation to St. Paul Rotary Foundation

5:00 pm Happy Hour Event

6:00 pm Keynote Speaker – Wild VP Jaime Spencer

- Hear from Wild insider on the Team's new business ventures in St. Paul.

6:30 pm Fundraiser Check Presentation

7:00 pm Wild vs. NY Islanders



Important Ticket Information:

All tickets will be at Will Call at the Xcel Energy Center, unless picked-up in advance at a regular Tuesday Club 10 Meeting. For Will Call information, please follow the link below.

[Will Call Information](#)

Payment

Credit Card or Check Payment must be received prior to the game, as this is a fundraiser. Promotional credits not accepted for this event.



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-shirts

Grant Management Seminars:

March 19, 2016– 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM –Family Means, 1875 Northwestern Avenue South, Stillwater, MN
[Map/Directions](#) to Family Means Center, Stillwater

Click here to register for the March 19th GMS

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

[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

NC-PETS IN ROCHESTER

March 10-12, 2016-NCPETS-Civic Center in Rochester, MN

CELEBRATE YOUR GIFTS TO THE WORLD

May 12-13, 2016: Mystic Lake Casino, [Click Here](#) for more information.