

Rotary District 5960 Monday Musings

Notes from Marlene Gargulak, District Governor, 2015-2016
February 21, 2016

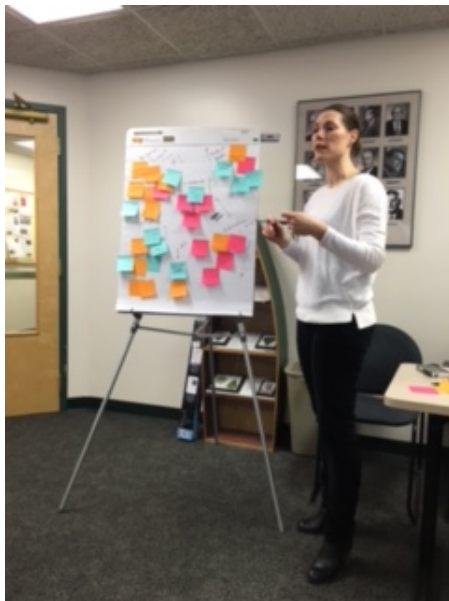
Celebrate Rotary's Birthday

Tuesday, February 23rd Rotary will be 111 years old. The Greater Rochester Rotary Newsletter featured a picture of the cake they will be having. What do you think?

Will YOU have one of these?



Let's join them for the celebration.
Bring on the cake!



District 5960 Leadership Team in Action

District Team Leadership Training was held on Saturday, February 20th. Assistant Governors and Chairs of many committees gathered to collaborate on ideas to support clubs. Pictured to the left is Angela Eifert giving a summary of ideas for membership, fellowship, foundation and public image. Many resources are available. The Assistant Governors are available to assist with your questions.



Winter Greetings from **District Governor Elect Jim Hunt**

I sincerely hope you are staying warm as we move through the depth of the winter.

We now have a theme for the 2016-17 Rotary year. **“Rotary Serving Humanity”** I very much like the theme and it will allow us to connect all of the good work we do under one banner. This was introduced to us at the International Assembly in San Diego where all 535 District Governor Elects and spouses were for training. I always enjoy the truly international activities Rotarians do and being able to interact with their cultures for a little bit.



If you weren't on White Bear on Saturday, Feb. 6th then you missed the coolest golf tournament around, the **“BEAR'ly” Open**. It started about 8 years ago as a family fun outing with prizes and golf on the ice (Actually tennis balls). It has raised over \$76,000 for the White Bear Area Emergency Food Shelves, and is heavily manned by White Bear Rotarians. It has become an official St. Paul Winter Carnival

Event and helps to spread Rotary's name to as much larger audience. It has even been featured on ESPN. Congratulations to all the volunteers that spent many hours making it a successful event again this year.

There were even reports of a hole-in-one by Rotarians John Channon and Connie Bossert.



Rochester Rotarians Work Together to raise Awareness and Money

Contributed by Lorie Swancutt, Rochester Rotarian



In 1986 The Rotary clubs of Rochester embarked upon a journey to create a fundraising project that would provide Rochester Rotarians the opportunity to give back to their community while showcasing top high school basketball talent in their area. The first Rotary US Bank Holiday Classic was a 3 day tournament which began on December 28, 1988 and 28 events later the Classic continues

to fulfill its mission: to raise funds for youth oriented projects in and around Rochester while providing a holiday showcase for some of Minnesota's top basketball talent.

There are many hats that need to be worn to make for a successful fundraiser and the Classic is no exception. The Steering Committee which meets monthly from May to January and averages about 13 Rotarians, handles all the finance, publicity, marketing, team selection, officials, scorekeepers, half time entertainment and trainers. Then there are 3 site managers who attend the monthly meetings and make sure the teams, officials and trainers are taken care of during the event. Last but not least it takes about 100+ Rotary volunteers to sell tickets, put on wrist bands, direct fans and help with team check in.

As of the end of the 2015 Classic, the 3 Rotary clubs of Rochester had raised over \$868,000 to give back to our community with the goal to keep going and reach \$1,000,000 and - hopefully even more!

At the end of each event grant requests are received and a separate "Grant Committee" made up of members from each of the 3 Rotary clubs, meets to review and decide how the money is to be donated. The grant criteria require youth related, local and non-profit organizations. Over 100 different organizations have benefited from the grants they have received from the Rotary US Bank Holiday Classic.

The Rochester Community has been fabulous in supporting this Rotary project. Without the local businesses and fans it would not be the success that it is. It truly is the highlight of many who love the game.

**----- ERADICATE ILLITERACY AND PROMOTE EDUCATION
FOR LIFE LONG LEARNING -----**

FROM: Merlin Ricklefs and Karen Ricklefs –

District 5960 Co-chairs for Literacy & Education

“ Your Rotary club can help your community; our Nation and the World become literate and develop the knowledge, skills and abilities for Life Long Learning. Published in the January 1, 2016 Fortune magazine. US 15-year-olds ranked 27th out of 34 industrialized countries in math and 17th in reading while spending the most \$ per student. Rotarians have significant curiosity, creativity and positivity to help our school systems, pre-school children and the adult illiterate improve.

Requested Action in need of your attention:

- 1) Recognize some person or organization in your community with a **2015 - 2016 ROTARY CLUB LITERACY and EDUCATION AWARD** for their contribution(s) to Literacy and Education. Do a good deed, increase Public Image, expand knowledge of Rotary, learn something about another support organization/person in your community, engage your club Membership and maybe recruit a new Member! For more Detail and Guidance go to: www.rotary5960.org

- 2) Start thinking about appreciating the good work of your club by completing **LITERACY AND EDUCATION ACHIEVEMENT AWARD APPLICATION** and receive recognition at the May District Convention.
 - Five projects -- District Achievement Recognition
 - Ten projects ---- Zone Achievement RecognitionMajor Program Achievement Recognition

For more Detail and Guidance go to: www.rotary5960.org. On the left hand column and scan down and click on Literacy & Education, scan down and click on Club Achievement Awards – Certification Form --- and Certificate Templates. Submit application to mjricklefs@aol.com or klricklefs@aol.com by April 30, 2016

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.

Need a Speaker/Program-Here is an idea and opportunity!

Rotary's Council on Legislation meets every three years to consider changes to Rotary's constitutional documents – the Rotary International Constitution and Bylaws, and the Standard Club Constitution. When the Council meets in April of this year, numerous proposals regarding more flexibility for clubs in areas such as membership, attendance requirements, and club meetings will be considered.

Our district's Representative to the Council, **PDG Newell Krogmann**, is available to speak at your club about the Council and the proposals that will be considered this year. A part of this presentation will be listening to your members' input on proposed changes. PDG Newell can be contacted by email at krogmann@earthlink.net or by phone at 507-665-3198.

Upcoming Events:

St. Paul Sunrise Rotary Club

11th Annual Community Forum

“The State of Race in Minnesota, Then and Now”

Thursday, April 14, 2016, 7:15 - 9:15 AM- Town & Country Club, St. Paul

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:

March 19, 2016– 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM –Family Means, 1875 Northwestern Avenue South, Stillwater, MI
[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