

Rotary District 5960 Monday Musings

Notes from Marlene Gargulak, District Governor, 2015-2016
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January 27, 2016-

Twin Cities Rotaract Fundraiser- Summit Brewery in St. Paul

It was a fun night with wonderful food, friendship and speaker. The Twin Cities Rotaract Club held their annual fundraiser to support the **North side Achievement Zone**, which exists to permanently close the achievement gap and end generational poverty in North Minneapolis. NAZ has an approach that is closing the gap of children with color by creating a wrap-around

approach for the child. With the child in the middle of the circle, they look at the system that impacts the child and develop a program to work with it. These include Health, Career and Finance, Housing, Parent Education, Early Childhood, K-12, and college. By using a family coach this system is supported and changed. The current enrollment in NAZ is 1,870. Some of these children are supported with housing stabilization.

Sondra Samuels, MBA, President and CEO of NAZ was the speaker. Here are a few comments of her speech:

“We don’t have a lot of time here! We want our life to matter! Getting older and wiser! We bloom while we Bloom, then we are gone. The theory of NAZ is “no body is broken, we are not whole”. We are not solid; we are not whole unless everyone is. The gaps in our communities are all by design. Racists and isolation are made by civic decisions concentrating poverty in a location. Minnesota is the 2nd strongest state in the union. We should celebrate this. However, Minnesota has the highest gap in the country for median income. Blacks in Minnesota do worse than those in Mississippi. They are 2nd worse in homeownership and 2nd worse in education. “



Immediate Action Needed:

The Twin Cities Rotaract Club raised \$3000.00 from this event for NAZ. They want to partner with a Rotary Club to write a grant to double or triple this amount and need a club to help write the grant. Please contact Philip Kalewoun President at Philip.Kalewoun@voya.com

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**Peace and Conflict Resolution Month.
What WILL your Club Do this MONTH?**

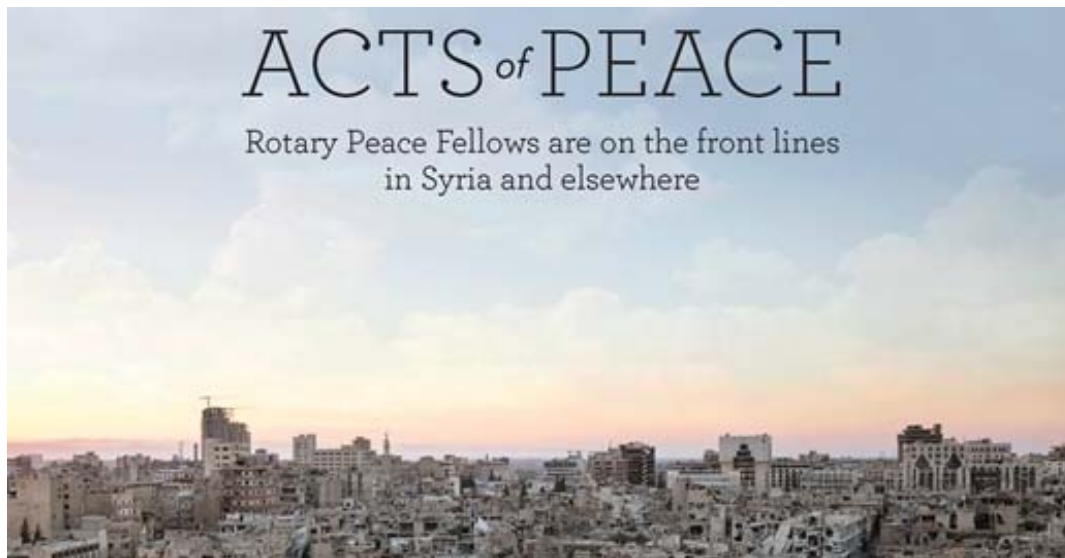
Here are a few ideas:

- Share a story from *The Rotarian* magazine that highlights peace through our action.
- Identify a need in your community that assists in conflict resolution and get involved.
- Invite your local school administrators to share how they are combatting “bullying” in their school.
- Ask students from your schools to share how they are making a difference through their actions.
- Have a “**Diversity Dinner**” Dr. Ann Frisch has guidelines on good discussion questions, techniques and ideas. Dr. Frisch’s contact information is: 651-964-5738.
- Invite a teacher/coach from a school to talk about addressing culture in sports.

Here is a story from our District Trainer, Clare Janty, Barron County Sunrise Rotary:.

“Today at Rotary we had a speaker Jan Clemmons from Barron who spoke on the culture in Barron schools in regards to cultural diversity. I learned about Somalian youth who are participating in sports such as soccer and thereby sharing their culture with white middle class young men. I heard about young Somalian women who participated in the winter camping outing arranged by the school. They had never done that before.

We also had a discussion about the back and forth of cultural integration rather than a one-way street. This would be a good opportunity for a diversity dinner. Let’s move that forward. Rotary stretches my mind and perspective. Clare joined Rotary to get another perspective on life here in rural northern Wisconsin.”



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,



NEWS RELEASE

Win an all-expenses paid trip to Seoul for the Young Leaders Summit (YLS) & 2016 Rotary International Convention!

Contest deadline is February 28th, 2016

(Seoul, S. Korea) (January 25, 2016) — All young leaders around the world aged 35 and younger are invited to participate in the YLS 2016 Contest (#YLS2016Contest), where 10 lucky winners will be awarded an all-expenses paid trip to Seoul that includes round trip transportation (airfare, etc), accommodation, and meals in addition to US\$1,000 cash prizes for each winner!

Young leaders are asked to submit one original video that is 3 minutes or less that answers one of the two questions:

1. How can you be a gift to the world or;
2. What are world issues Rotary should challenge in the future, and post

Videos are to be uploaded in the comments section of the YLS Facebook post (<http://tiny.cc/YLS2016Contest>) with the hashtag "#YLS2016Contest". Any kind of video can be accepted. You can make a video of yourself giving a presentation of a photograph you took, painting/sculpture you made, piece of music you composed, or output of your research on one of the two questions. The video can contain text, sound, images, and their combinations. Your video can showcase more or less anything, as long as you clearly answer one of the two questions.

The deadline to submit contest entries is February 28, 2016. Judging for prospective winners will take place between March 1 and 15, 2016, while online voting for the top entries will take place from March 16 to March 31st, 2016. Finalists will be notified by April 10th, 2016.

About Young Leaders Summit (#YLS2016)

The Young Leaders Summit (YLS) is a one-day conference on May 27, 2016 hosted at Goyang KINTEX Convention Center in South Korea that aims to gather over 1,000 attendees that are aged 35 or younger from around the world to discuss the main theme of "Our Challenge: World Future & Rotary". The key objective of the YLS is to promote the Spirit of Rotary International to future young leaders around the world and to provide opportunities for attendees to gain new perspectives and wisdom provided by world renowned speakers and panelists whom will participate in the conference. Young leaders that participate in the YLS will have opportunities to participate in their own workshops and work as volunteers while participating in 2016 Rotary International Convention programs that will be hosted from May 28 to June 1, 2016. For more information, visit the [2016 RI Convention, Goyang KINTEX, Korea](#)

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