

# Rotary District 5960 Monday Musings

Notes from Marlene Gargulak, District Governor, 2015-2016  
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## Hello Rotarians,

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## Join all the Rotarians in our District to “Celebrate Our Gifts to the World”

Mark your calendars for **May 12 and 13** at **Mystic Lake Conference Center** where the 2016 Joint Rotary Districts 5960 & 5950 Conference will **“Celebrate Our Gifts to the World.”** New this year will be a Golf Tournament to End Polio and we will be there to Welcome you on Thursday, May 12.

It is so exciting to see what has evolved with this conference. On Friday, May 13, you'll be amazed by the great keynote speakers, breakouts extraordinaire, special Done-in-a-Day service project, Happy Hour and Dinner entertainment, Hall of Friendship, Rotary Choir, and much more. You'll also have a chance to meet new friends from District 5950.

### **BUT FIRST:**

**Leadership Academy, PETS Orientation, and Mid-Term**  
**January 29-30, 2016- Radisson Hotel-Roseville, MN**

A great event is planned and will feature great speakers, ideas and programs to

forward your Rotary Club. This is a time to learn, grow and determine where your Rotary club is headed. [CLICK HERE TO REGISTER NOW](#) (through SurveyMonkey) Deadline is Jan. 25 Dinner, Breakfast and lunch is included. Each club can send members **FREE** as part of their district training fee. (**Overnight hotel stays must be booked directly with the Radisson and are the responsibility of the attendee**)

**(NEWS FROM ROTARY INTERNATIONAL)**

From John Hannes, *Senior Coordinator for the Americas*

*“We have learned that a few Rotary clubs are sponsoring or hosting gun and knife shows, shooting tournaments and hunts and are using Rotary’s trademarks on materials for these events. As you may know, the RI Board has set forth guidelines for use of the Rotary Marks by Rotary clubs for sponsorship and cooperative relationship purposes, and this policy prohibits clubs from accepting relationships that support the use of harmful products, including weapons and other armaments; see the relevant Rotary Code of Policies Section below.*

*We believe the RI Board would not take kindly upon knowing that Rotary clubs are sponsoring or hosting gun and knife shows or that the clubs are hosting or sponsoring shooting tournaments and hunts. We would appreciate your assistance in passing on this information to the clubs in your areas and, if you would, ask any clubs that may already be sponsoring or hosting gun / knife shows, shooting tournaments and/or hunts to cease such activity.*

**Per 11.020.6. Guidelines for Use of Rotary Marks by Rotary Clubs, Rotary Districts and Other Rotary Entities for Sponsorship and Cooperative Relationship Purposes**

- 20. No Rotary club(s), Rotary district(s) or other Rotary Entity shall accept a sponsorship or a cooperative relationship that**
- a. Conflicts with Rotary’s ethical and humanitarian values**
  - b. Undermines internationally recognized standards for human rights**
  - c. Supports the use of addictive or harmful products and activities including but not limited to alcohol (when inappropriate in a specific cultural context), tobacco, gambling, and weapons or other armaments**
  - d. Promotes a particular political or religious viewpoint**
  - e. Involves abortion**
  - f. Unfairly discriminates based on race, ethnicity, gender, language, religion, political or other opinion, national or social origin, property, or birth or other status**
  - g. Weakens the autonomy, independence, reputation, or financial integrity of Rotary International, The Rotary Foundation, or the specific Rotary club, district or other Rotary entity**
  - h. Involves any subject matter which is not in accord with the Object of Rotary**

*We would, also, appreciate if you would let your Rotary clubs know that the U.S. Rotary club and district liability insurance program does not provide coverage to its insured for activities that are in conflict with the Rotary Code of Policies.”*

**John Hannes**

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## **Twin Cities Rotaract Spotlight:**

**By Philip Kalewoun, President**

Rotaract means Rotary in Action and the Rotaract program in Rotary International was founded in 1968 as a means to foster the energy of young people and get them ready to be Rotarians. Rotaract develops professional and leadership skills, emphasizes respect for others and promotes ethical standards. Rotaract provides opportunities for young people to address the needs and concerns of their community and the world at large. Though they enjoy most of the privileges of being a Rotarian, Rotaract clubs are not fully fledged Rotary clubs. Rotaract clubs can either be community based or university based. Rotaract is for young adults under 30, though our district allows up to 35. There are 180,964 Rotaractors and 7868 Rotaract Clubs active in the world today.

TC Rotaract was chartered in 1996 as a community based club and sponsored by Roseville Rotary club. This club currently has 12 active members and meets at 7pm on every second and fourth Wednesdays at Whole Foods Hennepin in Minneapolis from October to March and at Mai Village in St. Paul from April to September. They occasionally have site visits with presenting companies so be sure to check their website ([www.tcrotaract.org](http://www.tcrotaract.org)) for meeting location if you plan on attending. They have at least one monthly volunteer event.

The club currently has a mentoring program called Take a Rotarian to lunch where they ask volunteer Rotarian mentors out for coffee or lunch and get to know them or seek advice. Please contact them at [tcrotaract@gmail.com](mailto:tcrotaract@gmail.com) if your some of your club's members would be interested in serving as mentors. The club also does an annual fundraiser to raise money and awareness for a local or international organization. This year's benefactor is Northside Achievement Zone (NAZ). Minnesota has the worst achievement gap in the US and NAZ is working to eliminate this achievement gap in North Minneapolis. NAZ uses a collaborative method to create a support ecosystem for low-income families as they put their children on a path to higher education. Come have beer and some great local food and support TC Rotaract and NAZ on January 27 at 7pm at Summit Brewery. Please RSVP and get tickets here <http://bit.ly/1mouCLg>.

Philip Kalewoun, II

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Twin Cities Rotaract

<http://www.tcrotaract.org/>

**Plan to join them at the Summit Brewery on January 27,  
2016-7:00pm for their annual FUND-Raiser. Check out the  
Northside Achievement Zone information on the web.**

**Please RSVP and get tickets here**

**<http://bit.ly/1mouCLg> .**

## Notes from District Governor Elect Jim Hunt



**“Happy New Year, may your year be healthier and more prosperous than you can imagine.**

Rotary’s motto is **“Service above self”** and I believe that hands on service projects develop the relationship between Rotarians and give back to our communities. This past week we initiated the multiple club **“Rotary Tuesday”** at 2<sup>nd</sup> Harvest Heartland where White Bear and New Brighton / Mounds View clubs provided 15 volunteers to pack food for grade school kids. We packed over 8,000 meals in less than 2 hours. We are planning for the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of every month and have the next four months booked up with eight different clubs from the greater East metro area.

What are you doing with your club for hands on projects? Food shelves, food banks (like 2<sup>nd</sup> Harvest), community gardens, park clean up and Pollinator projects are all relatively simple and inexpensive projects that you can be involved with. Pick something and start planning; you can implement something without a lot of effort. Let’s move back to our roots of service. That is a prime route to expand Rotary and retain our current members.

Have fun and stay warm.”

**Jim Hunt, District Governor 2016-2017**

### **‘Sew’ much goodwill creating hygiene kits**

*(Note: These feminine hygiene kits will be sent along with our global grants)  
Please read this important message. [My colleague, Tim Murphy, DG from District 5950 posted this in his weekly newsletter:](#))*

*Posted by Judy Johnson (Maple Grove)*

*Dozens of District 5950 and 5960 volunteers are already participating in sew-a-thons - - cutting, sewing and ironing components for the 450 feminine hygiene kits that Rotarians will assemble at the District Conference on May 13.*

*The purpose of these kits is to provide protection to girls so they can attend school and have a more dignified life. These kits can last three years with proper cleaning. Giving a girl three more years of schooling will*



*help break the poverty cycle and be instrumental for positive social change in families and in the world*

- Sponsor a sew-a-thon in your area.
- Donate fabric, washcloths, hotel-size soap, or girls' panties sizes 8-16.
- Sign up for the February 18 sew-a-thon at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Eden Prairie. (Family members, friends and Interactors are welcome!)

**Sew-a-thon tasks include:** Sewing flannel liners and the waterproof shields and bags, turning fabric and ironing, tracing patterns on fabric, cutting fabric, stringing bags, and putting snaps on the shields. Food and beverages are provided. Bring a sewing machine, if possible.

**Join us on Thursday, February 18** from 5:00 - 8:00 pm. at [Immanuel Lutheran Church, 16515 Luther Way, Eden Prairie](#). Use the main entrance on the north side of the building, then look for a large room to the right. If you can attend, please RSVP to [Judy Johnson](#) or [Todd Bollig](#).

**Will you host a sew-a-thon?** Contact Judy Johnson to schedule a date. Then get a location, invite people and bring snacks. Judy brings four sewing machines, fabric, and directions for both sewers and non-sewers. She also gives a presentation on *Days For Girls*, showing the impact this project can have.

### Rotary Friendship Team in India:

Our **Rotary Friendship** team left on January 9<sup>th</sup> to visit the heart of India's orange country.



They are in Nagpur, located way off the main tourist routes. Apart from being at its festive best during Dussehra, the city – as such – is hopelessly devoid of sites. Nonetheless, it makes a good base for venturing out to the far eastern corner of Maharashtra. First up, it's close to the temples of Ramtek and the ashrams of Sevagram. Besides, Nagpur is also a convenient stop for those looking for tigers in the isolated Tadoba-Andhari Tiger Reserve, 150km south of Nagpur, as well as Pench National Park, just across the border in Madyha Pradesh.

In cooperation with District 3030, Nagpur, India this is an amazing opportunity. District 3030 is large with almost 90 clubs and 4500 Rotarians. Nagpur is also known as the “tiger capital” due to many national parks in the vicinity.

Learn about Rotary Friendship Exchange. It is an opportunity to learn a culture, meet Rotarians, and share experiences in Rotary. Our next Exchange is to Thailand. Go to [www.rotary5960.org](http://www.rotary5960.org) to learn more.

### Note from Jamaica: “WE HAVE SAVED A LIFE”

Yes, the grant with the ultrasound equipment sent to Jamaica can actually document saving a life of a young women because of its use. Learn more about this in future issues. It is so exciting. **Donate to the Rotary Foundation and save more lives.**

**Share your fundraiser/project information with everyone:  
You are invited to send information or invitations to District Rotarians to me for inclusion in this weekly newsletter. Here is an example:**



**“Prior Lake Rotary Club’s annual gala held on February 6<sup>th</sup> at Mystic Lake Casino- Go to [www.priorlakerotary](http://www.priorlakerotary) for ticket information.**

**Important dates to remember and mark in your calendars:  
Grant Management Seminars:**

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

**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**

**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**

**Click here to register for the April 16th GMS**

**NC-PETS IN ROCHESTER (Training for all 2016-17 Club Presidents & Presidents-elects) \* **Early Bird Registration Ends January 15th****  
**March 10-12, 2016-NCPETS-Civic Center in Rochester, MN – [www.ncpets.org](http://www.ncpets.org)**