

# Rotary District 5960 Monday Musings

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

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WORLD PEACE CONFERENCE-Ontario, California  
January 15-16, 2016

Last week I attended the **World Peace Conference** in California. Yes, the weather was a bit warmer, but cold for California, AND there was no time to chill out because this conference was amazing. Over 150 breakouts challenged my thinking on environmental, political, religious and ethical issues. How would you feel or act if your father was a General in Hitler's regime, How Rotary will collaborate with the Peace Corp to work on projects in developing countries. Human trafficking issues and solutions, A message from a CIA Intelligence officer on child abduction, How women will change the world, Mastering your mind over markets, Creating an emotional connection in storytelling, and the list goes on. There are hundreds of programs and ideas to make Rotary work. One of the most powerful



Dr. Ann Frisch, St. Paul Rotarian and Chair of Peace and Conflict Resolution talks with General Secretary John Hewko.

questions we can ask ourselves is this: **“What will happen when we think about what is right with people instead of fixating on what is wrong?”** There is a human longing to contribute, to add value, and to know one's life is making a difference. Rotary gives us this opportunity through collaboration and challenges us to make a change in our thinking and actions.

Here are some notes from the workshop titled: **“Creating Peace in the Workplace”** Our vocation or work comes with lots of challenges and great opportunities. We can add value to our work/organization if we are present, and willing to learn from each other. There is so much value in listening, asking questions, reaching out to everyone and in doing so we open doors to a new culture. This is also true of our Rotary Clubs. What is the culture of your Rotary Club? How open are you to change? How engaged are you as a Rotary member? How much do you listen to fellow Rotarians/work colleagues?

## Leadership Academy, Midterm, President Elect's Orientation January 29-30, 2016: Radisson Hotel in Roseville, MN

### What will I learn? Why Attend? Here are some of my reasons to attend:

1. My club has paid for this event in advance. Each club pays a training fee to the District. There is no cost other than hotel and transportation.
2. To learn more about becoming an inclusive community and as a Rotarian and grandmother I want to be inclusive of all the people who live next door to me and understand the diversity in my community for the future of Rotary in my club and community, but most importantly to create a peaceful world for my grandkids
3. Learn new ways to provide Customer Service to my fellow Rotarians and business clients.
4. Learn how to tell inspiring stories that have changed life's and make a difference.
5. Learn about local and International Service Projects that will enhance the quality of life for others.
6. Learn about Programs that will help me become more involved in my club.
7. Meet new people and build relationships that will last forever.
8. Formulate an action plan for Service in my club and community.
9. Discover the benefits of being a member of Rotary.
10. Learn how my involvement can/will impact my community and club.

### Everyone is invited: [Click here to register:](#)

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*A message from Ravi Ravindran, Rotary International President*

My dear friends,

"I am pleased to bring you the good news that **His Holiness Pope Francis** will officiate at a Mass to Rotarians at St. Peter's Square, Rome, on 30 April. We will have 8,000 seats reserved for Rotarians, as well as friends and family.

It is my great pleasure to invite you to join me in Italy on this day as we celebrate the Jubilee of Rotarians, a special event hosted by Rotary District 2080 and the Vatican.

In addition, local Rotarians will host special celebratory dinners and plan a service project for attendees.

I believe this event is a tremendous honor that will raise Rotary's status across so much of the world, and it should bring us all great happiness to be a part of it, regardless of our own religions and beliefs.

For more information, please visit the [Jubilee of Rotarians website](#), which has been provided by our friends in District 2080. Updates and additional information will be available leading up to the event. Registration will open 18 January. I ask that you also include mention of this event in your governor's monthly letter.

This Jubilee, as established by Pope Francis, is known as the Holy Year of Mercy. It marks the time of forgiveness and reconciliation, of solidarity, hope, and justice. It is a commitment to serve with joy and in peace across the world.

As you work hard to *Be a Gift to the World*, I do hope you will make the effort to be in Rome with as many members of your district as possible."

Best regards, □ K.R. Ravindran □

Rotary International President, 2015-16



RI President Ravi speaking at World Peace Conference

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## January is Vocational Service Month:

**Vocational Service** calls on every Rotarian to work with integrity and contribute their expertise to the problems and needs of society.

Rotarians are called on to “encourage and foster”:

- High ethical standards in business and professions
- The recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations
- The dignifying of each Rotarian’s occupation as an opportunity to serve society

### **As a Rotarian, how can you put these ideals into action? Consider these suggestions:**

- Talk about your vocation in your club, and take time to learn about fellow members’ vocations.
- Use your professional skills to serve a community project.
- Practice your profession with integrity, and inspire others to behave ethically through our own words and actions.
- Help a young person achieve his or her career aspirations.
- Guide and encourage others in their professional development.

If you do any of these things, you are performing vocational service. And if vocational service motivates and energizes you, then you’re in the right place, because vocational service is the very essence of Rotary. It is what sets Rotary apart from other service organizations.

- Host a classification talk at your next club meeting. These presentations give members the chance to learn the inner workings of jobs other than their own and can plant the seeds for professional networking opportunities. The talks also are useful for introducing guests and prospective members to your club.
- Organize tours of members’ workplaces. Members who find public speaking difficult might prefer to conduct a workplace tour rather than give a classification talk. If logistics can be worked out, schedule an occasional meeting in a member’s place of employment.
- Join or form a Rotary Fellowship related to your vocation. Rotary Fellowships are international associations of Rotarians, Rotarians’ spouses, and Rotaractors who share a recreational or vocational interest. There are vocational fellowships for doctors, law enforcement officers, editors, and members of other professions. Learn more at: [www.rotary.org/fellowships](http://www.rotary.org/fellowships) .
- Volunteer for a service project that uses your vocational skills. Think about the skills that make you successful in your profession: Maybe you are trained in some branch of science or medicine, are handy with tools or mechanical things, know how to start a business, have expertise managing finances, or can influence others through public speaking or writing. Use your unique set of talents to make a difference in your community.

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## **ROTARY CONDEMNS DEADLY ATTACK ON POLIO SECURITY PERSONNEL IN PAKISTAN**

*“Rotary members and our partners in the fight to eradicate polio offer our heartfelt condolences and express a deep sadness in the wake of a horrific bomb attack in Quetta, Pakistan, that took the lives of at least 15 security personnel on 13 January.*

*This tragic attack outside a polio immunization center is a stark reminder of the dangers faced by Rotary, our partners in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, and the brave women and men on the front lines of our effort to protect all children from the paralyzing effects of polio. While the bombing will be investigated, one thing is clear: The security personnel who were killed died because their job was to protect teams of polio immunizers. We applaud the government's commitment to continue the vaccination campaign throughout Pakistan, which is one of only two countries where the poliovirus is still endemic.*

*Today we pause to honor the sacrifice made by the heroic police officers killed. Yet our 30-year commitment to end polio remains steadfast. Even as we absorb the horror of this bombing, we are redoubling our efforts to educate families and build confidence in the safety of polio vaccines, and to engage community and religious leaders to support our campaign.*

*We are closer than ever to achieving a polio-free world. Vast improvements have been seen in Pakistan, with more than 80 percent fewer cases in the country than in 2014. In order to stop polio in Pakistan in 2016, we must ensure the safety of vaccinators to reach every child.*

*And today, our [release of \\$35 million in grants](#) for polio eradication signals our determination to finish the job to which thousands of courageous individuals have committed themselves, and to never forget the sacrifices made by those who lost their lives in this effort.*

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## Notes from District Governor Nominee Kyle Haugen

*"I hope the beginning of 2016 has been a good one for you, and that it continues throughout the year.*

*It's still nearly a year and a half before I become our District's Governor, but I'm already hard at work preparing. Before I touch on one of the goals I have, let me share with you a little about me.*



**DGN Kyle, Carrie and Cooper Haugen**

*I've been a Prior Lake Rotarian since 2003, but have grown up in a Rotary family with my father (Prior Lake) and grandfather (charter Red Wing member) both being members. I've come to really appreciate how Rotarians help make the world around them a better place. That's even more important to me now, since my wife Carrie and I welcomed our son, Cooper, in to the world in early September!*

*One of my main goals is to help energize our clubs and members so that they become more engaged. Many hands make light(er) work, and I'd really like to work to get members more involved within their own clubs and the District. This will only help us broaden our impact, as we'll have more people providing energy and ideas. I've started to visit at least one club every week with two missions: 1) gain familiarity with clubs and members, and*

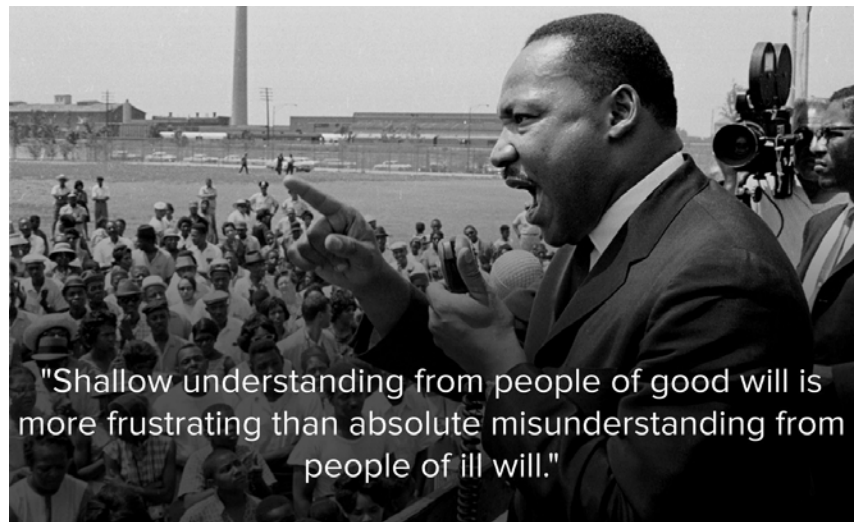
*2) talk to members who would like to be involved at the District level. The sooner we can get people on board, the more impact we can make!*

*So...if you are reading this and think I should visit your club soon, let me know! Even better, if you are interested in serving at the District level, or know other Rotarians whom you think would be, please pass that information along as well.*

*Thanks for all you do in the Rotary world...it's an honor to be your fellow Rotarian!"*

Kyle Haugen

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"Shallow understanding from people of good will is more frustrating than absolute misunderstanding from people of ill will."





## **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.tcrotaact.org](http://www.tcrotaact.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 [tcrotaact@gmail.com](mailto:tcrotaact@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

President 2015/16

Twin Cities Rotaract

<http://www.tcrotaact.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> .**

**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  
[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**

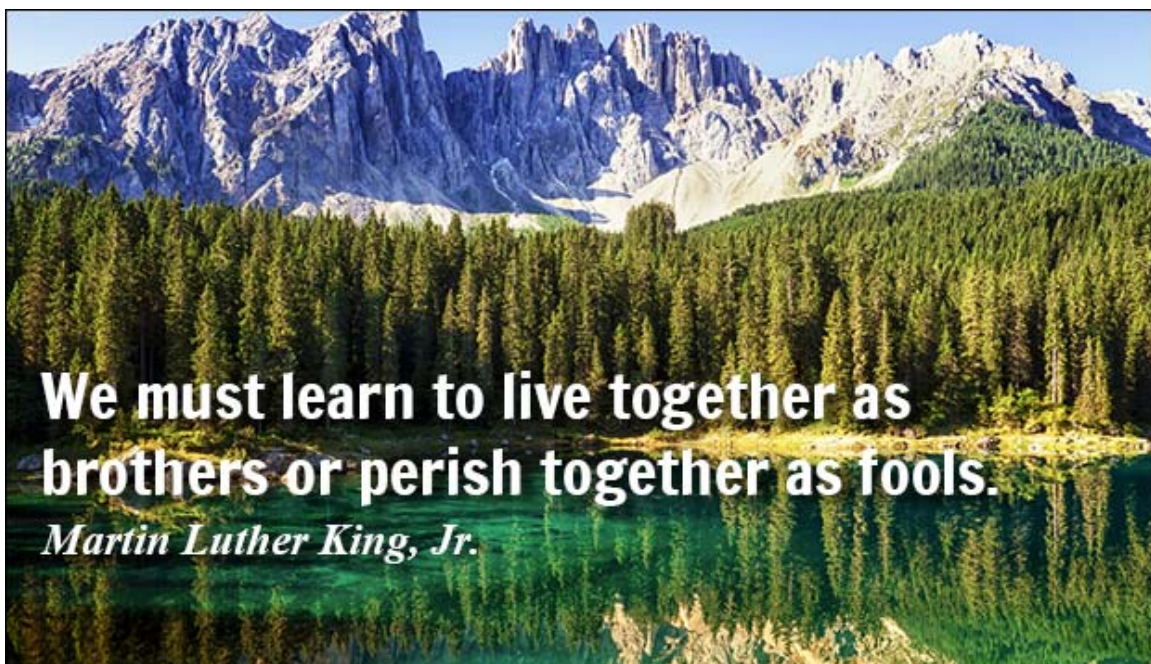
**March 10-12, 2016**-NCPETS-Civic Center in Rochester, MN – Register at [www.ncpets.org](http://www.ncpets.org)

## **CELEBRATE YOUR GIFTS TO THE WORLD**

**May 12-13, 2016:** Mystic Lake Conference Center, Information and registration for event [www.rotary5960.org/dc2016](http://www.rotary5960.org/dc2016)

STAY WARM,

YOURS IN ROTARY SERVICE,  
**MARLENE GARGULAK, DG**



**We must learn to live together as  
brothers or perish together as fools.**

*Martin Luther King, Jr.*