

# Rotary District 5960 Monday Musings

Notes from Marlene Gargulak, District Governor, 2015-2016  
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International Assembly, San Diego, CA



Rotary International President Elect, John Germ and his wife Judy, with Jim Hunt, District Governor Elect and Deb Lauer.

District Governor Elect, **Jim Hunt** attended the International Assembly in San Diego with over 500 other DGE'S from around the world. At the meeting he learned of the new theme for 2016-2017, *Rotary Serving Humanity* chosen by President Elect, **John Germ**. Noting Rotary's unique ability to bring together committed professionals to achieve remarkable goals, Germ believes that *"now is the time to capitalize on our success: as we complete the eradication of polio, and catapult Rotary forward to be an even greater force for good in the world."*

"People who want to do good will see that Rotary is a place where they can change the world. Every Rotary club needs to be ready to give them that opportunity," Germ said.

"We need clubs that are flexible, so our service will be more attractive to younger members, recent retirees, and working people."

He added: "We need more willing hands, more caring hearts, and more bright minds to move our work forward." *RI President Elect's Comments at Assembly*



### Message from RI President Ravi Ravindran:

*“Our experience of Rotary is, for the most part, based in our own communities. We meet every week in our clubs, in the same places, with the same familiar friends. While almost all of us are involved in some way or other in international service, the Rotary we see and share from day to day feels very local. It can be easy to lose sight of the larger picture – of what our service truly means.*

*Every impact you have as a Rotarian, individually and through your club, is multiplied by the power of our numbers. When you feed one person who is hungry, when you educate one person who is illiterate, when you protect one child from disease, the impact may seem small. It is anything but. For it is only through the power of numbers, through the power of our individual actions and gifts, that we can have the impact we seek: to truly **Be a Gift to the World.**”*



THE ROTARY FOUNDATION



YEARS OF DOING GOOD IN THE WORLD

### ROTARY’S FOUNDATION IS TURNING 100

Plan now to celebrate the centennial year, which will kick off at the International Convention in Seoul, Korea on June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016 and end on June 10<sup>th</sup> 2017. If you have not registered for the convention, now is the time. Be a part of the big celebration. Watch for more details regarding this big event.



Here are just a few ideas to start the celebration:

- Share local and international projects you have done in the areas of water and sanitation, literacy, fighting disease, promoting peace, saving the lives of women and children, empowering women to start their own businesses.
- Promote the book: “Doing GOOD in the World”, a history of the Rotary Foundation.
- Participate in a Global or District Grant and dedicate it to the centennial.
- **Attend MIDTERM TO DISCOVER IDEAS: [CLICK HERE.](#)**

## REGISTER TODAY TO LEARN NEW WAYS TO CHANGE THE WORLD

**Midterm/Leadership Academy** is designed to support and challenge you with ideas to enhance your experience in Rotary. Considering the history of Rotary and its presence in over 34,000 communities we have the ability to make the World Different. Leadership Academy is designed to look at “Service Above Self”. The question of “How do we serve our Customers?” Although the topics may be Rotary related, the correlation to all business and organization is relevant. Chris Wright, business executive from the Minnesota Timberwolves will be the featured speaker.

For more information or to register, [CLICK HERE](#).



**Purpose:** *Assist Rotarians in implementing service projects, building awareness, and inspiring action toward environmental sustainability -- particularly reducing greenhouse gas emissions to mitigate the global warming humanitarian crisis.*

As you may know, there are now 25 Rotarian Action Groups (RAGs) established in Rotary covering a wide-range of critical community issues where Rotary service can make a difference ([www.rotary.org/actiongroups](http://www.rotary.org/actiongroups)). The Rotary Action Group for Environmental Sustainability is the newest of these groups. Rotary Action Groups allow any committed Rotarian around the world to participate in critical, life-changing initiatives that interest them via their Club/District, nationally or internationally. These RAGs are important vehicles to leverage the resources of Rotary effectively in key areas of need. The ESRAG helps to protect and sustain our planet’s environment for present and future generations. The Pollinator Project is an example of this idea. Other RAG’S include Population and Development, Water and Sanitation (Valerie Johnson will be talking about this at Midterm) and many others. ESRAG will assist Rotarians in implementing service projects, building awareness and inspiring action toward environmental sustainability. You can join ESRAG by clicking here: [www.esrag.org](http://www.esrag.org)



## **Twin Cities Rotaract annual fundraiser to support NAZ**

Join me on Wednesday evening (January 27) to support the Twin Cities Rotaract club in raising awareness and support for the Northside Achievement Zone. As noted, Minnesota has the worst achievement gap in the US and this organization has tools in place to change it. One example of their work is coaching parents on parenting their children by giving them support and tools. Sign up today to attend the event to be held at the Summit Brewery in St. Paul. You can 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

### **CELEBRATE OUR GIFTS TO THE WORLD**

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



*YOURS IN ROTARY SERVICE,  
Marlene Gargulak, DG*