

# Rotary District 5960 Monday Musings

Notes from Marlene Gargulak, District Governor, 2015-2016  
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## Happy New Year!!

2016 is here and it's time to ROCK it. We have just begun. It is time for us to show the world Rotary!

How will we ROCK IT? Here is my story:

Today while I was cleaning my refrigerator-*because a jar of pickled beets had flipped on its side and left remnants of juice all over*, I struggled with the idea of what to write in this newsletter. *(Everyone needs time to be creative.)*

Here are my thoughts as I cleaned up the spilled Pickled Beets:

- The New Year is a time to think about WHY? Why?
- It is time to clean up and think about what is important in life.
- It is time to be grateful for my life.
- It is time to remember the kids and families in Africa, Nicaragua and India during my visits. *(They might have appreciated all the food in my refrigerator)*
- It is time to think about the people in Missouri and Illinois and other states who have lost their homes to floods during the past week.
- It is time to think about those students who will become Rotary Peace Scholars and make the world different.
- It is time to stop Polio forever! AND to celebrate our GIFT to the Children of the World.
- It is time to be conscious of the serious issues that threaten our food supply.
- It is time to include the refugees and immigrants in our communities as neighbors and fellow citizens.
- It is time to be thankful for the people who donate to the Rotary Foundation and make grants possible.
- It is time to share our stories and keep Rotary relevant.
- It is time to ROCK! AND SET NEW GOALS FOR OURSELVES

Let us forget all the dramatic BAD things that happened in 2015. There are too many positive happenings for us to spend time dwelling on those. Rotarians are in a position to make the World Different because we are business leaders in our communities and have the power to make a difference.



If we question the idea of your involvement in Rotary, spend time to learn more about Rotary. It is one of the best Non-Governmental organizations in the world. The opportunities to grow professionally and personally are amazing. Beyond that concept is the opportunity to create a sense of fulfillment in your life. Research shows that when we give more of our gifts there is more fulfillment and joy. Will your gifts make the difference?

**Happy New Year!**

**Marlene Gargulak, District Governor**



## Inspiration, Celebration and Leadership!

**YOU ARE INVITED**

### **Leadership Academy/PETS Orientation/Mid-term Fri Jan 29 & Sat., Jan. 30, 2016 Radisson Hotel in Roseville, MN.**

All District Rotarians, especially Presidents, Presidents- elect, Board Members, Committee chairs, Assistant Governors & Club and District leaders are strongly encouraged to attend.

The 2016 **District Leadership Academy** is for any Rotarian who wants to learn more about Rotary meet and interact with other Rotarians and enhance their leadership skills. With a customer service theme featuring presentations by **Minnesota Timberwolves President Chris Wright and Former Rotary International Director Mary Beth Growney Selene**, attendees will come away with strategies easily applied to their personal, professional and Rotary lives.

**Mid-Term** will be fun, interesting and full of information. The theme "**Making the World Different through Rotary**" will include the four initiatives presented to your clubs by District Governor Marlene Gargulak and provide information about many programs/projects of clubs and the District.

The morning session will include a Halftime analysis for the 2015-2016 Rotary year plus much more:

1. **John Rosengren** author of eight books, including the short story collection: Life is Just a Party: Portrait of a Teenage Partier (Deaconess) and the nonfiction exposé Blades of Glory: The True Story of a Young Team Bred to Win (Sourcebooks). will be the guest speaker on "**Diversity**"
2. Rotary Foundation information (Where are WE?)
3. **Pollinator Project** strategies and How your club can **BEE** involved?
4. **Telling your Rotary Story**- Panel of professionals will share: What is the story? How do we tell it?

In the afternoon, learn about programs and projects for your club to **DO**. It will be lots of fun! (**Watch for more details**)

**Presidents-Elect Training Orientation:** Get a jump on your NCPETS experience (President 2016-2017 and Presidents-elect nominees) with guest presenter **Jim Delaney** of Engine for Social Innovation

**[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**)

## MEDICAL EQUIPMENT ARRIVES IN JAMAICA

**Look** what Happened when over 20 Rotary Clubs collaborated on a DISTRICT ROTARY Foundation Grant. This grant sent medical professionals to Jamaica along with ultrasound equipment and blood pressure kits. The team plans to educate medical staff in Jamaica on using the equipment.

Today we received this e-mail from Jackie Sackreiter, Chisago Lakes Rotarian.

*“WOW!*

*We are in Jamaica and had a meeting/handoff of some equipment and we spoke about the schedule for the next two weeks.*

*I had an "ah hah" moment which made this all worthwhile. Dr. Johannsen was telling Dr. Edwards of a quick way to do a heart procedure using ultrasound. Currently the procedure is timely, old fashion, and not accurate. Dr. Edwards eyes looked like he received the best Christmas present ever. He started asking questions for clarification and I thought the man would stroke out from excitement.*



L-R: Joanne Sackreiter, Dr. Bradley Edwards, Sr. Medical Officer of the Clarendon Hospitals, Walter Leavell, May Pen Rotary President, Colleen Johannsen, EKG Specialist, Dr. Ron Johannsen, Cardiologist, Dr. Jill Linse, and Pamela Ulett, Sr.Public Relations nurse from Mandeville. **Pamela received one rolling blood pressure monitoring machine for her patients and I thought she would cry! Unbelievable! Thank you all.”**

**Joanie**

## Important dates to remember and mark in your calendars:

### Grant Management Seminars:

#### REQUIRED FOR 2016-2017 ROTARY FOUNDATION GRANTS

Attendance by at least one member of a club is required at one of the following Grant Management Seminars (GMS) in order for a District 5960 Rotary Club to receive a Rotary Foundation District Grant or a Global Grant in Rotary Year 2016-2017. (Attendance at a GMS last year does not qualify a club for grants in 2016-2017.

Annual attendance at a GMS is required.)

Grant Management Seminars in preparation for the Rotary Year 2016-2017 will be presented on the following dates. There is no charge to attend. Our District Training Fee covers the cost. Registration is required to attend. Registration is limited to 30 persons per seminar. Each person must register separately.

**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](#)

Rotarians and Rotaractors attending will:

- Obtain a general overview of the Rotary International and District 5960 grant process.
- Acquire the tools to successfully manage Rotary Foundation Grants.
- Be able to complete both the district and global grants forms.
- Understand how to identify, develop and implement a project.
- Know how to manage and report the progress of a grant.
- Meet one of the requirements for qualification for a grant.

If you have any questions, please contact

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