

# *Rotary District 5960 Monday Musings*

*Notes from Marlene Gargulak, District Governor, 2015-2016  
June 20, 2016*

## **FINAL PUSH! “MAKE THIS THE BEST YEAR EVER” ONLY TEN MORE DAYS**

Our Rotary Year will be ending on June 30, 2016. Let's make this the best year ever for Rotary.

### **1. Send in your Polio Pledge NOW!** Here is why:

- The human cost is great. We could rebound to 200,000 cases per year within the next 10 years.
- It's achievable. The vaccine prevents future cases.
- It's a good investment, with estimated economic benefits of \$40 to \$50 billion over the next 20 years.
- It strengthens the system. An active disease surveillance network is being used for other health interventions.

[www.rotary.org/polio](http://www.rotary.org/polio)



### **2. Contribute to the Annual FUND!** Here is why:

The annual fund is the engine that helps Rotary make a difference in the world. Rotarians are known for their good work and have been rated in the top ten charities by Charity Navigator. Now more than ever we need peace in our world. Help make it happen through your contribution to the annual fund. [www.rotary.org/give](http://www.rotary.org/give)

### **3. Rotary Brand: Is your club using the Rotary Brand?**



Check all your media/communications to the members and the public to be sure we all on the same page with the Rotary Brand. If you are still using the wheel with the blue inside the cog, change to the new

logo. This can be found at [www.rotary.org/brand](http://www.rotary.org/brand). You can download logos, newsletters, and lots of stuff. Check our district's website for a PowerPoint on the Rotary Brand completed by Elaine Case in 2014. [www.rotary5960.org](http://www.rotary5960.org)

#### **4. Plant a Pollinator Friendly garden.**

Plants are still available and it is not too late to plant a small portion of your yard into a pollinator friendly garden. Enjoy the beauty of butterflies, and the amazing results manifested by bats and bees.

Check out past newsletters on our district website to obtain more information on the plants to choose. Here are some other resources:

<http://www.blue-thumb.org/plants>

<http://www.findnativeplants.com/midwest>

<http://www.dragonflygardens.net>

[www.pollinatorfriendly.org](http://www.pollinatorfriendly.org)



**5. Celebrate-** Have a party! Invite members from the community and share your successes. Now is the time to HONOR and thank all the members who gave time and talent to work on projects, fundraise and most importantly become friends in your Rotary club. Give voice to the attributes of being a Rotarian.

**6. Mark your calendars: Check website:**

<http://www.rotary5960.org/showDoc.cfm?pObject=602&pMenuTop=602>

**NCPETS: President elect training: March 9-11, 2017**

**Foundation Celebration: November 12, 2016**

**Midterm: January 14, 2016**

**See you on Tuesday, June 21<sup>st</sup> in White Bear Lake for Installation of Jim Hunt as District Governor.**

## News from Clubs:

### Chain of Lakes Rotary Club



*On April 16, the Chain of Lakes Rotary Club hosted our 5<sup>th</sup> annual Chain of Giving "Casino Night" Fundraising event. This year, we were pleased to set attendance and fundraising records. The event was held at the beautiful rotunda – at Infinite Campus in Blaine. We were pleased to launch a new ANGEL FUND for Centennial Middle School and High School. The Angel Fund helps pay for afterschool activities and sports, that otherwise might not be affordable. Studies have shown that involved students perform better in tests; hence,*

*long-term career aspirations. Attendees to the event had a blast playing black jack and other Casino games using funny money provided with their entrance ticket. They also had the opportunity to purchase raffle tickets to use during our extensive gift basket raffle. Gift baskets were bought, made, and donated by staff from the High School and Middle school, local businesses and the Chain of Lakes Rotary members. We really appreciated current high school STRIVE and peer leader students making an appearance to help sell raffle tickets and greet guests. Everyone really did pitch in to make this event the most successful fundraiser for the Chain of Lakes Rotary Club. Submitted by Kevin Fitzpatrick*



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### **Twin Cities Rotaract** *\_Submitted By Phillip Kalewoun, President*

"Hi Marlene,

Our club is leading a collaborative effort with Minneapolis Rotary, St. Paul Rotary and South Metro Evening Rotary to have a Rotary/Rotaract table at this year's Twin Cities Pride Fest on June 25-26. We've been planning this for a few months but in light of yesterdays hate crime in Orlando I think it is very important to show Rotary's support for our LGBTQ community. We are still looking for volunteers for a few time slots to help man the table. Please include this in your next newsletter and you can use me as a contact or add the link to the Google doc [https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/10Qe90\\_8ckGLMjt1ld9d39csE1E-OnF0htvMdPaqFgw8/htmlview?pli=1](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/10Qe90_8ckGLMjt1ld9d39csE1E-OnF0htvMdPaqFgw8/htmlview?pli=1) . Please let me know if there's any current marketing material we could use for this. We were also looking to do the feminine sanitary kits as a service event at our table so any help with getting that setup would be appreciated.

Phillip Kalewoun, II

President 2015/16

Twin Cities Rotaract

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

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## A Briefing on Syria and the Global Refugee Crisis

June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2016

Breakfast: 7:30am

Breakfast and Registration: \$25.00

Green Haven Golf Course, Anoka, Mn.



**Anoka Rotary** will sponsor **Daniel Woodsworth**, president and CEO of the Minneapolis based American Refugee Center and Jamshed Merchant at a forum on the Refugee crisis.

The American Refugee Center is an International humanitarian aid agency that works with refugees around the world to help them take back control of their lives. The event will take place on June 30<sup>th</sup> at the Anoka Rotary Club's Breakfast meeting.

During Mr. Woodsworth tenure the American Refugee Center has expanded programming into Somalia, the

Democratic Republic of Congo, Myanmar and Syria. He was awarded the Peter F Drucker award for Non-profit Innovation in recognition of its work with the Somali Diaspora globally.

The war in Syria has triggered a worldwide refugee crisis. We are yet to fully understand the implications of this crisis, but as Europe struggles to cope, people are waking up to the magnitude of the emergency. Right now, American Refugee Committee is working alongside truly heroic Syrians to provide critical aid inside Syria but we are also working hard to understand how to respond to refugees in a new way.

Jamshed Merchant began serving as Canada's Consul General in Minneapolis in October 2012. He is Canada's senior representative in the Upper Midwest states of Iowa, Minnesota, Nebraska, North Dakota, and South Dakota. Jamshed leads a team of professionals building two-way trade and investment ties, engaging decision-makers and citizens on a range of issues important to both countries and helping Canadians living and travelling in the region.



Jamshed started his career as a faculty lecturer in Geography at McGill University in Montreal in 1979. In 1983, he joined the Alberta government's Ministry of the Environment as a soil scientist working on land reclamation. From 1985 to 2001, Jamshed worked with Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada as a soil conservationist in Alberta and Saskatchewan.

**Please register in advance at [www.anokarotary.com](http://www.anokarotary.com).**

**For more information, please contact Lynn Montgomery at 612.670.828**



## TASTE OF ROSEFEST:



Hosted by the Roseville Rotary Club, the event is scheduled for **June 23, 2016**. Check out the details at the Roseville Rotary Club's Facebook page. The Taste of Rosefest is a food and wine tasting event held during the week of Roseville's Rosefest celebrations. You will enjoy fun activities and be filled with great food.

## Prior Lake Rotary:



Check out the details of the upcoming Lakefront Music Fest at [www.lakefrontmusicfest.com](http://www.lakefrontmusicfest.com)

***Presidential Citations:** It was a difficult year to receive the Presidential Citation and many clubs in this district are very deserving of this award, however the guidelines had to be inputted into Rotary Club Central by April 1, 2016. Four clubs received the Citation by Rotary International this year. Pictured with me in the photo is Colleen Ratzlaff LaBeau President of the Lakeville Rotary Club and below is Melissa Krueser, President of the New Prague Rotary Club.*

