

# **Rotary District 5960 Monday Musings**

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## **March is Water and Sanitation Month for Rotary.**

This month is a great time to bring someone to your club to discuss water issues in your community and in the world. Learn more about the issue and **DONATE** to the Rotary Foundation to work on projects around the world. Here are a couple of videos' to use in promoting our projects.

"It is a very humbling thing to discover just exactly what putting "Service Above Self" adds up to when you see it in practice in the field." ~ Bono

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hzlXlV04Kco&feature=youtu.be>

BONO talks about Service Above Self

Water projects in Ghana:

<https://vimeo.com/95520556>

*Post this on your Facebook or Twitter page*

Clean water is a basic need for human beings. When people, especially children, have access to clean water, they live healthier and more productive lives. However, at least **3,000** children die each day from diseases caused by unsafe water, which is what motivates our members to build wells, install rainwater harvesting systems, and teach community members how to maintain new infrastructure. While very few people die of thirst, millions die from preventable waterborne diseases, providing the impetus for our members to also improve sanitation facilities in undeveloped countries. Members start by providing toilets and latrines that flush into a sewer or safe enclosure and then add education programs to promote hand washing and other good hygiene habits

## Do you know about Rotary Fellowships?

Rotary Fellowships are independent groups of Rotarians, family members, program participants and alumni who share a common passion. Being part of a fellowship is a fun way to make friends from around the world.



### Curling Rotary Fellowship

Shown on the left is a Rotary Curling Team getting ready to compete in the World Championships in Grande Prairie, Alberta Canada from April 2-8. Included in this team is Mike McLin, Kathy Ricci from Barron County Sunrise Rotary, Darcy Ellarby, Lakeville Rotary and Mark Curtis, Roger, Ark. They will meet Rotarians from around the world and have a fabulous time doing what they love: Curling.

Chances are if you have a strong interest in something, there are others in the Rotary family who share it. Forming a fellowship starts with finding members for your group. Here's how you can start a new one or find an existing one to join:

- [Join a discussion group](#) or start a new one. It's a great way to share your interest with other members.
- Use Rotary's presence on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [LinkedIn](#) to promote your idea.
- Reach out to district Rotary Fellowships chairs in other countries to build membership. Ask for contact information at [rotaryfellowships@rotary.org](mailto:rotaryfellowships@rotary.org).
- Be sure you meet the criteria for a fellowship and apply for official recognition. See the [Rotary Fellowships Handbook](#) for details.

Look at the list of current fellowships. Just visit Rotary Fellowships, <https://www.rotary.org/myrotary/en/rotary-fellowships>, click on the title and take a peak at the FUN!

- [Amateur Radio](#)
- [Antique Automobiles](#)
- [Authors and Writers](#)
- [Beer](#)
- [Bird Watching](#)
- [Canoeing](#)
- [Caravanning](#)
- [Chess](#)
- [Computer Users](#)
- [Cooking](#)
- [Convention Goers](#)
- [Cricket](#)
- [Cruising](#)
- [Curling](#)
- [Cycling](#)
- [Doctors](#)
- [E-Clubs](#)
- [Editors and Publishers](#)
- [Educators](#)
- [Environment](#)
- [Esperanto](#)
- [Fishing](#)

- Flying
- Go
- Golf
- Home Exchange
- Honorary Consuls
- Horseback Riding
- Internet
- Italian Culture
- Jazz
- Latin Culture
- Lawyers
- Magicians
- Magna Graecia
- Marathon Running
- Motorcycling
- Music
- Old and Rare Books
- Past District Governors
- Photographers
- Police and Law Enforcement
- Pre-Columbian Civilizations
- Quilters and Fiber Artists
- Railroads
- Recreational Vehicles
- Rotary Global History
- Rotary Heritage and History
- Rotary Means Business
- Rotary on Stamps
- Scouting
- Scuba Diving
- Singles
- Skiing
- Social Networks
- Tennis
- Total Quality Management
- Travel and Hosting
- Wellness and Fitness
- Wine
- Yachting

News about MONARCHS:

After a long anticipated wait for news on the Monarch population, we have great news. A season of excellent weather conditions for Monarch breeding and migrating has produced an increase in the 2015-2016 eastern Monarch populations.

The population is reflected as 4.01 hectares by Monarchs occupying overwintering sites in Mexico by the CONAP and World Wildlife Fund Mexico showing an increase of 3 times the 2014-2015 count of 1.13 hectares. The work is far from done. We need sustainable habitats of native milkweeds serving as host plants for the spring migration and increase of native nectar plants for the fall migration. It is important to remember that having all season native nectar plants serves our pollinating insects as well. The goal is to have a population count of 6 hectares.

Thank you for all your efforts and continue the great work!

**Consider becoming a liaison to a school or community garden by offering seeds to plant or buying native plant seeds to plant NOW!  
For additional information on the Monarch population:**

Journey North Learner.org: ["Letter from Estela"](#)

Journey North Learner.org: [Monarch Butterfly Migration 2016 maps](#)

Monarch Joint Venture: ["Population Numbers for Eastern Monarchs Increase During the 2015"](#)

## **Greetings Fellow Rotarians!**

It's amazing that it's already March of 2016...the year is certainly flying by!

This week, President Elect Training (PETS) takes place in Rochester, which we put on for our PE's with three other districts. If you haven't been through PETS, it's an essential training to help the incoming presidents prepare for their year in leadership. If you thought that all of your club presidents just instinctively knew how to run a club when July 1 hits...think again. There's a lot of education and inspiration that comes in to play before then! So...if you are someone that has been asked to be president and have said no, don't worry...there will be plenty of help along the way!



As part of PETS, each of the District Governor Nominees has to give a Rotary moment. A Rotary moment is a point in time during your Rotary membership that you truly became a Rotarian. Obviously, this doesn't happen right away when you join Rotary, but will happen at some point down the road when you really understand the impact that you can make on the world through Rotary. Further, it often comes with an understanding of how Rotary has impacted you.

As I sit here thinking about my Rotary moment, it's actually tough trying to decide what to talk about. There have been so many great moments that I wouldn't have experienced without Rotary: travelling to Haiti after the earthquake in 2010, speaking in front of 400 people during a fundraiser and helping raise \$7,000 for Polio Plus, travelling to Winnipeg as an advisor for a Model UN convention, or helping organize a major music festival to raise money for our club. Throw in the relationships I've developed with so many people I wouldn't have known otherwise and the personal and professional development I've had through different roles, it's safe to say that Rotary has been very good to me!

So...as I decide which Rotary moment to talk about this week, I'd ask you: What's your Rotary moment? When did you become a true Rotarian? How have you helped the world as a Rotarian, and more importantly, how has Rotary helped you become a better person? If you have an answer, feel free to send it to me...I think it's important to share these stories so we can feel even better about Rotary's role in the world!

I look forward to hearing your stories!

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## GOOD NEWS FOR OUR ROTARY FOUNDATION

*Ray Klinginsmith, Rotary Foundation Trustee*

During the 2014-2015 year Rotarians have generously contributed \$123 Million to the Annual Fund. CNBC television network recently confirmed the success of the Rotary Foundation by naming it one of the: **top charities** changing the world in 2015." In fact our foundation was ranked as the fifth-best charity working to make the world a better place.

### Opportunity for Free Registration at PEACEKEEPING

Dr. Ann Frisch is giving an all day workshop on unarmed civilian peacekeeping at the Conflict Resolution Education international conference in Columbus Ohio in June. Mel Duncan, Founding Director of Nonviolent Peaceforce, will be a keynote speaker. They have offered four free registrations to give away for the general conference June 10-11. Rotarians and their colleagues in District 5960 are invited.

The conference is June 9-10 in Columbus Ohio. The conference program is at [http://www.creeducation.org/cre/global\\_cre/about\\_global\\_network/intl\\_cre\\_summit\\_2016/](http://www.creeducation.org/cre/global_cre/about_global_network/intl_cre_summit_2016/)

Anyone wishing to go with free registration should contact Ann at [afrisch09@gmail.com](mailto:afrisch09@gmail.com).

### RECRUIT A ROTARY PEACE SCHOLAR

Rotary Peace Fellowships are awarded to scholars to pursue a master's degree in international studies and peace and conflict resolution. A second program, a three-month summer professional development certificate course, is available in Thailand. District 5960 has had many successful applicants over the years that are now working at the United Nations and other global organizations, in governments around the world, and in business and nongovernmental settings that advance peace.

Please inform qualified applicants about this program. Candidates must have earned an undergraduate degree and have 5 years of work or volunteer experience and a demonstrated commitment to peace and service. Proficiency in a second language is strongly recommended. Rotarians and their family members are not eligible. There is a three-step application process. Candidates submit online applications to their local Rotary Clubs by **April 1, 2016**. Endorsements by local clubs will then be sent to the District level by **April 22, 2016**. In-person interviews for District finalists will be invited on May 9-10 to be conducted on **May 14, 2016**.

For more information and application, see the Rotary International website at [www.rotary.org/en/get-involved/exchange-ideas/peace-fellowships](http://www.rotary.org/en/get-involved/exchange-ideas/peace-fellowships) or contact Kathy Hughtitt at [kathy.hughtitt@rotary5960.org](mailto:kathy.hughtitt@rotary5960.org).

## *Upcoming Events:*

### **St. Paul Sunrise Rotary Club** **11th Annual Community Forum**

*“The State of Race in Minnesota, Then and Now”*

**Thursday, April 14, 2016, 7:15 - 9:15 AM- Town & Country Club, St. Paul**

## **Join Rotarians on June 18, 2016**

### **Minnesota Twins and New York Yankees**

Raise money for Polio

Raise awareness of Rotary

Buy a t-shirt and we will do a FLASH MOB at the right moment in Target Center.

It will be fun.

Is it possible to have over 200 Rotarians wearing tee Shirts and making noise on the big Screen? Visit our website: [www.rotary5960.org](http://www.rotary5960.org) to register and order your t-shirt.

## **Grant Management Seminars:**

**To be eligible to submit a Grant a person from your club needs to attend one of these 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 YOUR GIFTS TO THE WORLD**

**May 12-13, 2016:** Mystic Lake Casino