

## *Rotary District 5960 Monday Musings*

Notes from Marlene Gargulak, District Governor, 2015-2016  
May 15, 2016

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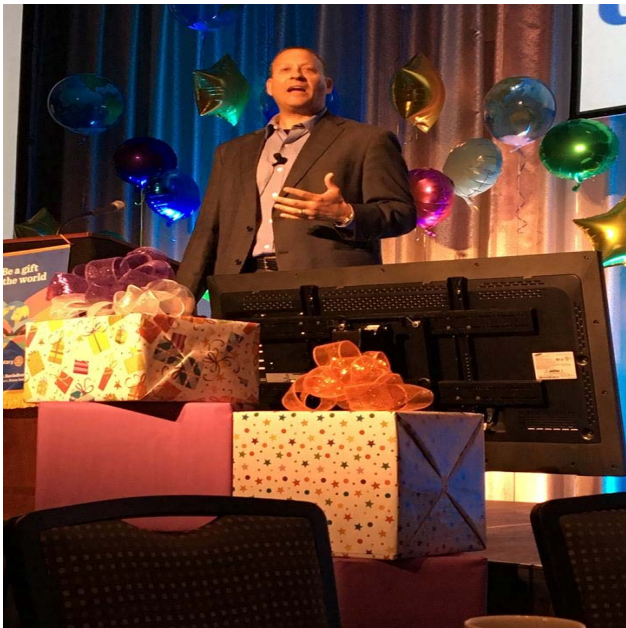


*To all attendees of the 2015-2016 Rotary District Conference, **I say Thank YOU!** Thank you for coming, for your involvement, for working, volunteering, golfing, playing, eating, laughing, making new friends and **celebrating**. Thanks to the awesome team who planned and made all the details work. Over 700 Rotarians, guests and Youth Exchange students participated. It was a fabulous event. I could not have dreamed it to be any better. **THANK YOU!***

**Highlights:** Polio-Plus received \$3500 from **Golf for Polio**. Here Mark Hegstrom, DGE for 5950 presents a check to Tim Mulcrone, 5950 Polio Chair and Paul Perez, 5960 Polio committee member. This was done at the Thursday night reception and welcome.



Two Districts, 5950 and 5960, get together to raise awareness. John Swaney from Bloomington Noon (5950) and Guy Selinske from Prior Lake (5960).  
[#EndPolioNow](#)



*May 13, 2016*

The day started with a motivating talk by **Ross Bernstein**, Sports Writer and motivational speakers. Ross talked about the skills needed to be successful and highlighted several sports heroes who have succeeded because of their passion, resilience and determination. The House of Friendship was well attended as Rotarians learned about clean water, Pollinator plants and much more. The highlight was the youth exchange students who worked at

each table to stamp PASSPORTS.

*The **Rotary Choir** consisted of 42 Rotarians from both Districts. They entertained us prior to Lunch.*

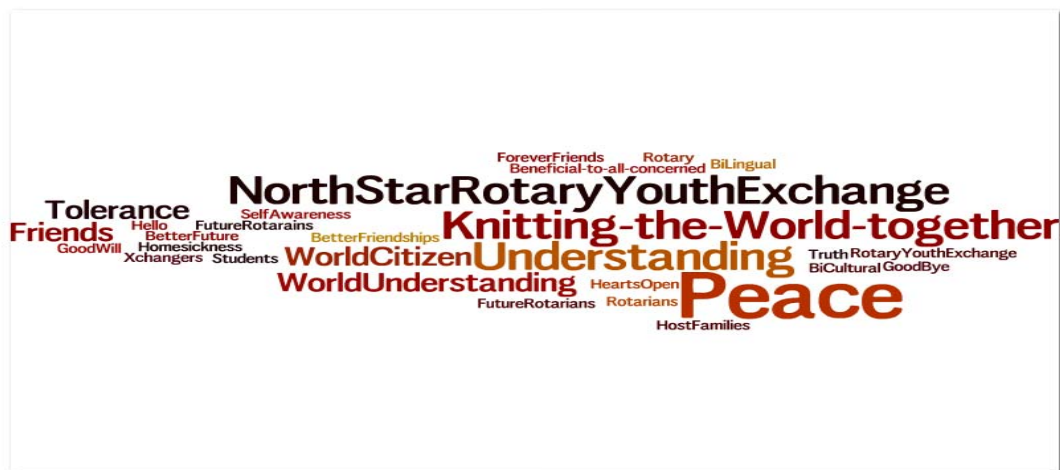


**Chris Heeter** and her dog Tuh Weh. Chris spoke on the courage to bring all of who you are to all of what you do.. If you need a great speaker at your next event, contact Chris at The Wild Institute. [www.thewildinstitute.com](http://www.thewildinstitute.com)

***Done is a Day Project:*** The **SERVICE Project** of preparing Feminine Hygiene Kits for girls, so they can attend school was a huge success. Shown on the picture to the right is Barbara Helena Nieviadonski, a Youth Exchange student from Brazil who went to Germany in 2013. She spoke to us at the evening meal about the experience of Youth Exchange. Barbara was sponsored by the NorthStar Youth Exchange team and will be speaking at the **Rotary International Convention in Seoul, Korea.**

Thanks to Judy Johnson and Todd Bollig for their hard work at bringing this to our District Conference. All Rotarians were invited to stop by for a period of time to work and enjoy friendship and FUN! It was a huge success.

**Vicki Dilley, Northfield Rotarian** and Extraordinaire Youth Exchange advocate gave the evening Inspiration. Here is what she said: “ *Welcome Fellow Knitters.... you are knitters, aren't you? I have the right meeting, don't I? I mean the kind of knitters that can take a bundle of colorful and a little bit messy yarn and spread it out from one corner of the earth to the other and have it link back to you and you send it off to one of your fellow knitters in Buffalo or Brazil, St Cloud or Slovakia and as the year goes by, the yarns begin to intertwine and take shape, creating friendships that are so deep that 45 years later people are still talking about that beginning, emailing, flying back and forth from one home to the next, to participate in weddings, baptisms and sometimes farewells. The kind of knitting that inspires a spectator to jump in to become a part of the stiches that make the world even more colorful and connected. The kind of knitting that breeds understanding instead of fear, the kind of knitting that inspires Peace and World Citizenship ... the kind of knitting that Rotarians dream of and make happen*”



The **ROCK Stars** that made the event so successful,

**Kathy Hughitt**, District 5960 Administrator, **Tammy Laurent**, PDG and co-MC Shakopee Rotary, **Jody Kern**, Chair, Edina Rotary and **Burnell Hanson**, co-MC-Rice Lake Rotary. Many people contributed to the planning and implementing of this



event. You will find more pictures of the event on [www.rotary5960.org](http://www.rotary5960.org) website.

***YOUTH EXCHANGE FINALE***

*We concluded the evening with the Flag Ceremony honoring our Inbound Youth Exchange Students from around the world.*

Over 50 Inbound Youth Exchange students spent the day working in the House of Friendship, Done in a Day Project, greeting and welcoming Rotarians to the conference. At the end of the day they did the **FLAG CEREMONY**, which raised the energy in the room and brought Rotarians to their feet. Each country was represented with a flag and a bit of music from the National Anthem of the respective Countries. It was a moment they will never forget, nor will we. It was amazing!



**SO much more that happened. The breakouts were great. Thanks to all who participated either by speaking, hosting, moderating, or attending.**

*Other News:*

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**Rochester Risers do a Literacy Project:**  
**My BOOK DAY**

The Rochester Rotary Risers, in collaboration ith the Rochester Public Library and Rochester Public Schools hosted their 3rd annual My Book Day, on May 6th at the Rochester Public Library. Over 500 local first grade students, each of whom received 5 books and their very own library card, joined them. In addition to the books given, this day of celebration of the student’s reading efforts also included readings by local “celebrity” readers, a tour of the library’s youth services division and the creation of a summer reading plans. Here celebrity, PDG, Karel Weigel reads to the students.

## Rotary Friendship Team From India District 3030 arrives in District 5960.

Greeted by the Woodland Lakes Rotary Club a team of 10 from India

**Rotary Friendship Exchange changes lives, builds friendships and crosses cultures.** “We become friends instantly.” Proof of this happened at Woodland Lakes Rotary in Amery, WI as they met a team of ten from Rotary District 3030, Nagpur India. Led by team leader **Sanjay Arora**, the team is a mixture of



men and women who are visiting the United States. Tears of joy, laughter and friendship abound when teams meet and leave even after a couple of days.

Other members of the team include Rajesh Jawaharani, Sonal Jawaharani, Priya Agarwal, Hitesh Karia, Aditi Agarwal, Nitin Ingle, Pawan Bagad, Mukesh Agarwal, Surekha Rajput. The team was transferred to Rice Lake, WI and hosted by the Barron County Sunrise Rotary Club. On Tuesday, May 17, the team will travel to Owatonna Rotary, and finish their stay in Stillwater. Watch for details

on this team. They are energetic, fun and interesting.



*Gary Taxdahl, president of Woodland Lakes Rotary receives a pin from RFE member.*

## TWIN CITIES ROTARACT INVITES US TO ATTEND SERVICE PROJECT:

Twin Cities Rotaract will be volunteering with Metro Bloom to restore native plants at **Irving Triangle, N 22nd Avenue, Minneapolis, MN 55411 on May 21 at 9am**. Metro Bloom's mission is to promote and celebrate gardening, to beautify our communities and help heal and protect environment. <https://www.facebook.com/events/186282768406176/>



***Polio***

***Update***

***and News:***

***District 5960 has a Polio Facebook Page.***



The District's new polio Facebook page, "**PolioPlus Rotary District 5960**," is live. The District Polio committee created the targeted page to recognize the effort of Clubs with raising donations for polio, and raising awareness for Rotary International's signature project – eradicating polio. Please be sure to Like the page and Share their posts. And if you have an idea for a polio-related post, instant message the committee on the page.

*Here is the link:*

<https://www.facebook.com/PolioPlusDistrict5960/>

**DEADLINE IS MAY 18- ORDER TICKETS  
TODAY**



***Rotary District 5960***

***hosts***

***Rally with the Twins at Target Field!***

*Join us for a celebration and fundraiser supporting PolioPlus and for an exciting game with our Minnesota Twins.*

***Saturday, June 18, 2016 1:10 PM – at Target Field***

***Minnesota Twins vs. NY Yankees***

*The Twins anticipate demand for single game tickets to continue. Be sure to order early as our tickets are limited and we will not have an opportunity to order additional tickets.*



**T-shirts Available \$14**

***Deadline is May 18, 2016!***

**ALL ROTARIANS, FAMILY MEMBERS AND GUESTS WELCOME TO THIS FAMILY EVENT!**

*To order online (Online orders with credit card, visit Eventbrite,  
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/rally-with-the-mn-twins-vs-ny-yankees-for-polioplus> - or  
Order Event Tickets by mail (address below-include ticket order form and check):*

1. *Minnesota Twins vs. NY Yankees - Saturday, June 18 - 1:10 PM at Target Field*
2. *Send order form and check payable to Rotary D5960, 2233 Hamline Ave No, #620, Roseville MN 55113*
3. *Orders must be ordered online ([www.rotary5960.org](http://www.rotary5960.org)) or received in the mail by **Wed, May 18, 2016***
4. *Tickets will be mailed from the Rotary office on **June 1, 2016**.*
5. *Question? Contact Kathy Hughitt, D5960 Administrator @ 651/636-9054 or [kathy.hughitt@rotary5960.org](mailto:kathy.hughitt@rotary5960.org)*

***Be sure to register for JIM HUNT's Installation:***

White Bear Lake  
**Rotary**



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The White Bear Lake Rotary proudly announces the installation  
of  
**Jim Hunt**  
As the 2016-2017 District 5960 Governor  
*June 21, 2016 6:30 PM social hour 7:30 - 8:15 program*



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**White Bear Center for the Arts**  
**4971 Long Ave, White Bear Lake, MN 55110**  
**Additional parking at**  
*White Bear Lake High School North Campus*  
*"free shuttle service" 5045 Division Ave, White Bear Lake, MN 55110*  
Tickets online at <https://jimhunt.ticketbud.com>  
Questions contact Pam Tschida [pamt1716@icloud.com](mailto:pamt1716@icloud.com)

*Tickets \$40.00*

***Prior Lake Rotary Club's Music-Fest***



[www.lakefrontmusicfest.com](http://www.lakefrontmusicfest.com)

## Lakeville Rotary Club's BIGGEST FUNDRAISER IS THIS WEEKEND!

**Event Fee: \$35.00 in advance • \$45.00 at the gate**

**Thursday, May 19th, 2016 from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.**  
**at the Lakeville Area Arts Center**  
**for the Fourteenth Annual**

**Taste of LAKEVILLE**

**Presented By The Lakeville Rotary Foundation**

**GOOD FOOD. GOOD WINE. GOOD TIME.**

Join us again in 2016! Enjoy live entertainment, first-class wine and beer tasting along with food samplings from over 35 local restaurants and caterers. Plus... live & silent auctions and raffles like the ever popular "Wall-of-Wine"!

**GOLD SPONSORS**

**Other Sponsorship Opportunities Available**

**SCAN HERE TO PURCHASE TICKETS ONLINE**

**For tickets & additional information, visit us online at: [www.TasteofLakeville.org](http://www.TasteofLakeville.org)**

Must be 21 or older and have a valid ID in order to attend this event.

The poster for the Taste of Lakeville 2016 event is divided into two main color sections: light blue at the top and lime green at the bottom. At the top left, a red banner contains the event fee information. Below it, the date and time are listed in black and red text, followed by the location and event name. A large, stylized logo for 'Taste of LAKEVILLE' features a yellow and blue Rotary wheel. To the right of the logo, four small photographs show various scenes from the event: people at a wine tasting, three women smiling, a person pouring wine, and a chef. In the top right corner, a blue banner identifies the presenter as the Lakeville Rotary Foundation, accompanied by the Rotary International logo. The bottom left section lists gold sponsors with their logos: LaBeau & Associates, REMIX Advantage, Shamrock Development, Inc., Ames Construction, Inc., and Belzer's. A QR code is provided for online ticket purchases. The bottom right section, on a red background, contains the event slogan, a description of the event activities, the website for tickets and information, and a small disclaimer at the bottom.

It was a fabulous week to be a Rotarian. Words cannot express my gratitude and appreciations for all that you do in your clubs, communities and the world. You truly are a

**GIFT TO THE WORLD.**