

Rotary District 5960 Monday Musings

*Notes from Marlene Gargulak, District Governor, 2015-2016
May 22, 2016*



Congratulations and THANK YOU

Past District Governor, **Joe Kovarik**, has served Rotary District 5960 for the past 6-½ years in the leadership team. He is a dedicated St. Paul Rotarian who helps others achieve their goals for self-improvement, so they can be fulfilled as individuals and contribute more to any activity they choose to pursue. The District has a six-year succession plan and Joe will have officially served in all the roles of the district leadership team including District Governor in 2013-2014.

Some of his career highlights include teaching at a high school in Chicago, then moving to a community college in Minnesota, to various businesses across the country, and fielding new Rotary programs around the world.

Joe came into Rotary because he was a Group Study Exchange member to India in 1977. Two years later he joined the St. Paul Rotary Club and has been active in many roles including president and charter member of District 5960 Board of Directors. He was chosen as the GSE team leader to the Philippines in 1999.

In 2002, Joe joined with PDG Steve Wilcox in developing the Visioning program for District 5960 clubs. Since then he has taught the how-to-visioning skills to facilitators in the United States, Canada, New Zealand, Australia and the western Caribbean. Currently Joe serves as Vice President of the International Vision Facilitation Council. At the 2012, Rotary International Convention in Bangkok, Thailand, Joe was a featured presenter on the topic of “ Strategic Planning Made Easy.” In 2014 he was the Zone training Coordinator for the Zones 28-29 Institute.

We will always remember Joe as the Governor who wanted all of us to become “**Fully Vested**” in Rotary. His initiatives were the 3-M’s- Money, Mindfulness and Membership.

Thank you Joe and Kathy for your service to Rotary.

Rotary Friendship Exchange team from India visited the District for a hectic 8 days. Clubs involved in hosting the team included Woodland Lakes, Barron County Sunrise, Owatonna and Stillwater Sunrise Rotary. Here is e-mail from one of the team:

“Greetings!

Just wanted to say THANKS to you, your District and all the members of all 4 Rotary Clubs and all the Host Families and the TEAM, to make us feel proud to b a ROTARIAN. In Few words to express, WE HAD THE BEST TIME EVER.

Hope to communicate you soon.

Warm Regards!

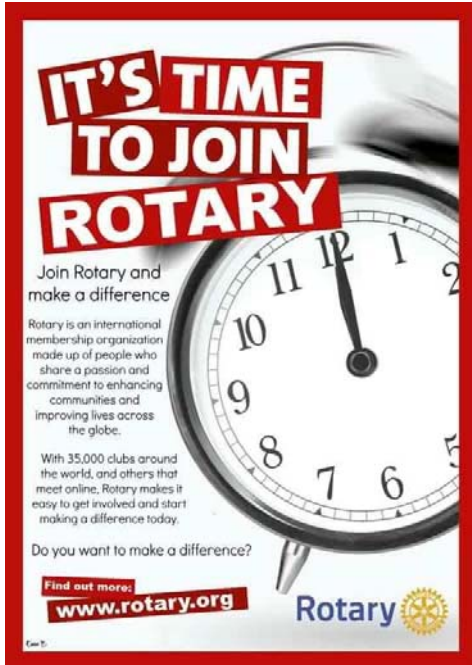
Yours in Rotary, Rajesh S. Jawahrani

District Secretary RY 2014-15 ; RID 3030 District Joint Secretary District Chair Thurst Area RY 2013-14 ; RID 3030 President 2012-13 Rotary Club of Jalgaon East Cell [+919822410888](tel:+919822410888)



WE TOGETHER WILL ROCK.





Public IMAGE:

What are you doing to promote Rotary in Your community?
Have you checked out the amazing resources from www.rotary.org under public image? This might be a good flyer to hand to your friends and family?



Huge SUCCESS:

Taste of Lakeville

The Taste of Lakeville held on May 19th was a huge success, partly because of the great weather and all the hard work of the Lakeville Rotary Club. Full of people, FUN, WINE, and FOOD this event brought over 2000 people together to enjoy all the great restaurants and venues in

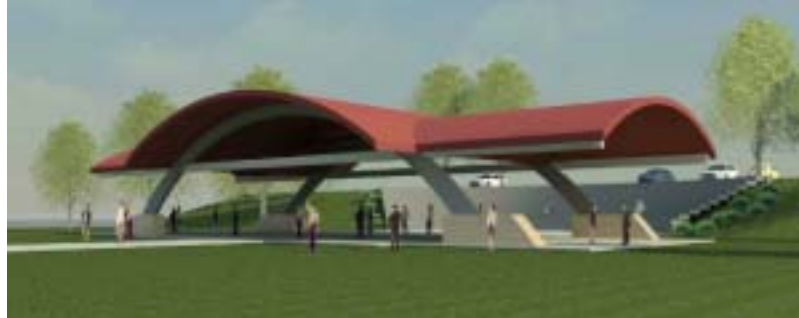


Lakeville and surrounding area. Colleen Ratzlaff Labeau, president and Carin Thomas, originator of the event gave a big smile and huge sign of relief of the success evident by all the people. Congratulations to the Lakeville Rotary club and all the good work they do in the community and the world.

UPCOMING EVENTS

HASTINGS ROTARY WILL CELEBRATE

Grand Opening May 26, 2016!



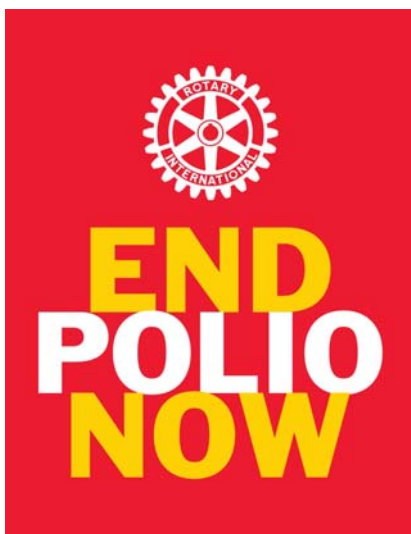
The Hastings Rotary Club is inviting everyone to join them on May 26, 2016 at Levee Park in Hastings to celebrate the grand opening of the Rotary Pavilion. From 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. there will be a dedication ceremony followed by live music performances and other entertainment. Thanks to over 180 individuals, small businesses, corporations and philanthropic organizations from Hastings and the surrounding area, they were able to build this beautiful facility that will encourage all community members to connect and share for years to come! It is truly a classic design and idea and will bring thousands of people to the river to celebrate the Arts and the joy of the beautiful place we all live.

Last call: **TWINS vs YANKEES**

Closing date extended to Thursday, May 26.

We are down to the wire for purchasing tickets for our Polio Plus Rally with the Twins event on Saturday, June 18 (Twins vs Yankees). The Twins aren't doing that great, but has that ever made a difference in Rotarians having a good time for a good cause?

The closing date for ticket orders has been extended to Thursday, May 26. Go to www.rotary5960.org and click on the Twins Logo to get your tickets. Let's all show up to support our #1 goal of eradicating Polio for the children of the WORLD.



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 and www.tasteofrosefest.org. The Taste of Rosefest is a food and wine tasting event is the Kick-off Even of Roseville's Rosefest celebrations. You will enjoy fun activities and be filled with great food.

PASSING OF THE GAVEL COMING SOON!

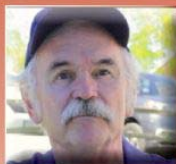
Register today to attend the passing of the gavel to **District Governor, 2016-2017 Jim Hunt** from **White Bear Lake Rotary**. The event will happen on June 21, 2016 in White Bear Lake. Check out the details below and register to attend.



White Bear Lake
Rotary



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

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

Tickets \$40.00

Prior Lake Rotary:



Check out the details of the upcoming Lakefront Music Fest at www.lakefrontmusicfest.com

Rotary International Convention:



We will be attending the Rotary International Convention in Seoul, Korea this weekend and through next week. May 28-June 1, 2016.

Watch for the fun activities via our Facebook page at

www.rotary5960facebook.com.