

Rotary District 5960 Monday Musings

Notes from Marlene Gargulak, District Governor, 2015-2016
May 8, 2016

District Conference News:

This is the week we have been waiting for. Our JOINT district Conference starts on Thursday with the **GOLF for POLIO** event. (*Still have room for more golfers*) After golf we have a fabulous WELCOME reception. (*Get to know a Rotarian*) Friday is the BIG day! Starting with breakfast and a WORLD RENOWNED speaker, **Ross Bernstein** who will inspire us to be in the game of life. Following breakfast, many opportunities abound including a **DONE IN A DAY** service project, many breakouts and of course friendship. At noon, we will hear from **Chris Heeter** from the WILD Institute. (*Definition of WILD (adj): Having the COURAGE to bring the gift of all of who you are to all of what you do.*) After lunch, there will be more breakouts, then our opportunity to VOTE on issues that impact our District. (**Be sure to bring your signed papers to the conference**)

Youth Exchange will be the highlight for the evening meal, with a special guest from Brazil to tell us all about the life of a Youth Exchange student. Then for the FINALE: Laugh until you burst with **Stevie Ray**. You don't want to miss this event. It will be FUN and Fabulous! (*The On-line registration is closed, however if you want to join us Call Kathy Hughitt @651-636-9054 or 800-636-9054*)



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our gifts to the world

Pollinator Plants Available at Conference

Pollinator plants will be available at the Mystic Lake Conference Center between 4-5:00pm. These plants sell for \$25.00/box and cover an 8' X 12' surface. They include a variety of plants for pollinators. Be sure to Fax and pre-order your boxes.

The form is



shown below.

**Rotary Pollinator Project
Order Form**

Note: Please email this form back to info@dragonflygardens.net

Name: _____

Pick up location (please check one):

Mystic Lake Casino on May 13th: ___ (4-5:00pm)

At Dragonfly Gardens in Amery, WI at a later date: ___

(If picking up at Dragonfly Gardens, please arrange a date by phone or email)

Payment options (please choose the one that applies):

\$25 Cash Payment: ___

\$25 Check Payment: ___

Payment is due at pickup.

Checks can be written out to "Dragonfly Gardens"

NEWS ON THE FOUNDATION:

Foundation Minute for Week of May 9

The mission of The Rotary Foundation is to enable Rotarians to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education, and the alleviation of poverty. The Rotary Foundation helps fund humanitarian activities in all corners of the world regardless of political leanings. This can be demonstrated in the projects that have benefited countries in the Middle East.

Operating room equipment has been given to the Saint-Vincent de Paul Hospital in Israel. Badly needed milk powder has been donated to the children of Iraq – Food, books and toys have been given to the children in Syria. Rotarians helped initiate hands on projects to help Syrian refugees. They have implemented water filtration systems in Lebanese public schools. Food packages have been given to the people of Lebanon; public schools have been renovated and ambulances have been given to the Lebanese Red Cross.

The activities of Rotarians in the Middle East have met the mission of The Rotary Foundation. With your continued financial donations Rotary will continue to make a difference throughout the world. Please donate/give to the Rotary Foundation today by going to www.rotary.org/give. (Neil McBeth)

**Community Service Project
Opportunity
Kids Voting Program**



You may think you've heard it all when it comes to stories about the upcoming presidential election. But there's one story that bears repeating—the story of thousands of students casting a ballot on Election Day as part of the Kids Voting program.

Kids Voting is a community based, nonpartisan program that combines civic lessons to the classroom with an authentic Election Day voting experience for students in grades K-12. Research shows that students who participate in the program are more responsive to the civic environment, more attuned to political messages and more willing to share their knowledge and opinions with parents and friends. In addition, research shows that practicing civic habits at a young age can support a lifetime of active citizenship.

Each community decides whether to have the students vote at the community-based polling sites or in their school building. In most communities, the program is coordinated through the school district or Community Education office with support from local businesses and community organizations such as Rotary.

In the 2014 election, more than 45,000 students from 50 Minnesota communities cast a ballot as part of the Kids Voting program. This year the goal is to give every student in Minnesota the chance to vote on Tuesday, November 8.

If you are interested in setting up a Kids Voting program in your community, contact Amy Anderson at 651-955-1670 or amy@mncivicyouth.org

**St. Paul Sunrise Rotary
Annual Community Forum to be broadcast on MPR**

Tom Weber, Host of the Minnesota Public Radio news reports the annual community forum—**“The State of Race in Minnesota: Then and Now”** will be broadcast on MPR this Wednesday, **May 11 at 11:00 am**. MPR will also post it online for listening later. Great media exposure for Rotary!

**Kentucky Derby at
North St. Paul/Maplewood/Oakdale Rotary
Receive Award for GREAT idea**



For a number of years, horse-prognosticators in the **North St. Paul Maplewood Oakdale Rotary Club** have handicapped the Kentucky Derby the day before the race. Members of the club pay \$1 to select one of the three picks, with all of the money going to the North St. Paul Food Shelf (a long-term project of the club). Everyone who picks the winner gets their breakfast served to them by the “losers”. This year, the women in the club took it one step further and showed up decked out in their finest

chapeaux. Next year, they expect the men to show up in something equally fine.



**What does your club do for FUN?
Rotarians are the most creative people on earth.**

Polio Update and News:

District 5960 has a Polio Facebook Page.



The District's new polio Facebook page, "**PolioPlus Rotary District 5960**," went live this weekend. 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: Just <https://www.facebook.com/PolioPlusDistrict5960/>

Upcoming Events:

Be sure to register for JIM HUNT's Installation:

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

10th Annual



Brewers Bazaar

Stillwater Series
Rotary

SATURDAY, MAY 21, 2016
Presented by Cub Wine & Spirits

Contact: www.stillwatersunriserotary.com

Prior Lake Rotary Club's Music-Fest



www.lakefrontmusicfest.com

Rotary members attend Jubilee Audience at the Vatican **Pope Francis thanks Rotary for its efforts to end polio and urges Rotary members to continue vaccination campaigns**



Rotary International President K.R. Ravindran is greeted by Pope Francis following the Jubilee Audience at the Vatican in St. Peter's Square on April 30, 2016. Photo courtesy of the Vatican.

Vatican City (30 April 2016) — 8,000 members of [Rotary](#) from across the globe attended the Jubilee Audience at the Vatican in St. Peter's Square on 30 April 2016 at the invitation of Pope Francis.

At the end of the Audience, a delegation of Rotary members - led by Rotary International President K.R. Ravindran - met Pope Francis where he emphasized the importance of vaccinations against polio and urged Rotary to continue.

Pope Francis follows Paul VI and John Paul II in connecting with Rotary to encourage their support of a more peaceful and compassionate world.

“It is a tremendous honor to be part of this Jubilee Audience,” said Ravindran. “Pope Francis has inspired men and women throughout the world – regardless of their faith – with his humble acts of kindness. His call to alleviate the root causes of extreme poverty and human suffering transcends religion, age, nationalism and politics. Rotary members from every religion, nation and creed share Pope Francis’ spirit of mercy and compassion, which inspires us to act boldly to address the most difficult challenges facing our world today.”

By promoting peace, fighting disease, [ending polio](#), providing clean water, sanitation and hygiene, supporting education, saving mothers and children and growing local economies, Rotary members are improving lives and bringing positive, lasting change to communities around the world.

Rotary and its partners in the [Global Polio Eradication Initiative](#) are on the brink of making global health history as polio is slated to become the second human disease ever to be eliminated. Cases of this paralyzing but vaccine preventable disease have plummeted by more than 99.9 percent, from about 350,000 cases a year in 1988, to 74 confirmed in 2015. Since launching its [PolioPlus](#) program in 1985, Rotary has donated US\$1.5 billion and countless volunteer hours to protect 2.5 billion children in 122 countries from polio. More than 13 million people are able to walk today, who would otherwise have been paralyzed from polio.

Pope Francis personally vaccinated a child against polio in Mexico this past February. While he was Archbishop Jorge Mario Bergoglio of Buenos Aires, Pope Francis was named an honorary member of Rotary – making him the first known pope to receive and accept a Rotary club membership.

About Rotary

Rotary brings together a global network of volunteer leaders dedicated to tackling the world's most pressing humanitarian challenges. Rotary connects 1.2 million members of more than 35,000 Rotary clubs in over 200 countries and geographical areas. Their work improves lives at both the local and international levels, from helping families in need in their own communities to working toward a polio-free world. Visit rotary.org and endpolio.org for more about Rotary and its efforts to eradicate polio. Video and still images will be available at <http://rotary.thenewsmarket.com/>.

DO YOU NEED SPEAKERS FOR YOUR CLUB MEETINGS:

Check out our website for several speaker opportunities. Here are two more to add to your list:

John Suzukida, Contact Information: 651-343-488- e-mail: jsukida@gmail.com.

John is the son of parents who were interred in American's Concentration Camps of Japanese ancestry during World War II. Rotary Focus: His dad was a Rotarian and we grew up in the shadows of Rotary International's Evanston headquarters, going to Church with Herb Pigman (General Secretary of Rotary). He will give you an overview of the experiences in the camps and how they dealt with it afterwards.

Scott Welle: Contact Scott at sw@scottwelle.com

Scott is a #1 International best selling author, speaker and founder of Outperform the Norm, a leading program for business leaders and athletes, driven to raise their game and perform at the highest level. While the rest of the competition is playing not to lose, Scott shows people how to play to win. His proprietary "Commit/Attack/Conquer" formula ensures people to fall asleep at night know they are making the most of their precious days on this planet.

Have you flown DELTA lately?

I am not advocating/sponsoring any airlines, however last week I needed a flight to New York for a funeral. Trying to use sky miles, etc. I phoned Delta Airlines. They were amazing to help me get on flights that were fully booked. In the seats was the SKY magazine. Within this magazine is an article entitled **NO PROBLEM TOO BIG**. This is a story of Sue Desmond-Hellman, CEO of the **Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation**. If you read this article she tells of the power of many people focused in the same direction. She states if the World did not have to worry about polio, a terrible paralyzing disease that would be a good thing. She speaks of the energy given by Unicef, Rotary, and many, many partners. **(GOOD PR for ROTARY) Donate today to www.rotary.org/give**