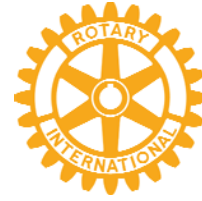


Rotary District 5960 Monday Musings
Notes from District Governor, Marlene Gargulak, 2015-2016
November 8-14, 2015



November 10, 2015: Prior Lake Rotary Club's Foundation Event



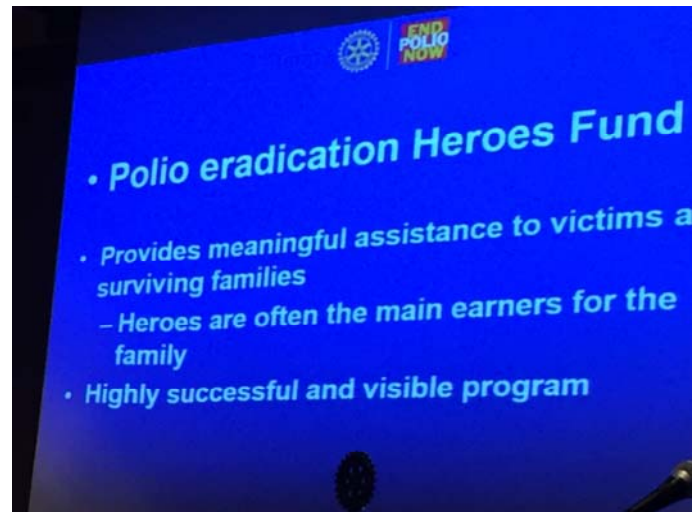
Joe Dols, President, presented Dr. Scott with an honorary membership to the Prior Lake Rotary Club.

The **Prior Lake Rotary Club** held a Rotary Foundation event to celebrate their achievements to Polio by inviting **Dr. Robert Scott, Past Rotary International Director and Rotary International Polio Chair** to give the keynote. His speech was enlightening and interesting. He talked about Rotary's successes in the eradication of polio, but also about the issues in regards to getting the job completed. His explanation of the involvement of partners including governments and other organizations proves our collaboration efforts.

The slide shown on the above states:

***We have averted 10 million cases of polio
1.5 million deaths averted.***

We already have a success story. In a few months we will have a triumphant story to tell and we will have kept our promise to the children of the world.



Another initiative Dr. Scott discussed included the efforts to support the families of the health care workers who were killed in the process of finding and delivering vaccine to children. These people were often the main providers for their families. The Heroes program is a highly successful and visible program for Rotary and provides encouragement to those on the front lines in the countries that are still endemic.

Special thanks to the Prior Lake Rotary Club for their continues support of Polio Plus and many of the other projects currently in the Rotary Foundation Grant Process. You are generous with your gifts.

PRESIDENTIAL CONFERENCES:

Find new and innovative ways to improve your community by attending one of five presidential conferences this year, hosted by RI President K.R. Ravindran and Foundation Trustee Chair Ray Klingensmith. The conferences, to be held around the world between January and March, will highlight Rotary's areas of focus. Use these links to learn about each of the programs and to register to attend:

- [Peace and Conflict Resolution, 15-16 January in Ontario, California, USA](#)
- [Disease Prevention and Treatment, 19-20 February in Cannes, France](#)
- [Economic Development, 27 February in Cape Town, South Africa](#)
- [Literacy and WASH in Schools, 11-13 March in Kolkata, India](#)
- [WASH in Schools, 18-19 March in Pasay City, Metro Manila, Philippines](#)

All five conferences will be led by local Rotary districts and are open to nonmembers as well as Rotary members. Conferences will feature engaging speakers, informative general sessions, and hands-on workshops. Attendees will have the opportunity to network with fellow leaders and take away new ideas and strategies to put into action.

Whether you're already working to improve your communities through these areas or would like to learn how to do so, you won't want to miss this unique opportunity.

Get involved in WASH in Schools

Rotarians and Rotary clubs around the world are working hard to improve children's health through WASH (water, sanitation, and hygiene) in school projects.



The [Water and Sanitation Rotarian Action Group](#) teamed up with Rotary to offer a three-part webinar series to assist clubs and districts with their WASH in Schools projects.

The series features ideas and best practices from experts in the field to help you start or expand your projects. View recordings of the sessions:

Part 1: [An Introduction to Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene \(WASH\) in Schools](#)

Part 2: [WASH in Schools Beyond Toilets and Tap: Behavior Change Through Hygiene Education](#)

Part 3: [Engaging Your Community Through WASH in Schools](#)

Email questions to learn@rotary.org.

GIVING TUESDAY: DECEMBER 1
MAKE THE ROTARY FOUNDATION YOUR CHARITY OF CHOICE

Giving Tuesday is a global movement for charities and individuals to come together for one common purpose: *to celebrate and encourage giving.*

Join us on December 1 as Rotary participates in Giving Tuesday and celebrate the good work we do in the world. Get involved in giving **online** on December 1 and share what inspires us to support our Foundation through your social media. We have listed several great projects during the last couple of weeks and you will find more on the bottom of this newsletter. Copy some of these on your Social Media page and share the opportunity for your friends and family to support the Rotary Foundation. *Be sure to tell them which club you want credited with the donation.*

Here are the **TOP THREE REASONS** to support Rotary on Giving Tuesday;

1. Fund unique projects: Our Foundation's unique grant model creates a locally led community development projects throughout the world. These life-changing projects are only possible because of the generous support from our members and friends of Rotary.
2. Raise Awareness
3. While Rotarians give to their communities and our Foundation throughout the year. Giving Tuesday will reach new supporters be leveraging social media and the momentum of Rotary Foundation Month is the tradition.

Foundation Grant Projects:

South St. Paul/Inver Grove Heights Rotary;

District Grant Title: Updating Early Childhood Hearing Screening Practices Using Otoacoustic Emissions Technology

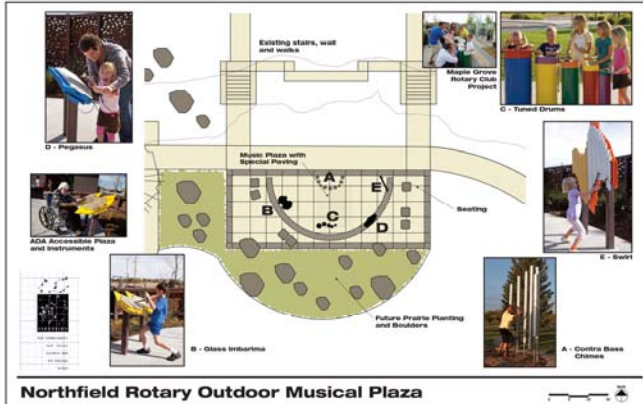
The purpose of this project was to fund the purchase of Otoacoustic Emissions hearing screening equipment that enables children served by the Inver Grove Heights Community Schools Early Childhood Special Education Program to receive high quality, up-to-date hearing screenings. This will ensure that each child's hearing health and related development needs are met. It will increase the capacity of the school program to conduct hearing screenings to benefit 100's of children in the years ahead.



About thirty percent of the club members participated in the research to review and select the project. Rotarians received a presentation last week and the equipment was tested on some of them.

The cost of the project was \$5970.00. South St. Paul/Inver Grove Heights Rotary partnered with West St. Paul Rotary to receive the grant.

Northfield Rotary Club



The Friends of Way Park in collaboration with the Northfield Rotary Club, local music educators, and the City of Northfield are building an outdoor musical plaza. The total Cost of the project is \$42,515.

The Rotary Foundation grant application requested \$12,000, which is a match from the sponsoring club and other district clubs. The project is to purchase instruments like the contrabass chimes, the swirl, the marimba, the Pegasus and the tuned drums. This concept is becoming well known in many cities. The idea is to provide

opportunities for families to spend time in the park and have creative opportunities. “Grandma can play with toddler and mom and dad, brothers and sisters of multiple ages and skill sets can play together without any knowledge and/or training, due to the special tuning.

JOIN OTHER ROTARIANS to Connect with Korea – Touch the World *(A MESSAGE FROM JIM HUNT, DISTRICT GOVERNOR ELECT)*

The **Rotary International Convention** travels to **Seoul, 28 May-1 June 2016**. Explore this world-class city and discover the rich culture that connects the latest trends with time-honored traditions. Taste eclectic cuisine and shop for the newest fashions and electronics. Meet new friends, share ideas, and interact with new technology at this dynamic, unforgettable convention. Connect with the thousands of Rotarians who will come together in friendship and peace.

Register Now and Save!

Take advantage of your opportunity to save. Be sure to [register](#) **before 15 December** for early registration savings.

Katie Dailey, Woodbury Rotary, Dailey Travel has secured block hotel space for our district at the [ibis Styles Ambassador Seoul Myeongdong hotel](#). Rate is KRW165,000 (about USD\$132) + 10% tax for 1- or 2-person per room, per night, all rooms include breakfast. Please contact Katie Dailey directly to book, by emailing her at: katie@daileytravelservice.com , or call her at 651-323-0101. In



addition, Daily Travel is offering several sightseeing options, [Half Day Tour Seoul-Gangwon - 4Day Pre Tour Seoul-JejuIsland-4Day Pre Tour](#) . [Click Here](#) for more information.

This Week's Visits and meetings:

November 16: St. Peter Rotary

November 17: Pollinator Project Committee Meeting-District Office -4:00pm

November 19: Rotary5960club meeting in Grant, MN. 7:00pm

November 20: Grants Sub-committee meeting at District Office: 11:45am

We are challenged by this theme: it is a call to action, a directive of service, an order to follow, a course to lay down, and a quest to pursue!



**Join me during this exciting Rotary year to honor our journey together. Our time is short; it is fleeting already. We have just 8 MONTHS to respond to this challenge.
This is our Time!**