

Rotary District 5960 Monday Musings

Notes from District Governor, **Marlene Gargulak**, 2015-2016
October 25-November 1, 2015

November is FOUNDATION month



The Rotary Foundation is the economic engine for Rotary International. If you don't know what the Rotary Foundation is about, the best explanation can be captured in this Paul Harris Statement, "*When an individual, a sect, a clique or a nation hates and despises another individual, sect, clique, or nation, he or they simply do not know the objects of their hatred. Ignorance is at the bottom of it.*"

All the programs associated with the Foundation such as Vocational Training Teams, Scholarships, global grants and district grants are directed at that ignorance. The Rotary Foundation was started "*to do good in the world*" and the result is to reduce the hatred that Paul Harris spoke about.

During the month of November, this weekly newsletter will focus on The Rotary Foundation. Specific club projects will be highlighted, along with tips and information on supporting your Rotary Foundation.

Every year clubs are asked to set annual giving goals for the **Every Rotarian, Every Year** effort. During my visits to your clubs I requested every Rotarian to support our Foundation with a minimum of \$100 contribution. Many clubs have not entered goals into Rotary Club Central. Please go to www.rotary.org and set your goals in Rotary Club Central. History has proved that clubs who set goals follow through with them. Many clubs are exceeding that goal now. **As your club sets its goal for this year, please remember to measure our success by the number of lives we've saved and changed.**

Here are two easy tips for donating:

Rotary Direct:

Make your giving to the Foundation easy by enrolling in Rotary Direct, Rotary's recurring giving program. You select an amount and frequency that's convenient for you [online](#) or use the Rotary Direct Form ([Form \(US\)](#))

Paul Harris Society: Complete the [PHS Online Enrollment](#) or fill out the [PHS Form](#) to join. Learn more by visiting the [PHS Website](#).

October 29, 2015: Waseca Rotary Club

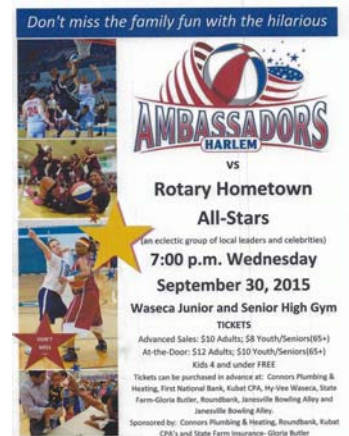


Peggy Hildbrandt Pres, DG Marlene, Laurie Jensen, Pres Elect

What do you do when the President Elect suddenly gets a job change and moves out of town? Have two dynamic people take the job. **Peggy Hildebrandt** and **Laurie Jensen** make up the team that leads the Waseca Rotary club. They work together in unison and understanding. Peggy states that she loves Rotary. When asked to join she questioned why anyone would want to have lunch every week with the same people. She now understands and is excited to attend the meetings to hear what is happening in the community and play a bigger role.

(Best Practice) The Waseca and Janesville Rotary Clubs shared a fundraiser event by hosting the Harlem Ambassadors. This event brought the communities together to share in the profits of a very successful event. It was also a lot of fun since the Rotary team consisting of fellow Rotarians of both clubs participated.

Over the last fifty years, the Waseca Rotary club has been bringing together the community and the ideals of Rotary International. They have active members who not only contribute their dues to the Stoltenberg Scholarship (\$5000 Scholarship) and Rotary Foundation, but also volunteer as STRIVE advisors, Host Families for International Youth Exchange Students, and Organizers of Community Events such as Farm and City Luncheon, New Teach Luncheon, Business and Industry Luncheon, and the Waseca Rotary Golf Tournament.



The Waseca Rotary Club and Janesville Rotary club have partnered for a District Foundation grant to provide Junior Achievement to the schools. The Waseca Rotary Club will put in \$3,000 and the Janesville club will be a partner with \$1,000. The additional \$4,000 will be from the District Foundation Funds. This is another example of working together to gain bigger benefits for a project.



Is it Christmas Yet? The Waseca Rotary Club provides Hot Cocoa for the Canadian Pacific's Holiday train, which will go through Janesville this year. The plan is to be decked out in Rotary gear for the event with a large banner-promoting Rotary. The train collects food for the needy along the route and when the train is at the stop of the route there is usually lots of fun and activities including live entertainment. Thousands of lights deck the train as it passes through the many communities from Canada to the United States.

During my visit to this club, an interesting word was used. RHINO-when interpreted means "**No Rotarians**

in Name Only" The idea is to have every Rotarian engaged in some project and not a check writer. Great Idea

Foundation Opportunities to Collaborate and Connect

West St. Paul-Mendota Heights Rotary Club- Project: Heartline Maternity Center in Tabarre. Haiti

Haiti has the highest infant and maternal death rates in the Western Hemisphere. According to estimates by UNFPA and other UN agencies, a woman in Haiti has a one in 80 chance of dying due to pregnancy or childbirth. Heartline Ministries has been working in Haiti for over 20 years and operates a maternity center in Port-au-Prince. The project proposes to assist with renovations of the center to support the expansion of the center and support the additional post-partum and delivery rooms. The current kitchen has been damaged by termites and needs to be renovated. Since power is so uncertain and disrupted at times, there is a need for a generator, inverter and batteries to keep electricity working. Upon completion of this project, Heartline will be able to offer additional maternity and delivery services.



Here is a re-cap of the fund pledged and amount needed:

The Total project will cost \$30,600

Clubs supporting this project include:

West St. Paul: \$10,000

Lakeville: \$5000

South St. Paul: \$1,750

Roseville: \$500

Prior Lake: \$2,000

Shrewsbury Club: \$3,100

Total Money Pledged: \$13,250

District Funds Requested: \$9,000

Remaining Needed: **(\$4,250)**

Matching Funds:

\$ 3,000

3,000

1,750

500

2,000

3,000



This Week's Visits:

November 3: District Conference Planning Meeting (Bloomington)

November 5: Woodland Lakes Rotary Club

Council of Governors Meeting at Kyle and Carrie Haugen's home

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!**