



**STILLWATER SUNRISE ROTARY CLUB
NEWSLETTER
January 6, 2009**

FUTURE MEETINGS

January 13, Bob Rupp, Linda Cameron, MN Historical Society
January 20, Club Assembly, Membership
January 27, Don Schuld, Dr. Angie Eilers, Smart Investments in Students

FUTURE EVENTS

April 17-19, 2009, District Mid-term
May 16, 2009, Brewers Bazaar.
June 20-25, 2009, Rotary International Convention, Birmingham, England
September 12, 2009, Midnight Golf

FELLOWSHIP

Visiting Rotarians

Ute Buehler, Mpls./University

Guests

Mabe, our Exchange Student
Sara Wolff, guest of Doug Wolff
Barbra Tischart, guest of Jim Meier
Yvonne Linnert, Stillwater Courier
Susan Gaertner, Ramsay County District Attorney, speaker

Make Ups

Chuck Buehler, Mpls. / Univ.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS, REPORTS

Review of the events of December saw us have a Holiday Party at the Depot which was a success, the Salvation Army Bell Ringing outside Wal-Mart went well and we had a first meeting of the Brewers Bazaar Planning Committee.

We received a nice thank you from Arba-Della and Family Means for the donations to the Landing Christmas Party.

The District Mid-term has Ken, Mike, Arba-Della, Brent, Craig, Jon, Dave N. and Margie going. It is on Saturday, Jan. 17, 8-12 noon at Oakland Jr. High.

STRIVE meets tomorrow.

NEXT WEEKS PROGRAM AND SHAMELESS SELF- PROMOTION

Bob Rupp has the program next week. Linda Cameron, from the Minnesota Historical Society will speak about a new exhibition which starts this spring. Bob told how his classification when he was a Rotarian with St. Paul Rotary as Bookmaker. Since there were two members already from Webb Publishing who took up the normal categories, he was left with Bookmaker since he was from the Agricultural Books part of Webb.

SERGANT AT ARMS

Dave N. reported the shocking news that he had received an application from Del (not noted for e-mails), the second of which when filled out answered the question M or F with?. Dave said that 8 people will be going to Nicaragua.

One of our members reported he has had family staying with him since November 4 and they were going home tomorrow.

Jon S. reported they were able to get Desmond Tutu to speak at the Rotary Peace Conference.

Mike H. reported his son was back from Argentina after 1.5 weeks visiting our former exchange student Ariana. They had a real problem getting him in after they were misled on whether a visa was needed or not.

There was a special drawing for the old Rotary pins of Jerry Turnquist, a former member, who passed away a few years ago. They were donated by his wife.

PROGRAM



Doug Wolff introduced his wife Sara's boss Susan Gaertner, Ramsay County Attorney. Susan noted her connection to Rotary at the present is her daughter who is a Rotary Exchange Student now visiting Germany sponsored by White Bear Lake.

Susan chose as her topic the increasing problem of Senior Abuse. Ramsay County and the City of St. Paul are finding it to be such a problem that a group of police members are now dedicated to help deal with this problem.

It seems that in this age of Baby Boomers reaching retirement that this problem is getting worse. The causes may well be they are better off than the earlier generation and the pressures on younger people are forcing them to get into their Grandparents purse. Recent incidences in Minnesota show that even in Nursing homes, those with Dementia and Alzheimer's are being targeted because they less likely to report problems.

The most common abusers are Family members. For that reason, Susan said, it is important to always have a circle of people in the family check in often to see how things are going. The problem will not go away because over 25% of the population is now over 65 and this is double of what it was in the year 2000.

She told the tragic story of a man who was literally corralled into his own room by his son, fitted with a plastic garbage bag for a diaper and left there to fend for himself.

Doctors have trouble identifying the problem because the elder person won't admit something's wrong and the physical signs are done in out of the way places on the body.

The crime is not limited to the uneducated. A young lawyer to money from her 75 year old mother used forged documents with Judges Signatures. We have all heard of the con artists who take advantage of the trusting nature of seniors. "I have been in the prosecution business for 24 years, and I can assure that if it is too good to be true, it usually isn't true" said attorney Gaertner.

Lots of questions, an excellent talk.

JOKE OF THE WEEK

The U.S.S. Constitution (Old Ironsides) as a combat vessel carried 48,600 gallons of fresh water for her crew of 475 officers and men. This was sufficient to last six months of sustained operations at sea. She carried no evaporators (fresh water distillers).

However, let it be noted that according to her log, "On July 27, 1798, the U.S.S. Constitution sailed from Boston with a full complement of 475 officers and men,

48,600 gallons of fresh water, 7,400 cannon shot,
11,600 pounds of black powder and 79,400 gallons of
rum."

Her mission: "To destroy and harass English shipping."

Making Jamaica on 6 October, she took on 826 pounds of
flour and 68,300 gallons of rum.

Then she headed for the Azores, arriving there 12
November. She provisioned with 550 pounds of beef and
64,300 gallons of Portuguese wine.

On 18 November, she set sail for England.

In the ensuing days she defeated five British men-of-war
and captured and scuttled 12 English merchantmen, salvaging
only the rum aboard each.

By 26 January, her powder and shot were exhausted. Never-
the less, and though unarmed, she made a night raid up
the Firth of Clyde in Scotland. Her landing party captured
a whiskey distillery and transferred 40,000 gallons of
single malt Scotch aboard by dawn.

Then she headed home.

The U.S.S. Constitution arrived in Boston on 20 February
1799, with no cannon shot, no food, no powder, NO rum,
NO wine, NO whiskey and 38,600 gallons of stagnant water.

GO NAVY!

Dong Kurn Lee- Rotary International President

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