



**STILLWATER SUNRISE ROTARY CLUB
NEWSLETTER
March 3, 2009**

FUTURE MEETINGS

March 10, Bob Gag – Susan Block, Youth Advantage
March 24, Jay Riggs- John Jaschke, MN Board of Soil & Water Resources: The Water, Land & Legacy Amendment.
April 14 Jim Meyer- Brian Molohon, Feed My Starving Children
May 5, Partnership Plan Breakfast, Lake Elmo Center

FUTURE EVENTS

April 17-19, 2009, District Mid-term Oakland Jr. Hi, 8 till noon -- Ken McGinley, Mike Holsten, Arba-Della, Beck, Brent Voight, Craig Leiser, Jon Stillman, Dave Newman, Margie Horning, and Orwin Carter
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./Univ.

Guests

John Kipp, guest of Doug Wolff
Mabe
Jane George and Alicia, speakers

Make Ups

Ken, Orwin, Steve, Rick, Margie, Janis, Dave, Brett, Mike, Bob Brent, Arba-Della, Matt and Craig.... Board Meeting.
Chuck Buehler Univ./Mpls
Ken McGinley, District Team Training
Dave Newman (2) District 5960 and River Falls
Craig Leiser (4) District (2), Red Wing, Youth Exchange

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ANNOUNCEMENTS, REPORTS

Doug Wolff introduced his guest, John Kipp. He described him as an old drinking buddy from law school.

Ken thanked Brent for doing the minutes of the Board Meeting.

Mark gave a report of the Brewers Bazaar, it is coming together. Below are the committees and members as of 3-3-09.

Marketing and Promotions-- Co-chairs John Huenink and Ken McGinley
Members: Rick Robbins

Sponsors-- Co-Chairs Dean Tibbets and Cheryl Kahout
Members: Dan Schmid, Orwin Carter, Rich Cummings

Day of planning and Execution-- Co-chairs Rob Gag and Paula Williams
Members: Ed Boeve, Dave Langer, Paul Jennings, Dave Newman, Steve Madsen, Craig Leiser, Brent Voight, Del Peterson, Paul Charpentier, Matt Valek

Silent Auction/Raffle-- Co-Chairs Mike Holsten, and we are looking for a co-chair
Members: Margie Horning. Linda Halbert is considering joining the committee.

Brewer's, Water Street and Band--Ken McGinley and Mark Fisher
Mark urged everyone to join a committee.

Some members attended the Noon Rotary Sampler fundraiser...it was indeed a success, 18 restaurants were represented.

Wednesday, March 11 is Lake Elmo's sustainable food event; there were fliers on the tables.

Dave N. gave a short summary of our Fast for Hope project in Nicaragua. There is another trip planned for May 7-17. There are still openings for this trip. The cost is approx. \$1300. There will be training session with Kairos on April 16. Andy asked for contributions from all our members for the Fast for Hope day fundraiser.

Andy H. was presented with his 3rd Paul Harris pin. Each pin represents recognition of a \$1000 to the Paul Harris Foundation.

Dave Langer thanked Shari for filling in for him in organizing the Ronald McDonald House visit for the STRIVE students.

Don't forget the District Conference in April and the International convention in June noted above in the newsletter.

NEXT WEEKS PROGRAM AND SHAMELESS SELF- PROMOTION

Bob Gag has will have Susan Block from Youth Advantage a new non-profit in the Valley.

SERGANT AT ARMS

A donation was made in honor of the #1 Girls Hockey team from Stillwater.

Dave was off skiing with his son last week.

The raffle was for a gift certificate for the Supreme Bean.

PROGRAM



Brent Voight, introduced Jane George, who was chosen Foster Parent of the Year for 2009. Mrs. George brought along Alicia who has been a big help for Mrs. George over her total stay with her. She is presently attending Century College, has been at Jane's home since she was 13 coming from a home of family violence. She is a graduate of Stillwater Area High School and was named Foster Child of the Year in 2008. She and another help train the various foster children, what the important rules are etc...

Jane has had a foster home for 38 years the number of Foster

Children of 750 includes some that were there for a very short time. She began when she found three children abandoned in an apartment building where she lived. It was a terrible sight with the floor covered with all sorts of junk and garbage. Some people have asked her why always teenage



girls...she finds them funny, smart, energetic and they rarely argue with her. The consequences for not being good: a time out at the table.

Her stories about these poor children were touching and shocking: Many children are picked up abandoned or taken out of situations by Policeman at all times of day and night. Some are so much abused that it takes a while before they allow themselves to be touched. Alisa was taken from a family of extreme violence. Another problem is "We don't talk about death as a society," Jane said. She has had to many times tell these kids that their mother or father or sibling has died. As a result holidays are difficult times in a foster care home, where memories all come to the surface. In summary though, you get the impression that it is a very good thing to be part of the home of Mrs. Jane George.

JOKE OF THE WEEK

Farmer John lived on a quiet rural highway. But, as time went by, the traffic built up at an alarming rate. The traffic was so heavy and so fast that his chickens were being run over at a rate of three to six a day.

So one day Farmer John called the sheriff's office and said, "You've got to do something about all of these people driving so fast and killing all of my chickens."

"What do you want me to do?" asked the sheriff. "I don't care, just do something about those crazy drivers!"

So the next day he had the county workers go out and erected a sign that said: SLOW: SCHOOL CROSSING

Three days later Farmer John called the sheriff and said, "You've got to do something about these drivers. The 'school crossing' sign seems to make them go even faster."

So, again, the sheriff sends out the county workers and they put up a new sign: SLOW: CHILDREN AT PLAY. That really sped them up.

So Farmer John called and called and called every day for three weeks.

Finally, he asked the sheriff, "Your signs are doing no good. Can I put up my own sign?"

The sheriff told him, "Sure thing, put up your own sign." He was going to let Farmer John do just about anything in order to get him to stop calling every day to complain. The sheriff got no more calls from Farmer John.

Three weeks later, curiosity got the best of the sheriff and he decided to give Farmer John a call. "How's the problem with those drivers. Did you put up your sign?" "Oh, I sure did. And not one chicken has been killed since then. I've got to go. I'm very busy." He hung up the phone.

The sheriff was really curious now and he thought to himself "I'd better go out there and take a look at that sign... it might be something that WE could use to slow down drivers..."

So the sheriff drove out to Farmer John's house, and his jaw dropped the moment he saw the sign. It was spray-painted on a sheet of wood:

"NUDIST COLONY"

Dong Kurn Lee- Rotary International President

Roy Sjoberg- Governor, District 5960

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