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Our Rotary Foundation

As your District Governor, I want you to know of the importance that I place on The Rotary Foundation, "Our Foundation." In that regard, I have asked Jon Stillman, the District Rotary Foundation Committee (DRFC) Chair, to coordinate a monthly article for the newsletter, and I encourage clubs to submit articles for the monthly District Newsletter telling stories of the opportunities provided to persons around the globe through Our Foundation.

The committee that Jon chairs, the DRFC, has the responsibility for approving the use of District Designated Funds (DDF) in support of the many programs available through our Foundation. The DRFC is composed of the following Rotarians:

PolioPlus – Charlie Cogan
Annual Programs Fund – Clare Lillis
Permanent Fund and Major Donors – Jerry Meigs
Scholarships – Michelle Arulfo
Grants -Lee Finholm
Group Study Exchange – Kathy Stutzman
Alumni – Margaret Johnson
Rotary World Peace Fellowship – Grete Lavrenz
Paul Harris Fellow Society – Jack Gibbons.

Additionally, the committee includes the current governor, the governor-elect and the governor-nominee, as often the committee is asked to make decisions that impact on future years and the committee takes the desires of the future leaders into consideration. For example, scholars that have already been selected by the scholarship committee will be funded from the 2010-11 Rotary year DDF. Therefore my successor, Craig Leiser, had the opportunity to participate in the decision for the number and type of scholars that would be funded from DDF available when he is governor.

I have asked the committee chair to make the committee members as well as subcommittee members available to clubs to make sure the wonderful stories of the work of Our Foundation are made available to our Rotarians. Contact information for these Rotarians can be found in the District Directory and at www.rotary5960.org. I encourage each club to contact them and to bring at least two Foundation speakers to the club during the year.

Not only can this team bring speakers to your clubs, but the team can also help your club coordinate participation in the programs of Our Foundation. It would be wonderful if every club in the district participated in a project that supported an activity of Our Foundation. I encourage all district Rotarians to make use of this resource, this team of volunteers, so that they can help you Celebrate Rotary Opportunities.

Rotary is an organization of business and professional men and women united worldwide who provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations, and help build goodwill and peace in the world.



In closing, I would like to share a recent honor, as well as responsibility, that has been given to our district. We have been selected as one of the 100 districts to participate in the Future Vision Pilot Program. This program will institute the “new way” for participating in Foundation programs. It will bring about changes and change is often resisted. I am asking for your full support as we move forward with the changes. The Pilot Program will begin on July 1, 2010, but we will begin to feel the change this Rotary year. As an example, the process for our selectee for the Ambassadorial Scholarship who will study in 2010-11, will be different than in the past and our team is working through the new process now. Additionally, the scholars selected this Rotary year to study during the 2011-12 year will be subject to the new process. I see these as Rotary opportunities that we can celebrate by making them happen. Remember in the words of our Rotary President John Kenny, “The Future of Rotary Is In Your Hands”. Thank you for your continuing support of Our Foundation.

Yours in Rotary Service,
Newell Krogmann

A Major Donor Does Not Have to Happen All at Once!



Michael Mishou, Hayward Area Rotary Club, has been contributing to The Rotary Foundation for 22 years and has now attained Major Donor Status. Maybe we should all consider becoming major donors.

Cultural Ambassadorial Scholar – Woori Bae

Rotary Cultural Ambassadorial Scholar, Woori Bae from Jindo, South Korea arrived in St. Paul on July 17th. He will be attending the ELS Language Center on the campus of the University of St. Thomas for the next six months. The St. Paul-Sunrise Rotary Club will be serving as Woori’s Host Club. Steve Baker from the Sunrise club is serving as Woori’s Host Rotarian.

Since his arrival, Woori has enjoyed a few of the cultural treasures of the Twin Cities. Woori has attended the horse races at Canterbury Downs, had a brat at Highland Fest, attended Mass at St Peter’s in historic Mendota, went to the Aquatennial fireworks, and of course enjoyed a visit to The Mall of America with other international students from the ELS program. All of this in his first week!

Woori looks forward to attending more Rotary meetings and events. Woorie also hopes to connect with his fellow Rotaractors. If you are interested in having Woori to one of your Rotary meetings or events, contact Steve Baker at 651-646-7521 or sabaker@minnesotachemical.com.



“Woori meets Wally the Beer Man at a Saints game”



**Have you registered for the
FALL TRAINING SEMINAR
September 12?**

Topics: Membership... Public Relations...The Rotary Foundation

Training for: All club board members and other club members

Where: Lake Elmo Inn Event Center, Lake Elmo, MN

When: Saturday, September 12, 2009 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Registration and more information - sent to clubs and online at

www.rotary5960.org

Brazil Friendship Exchange Team Arrives



In July, our district hosted a five-member inbound Rotary Friendship Exchange (RFE) team of Rotarians and their partners from District 4740 of Santa Catarina, Brazil for a twelve-day visit. The team was hosted by the Rotary clubs of St. Paul, Winona, Mankato.

They experienced a variety of activities including museums, the State Capitol, a Summit Avenue walking tour, Cirque du Soleil-Kooza, parades, a Minnesota Twins Game, fireworks, the Wabasha Eagle Center, a house boat ride, Amish farms, university tours, open air concerts, a county fair, a Cabela's stop, and a Mankato Moondogs baseball game. There were also many

picnics, many chats over the kitchen table, shopping at the Mall of America, and a grand Farewell Dinner at the Macaroni Grill in Edina.

Thanks to the Rotary club Coordinators Henning Schulze-Lauen of St. Paul, Gabe Manrique of Winona and Gordon Gibbs of Mankato our guests (who had been invited by the RFE committee under the guidance and correspondence from Pat Greenwood, Owatonna Rotary) were kept busy having fun and making many new friends along the way.

Friendship Exchange is a program that lets Rotary members learn about cultures around the world by living with host Rotarians for only a few days but they are very special days. "I love the feeling I get here" said Claudia Barbieri after munching on her newfound fair food favorite, her FIRST ever corn dog, at the Winona County Fair. Interestingly, the booths resembled a lot of what happens at their fairs. Claudete Boneli, who grew up on a farm, quickly became fascinated with

how we do it in Minnesota. Why? Because she never got a chance to enter her animals in Brazil because the animal competitions there are for the corporate farmers.

Claudete and her husband Aliomar summed it up so well with their e-mail to our RFE Chair Lonna Lysne after the visit. She wrote, "We would like to thank all the members of the committee for the organization, the hosts for receiving us and for being available during the time we stayed in Minnesota. We just loved to get to know all of you and experience all the activities that you planned for us. EVERYTHING was important and meaningful. The Exchange in Minnesota was a wonderful and unforgettable experience. The great thing about this interchange in my opinion is really the friendship. We know that we do have different cultures and speak a different language but our feelings are similar and our goals of having a better world are the same. We promise to do our best when we receive the Minnesota Rotarians in October. Thank you and Best Wishes in Rotary."

Said Gordon Gibbs of the Mankato Rotary Club, "I would do this again, and I would love to tell the story to fellow Rotarians should they want an RFE program!" RFE -- Rotary Friendship Exchange – another great opportunity through Rotary. Watch for future exchanges. You too can be involved in this program.

Rotary Basics

Rotary International, the world's first [service organization](#), is made up of over 33,000 [clubs](#) in more than 200 countries and geographical areas. Its members form a global network of business and professional leaders who volunteer their time and talents to serve their communities and the world.

Rotary's motto, [Service Above Self](#), exemplifies the humanitarian spirit of the organization's more than 1.2 million members. Strong [fellowship](#) among Rotarians and meaningful community and international service projects characterize Rotary worldwide.

Rotary enjoys a rich and sometimes complex tradition and organizational [structure](#), with many programs that can be confusing to new and even not-so-new members. This Web site offers a basic Rotary education — the fundamental knowledge that will make every member better informed about Rotary and proud to be a Rotarian. For more information on "Rotary Basics" as found in the August edition of the Rotarian magazine and a short, just-over-one-minute-long, informative video about Rotary, [Click Here](#). Please share this link to "Rotary Basics" and the video with prospective Rotarians. You'll be glad you did.

July & August Club Anniversaries

Stillwater Rotary Club (1919) – 90 Years
St. Peter Rotary Club (1938) – 71 Years
So. St. Paul/Inver Grove Heights Rotary Club (1962) – 47 Years
Hayward Rotary Club (1983) – 26 years
Stillwater Sunrise Rotary Club (1984) – 25 years
Hudson Daybreak Rotary Club (1990) – 19 Years



Very Important Links

[District Calendar](#) (District 5960 events)
[Club Event Calendar](#) (enter YOUR club's event!)
[Online Directory](#) (for up to date contact information)
[Club Goals Monthly](#) (monthly club goal status)
[Club Map/Meetings](#)

Please forward articles for the September newsletter to Burnell Hanson burnell@charter.net or District Newsletter Editor Deanna Rotz drotz@centralroofing.com. Articles for consideration must be received by **the 30th** of each month to be included in the next publication.