



**STILLWATER SUNRISE ROTARY CLUB
NEWSLETTER
April 20, 2010**

FUTURE MEETINGS

Apr 27, Roger Stelljes, author – Brent Voight
May 4, Tod Fyten, St Croix Brewing – Paula Williams
May 11, Stewart Erickson, Sustainability – Craig Leiser
May 18, Zafar Siddiqui, Islamic Resource Group – Jim Meier
May 25, STRIVE – Del Peterson
June 1, to be announced – Jeff Robertson

FUTURE EVENTS

May 15, Brewers Bazaar, Noon – 5, Avalon boat
May 17, Fast for Hope "African Poverty," Family Means 5:30 – 8:30pm
June 21-23, Rotary International Annual Convention, Montreal Canada
Aug 15, Exchange Student Laura Mueller arrives from Germany
Sept 24, Moonlight Golf
October 16-24, Nicaragua Cultural Exchange, Families Welcome (August 16 deadline for sign-up)



FELLOWSHIP

Steve wore his-coat-of-few-cleanings with 13 Rotary pins on it, including one hand-delivered from Thailand by Rich Cummings

Visiting Rotarians

Bob Furniss, Woodbury

Guests

Dane Smith, speaker on Growth and Taxes

Make Ups

Craig Leiser—Fast for Hope training, Board Meeting, NCPETS Board, Rochester Risers Board;
Del Peterson, Fast for Hope training;
Margie Horning, District Grants training, District Conference, District Board;
Shari Clifford, Fast for Hope training;
Cheryl Kohout, Roseville.

Links

Link to Stillwater Sunrise Website: [Stillwater Sunrise Website](#)

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Link to International Web site: [Rotary International Website](#)

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ANNOUNCEMENTS, REPORTS

The Sudan Water Project, which Stillwater Hi students pitched to Sunrise a few weeks ago, to which members responded, has reached its financial goal. Digging has started.

Bob Furniss, Woodbury, pitched the East Metro Jeff Hanson Miracle League Field, a baseball field for disabled children to be built at the Bielenberg Sports Complex in Woodbury. There are two ways to contribute: Attend the Miracle Gala at Axel's-at-Prestwick on Friday evening, April 30, for "extraordinary food, music, dancing, with silent and live auctions." It starts at six. Cost: \$55 per. Contact: 651-323-0101 or www.makeamiracle-eastmetro.com. Second: Buy tickets for the Twins vs. Rockies (Colorado) game for Tuesday, June 15. Cost: "Home Run Porch View seats for just \$20 per person!" E-mail miraclefield@woodburymnrotary.org or www.woodburymnrotary.org for a ticket order form.

Prez Mike Holsten reminded members that Sunrise has already contributed \$500 toward the East Metro Miracle field, which, according to Furniss, will accommodate as many as 2,000 handicapped children.

Community Thread has a "spring into Service" event Saturday, May 1, 8:30-noon, for volunteers to work at non-profit sites in Washington County. Call 651-439-7434 or e-mail lisa@communitythreadmn.org to register.

May 15th Brewers Bazaar is looking good, say Mark Fisher and his committee chairs. Ten brewers are signed up, with four more likely. Tickets are selling well, more sponsors are expected than last year and the raffle is moving forward. A check-out tour of the Avalon, largest of the older boats, is scheduled for today. Help is needed for the Polio Project, which will have an info booth on the boat. See Jon Stillman.

NEXT WEEK'S PROGRAM:

Local author Roger Stelljes has been lined up by Brent Voight. A lawyer by training, Stelljes will tell about two of his books, which have plots based in Stillwater. Both books will be available for purchase next week.

GETTING TO KNOW OUR MEMBERS

As part of a new initiative, the previous weeks host provides a semi-biographical introduction of the host for this week's program to help us to better know our membership.

Ed Simonet, today's introducer, was introduced by Jon Stillman. A Stillwaterite with 36 years in family and criminal defense practice, Ed is considered by both judges and clients as a top-rated "super lawyer." Jon, in need of a super lawyer a few years ago, called Ed and introduced himself. Ed's reply: "Oh, yes, I know you from Sunrise Rotary." Jon, at the time, unfortunately didn't know Ed was also a member of Sunrise. He does now.

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS

PROGRAM

Ed introduced speaker Dane Smith. Recognized for his 30 years of reporting on local, state and federal government and politics for both the *Star Tribune* and *Pioneer Press*, Smith is president of Growth and Justice, "a center for a prosperous, fair and sustainable Minnesota economy."

He started by lauding Stillwater as "one of the best places in the best state of Minnesota," and Rotarians as "well balanced, successful people," then spent the rest of his time relating the need to balance this state's economic and social needs against its rate of taxation. "We do need to raise taxes, by a reasonable amount, for the common good."

"The assumption that more tax cuts is the *only* way to strengthen the state's economy is just not working," Smith continued. Yet the mantra of "no new taxes" is being pitched to the next administration. For the past decade, we've tried to have it both ways, Smith said. We thought we could keep what is essential to our general prosperity without having to pay for all of it. We were told that job growth fueled by lower taxes would pay the bills.

Instead, Minnesota's economy is weaker and its once-famous quality of life is in decline. After a decade of cutting corners and under-investing, our state's public structures are showing the strain in ways that damage business interests. "We can't balance the budget by tax cuts alone," Smith concluded. "We need to raise taxes."

JOKE OF THE WEEK

LAKE SUPERIOR FACTS

- Lake Superior contains ten percent of all the fresh water on the planet Earth.
 - It covers 82,000 square kilometers or 31,700 square miles.
 - The average depth is 147 meters or 483 feet.
- There have been about 350 shipwrecks recorded in Lake Superior .

- Lake Superior is, by surface area, the largest lake in the world.

A Jesuit priest in 1668 named it Lac Tracy, but that name was never officially adopted.

- It contains as much water as all the other Great Lakes combined, plus three extra Lake Eries .
- There is a small outflow from the lake at St. Marys River (Sault Ste Marie) into Lake Huron. but it takes almost two centuries for the water to be completely replaced.
- There is enough water in Lake Superior to cover all of North and South America with water a foot deep.
 - Lake Superior was formed during the last glacial retreat, making it one of the earth's youngest major features at only about 10,000 years old.
 - The deepest point in the lake is 405 meters or 1,333 feet.
 - There are 78 different species of fish that call the big lake home.
 - The maximum wave ever recorded on Lake Superior was 9.45 meters or 31 feet high.
 - If you stretched the shoreline of Lake Superior out to a straight line, it would be long enough to reach from Duluth to the Bahamas .
 - Over 300 streams and rivers empty into Lake Superior with the largest source being the Nipigon River .
 - The average underwater visibility of Lake Superior is about 8 meters or 27 feet, making it the cleanest and clearest of the Great Lakes. Underwater visibility in some spots reaches 30 meters.
 - In the summer, the sun sets more than 35 minutes later on the western shore of Lake Superior than at its southeastern edge.
- Some of the world's oldest rocks, formed about 2.7 billion years ago, can be found on the Ontario shore of Lake Superior.
 - It very rarely freezes over completely, and then usually just for a few hours.

Complete freezing

occurred in 1962, 1979, 2003 and 2009.

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