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Week of July 20, 2009

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS



**6—No Meeting**

Happy 4th!!

**13—Sue Zellickson**

WCCO

**20—Glen Parks**

Freedom Firm, India

**27—David Landt's**

Installation

**Paul Bierhaus**

Outstallation (again)



## JULY

**Sergeant at Arms**

Dick Milnar

Wade Manthie

Jeremiah Tanner

## INTRODUCTIONS

6—No Meeting

13—Ken Skold

20—Elmer Schindel

27—Tammy Sullivan

## THIS MONDAY!

### GLEN PARKS, FREEDOM FIRM, INDIA

Glen Parks, our speaker Monday, is co-founder and Director of Freedom Firm.



The mission of Freedom Firm is rescue, restoration, and justice for victims of sex trafficking. Currently, there are an estimated 500,000 minor girls in forced prostitution in India (UNICEF).

These girls are tricked by false promises of a good job or sold by a relative into a brothel and then held as sexual slaves. Freedom Firm is committed to ending sex trafficking in India through investigation of brothels, rescue and restoration of victims, and legal prosecution of traffickers. Glen holds a

Bachelor of Arts degree in Philosophy, magna cum laude, and an international law-focused Juris Doctor degree, cum laude, both from the University of Nebraska. Glen litigated in the United States for three and a half years at both the trial and appellate level. He clerked for the Honorable John Gerrard of the Nebraska Supreme Court and, as an associate at Rembolt Ludtke, LLP, has argued over a dozen cases before the Nebraska Supreme Court, its Court of Appeals, and the United States Federal Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit before moving to India. Glen and his wife Rebecca, co-founder, have four children and live in Ooty, Tamil Nadu, India.

## BREAKING NEWS:

### WHO IS THIS WOMAN?

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**Learn more about her in the  
NEWS & NOTES Section, below.**

**MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT:**

To my fellow Rotarians,

We had a wonderful meeting today with Sue Zelickson, food editor for WCCO. I was totally taking notes on some of the restaurants she was recommending. Thanks again for letting me lead the meeting. I am gearing up for my installation on the 27th and have appreciated all your words of encouragement. Thank you.

Next Monday, July 20th my friend Glen Parks will be speaking on Human Trafficking. This should be a very informative talk. Invite someone to join you for this meeting. Here is a little info on Glen and Freedom Firm: Glen Parks is co-founder and Director of Freedom Firm which is located in Southern India. The mission of Freedom Firm is rescue, restoration, and justice for victims of sex trafficking. Currently, there are an estimated 500,000 minor girls in forced prostitution in India (UNICEF). These girls are tricked by false promises of a good job or sold by a relative into a brothel and then held as sexual slaves, "servicing" as many as 20 clients a day. Freedom Firm is committed to ending sex trafficking in India through investigation of brothels, rescue and restoration of victims, and legal prosecution of traffickers. Our incoming VP, Jay Rasmussen will be leading the meeting. Have a great week.

*David Landt, President  
Rotary Club of St. Louis Park*

**Rotary Gala in the Park UPDATE**

Hello fellow Rotarians. As I mentioned at a recent club meeting, the committees for this year's Gala have been formed. We still need more volunteers. The event is being held on **Thursday, October 8th** at the **Double Tree Park Place Hotel**. With the participation of the entire club this will be a fun, productive event and no doubt a tremendous success as well! Thanks for your help with our club's primary and important fund-raiser for the entire year!

**Planning meetings at 11 a.m. the first Monday of every month on the terrace above our regular meeting place at the Double Tree.**

*Overall chair, Nick Lampi*

**PROGRESSIVE DINNER SET FOR  
AUG. 7<sup>TH</sup>**

Aug. 7<sup>th</sup> is the date. Dave and Jolanta Howard of Wayzata have agreed to again host the hors de oeuvres reception for the annual PROGRESSIVE DINNER. Once Rod tells his wife, the Shilkrots have agreed to host the gala dessert reception at their home in Plymouth afterwards. Jim Brimeyer,



Walt Hanson, Elmer Schindel and Paul Bierhaus have agreed to host the individual dinners. Contact Jay Rasmussen if you are interested in helping in any way – 952-738-4277.

## **FAST FORWARD:**

**NEXT WEEK'S MEETING – MONDAY,  
July 27, 2009**

### **INSTALLATION – OUTSTALLATION CEREMONY FOR CLUB PRESI- DENTS**

Outgoing President –  
Paul Bierhaus, PDG  
Incoming President –  
Pastor David Landt  
President Elect –  
Jay Rasmussen

**Recognition of 2008-2009 BOARD  
Introduction of 2009-2010 BOARD**

## **FROM THE PODIUM**

### **CATCH-UP FROM JUNE 26<sup>TH</sup>:**

Our condolences to Harley Bergren on the passing of his wife, Verna.'

Barb Waryan is now a resident at Jones Harrison Assisted Living and her house in Golden Valley, along with tons of Rotary archives, is up for sale.

Thank you Judy Briggs for the wonderful letter of thanks sent following the memorial service for her husband, our member and PDG Bill Briggs – acknowledging the club's TRF donation in his memory.

Congratulations new Paul Harris "Fellow", Pastor Mary Phelps.

Birthday celebrations this week marked the 91<sup>st</sup> for member John Miller.

Nice to See Judge David Doty, a guest.

Nice "swan song" from outgoing President Paul, though premature.

Induction of two new members on this date provided more evidence of club growth.

Thanks President Paul for the nice report on the RI

Convention in Birmingham, England. Next year's world gathering will be closer to home in Montreal, QE.

Sorry frequent visitor David Stein of Plymouth Rotary was involved in three separate, non-injury accidents with his rental car in England.

Thank you visitor Gertrude (last name?), whose daughter 20 years ago was a RYE student in Denmark. It changed her life she said, of her daughter, who later became an attorney and died of Cancer a few years ago. Gertrude said RYE defined her life and was on hand to create a scholarship for this program in her daughter's memory.

### **CATCH-UP FROM JULY 13:**

Outgoing President Paul is out going afar in the country of Poland doing something regarding his interest in international justice – similar to his trip to Israel with a Minnesota judicial delegation. Instead, we were blessed with the presence and dry humor of incoming President David Landt.

David Landt's installation will be July 27<sup>th</sup>.

**Quote of the day**, from Jim Brimeyer via Elmer Schindel: *"If you're the worst president in the history of the club, the club will still survive,"* – words of encouragement for incoming President David.

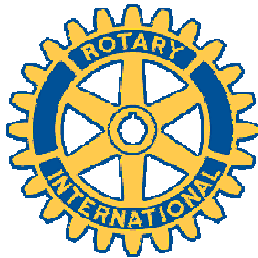
Jennifer, a local youth baseball team mother, stopped by to thank Rotary for its sponsorship and presented a team photo/plaque to the club in appreciation.

Harley Bergren expressed thanks to club members for their donations to Children First in memory of recently deceased wife, Verna.

Mary Phelps coordinated her 40<sup>th</sup> Class Reunion for Edina High School over the weekend and it was a huge success. Rod Shilkrots' 40<sup>th</sup> is July 25 in his hometown of Rice Lake, WI. SLP's Class of '74 will celebrate its 35<sup>th</sup> the weekend of the 18<sup>th</sup>.

Ralph Eide celebrated the installation of a bathroom and running water at his log cabin up north – built originally by his father-in-law in 1933 – 76 years ago.

Congrats to Darlyne Erickson who learned how to putt over the weekend on the links in Wisconsin.



Honoring the  
Nine District Governors  
Originating from the  
**ROTARY CLUB OF  
ST. LOUIS PARK**

**CARROLL L. HURD**  
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1952-1953

**FRED V. ROGERS**  
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**District 595**  
1972-1973

**JOHN N. MITCHELL**  
District 595

**TOM O'MEARA**  
District 595  
1981-1982

**WILLIAM B. GLEESON**  
**District 595**  
1984-1985

**KENNETH L. SKOLD**  
District 5950  
1989-1990

**PAUL O. BIERHAUS**  
District 5950  
2002-2003

**ROD S. SHILKROT**  
District 5950  
2006-2007

**OUR LEGACY OF  
LEADERSHIP**

**THE LEADING DISTRICT 5950  
CLUB IN PRODUCING  
DISTRICT GOVERNORS!**

**TRF RECOGNITION POINTS** in the “bank” for current members (earned from every dollar after the first \$1,000 contributed), can translate into the awarding of up to 10 new Paul Harris Fellows in the club. See President Paul.

**VOCATIONAL TALKERS STILL IN DEMAND:** Speaking of Allan, Mr. “Vocational Service Director” Ackerman, he continues to seek volunteers to go to the podium and tell their life stories in 3-5 minutes – better known as Vocational Talks. This is not just for newer members. We’d like to hear more from our tenured members as well.

**THIS DAY IN HISTORY –**

<http://www.nytimes.com/learning/general/onthisday/index.html>

**“LAUGH” BREAK:** A guy needs counseling because he thinks he’s a rabbit. After a year “on the couch,” a breakthrough – he’s finally convinced he’s a human being. Then the neighbor gets a cat and he’s back in counseling overcome with fear that the cat will eat him (apparently, cats love rabbits). “I know that I am a human being, but does the cat know that?”

**REWIND: MEET-**  
**ING of JUNE 29, 2009**

**SUE ZELICKSON**  
Twin Cities’ Food Critic &  
Expert....from **WCCO 830  
RADIO**



**“FOOD FORTHOUGHT”**

Starting out by noting that the chocolate cake served on this day was the creation of the Double Tree’s executive chef and once featured on the cover of “Bon Appetite” Magazine, Zelickson launched into a non-stop half hour of restaurant reviews, ideas for summer dining, news on the latest burger blast and much more. Here are highlights of this energetic food expert’s epicurean “seminar.”

My husband once told me not to talk about anything you haven’t been to before, in terms of restaurants. For instance, I once called the eatery at the Arboretum “quaint” without having



actually visited the dining establishment in Chaska. A listener called and said it wasn't. I went out there, and she was right, it was not quaint – so I got some friends together and we decorated the place with curtains, plants, artwork, table cloths, etc. By the time we finished, it was indeed quaint.

#### SUMMER DINING SUGGESTIONS

**PATRICK'S BAKERY & BISTRO** in Wayzata is a great example of a great outdoor dining experience in the metro – and there are many others (i.e., Excelsior & Grand). Eat outside when you can – the flowers are usually beautiful and the bugs are fewer this summer.

**TIN FISH** in the old boat house on the edge of Lake Calhoun off Lake St. is owned by the grandchildren of the former owners of the Rainbow Café in Uptown – great fish choices and great burgers, plus great lake-view dining.

Try the **SEA SALT EATERY** at 4825 Minnehaha Avenue South in Minneapolis near Minnehaha Falls.

She noted that backyard dining, barbeques and picnics are returning to popularity with this economic downturn.

She loves farmer's markets and talked about the Mill City Market near the new Guthrie on the Mississippi waterfront and the **CHEF SHACK**, a mobile kitchen located at this market. Zelickson also mention **SEA CHANGE** at the Guthrie, Tim McKee's new restaurant. Of course, the Minneapolis Farmer's Market near the Basilica is one of her favorites – which, like Mill City, has a cooking stage. The St. Paul Farmer's Market at 5<sup>th</sup> & Wall is also worth the drive across the river.

The indoor Global Market in the former Sears building on East Lake is a diverse collection of eateries and farmer's market choices. "It has gentrified Lake Street," she noted.

Deck and rooftop dining is gaining a stronghold here, with **JOE'S GARAGE** and **NICK & EDDY'S** in the Loring Park

area, plus **COWBOY SLIM'S** in Uptown and **COWBOY JACK'S** in Plymouth; plus late night dining at **BUTCHER BLOCK** on East Hennepin (open to 4 a.m. with 29 different styles of chicken wings).

#### BURGER-BLAST

With the economic heading south, popularity in burger joints is rising to the north – as evidenced by what's happening here in our metro. Try these new choices:

**BURGER JONES** in the old Applebee's at Calhoun Commons, featuring "Adult Malts" with booze.

**FIVE GUYS & FRIES** in Edina near the Container Store on France is the first entry into this market of this national chain of hundreds.

**SMASH BURGERS** in Golden Valley at Winnetka and 55 is next to Mort's Deli and Chipotle, is another national chain worth checking out.

**GALAXY DRIVE-IN** in the former Wagner's Drive-in location on Hwy. 7 near Knollwood is now open; and was developed by the owner of the Rainforest Café at MOA. Look for car hops on roller skates and Jetson-like décor, two fire pits for S'mores and even a Good Humor ice cream wagon.

**GOLD NUGGET** has now opened in a new Glen Lake development west on Excelsior Blvd. a few blocks west of 494. A bar of the same name was torn down, and this new more posh sports bar eatery features great burgers, ribs, etc., plus great outdoor dining.

**CONVENTION GRILL** in Edina on France is still an original from the '50s, a classic and favorite.

**TAVERN ON FRANCE** is new in the old Via and Uno location.

**BULLDOG BURGER** at 25<sup>th</sup> and Lyndale in Uptown, is known for the \$7.50 burger.

**MATT'S** with the Juicy Lucy is famous, but her favorite is served at **MURRAY'S** downtown on 6<sup>th</sup>, noted more for the Butter Knife Steak.

**THE DAKOTA** offering the Cobb Salad Burger and the **AMERICAN BURGER** in the former Gallivan's in St. Paul, are also top



Zelickson choices.

**HOTEL DINING**

Sue is an advocate of discovering hidden secrets in hotel dining, like these:

**DOVER'S** in the Double Tree in St. Louis Park.

**MAX'S** in the Hotel Minneapolis on 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave.

**THE BANK** in the Westin (former F&M Bank Building) Hotel downtown.

**PORTER & FRY** in the Ivy Hotel downtown features "High Tea," every afternoon, 3 -5 p.m. – no reservations required.

**MISC. DELICTABLES**

The soon-to-be released film, "Julie & Julia," focusing on the life of Julia Childs, played by Meryl Streep, has caught her fancy. Childs is best known for cooking with lots and lots of butter.

She also talked about great frozen custard locations, like Adelle's in Wayzata and Excelsior.

We learned that Sue does NOT like peppers of any flavor – green, red, yellow or whatever. No accounting for tastes.

Famed "Al's Bar" on Excelsior Blvd. near the Minneapolis border, has now officially closed to make room for another condo complex. She took this opportunity to pay great respect to its history and reputation.

Did you know that Sue Zelickson is on the Board of Perspectives Family Center in the Park and one of the originators of KID'S CAFÉ and KIDS' CONNECTION? Sue knows how to give back. GREAT program – thanks Karen Atkinson for arranging!

**E-ROTATLER NEWS**  
**& NOTES**

**Meet our new District**

**Governor—Sandy Schley**  
**EDINA ROTARIAN SANDY**

Edina, Minn., July 9, 2009 – With her husband, Duane, and sons Geoff and Steve at her side, Edina resident and longtime community volunteer Sandra G. Schley was recently inducted as District Governor of Rotary International District 5950, representing nearly 3,000 Rotarians in the area. District 5950 of Rotary International is a group of 60 Rotary clubs located in central and southwestern Minnesota. These clubs represent 41 Minnesota communities ranging in size from Minneapolis to Springfield. District 5950 is one of 529 Districts in 166 countries throughout the world and totaling 1.2 million Rotarians in more than 31,000 local Rotary Clubs.

Schley is a member of the Rotary Club of Edina. She is the fourth District Governor and first female District Governor to come out of the club. The last District Governor to come from the club was John Diracles, who served in 1993-1994. Schley was formally inducted at her club's luncheon meeting Thursday, July 9, at the Edina Country Club. Club President Ellen Kennedy, Rotary International Director Tom Thorfinnson and Outgoing District Governor Chris Holm of the Rotary Club of Minneapolis led the well-attended ceremony. The Rotary International theme for 2009-2010 is "The Future of Rotary Is in Your Hands." Schley has set six goals for the clubs she will oversee in the new Rotary year, which began July 1: grow and sustain membership, develop a "Legacy of Leadership," implement a comprehensive communications/public relations campaign, develop and execute successful community and international service projects, make Rotary relevant and meaningful, and support The Rotary Foundation and its programs.

Schley grew up and attended elementary and high school in Rice Lake, Wis. She received her bachelor's degree from the University of Wisconsin and her master's degree from the University of Minnesota. She completed post-doctorate work at Stanford University where she attended the Small Business Executive Development Program as a Bush Foundation Leadership Fellow. Schley



spent the first part of her career in education as a teacher and administrator and then in the computer industry as Vice President of Sales and Marketing for Computer Law Systems. She is an active Rotarian, being a past president, multiple Paul Harris Fellow and Paul Harris Society member. Since serving the Rotary Club of Edina as President in 2005-2006, she has been very involved in District 5950. Besides Rotary, Schley is involved with many service organizations. She is founder and past president of the Edina Federated Women's Club and member of the Board of the International Federation of Women's Clubs. She previously served as chair of the Southdale YMCA Board of Management.

For more information about District 5950, visit [www.rotary5950.org](http://www.rotary5950.org).

## IT'S OFFICIAL: TOM THORFINNSON OF D/5950 IS NEW RI DIRECTOR

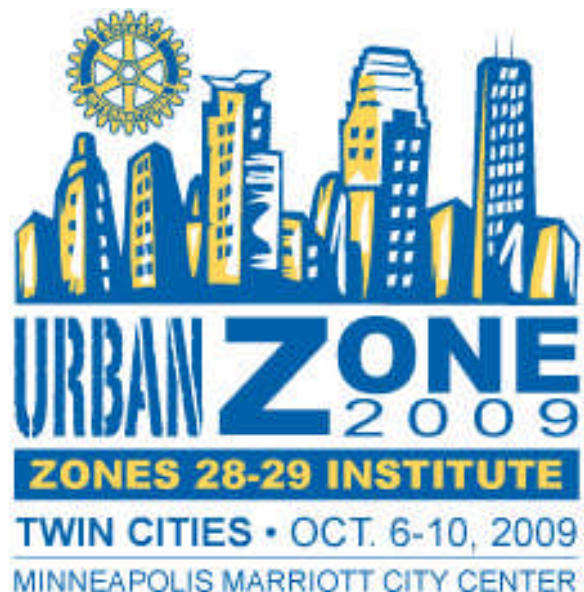


Congratulations to our very own **Tom Thorfinnson** (Eden Prairie Noon Rotary Club) of District 5950, who was officially introduced at the Rotary International in Birmingham, England late last month to serve on the RI Board of Directors, representing Zones 28-29. Thorfinnson will serve a two-year term. He succeeds Mike

Johns of the Cleveland, OH area. Tom is married to wife Jamie have two daughters. As of the 1 December deadline, the RI general secretary had received no proposals challenging the selections of the zone nominating committees. In accordance with the RI Bylaws, then RI President Wilfrid J. Wilkinson declared Tom Thorfinnson and seven other Rotarians as the sole official directors-nominee from their respective zones. The directors-nominee were then elected at the 2008 RI Convention in Los Angeles, and began their two-year terms on 1 July 2009. We're proud of you, Tom!

### The full list of the eight elected Rotarians from six countries to serve on the RI Board of Directors are:

**Zone 1:** Masahiro Kuroda, Hachinohe South, Aomori, Japan; **Zone 6:** K.R. Ravindran, Colombo, Western Province, Sri Lanka; **Zone 9:** Kyu-Hang Lee, Anyang East, Gyeonggi, Korea; **Zone 14:** Ekkehart Pandel, Bückeberg, Germany; **Zone 19:** Antonio Hallage, Curitiba-Leste, Paraná, Brazil; **Zone 23:** John T. Blount, Sebastopol, California, USA; **Zone 27: Thomas M. Thorfinnson, Eden Prairie Noon, Minnesota, USA;** **Zone 29:** Frederick W. Hahn Jr., Independence, Missouri, USA.



## CALLING ALL SPEAKER-FINDERS!

President Paul and Monica Murphy are exhausted and need our help in finding new speakers for club meetings. If you are interested in helping them with this tireless task, see either and start making suggestions.



*Experience LIFE in the Park*

## 2009 St. Louis Park Police Crime Prevention Fund Third Annual Golf Tournament Friday, September 11, 2009

As a valuable member of St. Louis Park's Community, the Police Advisory Commission would like to cordially invite you to attend our Third Annual St. Louis Park Crime Prevention Golf Outing.

**DATE:** FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2009

**LOCATION:** Meadowbrook Golf Course in St. Louis Park, 201 Meadowbrook Lane

**SHOTGUN START:** 8:00AM (Please arrive 30 minutes prior to tee time)

**REGISTRATION:** 4 Person Scramble Format, \$75/person Includes green fees, cart, prizes and lunch!

The primary purpose of St. Louis Park Police Department's Crime Prevention Fund is to assist our department in preventing crime and providing reward funds. The fund also supports National Night Out, Neighborhood Watch Programs, our Chaplain Program, Citizen's Academy and many other initiatives that provide support for safety awareness to our business and residential communities. This is the only fundraiser that directly supports the St. Louis Park Police Department. Your support in taking part in the planned day's activities or making a contribution to assist our efforts is appreciated. Please use the two enclosed forms to register for golf and / or to make a contribution to our only annual fundraiser. (Please RSVP no later than Friday, August 21, 2009). The event will include hole prizes, prizes for best scores, beverages on the course and lunch after the event for all participants. (Questions may be directed to Lt. Mike Harcey at (952) 924-2128 or [mharcey@stlouispark.org](mailto:mharcey@stlouispark.org)).

*Lt. Mike Harcey, Golf Tournament Chair*

## **UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS**

**AUGUST 7—SLP Noon Rotary, Progressive Dinner**

**SEPT. 25, 2009 – FALL TRAINING DAY 2009:** Golden Valley Country Club; Golden Valley (Includes AGs/District Leadership, Club Presidents, Club Leaders, and all District 5950 Rotarians)

**OCT. 8, 2009—SLP Noon Rotary, Gala @ the Doubletree Hotel**

**JAN. 23, 2010 – MID-TERM ASSEMBLY:** St. Cloud (Includes AGs/District Leadership, Club Presidents, Club Leaders, and all District 5950 Rotarians)

**MAY 13-15, 2010 – DISTRICT CONFERENCE:** Westin Hotel; Edina (Includes AGs/District Leadership, Club Presidents, Club Leaders, and all District 5950 Rotarians)

**CLUB OFF-SITE MEETING IDEAS?** Allan Ackerman, Vocational Service Director, encourages more site visits as regular meetings, away from the Double Tree. Contact Ackerman at [aackerman@lupient.com](mailto:aackerman@lupient.com) if you are interested in hosting the club off-site.

