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Week of April 13, 2009
A Publication of the **ROTARY CLUB OF ST. LOUIS PARK**
District 5950, Club 2133 – Since 1947



CALENDAR OF EVENTS



6—Glenn & Nancy Krause

Seasons with Bears

13—Robin Caufman

Mgr Public Involvement

Light Rail—

Central Corridor

20—No Meeting

District Conference

27—Phillip Brunelle



4—Jay Barnes, President
Bethel University

11—Product Show Day

Marriott SLP

18—TBA

25— No Meeting

Memorial Day

APRIL

Sergeant at Arms

Amy Hennen

Nick Lampi

INTRODUCTIONS

6—Tammy Sullivan

13—Arnie Bloomquist

20—Harley Bergren

27—Walt Hanson

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“Staff”

Rod Shilkrot

Darlyne Erickson

Tammy Sullivan

THIS MONDAY!

**Robin Caufman of the Metropolitan Council
Central Corridor Community Outreach Staff Man-
ager of Public Involvement**

Robin Caufman – With the Met Council for six years, Robin was a planning analyst/sector representative before she became manager of public involvement for the Central Corridor LRT Project. Her previous Met Council job involved coordinating outreach and regional planning activities with cities in Hennepin County. She has a master’s degree in urban and regional planning from the University of Minnesota’s Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs.

Contact: 651-602-1457; robin.caufman@metc.state.mn.us

BREAKING NEWS

SLP ROTARY HAS A NEWLY- DESIGNED WEB SITE

Newly designed club Web Site: www.RotarySLP.org

- **Designed by:** Steve Solbrack, coordinated with Tim Dillon, Risdall Advertising
- **Patterned after:** Hopkins Rotary site
- **Demonstration of new site:** coming to a Monday meeting soon
- **Password for access to Member Only Section (currently under construction):** ParkRotary (all one word; no Login name required).
New Webmaster/administrator for the club: Jeremiah Tanner (send all old SLP Rotary photos to Jeremiah for posting on the new site).||\

HTTP:www.RotarySLP.org – **PASSWORD:** parkrotary



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DICTIONARY PROJECT MAKES A DIFFERENCE

The St. Louis Park Noon Rotary Club gave a dictionary to each of the 230 third-grade students in St. Louis Park this week. This is the third year for the project, and it seems to be a big hit with the 3rd grade students, their teachers, and the school principals. The dictionaries were purchased with funds from the St. Louis Park Rotary Foundation.

Rotarians Steve Solbrack and Deb Bowers went to each of the 3 primary schools. Deb is also the superintendent of the school district. On Wednesday afternoon Shelley Nielsen, principal at Aquila Primary introduced Deb and Steve to the students and teachers. After a discussion about Rotary, Rotary service, values, community and the importance of education, and reading in particular the dictionaries were distributed. The photo was taken at Aquila Primary.

This past Monday before Rotary, a group of Rotarians got together and put a label on the inside cover of each dictionary. The label has the 4-Way test, a place for the student to write their first and last name, and it states "Donated by the Rotary Club of St. Louis Park MN". We had the students open their dictionary to the inside cover, and had them recite the 4-Way test, with Steve saying it, and then the students saying it. We asked one of the teachers to talk about the values they have been discussing this year, and then we talked about the commonalities between those values and the values recited by Rotarians at the end of each weekly meeting.

On Thursday afternoon, Frank Johnson, principal at Peter Hobart



Primary introduced Deb and Steve, and after a short discussion with the students the dictionaries were distributed. One of the neat things that both principals told us before the students arrived, is that receiving a dictionary is becoming a tradition that the students are aware of and look forward too. They said that starting a couple of months ago students started asking teachers and staff when they would be receiving their dictionaries.

Later Thursday afternoon, Deb and Steve went to Park Spanish Immersion. We were talking to principal Ursina Swanson before the students arrived. Ursina told us that the teachers had told the students the day before that “the ‘Rotary’ club was coming the next day to give them a dictionary”. Ursina said that one of the parents called the office Thursday morning and asked what was going on with the 3rd grade that day. She said her son had told her the night before that there was going to be a “rodeo” on Thursday.

PRODUCT SHOW DAY AT MARRIOTT MAY 11TH

REPEAT NOTICE: The annual Product Show Day is set for May 11th at the Marriott Minneapolis West. All five clubs in Area 5, including St. Louis Park, SLP Sunrise, Minnetonka, Hopkins and Golden Valley, will participate. A buffet luncheon will be served, at a cost of \$21 per person, up from the regular \$18. Eight-foot display tables will be provided by the hotel at no cost to exhibitors. If you and your business are interested in exhibiting, see Allan immediately as exhibit spaces are filling up fast. This is on a regular meeting day. There will also be prizes awarded and a variety of giveaways, like a “ride-along” with a SLP Police Officer, a \$100 Savings Bond and luggage from AAA Minneapolis.

NO MEETING THE WEEK of the District Conference, April 20th (Monday before conference, April 24-25).

HELP NEEDED WITH HOSTING INDIAN GSE TEAM

A message from Jay Rasmussen

Thank you so much for your efforts in stepping up to help our club be a part of hosting this year's District 5950 Group Study Exchange with 5 professionals from India. We have secured host families, with the help of the Sunrise club. However, I still need help with two

items: additional ideas for vocational outings on Monday and Tuesday, May 4th and 5th. Here is what each of these 5 professionals are specifically looking for on an individual basis:

1. Gopala Murthy - **Visit to offset printing presses, interaction with used printing machinery dealers, visit to publishers of books, calendars, diaries, and packaging units.**

2. Manasa Ananth - **Visit any HP branches (IT Biz Analyst for HP)**

3. Manjunath Sadashivaiah - **Visits to international airports, IT & ITES companies, pharmaceutical and FMCG companies.**

4. Priti Dugar - **Visit different jurisdictional courts, meet legal specialists in the field of Insurance.**

5. Harsha Shivram - **Radio and TV Stations.**

The second item I need help with is getting as much relief as possible for the Brimeyer family during our hosting period, specifically on Saturday, May 2nd. Jim and Pam are thus far committed to hosting one of these professionals, but would appreciate any relief our club can offer them, in light of their recent loss in the family and the new scheduling commitments involved with that. Any help is greatly appreciated. Please let me know your thoughts ASAP! Thank you so much.

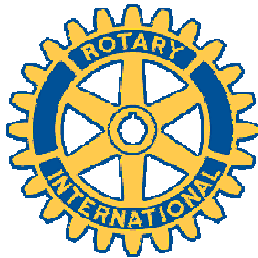
DATES AND HOSTS NEEDED FOR PROGRESSIVE

REPEAT NOTICE: Fellow St. Louis Park Rotarians, it's time to start planning for our 2009 Progressive Dinner. As you know, last year was a smashing success, and this year is going to be even bigger and more fun! We're looking at a June/July time frame. **Please respond to these two questions:**

1. If the date, time, and logistics work out (transportation, etc.), would you be interested in participating or not?

2. If you are interested in participating, are there dates you know for sure that will not work for you at this point?

Please email your quick answer to these two questions ASAP to Jay Rasmussen at jrasmsen@jobsmn.com. Please help me get this thing on the calendar. Thanks! Jay Rasmussen, Vice President and Social Director



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FROM THE PODIUM

LOTS OF GUESTS ON THIS MONDAY: Most we've had in months. Any future members among them?

PASTOR DAVID LANDT, President-Elect, served admirably as "President of the Day."

ANNUAL GIVING CHAIR, Past President Nick, made his impassioned plea for more commitments to TRF (Rotary Foundation) or our own club foundation. See related article below.

GALA CHAIR NICK also threatened (sorry, encouraged) those who had not yet signed up for a Gala planning committee, will automatically be assigned to a committee next Monday. Heed the warning.

WELCOME STUDENT GUESTS: Spring Break is over and we had two fine musicians representing the SLPHS band program. Tony has been a tuba player since the 9th grade and also is a three-sport letter winner in football, basketball and track. He is likely headed to Montana State in Bozeman, where he will play the tuba in the concert and marching bands and major in Paleontology. Erin plays the French horn and was a two-sport athlete in speed swimming and shot/discuss throwing in track. She is headed to Luther College in Iowa where she will major in nursing or pre-med.

THANKS AGAIN BRECK FLEESON for your outstanding work in developing Rotary's entrant into the Children First/Girl Scout 40-asset poster painting project. Our "Integrity" theme poster was a production of lots of ideas from club members and offspring – like Lynette Fagerberg and daughter Netterre. Karen Atkinson noted that the 40 organizations that contributed provided artists as young as six and several seniors from the Lenox Community Center.

PRODUCT SHOW DAY IS COMING and Allan Ackerman is getting nervous. We have 20 display tables reserved, mostly by our club members. Remember, this is a five-club, Area 5 event. Lots of prizes to be awarded; a fine buffet lunch to be served; and a requirement that you must be there to win those prizes – makes this a must-attend event – May 11th at the Marriott West.

PASS, YODA AND BOYZ TO MEN held their organization dinner at AAA recently – attracting over 80 parents and students. According to Dr. Bowers, this is an example of two Rotary partners at work (AAA and the school district).

SPEAKING OF DR. DEB BOWERS – congratulations to your appointment to the Park Nicollet Foundation Board of Directors.

NICE TO SEE BARB OBERSHAW, former Twin West President, who was on hand to hear more about black bears.

NICE TO SEE PDG Cathy Zimmerman from 6270, Oshkosh, Wisconsin, a guest of Monica Murphy.

VOCATIONAL TALKERS STILL IN DEMAND: Allan "Vocational Service Director" Ackerman is seeking 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.

PARKTACULAR BALLOON BOOTH AGAIN: SLP Rotary has agreed to again sponsor a Parktacular balloon give-away booth at Wolfe Park, Saturday, June 19th. Volunteer your participation in the booth to President Paul.

UPCOMING CLUB PROGRAMS OF INTEREST:
April 20 – No meeting in light of the District 5950 Conference this week.
April 27 – Phillip Brunelle, talking musical arts in the Twin Cities over the last half century.
May 4 – Rescheduled appearance of Jay Barnes, President, Bethel University.
May 11 – Area 5 Product Show Day at Marriott West (see related article in "News").

THIS DAY IN HISTORY – APRIL 13TH
1830 – The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints (later to be named the Mormon Church) was founded by Joseph Smith in Fayette, NY on this date.
1896 – First modern Olympic Games opened in Athens, Greece.
1917 – Congress declared war against Germany.
1987 – LA Dodgers exec Al Campanis said on ABC that blacks "may not have some of the necessities" to hold managerial jobs in Major League Baseball – prejudicial and tasteless remarks that led to his resignation two days later.
1998 – The Dow closed above 9,000 points for the first time in history.
1998 – Pakistan tested medium-range missiles, striking India.
2004 – U-Conn became the first school to win NCAA Div. I men's and women's basketball titles in the same year. (They also came close this "March Madness," with the women winning the title and the men reaching the Final Four.)
2005 – Prince Rainier III of Monaco died at age 81. Wasn't he married to that actress of "Rear Window" fame?

"LAUGH" BREAK: Take note President Paul: a member of the clergy delivers tasteful "preacher humor." Seems the preacher (central character) died; went to heaven and arrived at the "pearly gates" the same time as a New York cab driver. The cabbie was decorated by St. Peter for his life's accomplishments, while the disillusioned preacher was not. "Why?" – he bellowed. "Your parish members were not awe-inspired by your weekly sermons," said St. Peter. "In fact, many fell

asleep during those long-winded monologues. The passengers in that man's cab were always wide awake and usually were inspired to pray en route."

REWIND: LAST WEEK'S MEETING – APRIL 13, 2009

SEASONS WITH THE BEARS ***"Learning not to fear the bear."***

Nancy and Glenn Krause served as our speakers Monday, delivering a special program, called "Seasons with the Bear." Glen is retired from Cemstone and they have been doing black bear research in the Ely area for 11 years under Dr. Lynn Rogers at the Wildlife Research Institute. Their research site is five miles out of Ely. Highlights of their fascinating talk:



- Glen demonstrated the telemetry device that looks like a TV antennae – used to locate the collared bears (works within a three-mile radius). Each collar is valued at \$350.
- They call the black bear the most misunderstood animal.
- There are 20,000-25,000 in Minnesota, 2,000 in the Ely area. Twelve are collared in that area. The Krauses track two and their offspring, for a total of 14.
- The research how the bears react to their cubs and to their human friends. They contribute to medical research – e.g., gathering information related to osteoporosis – answering the question as to why bears' muscular strength improves or increases with age and human muscular strength decreases?
- They track only collared females, 'cuz the girls only wander in a 2-6-mile radius (males roam further, up to 100 miles – makes sense).
- They talked a lot about their closest friend among the bears – DOT – whom they have tracked since age nine – now with



her fourth set of cubs.

They grunt, not growl. They vocalize to their cubs in soft tones. They eat heavy in July and August to prepare for hibernation in September. Their dens range from hollowed out tree trunks to cave-like areas under ridges. They spend up to seven months in the den.

Black bears mate in May and June. Their gestation period is seven months – born usually in December or January. They are born at 8-12 ounces with no fur; and are 408 lbs. in size out of hibernation.

Bears have excellent long-term memory and are very smart. They can run 25-40 mph. They do not kill to eat and are generally vegetarians. They love sunflower seeds. Watch out for your bird feeders at the cabin or campsite.

Bears have a 100% better sense of smell than humans and 40% better hearing.

Their mission, in talks like this, with the use of wonderful slide shows like the one they showed us on this day, as well as tours, demonstrations and talks at the Institute, is to convince their audiences to “learn not to fear the bear.” We’d all agree that their mission was accomplished on this day.

Thanks Monica for arranging this unique program.

Croix on Friday, April 24. They need to arrive by 6 p.m. Camp St. Croix is in Hudson. If you are willing to drive, please contact David Howard or Karen Atkinson.

COMMITTEES FORMING FAST FOR 2009 GALA

Hello fellow Rotarians. As I mentioned at the meeting today the committees for this year's Gala are being formed and this is your opportunity to choose which committee you would like to work on. The event is being held on Thursday, October 8th at the Doubletree Hotel. Please see the list below and let me know which committee/committees you would like to be on as every member is expected to participate. If I have not received a response within two weeks you will be assigned to one. With the participation of the entire club this will be a fun, productive event and no doubt a tremendous success as well! Thanks ahead of time for your prompt response and your help with our main fundraiser for the entire year!

Overall chair, Nick Lampi

Committees:

Program Setup, Entertainment and Decor -

Marketing - Rod Shilkrot, *Chair*

Silent Auction -

Sales and Sponsorship - Elmer Schindel, *Chair*

Financial - Lynette Fagerberg, *member*

Volunteer Coordination -

Thank you to the following people who have already volunteered: Jay Rasmussen, Tammy Sullivan, Rod Shilkrot, Elmer Schindel, Judy Goldetsky, Jim Brimeyer, Wade Manthie, Lynette Fagerberg, Darlyne Erickson. Please respond to let me know which committees you would like to serve on or chair (if it's not already noted above).

E-ROTATLER NEWS & NOTES

TWO SLPHS STUDENTS BOUND FOR CAMP RYLA: DRIVER NEEDED FOR APRIL 24TH DROP-OFF

We are sending two St. Louis Park High School students to Camp RYLA which runs Friday, April 24 through Tuesday, April 28. This is a leadership camp and past participants have given it rave reviews. As a club sponsoring these students, it's our responsibility to provide transportation. We have a driver that will pick them up on April 28. We need someone to drop them off at Camp St.

TRF ANNUAL GIVING CAMPAIGN UNDERWAY

FIFTH NOTICE: This is a reminder that if you have not made your donation to the St. Louis Park Foundation and the Rotary International Foundation, please consider doing so in the near future. Wasn't President Elect David Landt's talk today about the opportunity for our club to help get a mammography machine to a hospital in India



great? The matching grants and the funds available at the club, district and international level he referenced to make this project achievable would not be possible without the tremendous generosity of individual Rotarians, like you. You can send your checks to me made out to "St. Louis Park Rotary Foundation" for our local club foundation and "Rotary International Foundation" for the international donation. If it is more convenient you may also use your credit card for BOTH foundations (new this year for our local foundation). The goal is for a \$200 donation to each foundation, but any amount that works for you and your family will be accepted. Please contact me with any questions or to make your contributions.

Nick Lampi; (952) 935-0782

Checks can be sent to:

Edward Jones Investments
 Attn: Nick Lampi
 8001 Highway 7; Ste 400
 St. Louis Park, MN 55426



YOU CAN BE PART OF HISTORY IN EDINA ON MAY 17TH

How many of us get an opportunity to do something that has never been done before? Well now you have a chance! On May 17th a **World Record for the Largest Bike Parade** is going to be set at Lake Cornelia in Edina. We need 3,000 riders to cover the 2 mile route, single file without any large gaps between bikers. Here are some details about the record setting event:

- Date:** Sunday May 17th
- Time:** 10:00 am – 2:00 pm
- Cost:** Just \$5 to ride, raise \$25 and get a free World Record Setting T-Shirt
- Why:** Build community by promoting the healthy benefits of safe biking.
- Star Power:**

Greg LeMond, 3-time Tour de France winner is going to lead the Bike Parade

Proceeds: Are going to local food shelves and purchase bike racks

To register: www.edinabikeparade.com

This promises to be a fun day for families to do something that you will talk about forever. Steve May; www.edinabikeparade.com; 612-850-5027

FAST FORWARD: NEXT WEEK'S MEETING – MONDAY, APRIL 20, 2009

THERE WILL BE NO MEETING

APRIL 20TH, the week of the District Conference. The Conference is set for April 24-25 downtown Minneapolis.

COMING ON APRIL 27TH

Philip Brunelle

VocalEssence Founder and Artistic Director

Philip Brunelle, artistic director and founder of *VocalEssence*, is an internationally renowned conductor, choral scholar and performer. Believing that listeners and musicians alike must experience music of many genres and styles, he has worked enthusiastically-and tirelessly-to expand audiences for rarely heard works of the past and unique new music. His conducting engagements have taken him across the United States, South America and Europe including the New York Philharmonic, Minnesota Orchestra, the Berkshire Choral Festival and Oregon Bach Festival.



UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS

MAY 11, 2009 – AREA 5 PRODUCT SHOW DAY: Noontime, Marriott West on 394 near Hopkins Crossroads; register with Allan Ackerman to exhibit your business at this fun event. Buffet luncheon served; \$21.

MAY 16, 2009 – DISTRICT ASSEMBLY: Gather at Normandale Community College for this annual assembly; located in Bloomington; meeting is targeted for all AGs/District Leadership, Club Presidents, Club Leaders, all Club Board members and all District 5950 Rotarians).

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)

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 if you are interested in hosting the club off-site.



DREAMS MADE REAL IN 5950

2009 DISTRICT 5950 CONFERENCE

District Governor Chris Holm

Conference Chair: Steve Solbrack, St. Louis Park Rotary

April 24-25, 2009

Downtown Minneapolis

Minneapolis Club; IDS Center; Westin Hotel

PREVIEW – DISTRICT CONFERENCE PROGRAMS

**MESSAGE FROM STEVE SOLBRACK
2009 DISTRICT CONFERENCE GENERAL CHAIR
ROTARY CLUB OF ST. LOUIS PARK**

St. Louis Park Rotarians:

I am sure that most of you have already registered for the 2009 District Conference. Diane Confer has been on vacation, so I have not seen the registration list for a couple of weeks. For the 5 or 6 of you that have not yet registered, please complete the attached registration form and fax to Diane Confer this week. The 5 clubs with the highest percentage of members attending the District Conference will receive an award and recognition. Our meeting on Monday April 20th has been cancelled, so you will be required to get a makeup for that meeting. Also anyone who joined the club af-

ter January 1, 2008 is eligible for a District Conference meal event reimbursement from the club of up to \$50 for attending the conference. Thank you and look forward to seeing a great turnout from the St. Louis Park Rotary Club.

<http://www.rotary5950.org/events.asp?DocID=269>

2009 Rotary District Conference

Please join us in downtown Minneapolis on April 24th and 25th as we celebrate the accomplishments and "Dreams Made Real" by the 3,000+ Rotarians of Rotary District 5950.

District Awards Breakfast Friday April 24th - 8:30 am to 10:00 am - Minneapolis Club

Join us Friday morning as we salute both Rotary Clubs and Rotarians who have successfully planned and carried out creative and effective projects, services, and initiatives. **Club Leadership Awards** will be given in the five areas of the RI Club Leadership Plan. **Individual "Service Above Self" Awards** will be given to Rotarians for outstanding achievement in "Making Dreams Real".

At 9:50 am, **Mayor R.T. Rybak** will welcome us to downtown Minneapolis. After a short speech Mayor Rybak and District Governor Chris Holm will lead us down to the 2nd floor of the Minneapolis Club and officially open the **House of Friendship** and the **Vocational Service Tradeshow**, which will both be open from 10 am to 6 pm.

Signature Luncheon Friday April 24th - Noon to 2:00 pm - 50th Floor of the IDS Center

Our keynote speaker will be **Ward Brehm - What's God's strategy for the poor in Africa?**

Ward Brehm is a Twin Cities entrepreneur, leader in African humanitarian efforts and nationally known public speaker and commentator on relief and development in Africa. Brehm was appointed chairman of the United States African Development Foundation (USADF) in 2004 by President Bush, and he served in that role until the expiration of his term in 2008. Brehm received the Presidential Citizenship medal in 2008 for his work over the last 20 years in a ceremony in the Oval Office. Brehm believes that the best kind of aid America can bring to Africa is investment and capital, and under his chairmanship USADF focused its support on small businesses and agricultural coop strategies designed and owned by Africans themselves. He will discuss some of the lessons learned as a businessman, as well as Chairman of the US Africa Development Foundation, regarding the best way to "help the poor not be poor anymore." He will also share stories and reflections on how Africa has changed his own life.

Reception, Gala Dinner and Dance Friday April 24th - 5:00 pm to 10:00 pm - Minneapolis Club

Reception at 5:00, followed by dinner at 6:00, followed by music & dancing

Our keynote speaker will be **Tom Verdoorn - Corporate Responsibility**

Tom Verdoorn has been Vice President of Land O'Lakes International Development Division for over eight years. He has operational oversight for Land O'Lakes international development activities in 25 countries, including projects in Africa, Asia, Latin America, Eastern Europe and Eurasia and the Middle East. These projects have emphasized improving smallholder farm productivity and profitability, enhancing food processing and safety, rural enterprises with a particular focus on cooperative development, and improving nutrition and health for both consumers and vulnerable groups. His talk will demonstrate a sense of corporate responsibility on a global basis, and because of our Rotary District interest in Africa, he will use some of their projects in Africa as examples.

Annual Meeting Breakfast Saturday April 25th - 8:30 am to 9:30 am - 50th Floor of the IDS Center

Breakfast at 8:30 am followed by the annual meeting at 9:30 am

Our keynote speaker will be **Seth Mattison - Here Come the Millennials**

Seth Mattison is a young up and coming speaker and writer on work force trends and the Millennial generation. American business is in the early stages of being rocked by an entirely new and powerful generation of workers. Who are these kids born between 1982 and 2000? The first generation to rival the baby boomers in size is showing up at work with their own set of attitudes, expectations, and values. Techno savvy, demanding, and ambitious - they are bringing with them an entirely new way of doing business. How prepared are we to manage them? "Here come the Millennials" will provide strategies for attracting, managing, and retaining top young talent. Companies that are prepared for this group will reap the rewards of the Millennial generation's talents, and their creative and pragmatic approach to the world of business.

Youth Exchange Luncheon Saturday April 25th - Noon to 2:00 pm - 50th Floor of the IDS Center

The luncheon will feature a multi-cultural music and talent show by our 25 youth exchange students from 17 countries around the world. The exchange students were asked "What do you dream about for yourself" or "What do you dream about for your community"? There will be a slide presentation with each of their dreams and a photo. Please invite host family parents and siblings to this annual event full of fun and energy.

Rotary International President's Representative - John Brainerd

Keynote speaker at our Gala Dinner Friday evening and our Annual Meeting Breakfast Saturday morning

John was District Governor of Rotary District 5320 in southern California in 2007-2008, and President of the Newport-Irvine Rotary Club during 1999-2000, a year when the club won many awards, including Best Club. On the District level he has assisted in the creation of and was the first chair of the Finance Committee, assisted in organizing the District Charitable Foundation, served as Membership Director, served as Youth Service Director, and served as Assistant Governor. He was also one of the host Governors of the Los Angeles Rotary International Convention. John and his wife Pat have worked on numerous International Service Projects. Through their participation in Rotary club, district, and international activities, house exchange, and student exchange, John and Pat have a deeply felt appreciation for the Rotary principles of service, peace, and understanding.

Friday Morning Breakout Sessions

Ambassadorial Scholarship Experience by Masahiro Inaga and **Ambassadorial Scholarships and Peace Scholarships** by Michael Cavitt - Masahiro is an Ambassadorial Scholar from Japan and he will talk about his Ambassadorial Scholar experience and life in Japan. Michael is the chair of the District Ambassadorial Scholars Inbound Subcommittee and Chair of the Peace Fellow Subcommittee. He will talk about Ambassadorial Scholarships and Peace Scholarships.

International Service Projects featuring **SafeWater Plus East Africa** by Tim Murphy and **Haiti School Initiatives** by Patrick Joyce - Tim is the chair of the District International Service committee, and he will talk about our SafeWater Plus Initiatives in East Africa. Patrick will talk about the Haiti School Initiatives project.

Friday Afternoon Breakout Sessions

The Dictionary Project by Quinn Tierney - Quinn spearheaded the project to deliver over 5,000 dictionaries to Minneapolis 3rd grade students. The Minneapolis #9 club was recognized by Mary French, the national director of The Dictionary Project, at their club meeting on March 20th for this significant project.

Our Rotary Foundation, Sharing Our Strengths by Anita Rieder - Anita is the Annual Giving Officer for The Rotary Foundation for Zones 27 & 28.

Group Study Exchange Experience by the GSE Team from India - The GSE Team from India will talk about their GSE experience and life in India.

Community Service Projects by Don Stiles - Don will organize presentations by 2 or 3 Rotary clubs to feature the successful projects done in their communities.

Saturday Morning Breakout Sessions

Re-energizing Rotary with the Millennial Generation by Seth Mattison - Strategies and tips for attracting, engaging, and developing the Millennial Generation to bring new life and energy to Rotary clubs and further its' reach in building goodwill and peace in the world.

H2O for Life by Maple Grove Junior High School Teacher Mark Sackett and Ben Pennings from H2O for Life - A connection made by the Rotary Club of Maple Grove and Maple Grove Junior High School teacher Mark Sackett that will result in \$17,000 getting raised for clean water and sanitation for kids in Darfur by the students at Maple Grove Junior High School. See how an idea can change the lives of so many students, locally and internationally.

