



# E-Rotatler

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A Publication of the **ROTARY CLUB OF ST. LOUIS PARK**

*District 5950, Club 2133 – Since 1947*

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS



### JULY

26—**John Kriesel**  
MN National Guard  
Veteran

### AUGUST 2- STEP

Bruce Hasselbring  
**9-Gala**  
Nick Lampi

### 16-Kid's In Need Dave Smith

### 23-Human Health & Industrial Farming

Charlie Pope  
**30-Peace Corps**  
Ron Tschetter  
Past Director

### AUGUST

## INTRODUCTIONS

To Be Announced

## SGT OF ARMS

Paul Hovde  
Mary Phelps

## WHAT'S YOUR ROTARY STORY???

President's Jay's theme for the year

## THE PRESENT...

### This week's speaker

Sgt. John Kriesel

Experiences of a wounded  
**Minnesota National  
Guard veteran**



## THE PAST—last week's news FROM THE PODIUM

This year President Jay is going to feature a US President, starting with dear old George!! Did you know???

Born in 1732 into a Virginia planter family and was a true 18<sup>th</sup> century Virginia gentleman.

At 16 he surveyed the Shenandoah lands

1754 Commissioned as a Lieutenant Colonel

1759 Worked his plantation and served in the Virginia House of Burgesses

1775 Elected Commander in Chief of the Continental Army and took command of his ill-trained troops and embarked upon a war that was to last six grueling years

1781 With the aid of French allies forced the surrender of Cornwallis at Yorktown

1787 After the war he longed to return to his fields at Mt Vernon, but soon figured out that the Nation under the Articles of Confederation was not functioning well, so he became a prime mover in the steps leading to the Constitutional Convention at Philadelphia I 1787. It



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**AVENUES OF SERVICE**

**YOUTH**

**COMMUNITY**

**INTERNATIONAL**

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**CLUB**

was then he was elected President.

He became frustrated with politics and retired at the end of his second term, and finally retired to Mt. Vernon, where he died 3 years later of a throat infection at the age of 67. A long and illustrious career.

**CLUB NEWS**

**PROGRESSIVE DINNER –**

David Howard is heading up this social event, and it will be held sometime later this summer. Keep an eye out for more details. Thank you to those who so graciously offer your homes for this function. If you're interested in doing it again, contact Dave @ 952/358-7523

**SLP ROTARY FUNDRAISERS**

**GALA – Not this year** We are currently re-evaluating this function, and although a great success this past two years, it takes a lot of time and talent to pull this off. Evaluating our return on investment is an important piece of the decision, as well as timing of the event.

**POINSETTIA'S – YES!!!**

We will be selling poinsettias this year, and being our one main focus in the fall we want to make it a great success. Dates and details to follow, but we will more than likely stick with the Thanksgiving weekend distribution date. Start thinking about the businesses and associations, churches, etc. that you know and consider asking them to purchase.

**SLP ROTARY NEEDS YOU!!!**

Jay has graciously assigned everyone in the Club a committee, and you should have received an email with his Power Point presentation listing those who have volunteered to serve on committees. Please take a look at it, and let Jay know if there is something different you would like to do. Many hands make little work...or so my mother said!



## LOOKING BACK... July 19, 2010

**SPEAKER** – Mick Johnson, CEO of the Park Nicollet Foundation.

### Park Nicollet Foundation Facts:

Since the 1990's nearly 1,200 organizations have been funded more than \$9.2 million through Park Nicollet Foundation's community grant making. 100% of funds donated to the Foundation go directly to the areas designated by donors.

In February of 2010, Park Nicollet Foundation and a group of business partners built and opened the Brooklyn Center Health Resource Center for school-age children in Brooklyn Center. By May, more than 100 kids had already received needed mental health counseling at no cost to them.

In June of this year, Park Nicollet Foundation granted \$1.1 million to our community friends, helping them help others with everything from at-home care for new babies, to emergency financial assistance for those with cancer and their families.

In July, the board approved another \$248,000 in grants to area organizations, including Southside Family Nurturing Center, working to reduce the risk of child abuse, Camp Willow for children with Type 2 Diabetes, and Children First for their efforts to mentor disadvantaged youth in St. Louis Park.

**PARK NICOLLET HEALTH SERVICES** is an integrated care system that includes:

- Park Nicollet Methodist Hospital, a 426 bed facility with 2700 employees and 1000 physicians

- Park Nicollet Clinic, one of the largest multispecialty clinics in the US providing care for more than 45 medical specialties

- Park Nicollet Foundation exists to build healthy communities by responding to

- community health needs, and to foster and support programs and services to communities they serve. Park Nicollet Institute accelerates innovation, learning and improvements in health through excellence in research and education.

- International Diabetes Center provides world-class diabetes care, education and clinical research to meet needs of those affected.

- Tria Orthopedic Center, a state of the art dedicated orthopedic care facility
- Struthers Parkinson Center

### FUTURE OF HEALTH CARE - GOING FORWARD

The reality in health care is that fee for service is broken and the industry must accept the brutal reality. Revenues are down since 2003 and prices are up, and traditional hospitals are not seeing new patients. Services such as Park Nicollet's new Zipnosis, an online diagnostic tool with a low cost, along with the Minute Clinics and walk-in clinics are what people can afford.

Currently if all goals are met they will realize a \$30 million loss and if the goals are NOT met there could be a \$55 million loss. Something has to change

Park Nicollet will be designing a new clinic that focuses on a health care using medicare type payment, using a physician per location, physician's assistants and nurse practitioners.

Those of us who live and work in St. Louis Park should be thrilled that we have the quality of healthcare in our community. Park Nicollet's efforts reach far beyond St. Louis Park. Please consider supporting the Park Nicollet Foundation in any way you can.

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

**CARROLL L. HURD**

District 174  
1952-1953

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1961-1962

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1972-1973

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1989-1990

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2002-2003

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District 5950  
2006-2007

**OUR LEGACY OF  
LEADERSHIP**

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

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Karen Atkinson thanked Mick for being such a great supporter and partner in the Children First Initiative and announced to the Club that Mick is retiring this year and he will be sorely missed!

## DISTRICT 5950 NEWS

Message From the NEW District Governor Larry Zilliox

I would like to welcome you to the new Rotary year and the Rotary theme, "Building Communities, Bridging Continents." Rotary International President Ray Klinginsmith's theme is easy to relate to, as it says in four simple words what we are all about. It could be used as an elevator speech if you were asked to explain Rotary to a stranger.

My personal theme during the year is, "I Am a Rotarian: I Know I Can." It's based on the children's book by Watty Piper, The Little Engine That Could. I think it relates well to Rotary as we look for leaders to help us complete a project. Rotarians are positive individuals who have a can-do attitude and when given a task will get it done.

During the year I plan to help clubs meet their goals with a great team of district leaders. Membership Chair Mark Hegstrom has the theme, "One and Done." You'll hear more about this during the coming months. Foundation Annual Giving Chair Jim Dwyer will help you see the value of giving to The Rotary Foundation, even if it is as little as the price of a cup of coffee a week. Art Quinn and Don Stiles are available to help you get matching grants for local and international projects. Use their talents and knowledge to get your projects started.

During the coming months I will introduce you to other great district team members. They are all eager to help you and your club to accomplish your goals.



## THANK YOU FROM CHILDREN FIRST!

Dear Rotarians:

Thank you for the gift to Children First as a way to honor our speakers each week. This is a great message sent to those who speak, and other guests, about how Rotary supports the community and its young people. It is also a reminder to us about the great things we have.

Sincerely, Karen Atkinson

Children First

## FUTURE—August 2, 2010

### St. Louis Park Emergency Program-STEP

The St. Louis Park Emergency Program (STEP) has served the St. Louis Park community since 1975, evolving into a community-wide resource serving the basic needs of more than 1,600 people each month. STEP is more than just a food shelf; it provides a full-service resource for people in need and helps people by providing advocacy, referrals, and going the extra mile to serve those who are most vulnerable in our community.

STEP's motto is

“Empowering Lives and Restoring Hope”.

### MISSION

The STEP strengthens our community by responding to the basic emergency needs of individuals and families in St. Louis Park.

### VALUES

A welcoming, nonjudgmental environment.  
Compassion, hope, respect and kindness for people in need.  
Confidentiality and professionalism always.

## NOTE TO ALL ROTARIANS:

As you all know by now the E-Rotatler “staff” has shifted, and we could use your help. If you see anything that is noteworthy that would be pertinent to St. Louis Park and our Club, please pass it on to [admin@rotaryslp.org](mailto:admin@rotaryslp.org).

We will be coordinating this effort and appreciate your input. I have always threatened to publish recipes to fill space in any newsletter that I have been involved... **BUT I DON'T COOK**....so that's really a bad idea!! ;0)

Darlyne Erickson & Tammy Sullivan



Illustrious Retired E-Rotatler Editor  
We'll try to live up to your standards!???



## WEBSITES TO REMEMBER

St. Louis Park Rotary  
<http://www.rotaryslp.org>

Rotary District 5950  
<http://www.rotary5950.org>

Rotary International  
<http://www.rotary.org>

City of St. Louis Park  
<http://www.stlouispark.org>

Children First  
<http://www.childrenfirst.org>

St. Louis Park Schools  
<http://www.slpschools.org>

St. Louis Park Emergency  
Program (STEP)  
<http://www.slpstep.org>

(If you think of any web-  
site that you would like  
to see listed, please email  
[admin@rotaryslp.org](mailto:admin@rotaryslp.org))

[HTTP://WWW.ROTARYSLP.ORG](http://www.rotaryslp.org)

We have included a list of frequently asked about websites on the left. This came to me as I was trying to find the website for STEP, St. Louis Park Emergency Program, and it dawned on me that a listing of sites might be useful. For those of you who have not visited our Club's site, please do so. Click on the Member Area tab and the password is ***parkrotary***. Jeremiah Tanner and Steve Solbrack have been instrumental in keeping the site ongoing and we thank them for that!

A membership directory in an Excel format is also available on the site. Check out the list of sites to your left and let us know if you have any other suggestions.

## AUGUST CELEBRATIONS

### BIRTHDAYS

Breck Fleeson—19th

Herm Hasselbring—27th

Michael Lyons—25th

Roger Strand—26th

### CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

Elmer Schindel—27 years

Al Anderegg—22 years

Judy Goldetsky—9 years

Debra Bowers—6 years

David Landt—5 years