

E-Rotatler

Week of February 16, 2009
A Publication of the St. Louis Park Rotary
District 5950, Club 2133



CALENDAR OF EVENTS



- 2—Melvin Tennant, CEO
Meet Minneapolis
9—Bruce Nusted
Twin West Chamber
16—Mike Nordberg
St. John's University
23— Jeff Long
Postal Inspector



- 9 - -Jay Barnes
Bethel University
16—TBA
23—Lois Langer
Hennepin County Library
Interim Director
30—TBA

FEBRUARY
Sergeant at Arms
Paul Hovde
Mary Phelps

- INTRODUCTIONS**
2—Arnie Bloomquist
9—Harley Bergren
16—Harley Bergren
23—Walt Hanson

E-ROTATLER
"Staff"
Rod Shilkrot
Darlyne Erickson

THIS COMING MONDAY! A FOCUS ON THE PRINTING OF THE ST. JOHN'S BIBLE



Michael D. Nordberg
Senior Account Executive & Project Manager of
Color Systems

- Michael has 15 years experience in high quality pre-press and color printing
- Collaborating with the late Dave Peterson in 2006, he began research, development, and testing of unique printing and foiling techniques at The John Roberts Company.
- In July 2006 with the graphic design assistance of Eric Madsen, he produced a unique marketing kit ensemble to launch *The Saint John's Bible* Heritage Edition.
- In March 2007, he secured the business from St. John's University. He along with the rest of his team at the John Roberts Company is honored to produce the magnificent *Saint John's Bible* Heritage Edition project.
- Today, Michael is responsible for finding both print and foil solutions to the challenges set by Donald Jackson, the artist-calligrapher of *The Saint John's Bible*. In addition, he actively works with many local companies, ad agencies, and design firms on their marketing and communication needs.

BREAKING NEWS: RASMUSSEN TO LEAD FIRST MEETING; NO BOARD MEETING MONDAY

The regularly-scheduled Board meeting on Monday, Feb. 16, set for 11 a.m., has been cancelled. President Paul and President-Elect David Landt will both be out of town. Vice President Jay Rasmussen will run his first meeting. Should be fun.



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AVENUES OF SERVICE

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THREE DISTRICT MEETINGS ON HORIZON

President Paul alerted those club members who will be attending any and all of these three important upcoming District 5950 meetings:

FEB. 27 & 28, 2009 – PETS: All of DGE Sandy Schley's club Presidents-Elect and nominees will gather for the annual President's Elect Training Seminar, Oak Ridge Conference Center; Chaska, (Includes AGs/District Leadership, Presidents Elect, and Presidents Elect-Nominee).

APRIL 24-25, 2009 – DISTRICT 5950 CONFERENCE: Our own Steve Solbrack is chairing the annual District Conference, set to return to Downtown Minneapolis, Westin Hotel (old F&M Bank, rooms at \$139) and the Minneapolis Club, featuring a luncheon at the IDS Center "Windows on the World," 50th Floor (Saturday is "Youth Exchange Day").

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).

FAST FORWARD: NEXT WEEK'S MEETING – MONDAY, FEB. 23, 2009

POSTAL FRAUD PRESENTATION **Jeffrey Long**

Our program on Feb. 23rd will be presented by Jeff Long, who is a US Postal Inspector. He has been a postal employee for 20 years, 17 of which have been with the Identity Theft department, which includes fraud and postal scams. Postal inspectors have been around longer than the FBI and CIA. This again will be an exceptional program. How important is Jeff Long? Here is a recent article from the *Star Tribune*, quoting Mr. Long:

Eight southern Minnesota post offices are on alert after each received a bomb threat. Eight letters, all delivered sometime last week, were sent to postmasters, warning that bombs would be placed at their offices "as part of a succession of eight Post Office bombing incidents," according to a memo sent to post office employees. The post offices targeted by the letters were in the 560 ZIP code area: Mankato, North Mankato, St. James, Lake Crystal, Madelia, New Ulm, Sleepy Eye and Le Center. Jeff Long, with the U.S. Postal Inspection Service, said that the incident remains under investigation and that each building was swept for explosives. Nothing was found. He declined to discuss details of the letter, citing the investigation. "The fact is,



employee safety is the most important thing, and that's what we're focusing on right now," Long said.

FROM THE PODIUM

HAPPY 50TH BIRTHDAY CITY MANAGER: A rousing song feted the half-century birth date of Rotarian and City Manager, Tom Harmening. Many more – especially together with your Rotary friends!

DID SALVATION ARMY MISS HOLIDAY GOAL? Per President Paul, it seemed so at first, at least at Dec. 31. However, after the mail was received on Jan. 5, with contributions dated on or before Dec. 31, the Salvation Army's annual holiday Bell-Ringing fund-raiser (of which our club plays a significant role, at least at Byerly's in St. Louis Park), the final tally was \$9 million, a bit over the goal.

ANY DIGITAL CONVERTER BOX COUPONS? If you have any, send them to President Paul who will, in turn, distribute them through the Salvation Army.

PRODUCT SHOW DAY is May 11. Contact Allan Ackerman if you are interested in showing your wares.

DICTIONARY PROJECT: We want to give every SLP district 3rd grader at Dictionary – 330 in total. There are English and Spanish versions. Watch for more information on the give-away, including stickering with labels reading: "A gift from the Rotary Club of St. Louis Park," and the 4-Way Test. We will also publish a release in the SLP Sailor.

PRESIDENT PAUL TO ISRAEL: That's right, he's leaving soon (or maybe he already left) with district court judges and a local federal district judge to meet with members of the Israeli Supreme Court Justice and dialogue on leadership through justice. Leave it to President Paul.

WATCH FOR A NOTICE FROM KAREN regarding a special Girl Scout project, assigning 40 SLP organizations, including SLP Rotary, with the task of painting one of the 40 assets. Each painting will result in a collage poster. Great idea for a fund-raiser.

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.

REMINDER: HOST FAMILIES are being sought for

the **GSE TEAM** from India that will be in our district in March. Our club has agreed to be one of the host clubs – for a 3-4-day period. Four host families are being sought by visit coordinator, Jay Rasmussen. If interested, you would agree to host one team member in your home for four overnights (and breakfasts). Dates of projected hosting would be Saturday through Tuesday, May 2-5. This group comes to us from the Bangalore district in India. Avani (or Avi), our delightful Youth Exchange student, also from India, will be greatly involved in the hosting as well.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY – FEB. 9:

1773 - President Harrison born on this day.

1825 – House elected John Quincy Adams president as no candidate in the general election received a simple majority.

1861 – Confederate President Jefferson Davis elected, or crowned.

1870 – US Weather Bureau formed.

1942 – Daylight savings time introduced, as a war measure.

1950 – Joe McCarthy (he really wasn't from Wisconsin, was he?) formed the committee to deal with so-called "Un-American activities."

1964 – Beatles performed live on Sunday evening Ed Sullivan telecast (I remember watching this as a 13-year old).

1971 – Third moon landing.

LAUGH BREAK:

REWIND: LAST WEEK'S

MEETING – FEB. 2, 2009

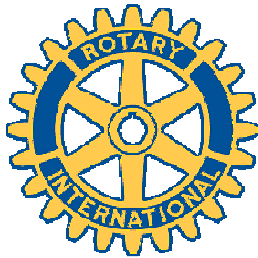
Bruce Nustad

President

Twin West Chamber of Commerce



**AN UPDATE ON
TWIN WEST CHAMBER
ACTIVITIES
AND ISSUES FROM
ITS NEW PRESIDENT**



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

CARROLL L. HURD
District 174
1952-1953

FRED V. ROGERS
District 595
1961-1962

C. WILLIAM BRIGGS
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!**

E-ROTATLER NEWS & NOTES

Second of three official notices GOVERNOR NOMINEE SELECTED FOR 2011-2012

Pursuant to Article 13.020.5 of the RI Bylaws, it is my pleasure to announce that the Nominating Committee for District Governor has recommended Chuck Berg of the Rotary Club of Shakopee to serve as Governor in the year 2011-2012. Please see following resume for information pertaining to Chuck's Rotary involvement.

From Article 13.020.7 of the RI Bylaws, "Any club in the district may also propose a challenging candidate for governor-nominee. The challenging candidate must have been duly suggested to the nominating committee. The name of the challenging candidate shall be submitted pursuant to a resolution by the club adopted at a regular meeting. The club must file the resolution with the governor by the date determined by the governor. Such date shall be at least two weeks after publication of the announcement of the selection for governor-nominee by the nominating committee."

Challenges must be submitted as per the above procedure to Past District Governor Tammy Laurent, Chair of the Nominating Committee, by February 16, 2009. (Tammy Laurent, PDG; 405 Moonlight Drive, Shakopee, MN 55379; tlaurant@tlaurant.com). *In depth profile of DGN-D Berg in 2/9/09 E-Rotatler.*

Chris Holm, Governor; District 5950, 2008-2009

MORE HAITI OUTREACH TRIPS LEAVING FROM DISTRICT

If you are interested in a (another) volunteer trip to Haiti, the tentative upcoming dates are:

February 26 - March 6, 2009

March 27 - April 2, 2009

Projects may be to build two houses and/or school painting, building blackboards and desks. A definite trip is scheduled for Jan. 22 - 30, 2009. We have 10 people so far and can accommodate a few more; 15 maximum. It is on a first come, first serve basis. That means we need your application and \$500 down payment to hold your place and only then would we be able to get your tickets. The trip will be to help build a Haitian house for a needy family, as described on the web site. The cost depends on airplane costs once we have your down payment. Right now it is an all inclusive cost of around \$1650.

Thanks for your interest in helping those in need in Haiti. The contact persons for organizing the trips are: Dale Snyder - Daleesnyder@aol.com; Ron Axel - ronald9494@aol.com.



UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS

FEB. 27 & 28, 2009 – PETS: President's Elect Training Seminar, Oak Ridge Conference Center; Chaska, (Includes AGs/District Leadership, Presidents Elect, and Presidents Elect-Nominee)

MARCH 5 – EMPTY BOWLS EVENT: Help STEP raise 125,000 pounds and dollars during March. Key event is *Empty Bowls*, Thurs., March 5th, St. Louis Park Recreation Center on 36th St. just east of 100, 3700 Monterey Drive; no admission fee; free will offering suggested; lunch and dinner time serving.

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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)

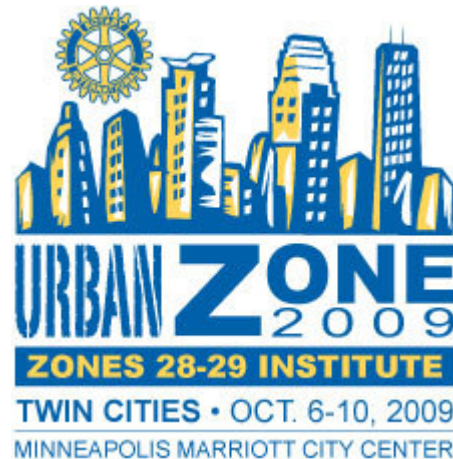
MAY 13-15, 2010 – DISTRICT CONFERENCE: Westin Hotel; Edina (Includes AGs/District Leadership, Club Presidents, Club Leaders, and all District 5950 Rotarians)

NEVER TOO EARLY TO PLAN FOR RIC/2009: The 2009 RI Convention is set for Birmingham, England. DGN Sandy Schley of Edina and PDG Rod Shilkrot of our club are working with AAA to

set up a **British Isles Tour** to the 2009 Convention in Birmingham. Contact Betty Fiandaca at AAA Minneapolis at 952-927-2557 for more information on this tour.

URBANZONE HERE, OCT. 6-11 --- 2009 Zones 28-29 Training and Institute will be held in Minneapolis NEXT October (6-11) at the Marriott Minneapolis City Center. It will be called URBANZONE and should be a great opportunity for many local Rotarians to get a glimpse of what goes on in Rotary at the zone and international level. Interested in volunteering...contact Rod Shilkrot or Ron Axel at ronald9494@aol.com.

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.



Contact Chair, Ron Axel, PDG, at
Ronald9494@aol.com

If you are interested in volunteering to help host over 400 Rotarians from around the northern U.S. and Canada.



DREAMS MADE REAL IN 5950

2009 DISTRICT 5950 CON- FERENCE

District Governor Chris Holm
Conference Chair: Steve Solbrack, St. Louis Park Ro-
tary

April 24-25, 2009
Downtown Minneapolis

Join us in downtown Minneapolis on April 24th and 25th for the 2009 Rotary 5950 District Conference. RI President DK Lee challenged us to “Make Dreams Real” and next April, we will celebrate the accomplishments and “*Dreams Made Real*” by the 3,000+ Rotarians of District 5950. Our celebration will take place at the historic 100-year old Minneapolis Club and at Windows on Minnesota on the 50th floor of the IDS Center with its awe-inspiring panoramic view. Join us for the fellowship, celebration of youth, leadership development, fun, education, breakout sessions and fabulous speakers. We have booked a block of rooms at the Westin Hotel (former historic F&M Bank Building) for \$139 per night and we have reduced parking rates within two blocks of our venues. We have a great committee this year and we will be getting registration materials and more information to you soon. We are looking forward to another great District Conference, so be sure to get it on your calendar now.

SLP ROTARY’S HISTORI- CAL TIMELINE

Editor’s Note: As a special feature in

this E-Rotatler for the next several weeks, we will publish components of the historical timeline of the Rotary Club of St. Louis Park. Let us know if you take issue with any of these dates; or if you have noteworthy additions. It is our goal to compile the most accurate and detailed history of our great club.

THE 1990s

