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



CALENDAR OF EVENTS



- 2—John Luse
St. Louis Park PD
9 - -David Landt
Trip to India
16—District Governor
Elect—Sandy Schley
23—Lois Langer
Hennepin County Library
Director
30—Paul Babcock
MacPhail Music & Arts



- 6—Glen & Nancy Krause
Seasons with the Bears
13—Robin Cauffman
Mgr Public Involvement
Light Rail—Central Corridor
20—No Meeting
District Conference
27—Phillip Brunelle

MARCH
Sergeant at Arms
Dick Milnar
Tammy Sullivan

- INTRODUCTIONS**
2—Jim Brimeyer
3—Jim Miller
16—Denny Morow
23—Harley Bergren
30 – Jim Brimeyer

THIS COMING MONDAY!

SLP FOUNDATION AND TRF ANNUAL GIVING KICK-OFF

DGE SANDY SCHLEY ON INTERNATIONAL SERVICE IN AFRICA

Our special guest, Sandra Schley, District 5950 Governor Elect, will guide us through a fascinating program on March 16th as we experience first-hand through Sandy's presentation, the work the Rotary International Foundation does around the world, especially in Africa. Sandy's photos will tell the story of good works being accomplished through your participation in the club RI Foundation drive, which generates funds for both the SLP Rotary Foundation and The Rotary Foundation (TRF). Our goal for 2009 is 100% participation. Past President Nick Lampi is heading up our Annual Giving Drive this year and will also provide some short remarks on Monday.



DGE SANDY SCHLEY
ROTARY CLUB OF
EDINA (NOON)

PUMP IT UP ROTARIANS! **"HANS & FRANZ" SKIT DEBUTS MONDAY**

Monday, March 16, St. Louis Park Rotary
Video replay of hit skit from 2009 PETS, Feb. 28, Chaska
Filmed, produced and directed by Steve Solbrack, AG-5
Starring Jay Rasmussen as "Hans" (and Pastor David Landt as "Scooter Boy")
Also featuring Tim Dillon, Hopkins Rotary, as "Frantz"
Is it headed for **YOU TUBE** fame?

CLUB'S NEW WEB SITE DEMO IS MONDAY

Newly design 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: March 16th regular meeting
Password for access to Member Only Section (currently under construction): Park-Rotary (all one word; no Login name required).



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AVENUES OF SERVICE

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Email: admin@rotaryslp.org

New Webmaster/administrator for the club: Jeremiah Tanner (send all old SLP Rotary photos to Jeremiah for posting on the new site).

www.RotarySLP.org

BREAKING NEWS:
WARNING: E-MAIL SCAM!

President Paul and Past President Nick Lampi warned members Monday of an e-mail scam sent to many Rotarians around the district this past few weeks. If you get an e-mail from Fred and Vera Miller asking for help in the wake of their pending foreclosure, disregard. It's a scam.

BRECK FLEESON NEEDS YOUR HELP!

Breck Fleeson has agreed to create the painting for the Children First mural (40 assets, 40 paintings by 40 different groups, organizations and individuals). Our assigned asset is INTEGRITY. Please help Breck with ideas for his creation – artwork, words, etc.

NICK AND LIZA NEED YOUR HELP, TOO!

Past President Nick Lampi and wife Liza will be co-chairing the second annual ROTARY GALA IN THE PARK next fall (date to be determined). The Double Tree is the location this year. If you are interested in volunteering, contact Nick today.

DISTRICT AWARD NOMINATIONS DUE TODAY

Submit your category and "Service Above Self" individual award nominations to President Paul. Our own "Service Above Self," Membership and Vocational Service Awards will be presented at the Gala in the fall.

ONE MORE GSE HOST FAMILY NEEDED

One more host family is needed for the GSE TEAM from India that will be in our district in May. Our club has agreed to be one of the host clubs – for a 3-4-day period. If interested, you would agree to host one team member in your home for four overnights (and breakfasts). Dates for the hosting would be Saturday through Tuesday, **May 2-5**. This group comes to us from the Bangalore district in India. Rasmussen is also seeking Vocational (business) hosts for this period.

FROM THE PODIUM

WELCOME OSCAR REED AND STUDENT GUESTS: This week, we hosted former Minnesota Viking great Oscar Reed (1968-76), now with SLP Schools, doing great things in restorative justice practices. Reed is the Multi-Cultural Liaison for the high school and brought with him on this day,



five members of the “Boys to Men Circle, for young African American teens. He started this program six years ago and it has made a difference in the lives of many teens – and has gained the program statewide and national acclaim. Otha Jones and two other co-captains of this support group, spoke about the activities of the group, and two others talked about what this group has meant to them in their lives. All five are bound for college. YODA is the female counterpart group at SLPHS. Thanks Oscar!

DID YOU KNOW? Bill Davies, longtime Foundation treasurer, is now one of the top liaisons in the country between the Boy Scouts of America and the Catholic Church. This is why Bill is traveling so much.

WELCOME BACK JIM MILLER, complete with your new one-month old hip. Hope your dream of golfing in 90 days comes true.

HAPPY 75TH BIRTHDAY TO BILL BRIGGS...AND 92ND BIRTHDAY WISHES TO HARLEY BERGREN.

NICE TO SEE: Tom Hokr from Brooklyn Park Rotary, a longtime district leader. We hope he returns soon to tell us about the time he and President Paul, a close friend, spent two nights in a “Cat House” in Siberia, and their brush with the federal police.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY AT WAYSIDE HOUSE: So said Sue Sanger. This chemical dependency center for women near Bylerly’s, the subject of a program last year, receives an annual donation of plants and is seeking would-be gardeners to do the planting. Anyone interested in helping Sue (on the Wayside Board), contact her at suesanger@comcast.net.

DISTRICT CONFERENCE PREVIEW: Steve Solbrack is practically a one-Rotarian show in planning the 2009 District Conference. He will be offering occasional previews of this downtown event (see add further down in this newsletter). For instance, on April 25th, Saturday at 8:30 a.m., Seth Madison will be the featured speaker on Gen Y. At 12 noon that day, the Youth Exchange Luncheon will feature entertainment by 5950 YE students (25 from 15 countries), including our very own Avi from India doing an Indian modern dance.

DICTIONARY PROJECT UPDATE: 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 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. Steve Solbrack now has all the dictionaries in his office and Dr. Deb Bowers is contacting all

three elementary school principals for suitable donation and delivery dates. Club volunteers need to help Solbrack label all books with the stickers described above.

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:

March 23 – Lois Langer Thompson, Director of the Hennepin County Library System.

March 30 – Paul Babcock, President and CEO of the McPhail Center for the Arts.

April 6 – Monica Murphy has arranged for Glenn and Nancy Krause to talk about their fascinating study of Black Bears in Northern Minnesota, promising no live bears at the meeting – other than Rotarians plagued with “bad moods.”

April 13 – Robin Cauffman, Manager of Public Involvement, the Light Rail Corridor Committee, focusing on our own SW Corridor.

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”).

WE HAVE FOUND OUR ROTARIAN ARTIST to paint our asset for the 40 Assets Children First/Girl Scout project, Karen announced. He is Breck Fleeson, who graciously volunteered to create the visual on “leadership,” our assigned asset.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY – MARCH 16

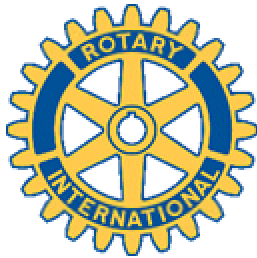
1796 – Napoleon married Josephine.

1933 – Congress enacted FDR’s “New Deal.”

1945 – U.S. B-29 bombers launched bombing attacks on Japan.

1975 – Work began on Alaska Pipeline.

1981 – Dan Rather made debut as anchor on CBS Evening News, a gig that lasted into 2005.



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

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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!**

“LAUGH” BREAK: For the second consecutive week, President Paul, due to a lack of time on the agenda, and a growing lack of desire on the part of the membership, was prohibited from delivering his weekly journey into the world of humor. He again appeared to be defensive and offended, but vowed to provide us with a double whammy next week. Oh my – be fair warned.

REWIND: LAST WEEK’S MEETING –

MARCH 16, 2009

**President-Elect, Pastor David Landt
ON HIS MEMORABLE JOURNEY TO INDIA
AND NEPAL**

Pastor Landt, lead Pastor at the Minnetonka Community Church, delivered a stirring address to the club on his recent humanitarian trip to India.

He opened by expounding upon his feelings about Rotary. He joined our club because of clear family connections – his father-in-law Denny Morrow; and Denny’s father-in-law, Harley Bergren – and the opportunity to have lunch with them on Mondays. He is continuing with Rotary because of what happens “beyond Mondays.” His life-changing trip to India and Nepal took place in January, along with his wife and children. While there, he learned the value of leveraging Rotary resources to do “more good in the world.”

He talked about his connections with the Peace Rehabilitation Center in Nepal, a local law enforcement agency aimed at stopping sex trafficking and slavery. He alarmed us with the fact that 27 million people around the world are trapped in slavery.

His Power Point presentation was excellent, highlighting people he called “local heroes,” including:

- * The “Mother Theresa” of Nepal,
- * A man who has founded a rescue home for teenage boys,
- * A Hopkins High grad named Andrew, whom he met at his church here when he was a Youth Minister; Andrew now works full-time in the slums of Nepal, and is helping start a senior care center.

He has seen first-hand the impact of global recession, resulting in escalating crime and sex trafficking.

He talked of an organization in India called Freedom Firm. He showed a photo of Glen Parks, a Rotarian who moved his medical practice to India. David visited his Rotary club, the Rotary Club of Nilgiris West, home to a former RI Director, shown speaking in a video as part of the presentation on this day.

Pastor Landt then went on to talk of future projects that we might partner in during the next year or two. While there, he met with the club’s President-Elect, who had local hospital involvement. After visiting the hospital and seeing what this club has done for this facility (new water system, neo-natal care



unit and a special cultural center for local Hill Country tribes), he learned that the hospital is in desperate need of a Mammogram unit to detect breast Cancer. There is not one in the city and patients must travel 2-4 hours to get to the nearest facility that can perform Mammograms.

The doctors in this hospital have the skills and expertise to read Mammograms and to treat patients with Cancer. However, \$52,000 is needed to fund this critical piece of equipment. Through the RI Matching Grants program, Pastor Landt, our President-Elect, is proposing the following equation that could raise the \$52,000:

- * St. Louis Park Rotary contribution = **\$7,500**
- * District 5950 Matching Grant = **\$7,500**
- * Nilgiris West Rotary contribution = **\$7,500**
- * Indian district Matching Grant = **\$7,500**
- * Matching funds from TRF at RI (\$1 for each \$1 raised in each of the two districts; and another 50 cents for each \$1 raised by each club) = **\$22,000**

TOTAL: \$52,000

The next step is generating Club membership approval and endorsement. Thanks David for this outstanding program.



Looks Like Paul's could be in trouble!!!

E-ROTATLER NEWS & NOTES

TRF ANNUAL GIVING CAMPAIGN BEGINS

Hello fellow Rotarians. This is a reminder that if you have not made your donations 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 yourself. 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. Thank you very much!

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

IT'S PROGRESSIVE DINNER PLANNING TIME

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 jrasmus-sen@jobsmn.com. Please help me get this thing on the calendar. Thanks! Jay Rasmussen, Vice President and Social Director



PRODUCT SHOW DAY EXHIBITORS LINING UP

Attached is the information and reservation form for the annual Product Show Day, 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. Allan Ackerman, chair of the event, promised to bring one or two cars to the show from his Jim Lupient Enterprises. Eight-foot display tables will be provided by the hotel at no cost to exhibitors. If you and your business are interested in exhibiting, fill out the attached form. Exhibit spaces are filling up fast, so contact Allan ASAP if interested. 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.

VOLUNTEERS SOUGHT: EDINA BIKE PARADE

The event, “The World’s Largest Bike Parade!” is sponsored by Edina Morningside Rotary. This club would like to ask each participating area club to assemble about 10 Rotarian Volunteers to help us marshal a part of the route. Each Rotarian will receive a commemorative Volunteer Tee-shirt. They will have lots of fun helping out, keeping some 3,000 riders on the path and helping out where needed. Volunteers can even bring a bike and ride in the parade as well. (It is a 2-mile route that will take about 30 minutes to ride.) It is estimated that 3,000 riders will take some four hours to get around the route. The event is scheduled for **Sunday, May 17, 2009.**

You can get the additional information at www.EdinaBikeParade.com. **Mark C. Hegstrom**, President, Edina Morningside Rotary Club; www.emrotary.org; (cell) 612-670-0014.

TAKE THIS SURVEY: IMPROVE 5950 WEB SITE

Dear Rotarians: We are working to improve the Rotary International District 5950 website. To best

use volunteer resources and make additional investments in the website, we need to better gauge the needs and desires of Rotarians. Please ask all members of your club to fill out this short, online nine-question survey before Feb. 28, 2009. It will only take a few minutes of your time.

http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=tCc4ljf8bxwKCCOM9eExJA_3d_3d. Thank you for your help! You are appreciated!

District 5950 Communications/PR Team



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

Lois Langer Thompson Director of the Hennepin County Library System

Lois Langer Thompson, a librarian with more than 20 years experience in the Hennepin County Library system, has been appointed by the Hennepin County Board of Commissioners to be Hennepin County Library’s new director. Hennepin County Administrator Richard Johnson said, “Lois’s vision is what the Library needs right now. It’s time to be creative and deliver service in a new way. Her open mind and objective perspective, paired with two decades of Hennepin County Library experience, will help us navigate through our economic challenges and make the Library an even more essential institution in the eyes of our residents.” Hennepin County Board Chair Mike Opat said, “Our world-class library system has never been more important for our residents than it is today. Its success has come as a result of a dedicated staff and many excellent directors, so I’m very pleased that Lois will now lead the Library in a permanent position. Only one year has passed since the Library nearly doubled in size by folding in the Minneapolis libraries, and there is much work yet to be done to create a seamless, unified system. Lois is the right person to lead the



task, and I look forward to many accomplishments in the years ahead.” Thompson became the Hennepin County Library's interim director after Director Amy Ryan resigned last September to become president of the Boston Public Library.

UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS

DISTRICT MEETINGS ON THE HORIZON

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

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 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)

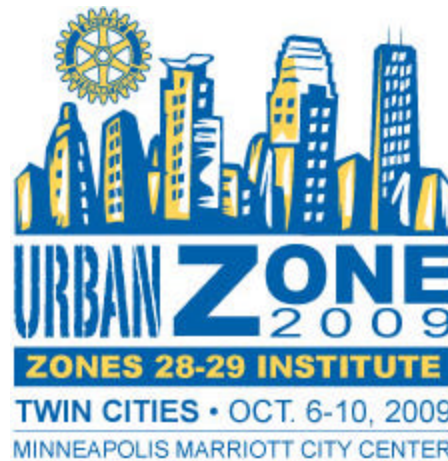
MAY 13-15, 2010 – DISTRICT CONFERENCE: Westin Hotel; Edina (Includes AGs/District Leadership, Club Presidents, Club Leaders, and all

District 5950 Rotarians)

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.