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Week of March 30, 2009

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



CALENDAR OF EVENTS



30—Paul Babcock
MacPhail Music & Arts



6—Glenn & Nancy
Krause
Seasons with Bears
13—RobinCaufman
Mgr Public Involvement
Light Rail—
Central Corridor
20—No Meeting
District Conference
27—Phillip Brunelle

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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THIS MONDAY!

MACPHAIL PRESIDENT TO SPEAK

Paul Babcock is the President & COO of the MacPhail Center for Music. MacPhail is an extraordinary community asset. During its near-century long [history](#), MacPhail has become a vital part of the fabric of organizations that make the Twin Cities a vibrant arts community and a uniquely wonderful place to live and work. Exceptional instruction for individuals, groups, and ensembles, as well as partnerships with schools and arts organizations enable MacPhail to transform the lives of people of all ages, in the greater Twin Cities area and beyond. One thing we will likely hear about is their new home. The MacPhail Center for Music moved into its new flagship building late 2007, near the Mill City Museum and the Guthrie Theater in downtown Minneapolis. The new \$25 million school has a six-story tower with 56 studios, as well as a state-of-the-art performance hall. Other features include a new recording space, small performance areas, and facilities to meet the needs of the school's Suzuki and music therapy programs.

BREAKING NEWS:

PDG AND SLP ROTARIAN BILL BRIGGS DIES

Briggs, Charles William Jr. (Bill) Bill was born on March 23, 1934 in St. Paul, son of Charles Briggs Sr. and Lois J. Briggs, and died on March 19, 2009. He attended primary and secondary schools and graduated from St. Paul Academy. He went on to attend Stanford University and graduated from the University of Minnesota with a BBA. He is survived by his wife, Judy Van Nest Briggs and two brothers, Warren of Pensacola, FL and Edward of Escondido, CA. Also surviving are five children: Charles Briggs III (Kim) of Manhattan, MT; Betsy Briggs of Big Lake, MN; Fritz Van Nest (Alma) of San Antonio, TX; Karen McKay (Mark) of Minnetonka, MN; and Barbara Zadeh (Mohsen) of Independence, MN. There are 14 grandchildren. Bill was the retired Chairman of the former Anderson Cadillac. He spent 52 years with the company. He was very active in both business and community affairs all of his life. He served as President of the Northwestern Chi Psi Educational Foundation, **Rotary Club of St. Louis Park**, former Golden Valley Chamber of Commerce, **District Governor of District 595 Rotary International**, the former Viking Council Boy Scouts of America, Many Waters BSA, Minnesota Automobile Dealers Association and Director of National Automobile Dealers Association. In addition he served on the boards of the CM Russell Museum of Great Falls, MT, Dunwoody Institute and National Auto Dealers Charitable Foun-



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dation. He held memberships and positions in several other organizations. He was an avid railroad fan and modeler. He received the Time Magazine Quality Dealer Award in 1981, the Silver Beaver Award from the Boy Scouts of America in 1979 and the Silver Antelope in 1985. **Memorial services to be held in late May.** Donations should be sent to [American Cancer Society](http://www.AmericanCancerSociety.org) Research. Huber Funeral & Cremation Services Excelsior Chapel 952-474-9595 www.huberfunerals.com

DICTIONARY DONATION TIMES EXPLAINED

We will be delivering a dictionary to every St. Louis Park 3rd grade student on April 8th and April 9th. We will need help putting labels on the inside cover of the dictionaries on Monday April 6th at 11:30 am at the Double Tree just prior to our weekly meeting. The labels have the 4- Way Test, have a place for the student to write their name, and state "This is a gift from the St. Louis Park Rotary Club." Here is the schedule for delivering the dictionaries.

- Wednesday, April 8th at 9:00 a.m. – Aquila Primary**
- Thursday, April 9th at 1:15 p.m. – Peter Hobart Primary**
- Thursday, April 9th at 2:00 p.m. – Park Spanish Immersion**

PUMP IT UP ROTARIANS!

“HANS & FRANZ” SKIT AND NEW WEB SITE

DEBUTS FINALLY ON MARCH 30TH

Finally, the much-anticipated debut of the “Hans & Franz” skit from PETS and the demo of the Club’s new Web site, will occur Monday, March 30th at the start of the meeting, narrated by filmmaker and Webmaster Steve Solbrack. The debut will feature:

- **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”**
 - **Pastor David Landt as “Scooter Boy”**
 - **And featuring Tim Dillon, Hopkins Rotary, as “Franz”**
- 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:** to be determined
 - **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).



BRECK FLEESON REALLY NEEDS YOUR HELP!

REPEAT NOTICE: 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 & LIZA REALLY NEED YOUR HELP, TOO!

REPEAT NOTICE: 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.

ALLAN ACKERMAN COULD ALSO USE YOUR HELP

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 give-aways, like a “ride-along” with a SLP Police Officer, a \$100 Savings Bond and luggage from AAA Minneapolis.

FROM THE PODIUM

IN MEMORY OF PDG BILL BRIGGS: President Paul asked for an appropriate “moment of silence” in memory of Rotarian Bill Briggs. Our thoughts and prayers are with Judy and his family during this difficult time. See obituary in “Breaking News” section of this edition.

ALSO IN MEMORIAM, President Paul, a past law enforcement officer, mentioned the tragedy in Oakland, CA where a routine traffic stop resulted in the shootings and killings of four young Oakland police.

NICE PAUL HARRIS FELLOWSHIP pin awarded to Bill Davies, now at the PHF+4 level. Congratulations and thanks. Mr. Davies provided a nice report, also, regarding recent contributions the club Foundation has

made to local groups. We will try and get that list for an upcoming edition.

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

CAT HOUSE OR CAT HOUSE? President Paul made a legitimate, although hard to fathom explanation regarding the statement from his friend, Tom Hokr, that they once spent two nights in a “cat house” while visiting Siberia on a service trip. Turns out, according our “4-Way Test Champion,” that the house in Siberia was indeed a “cat house,” inhabited with 22 cats (of the feline kind), and not the other kind of “cat house.” Thanks for the clarification.

WELCOME STUDENT GUESTS: Ben P. and Nick V., co-captains of the Conference Champion (10-0) SLPHS Boys Swim Team. They even beat rival Benilde-St. Margaret’s. The recent Olympics helped generate more interest in swimming at Park, with nearly 40 on the team – nearly double the usual number. Both are also on the golf team. Ben is headed to Colorado College, Notre Dame or Princeton; Nick to UC-Davis or Vassar (now co-ed.).

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.

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UPCOMING CLUB PROGRAMS OF INTEREST:

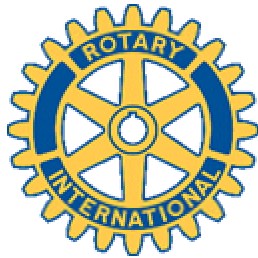
April 13 – Robin Caufman, Manager of Public Involvement, the Light Rail Corridor Committee, focusing on our own SW Corridor.

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



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**OUR LEGACY OF
LEADERSHIP**

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

West (see related article in "News").

THIS DAY IN HISTORY – MARCH 23

- 1743 – Handel's "Messiah" had its London premier.
- 1775 – Patrick Henry called for independence from Britain.
- 1806 – Lewis & Clark began their journey back from Pacific coast.
- 1919 – Mussolini founded his Fascist party in Italy.
- 1933 – German government gives full dictatorial power to Hitler.
- 1942 – Japanese-Americans moved from their west coast homes to detention centers.
- 1965 – America's first two-person space flight began as Gemini 3 blasted off from Cape Canaveral – manned by Virgil Grissom and John Young.
- 1983 – Dr. Barney Clark died after living 112 days with permanent artificial heart.
- 1994 – Wayne Gretzky set NHL scoring record with 802nd goal.
- 1998 – Movie "Titanic" won 11 Academy Awards.

"LAUGH" BREAK: This one with a disappointing end dealt with a Wyoming college student who convinced his father to send him their pet dog; then \$1,000 to take a course on how to talk (the dog, not the kid); then \$2,500 more to teach the pup how to read. In the end, the kid shot the dog and told him the mutt knew too much about his "straying" (the dad, not the dog) from his wife with a bank teller. The dad, of course, thanked the son for shooting the dog. If you are interested in a more understandable version of this tail (tale), see President Paul in person. It shall not bear (bark) repeat here.

LAST WEEK'S MEETING – MARCH 23, 2009

**Lois Langer Thompson
Director of the Hennepin County Library System**

Langer Thompson is pictured with unidentified library foundation head.



Our speaker last week was Park native, Lois Langer Thompson, a librarian with more than 20 years experience in the Hennepin County Library system, and the new Director of the merged organization (merging Hennepin County libraries with the Minneapolis city system of libraries). She grew up behind Miracle Mile; graduated from Park High; worked for a time at the New Ulm Library; then onto Hennepin County. Highlights of her talk:

- The role of the library is to be a place where people can connect with information; and be open to everyone.

Interesting statistics:

\$73.8 million budget, up 4%
720 FTE and 900 people employed



41 libraries in the system
 5 million items
 450,000 active library card-holders
 1.1 million residents in the county
 16.5 million check-outs in 2008
 16 million Web site visits in 2008
 2 libraries under construction
 5 new libraries in the design stage
 2 more in the feasibility study stage
 System named a 5-star Library

- She talked about the merger of the county system with the Minneapolis Public Library system. The big challenge dealt with an integrated library system (technology) and the merging of two library cultures – County operated more “popular” libraries and city operated “historical research” libraries.
- The merger has become a model for other city, state and county agency mergers. It cost a lot in the short term, but the long-term savings will be dramatic.
- Merging all eight library systems in the metro is not in the works – would make for too large a system. U of M researchers are partnering with them to evaluate the efficiencies gained through the merger.
- The down economy has brought some layoffs, unfulfilled allotments, a 10% state aid cut, etc.
- They have five priorities: achieving early literacy, enriching out of school time for kids, advancing the search for jobs and vocations, enriching the 55+ senior age segment, and expanding the art of lifelong learning.
- Policy and direction achieved through community meetings (determining how people best use the library); an 11-member Library Board; the Library Foundation of Hennepin County, etc.
- The foundation has 4,500 supporters, and their goal is to raise the public awareness and use of the library. They raise \$800,000-\$1 million per year to enhance projects, expand collections and book purchases; operate 13 homework centers and a juvenile correction program.
- They partner with others to conduct community service ventures, like foreclosure workshops, sessions for returning vets, a Loft writing project, and the 55+ Age Well, Live Well program.
- Her recommended reading: “Three Cups of Tea,” (important to literacy); “Lady and the Panda,” (story of a woman who brought the first

panda into the U.S. in the ‘30s (was it a dog or a bear?); “Punching In,” reflecting on the lives of front-line workers.

- The Planetarium? \$250,000 has been approved to hire a director and begin refurbishing.

E-ROTATLER NEWS & NOTES

TRF ANNUAL GIVING CAMPAIGN UNDERWAY

THIRD 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

DATES AND HOSTS NEEDED FOR PROGRESSIVE

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



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

You can help us in four ways:

1. Help us recruit riders. Your family, friends, kids at school
2. Volunteer if you're so inclined.
3. Forward this e-mail to others.
4. Donate to the cause if you can't join us.

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 6, 2009

BLACK BEARS IN NORTHERN MINNESOTA

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.”

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).

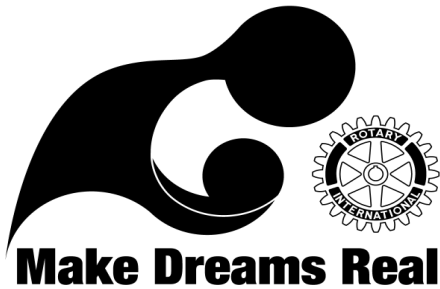
SEPT. 25, 2009 – FALL TRAINING DAY 2009: Golden Valley Country Club; Golden Valley (Includes AGs/District Leadership, Club Presidents, Club Leaders, and all District 5950 Rotarians)

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 CON-
FERENCE**

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
SPEAKERS**

**Ward Brehm – What’s God’s strategy
for the poor in Africa?**

Signature Luncheon – Friday

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 both 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.

Tom Verdoorn – Corporate Responsibility

Gala Dinner - Friday

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.

**Seth Mattison –
Here Come the Millennials**

Annual Meeting Breakfast - Saturday

Seth Mattison is a young up and coming speaker and writer on work force trends and the illennial 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 pre-

pared will Gen X, Baby Boomers, and Traditionalists, be 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.

PREVIEW – DISTRICT CONFERENCE BREAKOUTS

Friday Morning

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

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

Saturday Morning

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 the organization and help 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.

Club CELEBRATIONS!!!

Member Birthdays

	Birthday
Alan L. Shapiro	13 April
Jerry Mitchell	30 April
Jim Rhodes	09 April
Ken Skold	19 April
Thomas P. O'Meara	01 April

Club Anniversaries

	Date of Induction	Years In Club
Bob Ford	03 April	48
Bob Gustafson	01 April	30
Harley E. Bergren	01 April	36
Jay Rasmussen	02 April	3
Lois Cochrane Schlutter	01 April	18
Ralph S. Eide	30 April	36

