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Week of March 9, 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

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Rod Shilkrot

THIS COMING MONDAY!

Our Own President-Elect, Pastor David Landt

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



David became Senior Pastor in May 2005. He was our student ministries director for five years starting in 1999. David graduated from Bethel University with his masters degree in Organizational Leadership and Taylor University with bachelor degrees in Biblical Literature and Christian Education. David and his wife Sarah have three kids, Samuel, Ellie, and Graham. He is also the son-in-law of Rotarian

Denny Morrow, who in turn, is the son-in-law of Rotarian Harley Bergren – forming a unique legacy of Rotary membership in one club.

BREAKING NEWS:

PUMP IT UP ROTARIANS!

"HANS & FRANZ" SKIT ON VIDEO MARCH 16TH

March 16, St. Louis Park Rotary
Starring Jay Rasmussen (and David Landt)
See FROM THE PODIUM for more details.

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 jrasmussen@jobsmn.com. Please help me get this thing on the calendar.

Thanks! Jay Rasmussen, Vice President and Social Director



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CLUB'S NEW WEB SITE HAS LAUNCHED

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): 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).

FAST FORWARD: NEXT WEEK'S MEETING – MONDAY, MARCH 16, 2009

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. Our goal for 2009 is 100% participation. Every Rotarian, Every Year!



DGE Sandra Schley, a native of Rice Lake, Wisconsin, the "Cradle of Governors" and hometown of our own PDG, Rod Shilkrot, hails from the Rotary Club of Edina Noon and takes office as our governor on July 1, 2009.



FROM THE PODIUM

SLP ROTARIANS AT PETS: Four club members attended PETS (President Elect Training Seminar) last weekend at the Oak Ridge Conference Center, Chaska. They were President Elect David Landt, President Nominee Jay Rasmussen, Area 5 Assistant Governor Steve Solbrack and PDG Rod Shilkrot. Be sure and attend the March 16th meeting to see a taped version of the Hans & Franz “Pump it Up!” skit, starring Jay Rasmussen as Hans and David Landt as “Scooter Boy.” A not-to-be-missed video adventure, certainly bound for You Tube.

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 OF THE WEEK: 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.

THE RICH GET RICHER: Allan Ackerman, who earlier won a trip to Israel, sat by his radio an entire day listening to the “Good Neighbor” and called in when he heard his name called, and won two round-trip Sun Country tickets to New York City – where each of his three children live. How does he do it?

WELCOME STUDENT GUESTS: This week, we hosted Alyssa Schreck and Asher Pink. Alyssa is a junior and Asher only a freshman. They represented choral activities at SLPHS. In fact, both sang solos for our pleasure: Alyssa warbling “My Favorite Things” from *Sound of Music* and Asher bellowing “On the Street Where You Live” from *My Fair Lady*. Both were outstanding, and certainly boasting of “American Idol” potential. They previewed something called the “Pie Concert” at the high school March 24 feature choral groups doing songs from the ‘50s and, of course, a pie dessert.

WELCOME BACK DENNY MORROW from Tanzania where he visited the SLP Rotary-funded school named for Wayne Packard, our late charter member.

BOB GUSTAFSON NOTED THE EXTREME MAKEOVER ABC presentation of a new home for a family tied to the March of Dimes. A real gut-wrenching episode, and great PR for Bob’s wonderful organization.

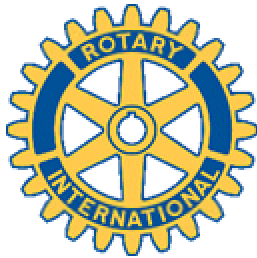
ANY DIGITAL CONVERTER BOX COUPONS? If you have any, send them to President Paul who will, in turn, distribute them through the Salvation Army.

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.

REMINDER: THREE MORE HOST FAMILIES NEEDED 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. If interested, you would agree to host one team member in your home for four overnights (and breakfasts). Dates of 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.

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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Nine District Governors
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2006-2007

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

DISTRICT 5950 AWARD NOMINATIONS DUE MARCH 16: 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.

UPCOMING CLUB PROGRAMS OF INTEREST:

March 16 – International Service in Africa, District Governor Elect, Sandy Schley, from Edina Rotary.

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 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 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 2

1807 – Congress outlawed the importing of slaves.

1836 – Texas declares independence from Mexico.

1917 – Puerto Ricans granted U.S. citizenship.

1923 – *Time* Magazine debuted.

1933 – Movie "King Kong" has its world premiere in NY City.

1949 – U.S. B-50 Superfortress landed in Ft. Worth after completing the first non-stop around-the-world flight.

1962 – Wilt Chamberlain of the old Philadelphia Warriors scored NBA record 100 points vs. NY Knicks.

1965 – Movie "The Sound of Music" has its world premiere in NY City.

1985 – Federal government approved screening for AIDS.

"LAUGH" BREAK: President Paul, due to a self-controlled lack of time on the agenda, and lack of desire on the part of the membership, was prohibited from delivering his weekly journey into the world of light, not necessarily funny, but always appropriate humor. He appeared to be offended, but vowed undaunted to return next week with another so-called joke. Where's Lynette when we need her?

**REWIND: LAST WEEK'S MEETING – MARCH
2, 2009**

OUR OWN MEMBER:



ST. LOUIS PARK POLICE CHIEF *JOHN LUSE*



Chief Luse, our beloved member, brought his ERU (Emergency Response Unit) team leaders to talk emergency preparedness and specifically, the “Body Bunker” shield donated to the department by SLP Rotary. “We prepare constantly for events we hope never happen,” he said. ERU, he noted, provides a great path to leadership

development. His presenters were Jay Forster (coincidentally, the husband of former Rotarian and YMCA employee, Amber Sweasy) and Mark Kampa. They are sergeants in this 15-person SWAT unit. They have four trained hostage negotiators – as 94% of their “call-outs” end in negotiations. More notes from the presentation:

SLP’s ERU is part of the Southwest SWAT Consortium, along with departments in Edina, Minnetonka, Hopkins and Eden Prairie. The Consortium totals 64 operators and five medics.

They talked of the selection process and training – which is conducted by the Consortium and featuring a week’s worth of Basic Boot Camp SWAT style training and once every five years, hosting statewide training at Camp Ripley.

Missions of the ERU:

- High risk warrant service
- Barricaded suspect
- Hostage rescue
- Active shooter
- Dignitary security
- Open area searches
- Civil disobedience
- Weapons of mass destruction training

Goal for the ERU: We do extraordinary things to save the lives of officers, perpetrators and the public.

They then profiled the “Body Bunker.” We learned that shorter officers (shorter in stature), are the ones designated to carry the bunker. There are also breachers, the gas deployment team, two snipers (intelligence gathering is their primary goal), and the medic

(an unarmed fire fighter).

This donated equipment from Rotary replaced mid-’80s vintage equipment.

They also show examples of weapons, pole cameras, gas guns. Helmets, rams, vests, hostage negotiating phones, camouflage suits and “flash-bang” grenades.

They also focused on “Operation Oriole,” a functional exercise on July 28, 2008 at SLPHS involving an active shooting incident with multiple victims. This joint training day involved EMS, Fire, Public Works, the school district and the police, plus others. There were three shooters and in all, 50 role players. This one day required one full year of extensive planning.

E-ROTATLER NEWS & NOTES

PRODUCT SHOW DAY, MAY 11TH AT MARRIOTT WEST

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. There will also be prizes awarded and a variety of giveaways.

VOLUNTEERS SOUGHT FOR EDINA BIKE PARADE

If I may, I would like to share with you and your club a unique idea that offers your club a fellowship opportunity and a way to participate in an important community effort. We also believe that this event will be captured in the local media (maybe even by helicopter on the evening news), and that Rotary will receive recognition around the Twin Cities, and may lead to increased membership. The event is “**The World’s Largest Bike Parade!**” When we say ‘world’s largest’ we mean just that, breaking a Guinness Book of World’s Records! And we need your Club’s help! Like the ‘Adopt a Highway’ program,



we are offering an “**Adopt a World Record**” and we would like your club to consider being an important part of this effort. We would like to ask each participating 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.) We estimate that 3,000 riders will take some four hours to get around the route. The event is scheduled for **Sunday, May 17, 2009**.

Like on the highway, **we will line your 400 feet of route with signs that advertise your club**. Your volunteer members will be stationed along your section of the route. **We are also asking your club to donate \$400 to adopt the route**. This is an important contribution to this effort. We are limiting this program to just 29 District 5950 clubs, and hope you can join us. (Some clubs are considering “having their meeting” ad hoc among the volunteers at the parade, so that they can save the cost of meeting that week and be able to donate.) You can get the additional information at www.EdinaBikeParade.com.

Thank you! Mark C. Hegstrom, President, Edina Morningside Rotary Club; www.emrotary.org; (cell) 612-670-0014.

TAKE THIS SURVEY TO IMPROVE DISTRICT 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

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)

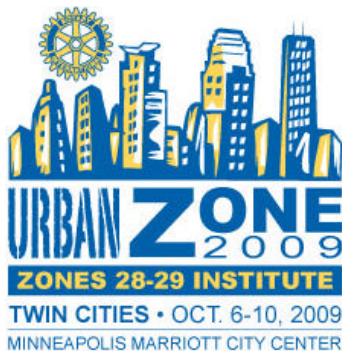
NEVER TOO EARLY TO PLAN FOR RIC/2009:



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.



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

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.



CELEBRATIONS

BIRTHDAYS

Bill Briggs—23rd
Don Jerpbak—17th
Harley Bergren—22nd

CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

Tom O'Meara—39
Roger Strand—34
Don Jerpbak—31
Dick Milnar—26
Wade Manthie—10
Breck Fleeson—5

