



Rotary 5960

Newsletter



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Our Rotary Foundation

What a great opportunity it is for a District Governor to visit the clubs in our District. So far this Rotary year, I have made Official Visits to over fifty Rotary and Rotaract clubs in our District. All of them are doing exceptionally well at providing opportunities for people in their communities and in other communities around the world. Our clubs are also having fun as they meet and work together. The more I hear and see, the more I am impressed by what a difference the Rotarians in the clubs in our District are making in the lives of others. I am also impressed by how clubs are working together on planning, funding, and carrying out service to others. When Rotary clubs work with each other, we multiply our resources and everyone wins. Well done!

You may have heard that as of late September matching grant funds at the Rotary Foundation (TRF) level have been exhausted for this Rotary year. The Foundation had fewer funds than needed for all of its programs due to the economy and less productive returns on investments (just like with our retirement accounts!). Difficult decisions had to be made, and matching grants were limited. Other programs, such as scholarships and Group Study Exchange were continued at prior levels. Back to the subject of grants, here is some good news. Because of your giving to the Annual Programs Fund, where after three years one-half of the donations come back to our District as District Designated Funds, we have funds that we have not used in prior years that we can use to give additional District funding in lieu of matching funds from TRF. So please keep working on matching grant applications. A more detailed explanation will be in the next newsletter.

A milestone event will occur on Thursday evening, October 15 when the newest club in our District, the Rotary Club of Rosemount will be chartered. I am hopeful that every club in our District will have a representative there to help them celebrate and to welcome them to the District. Please see the link later in this Newsletter for more information.

October is Vocational Service Month. Phil McMonagle, our District Vocational Service Chair has sent clubs information and ideas about this month of vocational emphasis. I urge clubs to try some of the great ideas he has assembled for you. There is a link to his letter later in this Newsletter.

THE FUTURE OF ROTARY IS IN YOUR HANDS. Keep up the good work.

Yours in Rotary Service,
Newell Krogmann

Rotary is an organization of business and professional men and women united worldwide who provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations, and help build goodwill and peace in the world.



The Rotary Foundation Humanitarian Grants

The Rotary Foundation's Humanitarian Grants Program brings Rotary clubs and districts together in an international partnership that promotes understanding between different cultures. Clubs and districts are encouraged to use humanitarian grants [The Rotary Foundation Matching Grant; Health, Hunger and Humanity (3-H) Grant; District Simplified Grant to help fund projects that combat hunger, disease, illiteracy, and poverty.

All grants of The Rotary Foundation

- Involve the active participation of Rotarians
 - Assist in the development of Rotary networks
 - Adhere to strict stewardship guidelines
 - Address humanitarian needs with the aim of providing sustainable development
- in general, The Rotary Foundation grants cannot be used for
- The purchase of land or buildings
 - Construction or renovation
 - Salaries, stipends, or honoraria for individuals working for a cooperating organization or beneficiary
 - Postsecondary education activities, research, or personal or professional development

The District Grants Subcommittee meets regularly on the third Friday of every month. Members of the District Grants Subcommittee can be obtained from the printed District 5960 Directory or in The Online Directory located on the District Website [www.rotary5960.org]. The District Grants Subcommittee helps clubs develop ways to participate in international service projects. It also informs Rotary clubs and/or district committees, planning such projects, about Foundation grants that can help them. The District Grants Subcommittee reviews and certifies the accuracy of all humanitarian grant applications it receives before submitting them to The Rotary Foundation for funding.

All Rotary clubs are encouraged to utilize **OUR** Rotary Foundation funds to help others through humanitarian projects. All Rotarians are welcome and encouraged to attend the District Grants Subcommittee meetings.

Submitted by: Lee Finholm, District Grants Subcommittee Chair

Group Study Exchange

Group Study Exchange is a vocational, cultural, and leadership development experience that exchanges one team comprising a Rotarian team leader and four non-Rotarian team members with a team from another country. During the 2009-2010 Rotary year, District 5960 will be participating in a full exchange with District 3202 in southern India with the outbound team going to India from January 18, 2010 – February 17, 2010 and the inbound team visiting our District from March 25th – April 25th 2010.

In August, interviews were held to select the outbound team and the applicants were of the highest quality. Thank you to all the Rotary clubs who sponsored candidates to participate in the application process – you selected some very strong candidates for the committee to interview. The candidates spent most of a Saturday in the interview process and kudos go out to Margie Horning from the Stillwater Sunrise Rotary Club who coordinated the application process and interview day and to the Rotarians and former GSE team members who interacted with, and interviewed the candidates. It was a great day!

The interview committee selected the following team to represent Rotary District 5960 in India:

- Sarah Bjerke sponsored by the White Bear Lake Rotary Club
- Jaffrey Blanks sponsored by the N St. Paul/Maplewood/Oakdale Rotary Club
- Nikki Kubista sponsored by the St. Paul Sunrise Rotary Club
- Charity Lusteck sponsored by the Twin Cities Nights Rotary Club
- Stephanie Haddad — 1st alternate sponsored by Roseville Rotary Club

- Amy Schreiner — 2nd alternate sponsored by River Falls Rotary Club
- Gordon Hedahl — Team Leader sponsored by River Falls Rotary Club
- Jim Hunt — Team Leader alternate and Team Mentor from the White Bear Lake Rotary Club

Congratulations to the GSE team and to the sponsoring Rotary Clubs. GSE is a wonderful way to introduce young professionals to Rotary.

This year District 5960 will also host 2 inbound teams – one, from District 3202 in India and the second team will be arriving from District 9140 from Nigeria from March 25th – April 25th 2010. Both teams will travel around the District – with the team from India visiting the northern region on the District and the Nigerian team visiting the southern region of the District. Jennifer Deschaine from the Prior Lake Rotary Club is coordinating the inbound team from Nigeria and Jim Hunt of the White Bear Lake Rotary Club will be coordinating the inbound team from India. Jennifer and Jim will be contacting Rotary Clubs in the near future for assistance in putting together a meaningful itinerary for both of the teams – be on the lookout for their invitation to participate in hosting.

District 5960 will not be sending a GSE team to Nigeria at this time. This decision was made after serious consideration with Rotary District 5960 leadership who all agreed that at this time, it would be best to host a team from Nigeria only.

Plans for the future continue to evolve. District 5960 has been selected to participate in a pilot project with the Rotary Foundation in which teams of people are put together who have a specific vocational focus and travel as a modified GSE team, called a Vocational Training Team (VTT). The District can also participate in a traditional GSE exchange – so stay tuned as the plans are developed for both the Group Study Exchange teams and the new Vocational Training Teams for the 2010-2011 Rotary year.

Group Study Exchange has as its mission to build international goodwill and friendships while developing leadership and you will see its impact whether you host an inbound team member, sponsor a candidate to be on a team, participate on the interview panel, or are chosen as a team member. Please consider getting involved in this rewarding program. If you are interested in having a GSE presentation at your Rotary club, or if you have any questions about Group Study Exchange in District 5960, you may contact Kathy Stutzman, GSE Chair 2009 – 2010 at kastutzm@smig.net or (507) 219-0912

St. Paul Sunrise Rotary Club Enjoys Sponsoring District 5960 Student from South Korea



Ellen Luepker, St. Paul Sunrise Club president, reports that her club loves the opportunity to serve as club sponsor for Woori, Rotary District 5960 foreign student from South Korea, who is studying English at St. Thomas University. Club members enjoyed many delightful outings with Woori this summer.

On August 15, as seen in the photo, Woori sailed on the St. Croix River near Hudson with Ellen and her husband, Russell Luepker; Ed Marek, (club member and past district ass't gov); Ed's wife, Sue Marek and daughter Amanda "A.J" Marek; and Ulf, visiting family practice professor from Goteborg, Sweden, who was staying in Luepkers' home.

"I was proud of how quickly Woori picked up sailing techniques and helped us crew," Luepker said. "He also learned sailing lingo, e.g., 'tack;' 'come about;' 'heel.' Over supper, he taught us things we had not known about his country."

"It was my first time to sail," Woori exclaimed. "Very enjoyable!"

**Anoka Rotary's 30th Anniversary
Celebration**

Wednesday, November 4, 2009

Greenhaven Country Club

2800 Greenhaven Road

Anoka, MN 55303

Reception at 6:00 P.M.

Dinner at 7:00 P.M.

**Please Contact the Anoka Rotary Club
for details and to RSVP by 10-23-09**

FOUNDATION EVENT

November 7th, 6:00 – 9:30 p.m.

Crowne Plaza Riverfront, St. Paul

[Click Here](#) for details

SEE YOU THERE!

September Club Anniversaries

Cannon Falls Rotary Club (1954) – 55 Years

Hastings Area Rotary Club (1981) – 28 Years

Very Important Links

[District Calendar](#) (District 5960 events)

[Club Event Calendar](#) (enter YOUR club's event!)

[Online Directory](#) (for up to date contact information)

[Club Goals Monthly](#) (monthly club goal status)

[Club Map/Meetings](#)



Upcoming Events

[Rosemount Charter Event](#)

[Vocational Service Month](#)

Please forward articles for the October newsletter to Burnell Hanson burnell@charter.net or District Newsletter Editor Deanna Rotz drotz@centralroofing.com. Articles for consideration must be received by **the 30th** of each month to be included in the next publication.