



# Roseville Rotary

## Record

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Meetings held every Monday at noon at Radisson Roseville, 1540 Cleveland Ave., Roseville  
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### Aug 23 —Governor Craig Leiser

I am a Past President of Stillwater Sunrise Rotary Club in Stillwater, MN. I have served as Club International Chair, District 5960 Fast for Hope (member and chair), District World Community Service & District Simplified Grant Committee as mentor for Africa, Fast for Hope Nicaragua committee member, inbound Group Study Exchange Brazil chair for 2008, Inbound Group Study Exchange Chair Sweden 2009, District Water Resources Committee Chair, 2007-9 Group Study Exchange Team outbound selection, District 5950/5960 Youth Foundation, District 5960 Board of Directors and 2006 Ambassadorial Fellow selection committee. I have met many Rotarians and visited your clubs over the past three years in the presentation of the Fast for Hope/Haiti Safe Water project. I have attended Rotary meetings in Australia, Norway, Denmark and Hawaii besides many clubs in our district.

I have been married to my wife, Nina Leiser, for 44 years. We have 3 adult, married children and 5 grandchildren from 6 months to 5 1/2 years in age. We have also hosted 9 international exchange students from both Rotary and AFS programs and claim an additional 5 grandchildren by designation as we remain good friends and return hosts to our international students and their families. As a family we enjoy fishing, golf, gardening, travel, card playing and reading. We have visited Australia, Norway, Denmark, England, Ireland, Scotland, Chile, Mexico, and Canada with friends and family as well as making new friends in each destination.



I was born in Cochrane, WI, population 495, went to grammar school in Chicago, IL, high school in Seattle, WA, the University of Washington in Seattle for a BSc. Degree in Ceramic Engineering and the New York State College of Ceramics and Ceramic Engineering at Alfred, NY for an MSc. Degree. I have worked for General Electric, Owens Illinois Glass, 3M, National Guardian Security Services Corp., Ameritech and for the past 12 years have owned my own one person consulting business, Kismet Group, Ltd. In addition to Rotary I am a member and president of the Brown's Creek Watershed District in Minnesota, Board of Directors of Minnesota Association of Watershed Districts, Board of Directors Stillwater Youth Advantage and have been a member of numerous Washington County and State of Minnesota water management or resource committees and study groups.

### Notes for August 16—by Kevin Kelly

The meeting was called to order by President Loren Swanson. Loren thanked David Kray who served as the greeter. David then led the club in the Pledge of Allegiance and Loren led the club in the Four Way Test. Jerry Showalter gave the invocation.

Todd Anderson introduced visitors and guests. Today we had a total of one visiting Rotarian, two visiting members of Rotaract and three member guests. Hugh Schilling visited the club from Minneapolis #9. Annie Marek and Mandu Ganbaatar also joined us from Twin Cities Rotaract. Finally, Dale Noyed brought two guests and Seth Eggessa brought one. Thank you to members for bringing guests.

Following the introduction of visitors and guests, general club announcements followed. Announce-

### COMING UP!

August 23  
Craig Leiser  
Governor 2010-11 Visit

August 30  
MN STATE FAIR!  
Blue Ribbon Grill  
5-7 pm

September 6  
LABOR DAY  
NO MEETING

September 13  
Tom Hanson  
Commissioner

September 20  
Tba

September 27  
Tba

October 4  
Tba

October 11  
COLUMBUS DAY  
No Meeting

October 18  
Brad Brekke  
CSI: Target Style

October 25  
tba

# Membership!

ments were as follows:

The Board Meeting will be held at 7:30AM on Wednesday, August 18<sup>th</sup> at the Rotary Office.

The club was informed that Donn Wiski passed away. Visitation information can be found in the paper for Thursday afternoon. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his family.

The August 30<sup>th</sup> meeting will be held at the Minnesota State Fair from 5-7PM. A sign-up sheet was passed around. Tickets will be mailed out along with driving and parking directions. The meeting will be held in the Blue Ribbon Picnic area, as in previous years.

Kim Flynn is looking for volunteers for the Build a Chair project for Bridging on September 18<sup>th</sup>. The project starts at 9AM and will run for the day. Specifically she is looking for two crew chiefs with building experience from the Roseville Club. Interested Rotarians should see Kim for more information.

With club announcements completed, Loren called on Jerry Hromatka, Cheri Marchio and Doug Andersen to bring the club up to speed on the final results from Taste of Rosefest. So far the club has raised \$24.4K with \$1K in sponsorship money yet to be collected. With the collection of those funds, we expect to exceed the budget of \$25K we set. Thank you to all Rotarians for their efforts in assisting the club with achieving this goal. Taste of Rosefest is the club's only fundraiser and the source for all the charitable giving in which the club engages. Without the support of all the club members, this event would not be possible. With the results reported, the club enjoyed a slide show set to music recapping this year's event. Special thanks to Doug Andersen's daughter for taking pictures and putting the montage together.

With the Taste of Rosefest recap completed, Dale Noyed introduced our guest speaker. Dale introduced Mike Vekich from the Minnesota Ballpark Authority. Mr. Vekich, a commissioner on the Minnesota Ballpark Authority, provided the club with various details about the park as well as how it came to be.

The Minnesota Ballpark Authority was formed in 2006 by Governor Tim Pawlenty. The Minnesota Ballpark Authority is the entity that owns Target Field and represents the interests of the taxpaying public.

Target Field was constructed using public / private financing at a cost of \$555 million, which was higher than the originally budgeted \$480 million. These excess costs, however, were paid for by the Minnesota Twins. Ultimately, according to Mr. Vekich, the project came in on time and under budget.

Mr. Vekich shared a time lapse video with the club that showed the construction of Target Field from start to finish. The original site was an 8-acre parking lot that was converted into what you see today. The site itself required a substantial amount of infrastructure in order to support the building itself as well as work around all environmental issues and the railroad. The site required 3,500 pilings which were driven 100' deep in order to stabilize the land on which it was built. One example of environmental concerns that had to be addressed is the fact Bassett Creek runs underneath

the stadium.

Target Field provides a unique baseball experience which is vastly different than the Metrodome. It has a total of 40,000 seats and the smallest, most intimate bowl in Major League Baseball, sitting on just 8 acres. Despite sitting on only 8 acres, however, it has concourses that are almost 3x as wide as those in the Metrodome. It also has more restrooms, disabled seating and seats between 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> base than the Metrodome. Finally, it is only the 2<sup>nd</sup> LEED certified stadium in the United States, being completed after the Washington Senators stadium which was the 1<sup>st</sup>. It did, however, garner more LEED points than the Washington park, making it the greenest stadium in the U.S. Characteristics that make it so green include the fact that water used to irrigate the field is recycled and reused.

Target Field is leased to the Twins on a 30-year lease. Under the terms of the lease, the Twins are responsible for all of the operating expenses. In addition, they are required to provide for \$1 million in annual improvements and \$250K annually for youth activities. In exchange for taking on all the liability associated with running the park, the Twins are the recipients of all of the concession revenues, etc. Should the team ever be sold or attempt to move, the Twins would be required to buy out the balance of the 30-year lease. Under certain circumstances, the taxpaying public may also be allowed to share in any profits from a potential sale.

When the stadium was built, the Twins had a vision. They wanted the public to connect with the park. With that in mind, they remind anyone attending a game to try and do the following things: 1) plan ahead 2) arrive early / stay late and 3) use public transportation to get there. And, above all, enjoy the game.

With Mr. Vekich's presentation completed, Loren thanked him, presented him with a coin with the four way test and a certificate of plantings in Rotary Woods.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.



# August is Membership Month!

## GET INVOLVED!

Your Rotary district and club offers many opportunities for involvement. Attend your district conference to learn more about Rotary and to celebrate the district's good works. Host a visiting [Group Study Exchange](#) team or help organize your district's [Rotary Youth Leadership Awards](#) (RYLA) program to see what clubs can do when they work together. These activities will help you meet Rotarians outside your club, widen your circle of friends, and expand your service potential.

### Get involved globally

Rotary transcends national borders. You can get involved globally by attending the annual [RI Convention](#), where you'll meet with Rotarians from around the world and get ideas for club activities and service projects. Also consider joining a [Rotary Fellowship](#) to network with Rotarians who share your vocation or interests. By participating in international activities, you become part of a global network of professionals seeking world peace and understanding.

### Rotary Volunteers

The [Rotary Volunteers program](#) is the embodiment of the Rotary motto Service Above Self. It encourages Rotarians to become actively involved in hands-on projects that harness their vocational skills.

### Learn about other clubs and districts

[Search RI's registry of club and district websites](#) to find out what's happening in your area and around the world. To experience some of what Rotary has to offer beyond the club level, visit your district website and sign up to attend the district conference.

### More resources

[Membership Video Set](#)

Would you rather learn on your own? Go to the [Rotary E-Learning Center](#) for resources you can explore independently.

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[Rotary Basics](#), a thorough introduction to RI and Rotary Foundation programs and membership benefits and responsibilities.

## Rotary Basics

Rotary International, the world's first [service organization](#), is made up of over 33,000 [clubs](#) in more than 200 countries and geographical areas. Its members form a global network of business, professional and community leaders who volunteer their time and talents to serve their communities and the world.

Rotary's motto, [Service Above Self](#), exemplifies the humanitarian spirit of the organization's more than 1.2 million members. Strong [fellowship](#) among Rotarians and meaningful community and international service projects characterize Rotary worldwide.

Rotary enjoys a rich and sometimes complex tradition and organizational [structure](#), with many programs that can be confusing to new and even not-so-new members. This website offers a basic Rotary education — the fundamental knowledge that will make every member better informed about Rotary and proud to be a Rotarian.

[Click here](#) to view **ROTARY BASICS**, Your online introduction to Rotary International!



**IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN GETTING INVOLVED,  
ASK YOUR SPONSOR OR ASK JINGLE!**

# ROSEVILLE ROTARY MEETING DUTIES 2010-11

	REPORTER	GREETER/FLAG	INTRODUCTIONS	INVOCATION
August 23	Bob Bell	Bradley Kirscher	Todd Anderson	Dick Gregory
August 30	MEETING AT MN STATE FAIR!			
September 6	LABOR DAY—NO MEETING			
September 13	Bob Bell	Tim Johnson	Tim Johnson	Hal Routhé
September 20	Jim Foley	Terry Carlson	Tim Johnson	Rob Davidson

## WEAR YOUR ROTARY PIN!

The benefits of wearing your pin daily.

- The pin says more than “I am a member”
- Wearing the pin promotes subtle public relations work for the growth and retention of current and prospective members.
- The pin reinforces the fellowship and service ethic found in Rotary.
- The pin is a “conversation starter” allowing the Rotarian to share his/her experience and invite new members into the Club.

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

**September 18, 2010**

Build a Chair for Bridging  
9 to noon or 1 to 5

**Wednesday, September 22, 2010**

Board of Directors Meeting  
Roseville Professional Center #620 @ 7:30 am

**October 2 (tentative)**

MN Twins/Rotary Day!



## Rotary Makeups

Todd Anderson	NSP/M/O	8/6/10
Todd Anderson	MSP/M/O	7/30/10
Al Gerdin	Dist YE	8/7/10
Jeanne Matlock	TC Rotaract	8/6/10
Jeanne Matlock	TC Rotaract	8/11/10
Melanie Mogg	Tucson	8/16/10

## THE FOUR WAY TEST OF ROTARY

Is it the Truth?

Is it Fair to all Concerned?

Will it Build Goodwill  
and Better Friendships?

Will it be Beneficial to all Concerned?

## Social Networks

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