



# Roseville Rotary

## Record

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Meetings held every Monday at noon at Radisson Roseville, 1540 Cleveland Ave., Roseville  
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### July 26 —Tom Horner

**Minnesota Independent candidate for Governor**

### Notes for July 19—by Phil Gelbach

Loren Swanson called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m.

Thanks to Justin Miller who greeted us as we arrived and Olivia Wilsey who led the flag pledge. Thanks also to Dick Gregory who delivered the invocation.

Rotarian Seth Eggessa introduced his guest, Terry Carlson, and Tammy Pust’s daughter, Whitney Norton, who accompanied her to the meeting.

#### Special Announcements

In keeping with the Rotary commitment to create and maintain the safest possible environment for youth engaged in Rotary activities, Anna Hudak has completed Rotary District’s 5960 Youth Protection training.

Led by Brad Kirscher, Roseville Rotary was awarded two of three grants submitted, for 2010-11, the first for the Tamarack Park Project and the second for more instruction materials for the Roseville Rotary Reading Room.

Toga Party! Melanie Mogg encouraged everyone to wear a sheet to the August 2nd regular club meeting for donation to Bridging, Inc. If you prefer you can donate \$10,00 in lieu of sheets. For those who do bring sheets, fitted queen sheets are in the most demand.

New member Todd Anderson of Northwestern Mutual Financial Network presented his classification talk.

#### Featured Speaker

Justin Miller introduced Margaret McAbee, today’s speaker.

Margaret McAbee was the motivating force for the first weekly support group for Homicide Survivors in St. Paul that started in 1992. A survivor herself, Margaret participated in a group for young widows and then became a volunteer for the program facilitating grief groups for young widows and widowers. Recognizing that the issues facing homicide



### COMING UP!

July 26  
Tom Horner  
MN Independent  
Governor candidate

August 2  
Toga Party  
Sara Sternberger  
Bridging, Inc.

August 9  
Sue Terwey  
MN Organization on  
Fetal Alcohol Syndrome

August 16  
Mike Vekich  
MN Twins Stadium

August 23  
Craig Leiser  
Governor 2010-11 Visit

August 30  
MN STATE FAIR!

September 6  
LABOR DAY  
NO MEETING

September 13  
Tom Hanson  
Commissioner

September 20  
Brad Brekke  
Target Forensics

# Membership!

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victims were distinctly different than those facing survivors of accidental death or suicide, she petitioned her supervisors to start a weekly group for homicide victims. That homicide support group was the precursor of Survivor Resources.

Survivor Resources is a private, non-profit organization dedicated to providing immediate and long-term emotional support and practical help for the families and friends of those who have died by homicide, suicide or accident.

The organization helps families through their grief, understanding the special needs created by violent death. Survivor Resources also offers essential community service by assisting and easing relationships between police departments, county attorney's offices, and the grieving families.

McAbee was hired as the director of this unique and successful program when it began in 1995. Since then, she has helped thousands of people as they struggle with the complicated issues and emotions that arise in the aftermath of violent death. The program expanded to Minneapolis late 2002 at the request of Minneapolis Homicide Unit. Following the I-35W Bridge collapse Survivor Resources was one of the first to respond, offering support to families who lost loved ones.

The St. Paul Police Department currently provides office space for Survivor Resources in the Homicide Unit as well as telephone lines and service.

Survivor Resources continues to serve its clients with crisis response and follow-up care, with support groups for homicide, suicide and accidental death survivors, with annual memorial services, and through a variety of presentations in the community. Survivor Resources strives to educate the public and heighten their awareness to the victim's plight. As we look to the future, they hope to broaden the scope and breadth of services offered by Survivor Resources.

Please go to [www.survivorresources.org](http://www.survivorresources.org) for more information on the good work they do. The main office number is 651-266-5674. After regular business hours, call 1-800-533-2501.

Loren adjourned the meeting at 1:35 p.m.

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

July 29, 2010

Little Brothers Friends of the Elderly annual picnic

August 2, 2010

TOGA PARTY!

Wear a sheet to regular club meeting

Tuesday, August 17, 2010

Board of Directors Meeting

Roseville Professional Center #620

@ 7:30 am

September 18, 2010

Build a Chair for Bridging

October 2

MN Twins/Rotary Day!

## TOGA, TOGA, TOGA!

Be prepared to see our normal lunch room at the Radisson transformed into a Greek Hall on August 2<sup>nd</sup> when we dine on Gyros, Tabouli and Greek Salad along with our surprise dessert. Bridging needs sheets for the families they serve – particularly pillowcases & queen-sized sheets. The greatest demand is for fitted queen sheets. In order to collect the sheets we are having a Toga Party. Everyone wearing a sheet will be allowed in for the normal luncheon cost. Members not wearing a sheet will be "fined" \$10 to help Bridging purchase sheets. Both new and gently used sheets are welcome. I suggest you wear one of the used ones and bring new ones in their packages. However, as you will see next Monday, there are many ways to wear your sheet over your clothes. Hal, Kim and Melanie will demonstrate options as well as a couple of lucky volunteers. Join in the fun and help us collect 500 sheets. A sign-up will be circulated for your guests so that we have enough food. Bring potential members to see how much fun our club is.



# August is Membership and Extension Month



One of the 7 classrooms housing 1030 kids, not even enough desks, share or sit on the hard floor : Redy to Learn, however

## **BOOKS FOR AFRICA PROJECT IN TORORO, UGANDA THANK YOU, SETH!**

The School Management Committee, Teachers, Parents, Pupils and the entire Community of Kidera Primary School do acknowledge the receipt of 76 cartons of Books for Africa from USA.

We sincerely convey our heartfelt gratitude to you for your educational, financial and moral support to Kidera Primary School in particular, Tororo District and our entire nation, Uganda at large.

The commissioning of the books was on May 26 in the presence of Tororo District Political Leaders, District Administration, Sub-County Administration, SMC, Parents Teachers Association Executive, Local Council leaders, School Administration, Teachers, Parents and 1030 pupils of Kidera Primary School.

We highly appreciate the offer and assure you that the reading skills and general academic performance of the entire school will be stepped up.

May the Almighty GOD reward you all and the cemented relationship between USA and Kidera Primary School be sustained. "A friend in need is a friend indeed." Our words alone cannot express the appreciation we have, but we hope that the impacts these books are going to make on our pupils, teachers and indeed the community will prove this.

Our School Motto: Knowledge is Power.

Okoth Peter  
HEAD TEACHER  
Kidera Primary School

**To the Rotary Club of Tororo and the Rotary Club of Roseville,**

On the 8th of May, 2010, Tororo Girls' School received 473 boxes of books from Books for Africa. We learnt from Seth Eggesa that you played a big role in initiating the project to get a grant to ship books from America to Tororo.

We are very grateful to you for the role you played to make a difference in our community. Our Library was painted, late April, thanks to your efforts. On behalf of the Board of Governors, Parents Teachers Association and Students and on my own behalf, I extend our sincere gratitude.

IDA K. TARINYEBA  
HEADMISTRESS

# ROSEVILLE ROTARY MEETING DUTIES 2009-10

	REPORTER	GREETER/FLAG	INTRODUCTIONS	INVOCATION
July 26	Kevin Kelly	Brad Kirscher	Dwight Peterson	Jerry Showalter
August 2	Ron Riach	David Kray	Todd Anderson	Rob Davidson
August 9	Bob Bell	Mike Hudson	Todd Anderson	Hal Routhe

## BOOKS FOR AFRICA Final Report to District . . .

**Describe the project. What was done, when, and where did project activities take place?** A container of books holding approximately 22,000 books was delivered to schools in Tororo, Uganda. The fundraising for the project began in spring of 2009, when Rotarian Seth Eggessa worked with Books For Africa to get an initial grant from his employer at the time, Ameriprise Financial. Following this, several Rotary Clubs in District 5960 worked to raise the remaining funds. Seth Eggessa worked with his contacts in the Tororo area to determine the types of books that would be most needed. The final funds were received in fall of 2009, the books were packed according to the Book Order Form completed by the recipient schools, and the container was shipped in spring of 2010. Mr Eggessa was in Uganda when the container arrived and helped with distribution.

**How many people benefitted from this project?** Two schools were the primary beneficiaries of the book shipment: Tororo Girls School which registers 1,600 girls in this USAID built boarding school, which received just about 500 Cartons of high quality Secondary as well as Post Secondary books. Kidera Primary School with its 1030 boys & girls crammed in 7 (seven classrooms ) and sitting of the concrete floor was greatly enhanced. The teachers who until then had no reference materials or books to assign for reading speculated on making their primary school a model literacy show case and they invited their leaders to share in their receipt of 76 cartons of Primary Level books. The parents and teachers as well the rest of the community that turned up for the commissioning of the books were all excited to realize a dream of educational resource they stated had never been matched in their life time. Many promised to protect the books by monitoring how their kids care for any checked out materials. The PTA promised to launch a project to build a real Library at their school. There seemed to be speculation that if a Viable Library could be built as soon as feasible, even illiterate parents might start to learn to read.

**Who were the beneficiaries, how were they impacted by this project and what humanitarian need was met?** The children, the community and in the totality of it all, the education system in Uganda as a whole. The Ministry of education in Uganda got a donation of about 22,000 books that if valued at \$20 a book translated to \$440,000.00 worth of educational materials. The books represent an attempt by Books for Africa and its Rotary partners to put a dent into the Book Famine among African kids. Who knows how many future leaders in Government, Community , education or even internationally contributing members of society will be shaped by this small gesture?

**How many Rotarians participated in the project?** : D5960 Area 9 members went on a rainy and wet Boat ride abroad the Luxurious Paradise Lady Oct. 6, 2009 to raise funds for the "FUN" project. Thanks to members of Club #26569 The Rotary Club of Tororo, in District 9200, and almost 10 (ten) Clubs in District 5960 under the capable leadership of Roseville, District and Jingle Mahan in particular, it was a Fellowship affair all the way. In Kampala Uganda, Rotarian Ramanlal Patel rallied his fellow paint manufacturers to secure about 160 liters of internal as well as external, quality paint to refurbish and paint both the old and new Library buildings at Tororo Girls School. Sam Owori, incoming RI Director was person-

ally instrumental in introducing the Kampala Rotary Club members and also ensuring prompt responses from the Tororo Club to the immense opportunity for service represented by this books shipment project. Kudos to you Mr. Owori.

**What did they do? give two examples, not including financial support.** Rotarians sorted books for distribution to the recipient schools. Rotarians in Uganda assisted with the final distribution of the books. Mr. Eggessa invested significant personal resources throughout the project and was able to take with him two resource people to help with the distribution and cataloguing the books. From Palm, Desert Southern CA, came long time Librarian Cheryl Erickson, sister of incoming Roseville Club President, Loren Swanson. Cheryl provided software as well as hardware in rubber stamps for the Libraries at a personal cost of a few hundred dollars. From Minnesota came Mr. Richard Batsell, a videographer and photographer tourist with a vision to help build Libraries

**If a cooperating organization was involved, what was its role?** As a cooperating organization for this project, Books For Africa was responsible for obtaining, sorting, packing and arranging shipping for approximately 22,000 books to Kampala, Uganda. Books included textbooks, general reading and reference books that were sorted and packed for shipment in a 40-foot sea container according to recipient request. Another partner was Ameriprise Financial that gave a grant of \$5,000 to BFA to start the whole shipment of books. Mr. Ramanlal Patel and the Kampala Paint Manufacturers generously donated 160 liters of paint, brushes and sand paper as well as solvents for the work.