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**Last Week at Rotary... May 19th:** Rotary fun, fellowship as we talked about our Dream Jobs and also dreamed about future Rotary projects.

**This Week at Rotary... May 26th:** 23rd Anniversary Red Wing Rotary Charter Night Banquet.  
**No Noon Meeting...**

## Upcoming Rotary Programs & Events

**May 28th:** STRIVE Banquet Indigo Room

**June 2nd:** Dave Murphy, President of Red Wing Shoe will present at this offsite meeting scheduled at the new Red Wing Shoe store. Invite guests!

**June 9th:** Mayor John Howe will speak to our Club. Invite guests!

**June 20th:** Red Wing Rotary Marching Band Classic is back downtown at Noon...  
9 bands will be performing. Parade leader Dave Anderson will not be in the country for the parade (visiting his exchange student daughter) so we all need to step up and fill key job slots so Dave can have a nice trip. Get also get your spouses to help.

## ***RW Rotary Charter Night Banquet Is Here!!!***

Red Wing Rotary's 23rd Anniversary Charter Night Banquet

Come celebrate the 23rd Anniversary of the first bell of our Red Wing Rotary Club.

Colvill Park Pavilion

**5:30 Social Hour 6:15 - 6:30 Dinner then program**

**Golf Tournament:** Jerry Borgen Noon at Mississippi National Golf Course

**Tennis Tourney:** Don Rutten 3pm Middle School Tennis Courts

**Disc Golf Tourney:** 4:10 starting time Memorial Park

**Northfield Rotarian Charlie Grogan** wrote a letter to the editor that got some National Rotary exposure. Below is part of the letter about our Polio eradication efforts. The entire letter can be read at this link:  
<http://www.northfieldnews.com/news.php?viewStory=48061>

In late January, the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and Rotary International announced a partnership to contribute \$355 million in new funds to eradicate polio, a crippling childhood disease. I wonder how many readers remember polio at all, or are aware that it is still a part of everyday life in some nations.

Recently, I spoke to a group of almost 100 incoming Rotary leaders from Minnesota and Wisconsin and asked if any were polio survivors. Several raised their hands. Then, I asked how many had family members or friends who had survived polio, and more than half raised their hands. We even have two Rotary members in our area — Richard Maus and Les Anderson — who have written books about their struggles with polio. But those who raised their hands are old enough to remember life before the advent of effective polio vaccine in the 1950s. For most Americans born in the last 40 years, polio is simply ancient history. In reality, the fight to eradicate polio in the rest of the world has continued to the present day. The Gates Foundation grant includes a challenge to Rotary clubs around the world to raise \$200 million for polio eradication. I'm the chair of that effort for the 64 clubs in Rotary District 5960. With our communities behind us, Rotary clubs are doing their share to meet the goal. Our annual Northfield Rotary Turkey Trot on Thanksgiving Day earmarked its proceeds for polio eradication for the past two years, raising about \$10,000.....

**Red Wing Rotary Club  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Tuesday, May 12, 2009**

**Present**

David Anderson Clare Pavelka Scott Arneson Roger Palmquist Tom Feehan

**Financial Statement**

The income for the month was \$5,221.00 and the expenses were \$4,471.90. Balance of \$749.10.

President Pavelka informed the board that a committee was forming to organize a spring fundraiser. Emily Nelson has agreed to head it up.

Motion was made by Roger Palmquist to accept the Financial Statement as read, motion was seconded by Tom Feehan. Motion passed.

**April Minutes**

Minutes from the April Board of Directors were reviewed. A discussion was held on the motion that was passed in April on the new policy for Rotarians who lose their job. President Pavelka will announce this new policy at our noon meeting. Motion was made by Tom Feehan to accept the minutes as read, seconded by David Anderson. Motion passed.

**President's Report**

President Pavelka announced that Charter Night will be held on Tuesday, May 26<sup>th</sup> at Colvill Park. She also announced that we received an anonymous donation of \$1,000 from a Rotarian that will allow us to continue to provide our scholarship for a high school student. Thank you Red Wing Rotarian. The High School Scholarship Night will be Wednesday, May 27<sup>th</sup>. Clare also informed the board that there will be a Steps Up Training in the Foot Room at the Public Library and encouraged all board members to attend.

**New Business** - None      **Old Business** – None

**Committee Reports**

**Membership** – Tom reported on the First Ever Red Wing Rotary Night. Two potential new members, Phil Jacobson and Craig Livingstone, attended and will receive a follow-up invitation to a regular meeting. A list of 15 potential new members has been developed and they too will receive an invitation to attend a regular meeting. The new morning club has held a couple of information/organization meetings, but nothing has been finalized.

**Vocational** – Roger reported that there is some confusion with the Southeast Technical College Scholarship and he was following through. Clare informed the board that we still owe the college for the 2008/09 scholarship. Clare announced that the Strive Banquet is coming up for the students, parents, and mentors on Thursday, May 28<sup>th</sup>. In the fall we will again recognize a city, county and school employee with our Service Above Self Award. Roger will check with President-Elect Walch to see if we want to recruit a student to attend Camp Enterprise.

**PR** – Tom announced that he was working on a new member orientation piece has been added to the web site. Randy Johnson has done a great job with the web site, but would appreciate if committee chairs and the past presidents would update their areas. He also informed the board that an ad was placed in the Republican Eagle for our Rotary Day and that a letter to the editor was sent in. President Pavelka requested the a couple of Rooters be printed out each week so that we may give them out to visitors.

Motion was made to adjourn by David Anderson, seconded by Scott Arneson. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,  
David Anderson