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**Last Week at Rotary... August 18th:** Update and info on the 2008 and 2009 Strive Program from Past President Clare Pavleka (who is Chairing the Strive Program this year)

**This Week at Rotary...August 25th:** Steak Fry at Isaac Walton Park 5:30 Social hour

## Upcoming Rotary Programs & Events

8/25/09: No Noon Meeting, OFF-SITE Evening Meeting at Isaac Walton Park for picnic and games

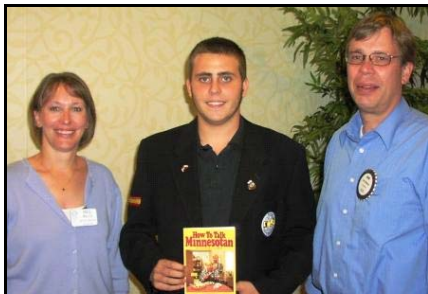
9/1/09: Rotary Service Committees: Club, International, Vocational and Community

9/8/09: Ron and Jan Ward, Helping Paws Program

9/15/09: Rotary Fall Conference Re-Cap?

9/22/09: OFF SITE at HOBGOBLIN (we will not be at the St. James this Tuesday)

9/29/09: Crop Walk--Presented by the MN Correctional Facility staff



President Meg Walch and Youth Exchange Committee member Arne Skyberg welcome our Youth Exchange Student Alberto Gemen Perez de La Cruz, from Madrid, Spain.



Outbound Youth Exchange Student Ingrid Anderson presented our club with a banner from a Rotary club in Poland where she lived last year.



On Aug. 11 Bruce Ause spoke about the effort of PFLAG (Parents, Family, and Friends of Lesbians and Gays).



Rain didn't dampen the spirits of the Rotarians and the 31 kids who caught 283 fish for a total weight of 893 grams (almost two pounds!). The average weight was a bit more than 3 grams.

## **Red Wing Rotary Club Board Meeting 4/18/09**

**Call to Order:** A regular meeting of the Board of Directors, Red Wing Rotary Club, was held at Caribou Coffee, Red Wing, MN on August 18, 2009. The meeting convened at 7:30 A.M., Chair Meg Walch presiding, Emily Nelson, Secretary. Members of the Board in attendance were Roger Palmquist, Lee Finholm, Dave Anderson, Bob Deter, Tom Feehan and Clare Pavelka.

### **New Business:**

#### **Sunrise Club Meetings**

Red Wing Rotary Sunrise Club meetings are ongoing every Friday at 7:30, held at Caribou Coffee. It was decided that this meeting would be considered a "make-up" meeting for Rotarians who may have missed a regular Tuesday meeting. There are two potential new members who are very excited about this morning club. There will be no charge for this morning meeting, and anyone can attend. ACTION: Meg/Tom/Dave will make an announcement at today's regular meeting.

#### **District Conference**

The focus of this conference will be Membership, PR and the Rotary Foundation. It is important for us to have representation at this conference. The conference is September 12, 2009 from 10-2pm at the Lake Elmo Convention Center. ACTION: Meg will follow up with possible attendees, and send out a sign-up clipboard at today's regular meeting.

### **Old Business:**

#### **Fundraising Committee Progress**

The November gala has been cancelled. There was discussion about hosting a Valentine's weekend event as a fundraiser – ticket price would include dinner for two, a rose, chocolates, bottle of wine, romantic entertainment and a possible live art auction. Possible date: February 12 (Friday night.) ACTION: Unofficially tabled until next meeting

#### **Special Events**

Meg will be sending out an email survey regarding all of the activities that the RW Rotary Club puts on each year. This information will be used to determine which events to hold and which events to cancel/combine. ACTION: Meg will send preliminary survey out to board members for input and review.

#### **Service Above Self Awards**

Roger will begin sending out nomination forms. Awards will be given in December. Cost to the club will be \$600+ (\$200 cash award to each winner to be given out to the charity of their choice, award plaques and meal tickets for recognition dinner.) It was discussed that this year we would only pay for 1 or 2 tickets per winner instead of 4-5 as in previous years. ACTION: Roger is on top of it!

#### **Steak Fry**

This year's Steak Fry chaired by Gary Johnson will be held at the Isaac Walton on Tuesday the 25<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm. Cost is \$25 per family. ACTION: Tom will try to arrange for a scavenger hunt, Meg will bring beanbag game and Dave will bring other games

#### **Club Financial Goals:**

Lee Finholm gave an update on the club's goals for this fiscal year:

\$4,440 Foundation 37 members \$800 \$1000 Polio Plus

There was discussion about starting a "Pennies 4 Polio" campaign to raise money for Polio Plus.

ACTION: Lee will follow up

#### **STRIVE Grant Update:**

We still need to spend out the remaining \$1,500 by September 15. We are planning on using the funds to rework the Red Wing Rotary website to include the STRIVE program. ACTION: Emily will follow up with Barb Haley and Randy Johnson to arrange for this.

### **Committee Reports:**

**STRIVE** Clare completed the PowerPoint presentation for today's Rotary Meeting. ACTION: Meg has agreed to come to the Friday Sunrise Club meeting to present about STRIVE. It was decided that we would be meeting monthly with the students at the High School. Mentor training will take place in early September at Meg's house. All interested Rotarians and community members are encouraged to attend. ACTION: Meg will pass around a clipboard sign up at today's regular meeting and Clare has agreed to develop mentoring packets using templates from the Rochester and White Bear Lake STRIVE programs. Students will not be formally paired with a mentor, but we will separate the attendees into groups of four (2 mentors, 2 mentees per group) for discussion. We are looking into partnering with a local corporation for volunteers/providing lunch. Meg has begun contact with Jodi Nemcek

**INTERACT** It was discussed that we need to form a steering committee for this program. Phil has approached Greg Grenager about managing the program at the High School. ACTION: Meg will follow up with Greg's response.

**Adjournment:** Next board meeting date is September 15, 2009 at Caribou Coffee, scheduled from 7:30-8:30.  
Respectfully Submitted by E. Nelson. August 18, 2009