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Rotary

Club of New Brighton/Mounds View



Club Meeting

New Brighton/Mounds View
Meets at First and Third Tuesdays
12:00 Noon - 1:00 PM
The Exchange Food and Drink
500 5th Ave. NW
New Brighton, MN 55112
Time: Tuesday at 12:00 PM

Meeting Recap - October 1, 2024

By Dana M. Rebelein on Tuesday, October 1, 2024

Calendar:

- October 12 - "Belonging" is a Rotary thing, 9-noon, St. Andrews Church, Mahtomedi
- October 15 - noon Club meeting at The Exchange
- October 24 - World Polio Day
- October or November - Food Pack with Irondale and New Brighton Lions Club
- November 5 - Club Meeting at The Exchange at noon, board meeting at 11; special event to thank Major donors to the Gold Plate Dinner fundraiser
- November 17 - noon Club meeting at The Exchange

Notes:

- Urgent need for volunteers to help at Camp Enterprise. Paul and Denise have information.
- "Additional Household Membership" - The Board created a category to make it easier for members of a Rotary member's household to join Rotary with all rights of other members, ex., to vote, serve in official leadership roles, etc. The Additional Household Member will pay District and International dues, but not Club dues, and is not required to purchase a ticket to the Gold Plate Dinner.
- The collection of winter outerwear ends October 16 at Christ the King.
- October is Rotary Polio Plus month. Please send your Polio Plus contribution to John O. Thank you for your generous support of efforts to eradicate Polio!
- Please download the app for DACbd Ignite in place of Club Runner. Training for members tbd.
- Ed, Vichai, Dennis & Ged are responsible for greeting members and guests [this is new], setting up and taking down the meeting site, and providing the invocation in September and October; Jason, Jeff, Nyle & George have November and December; Dana, Jim, Geoff & Devin have January and February; Charlie, Dave, Paul, Denise, John J & Karen have March and April. John O, Cindy, Mary, Nils & Susie have May and June.
- Let John Johnson and Jason Miller know what the programs will be as soon as you can. Include Classification talks by new members when possible.

Program: The Magic of Rotary

District Governor, Ed Boeve, and his wife, Susan, were special guests. Takeaways from DG Ed's talk include:

- The magic of Rotary is action of Rotarians, "people of action." Participating in Rotary action, (such as pre-DG Ed did) creating a source of clean water in Kenya, helps you understand the "why" of Rotary and makes you a Rotarian.
- More countries have Rotary Clubs than have membership in the UN.
- Membership is increasing in India and Asia but decreasing in North America and Europe. We are good at recruiting members. but need to be better at retaining

Events

October 15th
[New Brighton/Mounds View Weekly Club Meeting](#)
November 5th
[New Brighton/Mounds View Weekly Club Meeting](#)

Speakers

November 05, 2024
[Lonnie Stormo of the Stillwater Sunrise Rotary Club](#)
District Grant project "Crutches for Africa".

- ...per meeting generating membership, ...
- D5960 has a goal of 4% net increase of membership this Rotary year.
 - Last year the 56 Clubs and approximately 2200 members of D5960 donated \$490,000 to The Foundation. This year's goal is \$500,000!

DG Ed and Wife Sue are shown below.



DG Ed also presented two banners to the club for our Rotary Foundation contributions. Foundation Director Dana Rebelein is shown receiving the Every Rotarian Every Year banner, below.



Meeting Recap - September 17, 2024

By Jeff Benson on Tuesday, September 17, 2024

The Social Concerns Network is holding its 25th Annual Winter Coat Collection until October 16. New or gently used winter coats, snowsuits, gloves, mittens, and scarves. New hats will also be accepted. Bring your washed or dry-cleaned items to Christ the King Lutheran Church, 1900 7th St NW, New Brighton.

Our scheduled speaker, Dave Newman, was ill but Rick Heidick (Stillwater Sunrise Rotary) filled in with a fascinating update on the LIFT program. Many of you will remember Rotary's Fast for Hope initiative in Nicaragua which started over 20 years ago. Fast for Hope was rebranded as LIFT in 2020. LIFT is an acronym for the process being used to help alleviate extreme poverty in Nicaragua. **L**isten, **I**nquire, **F**acilitate, **T**ransform. Rick stressed that the real first step is trust. Once trust is established, the process can proceed.

Rural Nicaraguans are primarily subsistence farmers, growing mostly corn, beans, wheat and rice. Farmers often have only enough food for their family, so they are unable to sell a portion of their crop for income. Children often quit school to help farm, and the result is a culture of poverty and resistance to change because of a fear that the change might actually make things worse. An example of a change that was adopted is the El Corozo water project. Following the L-I-F-T process, A well was drilled and water was piped to each home. A modest fee of about \$5 per month brings clean water to the entire community and builds a fund to pay for repairs to the system as needed.

A current example of the L-I-F-T process is the Small Farmer Logistics Hub in Nicaragua. This initiative focuses on educating farmers on sustainable farming economics. The centerpiece of this project is growing turmeric, which is in great demand world-wide. The logistics hub will also manage a seed bank. This project is supported by a \$30,000 District Grant as well as a \$130,000 Global Grant. Our club has contributed to both grants. Rick and Cindy are shown below.



Meeting Recap - September 3, 2024

By Dana M. Rebelein on Tuesday, September 3, 2024

Calendar:

- September 17 at noon: Club meeting at The Exchange
- October 1: Board Meeting at 11, Club Meeting at noon

- October æ" Polio Eradication month
- October or November â€" Food Pack with Irondale and New Brighton Lions Club
- November â€" The Rotary Foundation month

Notes:

- The Social Concerns Network is collecting gently used or new winter coat/jackets, snow suits or pants, gloves, mitten and scarves, and new (only) hats from September 9 â€" October 16 at Christ the King to be given free of charge to those in the community who need them. Wash or dry clean items before donating. All sizes welcome, especially infant/kid and plus size adult.
- CSC (Community Support Center) raised \$10,000 at their Walk.
- The Board voted to contribute \$400 to the Anoka Rotary Clubâ€™s District Grant project to acquire a data system sufficient to meet expanding needs of the ACDC Food Shelf.
- If you havenâ€™t already downloaded the app for DACbd **Ignite** in place of Club Runner, please do so. Training for members will occur at our October 15 meeting.
- Guatemala Literacy Program trips to Guatemala have been scheduled for 2025. All Rotarians are eligible to participate to deliver textbooks and computers to the schools and/or visit the children and teachers impacted by the program which has continued for more than 20 years. Dates are: Feb. 2-9 (sign up by Dec. 19); Feb. 18-23 (sign up by Jan. 6); July 13-19 (sign up by May 29)
- Ed, Vichai, Dennis & Ged are responsible for setting up and taking down the meeting site and providing the invocation in September and October; Jason, Jeff, Nyle & George have November and December; Dana, Jim, Geoff & Devin have January and February; Charlie, Dave, Paul & Denise, John J & Karen have March and April. John O, Cindy, Mary, Nils & Susie have May and June.
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- Reminder - Indicate on the order form if you prefer coleslaw or salad to fries, and any necessary dietary requirements. Guest meals are \$15.

Program:

Patty Hall, from the White Bear Lake Rotary Club, shared information about the matching grant project, in which we participate, to construct 3 Oasis water kiosks in Burkina Faso, Africa. Rotary is partnering with H2O for Life and The Georgie Badiel Foundation to construct kiosks with safe water, toilets, workspaces with solar lighting, handwashing facilities, and charging stations for phones and devices. Each Oasis employs 2 local women as managers who are trained in hygiene practices, diagnostic assessment methods, well repair, monitoring and evaluation, data collection, reports, and money management. There is an emphasis on sustainability. Users pay a small fee for the water and are taught hygiene in the process. The fees received cover the managersâ€™ salaries and any parts needed for repair and maintenance. Kiosks are located adjacent to schools so the water can support gardening education.

H2O for Life actually started in Highview Middle School when the students raised \$13,000 with activities including quarter-nickel-dime days, a piano recital, and beaded angel ornaments.

The NGO is active in 12,000 schools globally. Patty Hall and Cidy Carlson are shown below.





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