

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 15, 2024

By Dana M. Rebelein on Tuesday, October 15, 2024

Calendar:

- October 24 – World Polio Day
- TBD – Food Pack with Irondale and New Brighton Lions Club
- November 5 - Club Meeting at The Exchange at noon, board meeting at 11;
- November 24 - noon Club meeting at The Exchange
- December 3 - Club Meeting at The Exchange at noon, board meeting at 11;
- December 17 – noon Holiday party with Irondale Choir at the New Brighton Community Center
- April 25, 2025 – Gold Plate Dinner
- John O. has provided a link in the quarterly dues statements which you may use to charge your payment online.
- 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.
- Jason, Jeff, Nyle & George are responsible for greeting members and guests [this is new], setting up and taking down the meeting site, and providing the invocation in 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: Irondale Bands Update

CJ Longabaugh, director of the band music program at Irondale High School, was the guest speaker. He has a Doctor of Musical Arts degree in saxophone performance and musicology from the University of Minnesota. CJ has been leading the bands at Irondale for the past 4 years. As a university student, he worked with the Marching Knights as a technician from 2013-16.

Irondale has jazz, concert and marching bands, and an award winning drum line. Long time Club members may remember the jazz band entertained before one of our Gold Plate Dinners some years ago.

The concert band has 180 members in 4 ensembles. The marching band has 140 members, including youth from Mounds View and St. Anthony Village. The school

Events

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

Speaker: Lonnie Stormo of the Stillwater Sunrise Rotary Club
Subject: District Grant project "Crutches for Africa".

November 19th
[New Brighton/Mounds View Weekly Club Meeting](#)

Speaker: Road Trip to the Minnesota Firefighter's Museum

Speakers

November 05, 2024

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

November 19, 2024

[Road Trip to the Minnesota Firefighter's Museum](#)

secures and provides instruments which are funded by contributions and funds raised by students and the Band Boosters. There is a \$1,500 registration fee, but there is some financial aid available. The most pressing need at the present time is to provide appropriate tubas for the students to play. There are 3 kinds, contra which ride on shoulders for the marching band, upright for the concert band and a $\frac{3}{4}$ size contra for smaller players. Because there are not enough upright tubas, some in the concert band are forced to play the $\frac{3}{4}$ size instruments, which is not ideal. The Marching Band and the Drum/Flag Line travel extensively and consistently rank among or as the best in competitions. Check out this link to a TV spot featuring the [Irondale Band Program](#). Principal Vichai, CJ and Cindy Carlson are shown below.



Meeting Recap - October 1, 2024

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

Calendar:

- October 12 – Belonging – It’s 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.
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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 them. 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.



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