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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 - February 4, 2025

By Dana M. Rebelein on Tuesday, February 4, 2025

Calendar:

- February 1-28 – SHARE THE LOVE*
- February 18 – Club Meeting, noon at The Exchange
- February 28 – Harvest Pack with Irondale students, 4:30-5:30
- March 4 - 11 - Board, 12 Club meeting
- April 25 – Gold Plate Dinner at Mounds View Community Center

Notes:

- *SHARE THE LOVE! Our (D-5960) goal this year is to raise \$500,000 for the Rotary Foundation Annual Fund, almost half of which will come back to D-5960 to support our local and global initiative. Last year, over \$227,000 was provided in the form of grants to support Club projects in our District. To encourage giving during February, matching point incentives will be offered toward receipt of Paul Harris Fellow awards:
 - \$100 - \$364 = \$1 to 1 recognition match
 - \$365 = 635 points match to Paul Harris Fellow (PHF)
 - Sign up for Rotary Direct with a minimum donation of \$30 per month and receive 500 points

Since it was founded more than 100 years ago, the Foundation has spent more than \$4 billion on life-changing, sustainable projects. It has 15 consecutive four-star ratings from Charity Navigator and an A-plus rating from CharityWatch. Here is a link to donate through your My Rotary Account: <https://www.rotary.org/en/donate>. If that doesn't work, give John O. a check. The photo below shows Foundation Chair Dana Rebelein displaying banners for our club's Foundation giving excellence.

Events

February 18th
[New Brighton/Mounds View Weekly Club Meeting](#)
March 4th
[New Brighton/Mounds View Weekly Club Meeting](#)

Speakers



- Crutches for Africa barrels for collecting no-longer-needed crutches, medical boots, walkers, orthotics, wheelchairs and other mobility assistance items were placed at Beisswenger's, Irondale, Pletchers, Edina North Oaks Realty, and the New Brighton and Mounds View Community Centers.
- The Board authorized two \$200 scholarships to the YMCA Model UN program in which high school students represent other countries in a mock United Nations meeting.
- Dana, Jim, Devin and Geoff are responsible for **greeting** members and guests, **setting up and taking down** the meeting site, and providing **the invocation** in 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, Jason Miller and Paul Jacobsen know what the programs will be as soon as you can.

Program: Impacts of mild winter 2023-2024 on Wolf Predation of Deer in the Greater Voyageurs Eco System (GVE)

Maeve Rogers described the Voyageurs Wolf Project, the goal of which is to couple cutting-edge, rigorous wolf research with highly-effective outreach and education. Researchers looked at the effect of snow ground cover on the number of deer killed. Predation was significantly lower when there was less snow and the deer could more easily escape predators. The unusually mild winter left wolves weaker and less healthy going into the summer season/pup season. Wolves supplement their diet by scavenging when necessary. It is possible to distinguish predation from scavenging because wolves consume the entire animal they kill but leave the bones of scavenged meals.

Wolf predation on adult-sized deer primarily occurs during October – April, peaking in February. Predation May – August is rare. Implications for Wildlife management: Wolves do not control deer populations during mild winters; Wolf hunting/trapping not effective for managing deer populations; More research needed to understand wolf-deer dynamics. President-Elect Paul Jacobsen

and Nyle Zikmund are pictured with Maeve's Zoom image, below.



Meeting Recap - December 3, 2024

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

Calendar:

- December 11 – Mounds View Community Engagement Dinner
- December 12 – Seniors to Seniors choir concert at Irondale, 12:30-1:30
- December 17 – noon Holiday party with Irondale Choir at the New Brighton Community Center (See below)
- January 18, 2025 – Rotary District Midterm Assembly of Clubs, Klas Center, Hamline U
- February 28, 2025 – Harvest Pack with Irondale students
- April 25, 2025 – Gold Plate Dinner at the New Brighton Community Center.

Notes:

- The October 19 Club meeting was at the Minnesota Fire Fighters' Museum in North Minneapolis. Nyle led an exceptionally interesting tour through the years of fire fighting in Minnesota! This is also a wonderful venue for children's birthday parties. Ask Nyle for more information.
- Holiday party: **Let Cindy know about guests you are bringing ASAP** so sufficient food will be available. **Rotarians come at 11:45 if possible to help greet major sponsor guests**
- FYI, Lonny Stormo (October speaker on Crutches for Africa) has been chosen to serve as District Governor in the 2027-28 Rotary year.
- We have received specially labeled containers for collecting crutches, medical boots, walkers, orthotics, wheelchairs and other mobility assistance items for the Wheelchairs for Africa program.
- The Fund-A-Cause special collection at our 2025 Gala will establish a fund to

provide fresh produce to the Ralph Reeder Food Shelf. The goal is \$6,000.

- 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: Darnell Baker, Executive Director at Quincy House

Darnell Baker, Executive Director of Quincy House, was the speaker. He is a licensed alcohol and drug abuse counselor with extensive experience as a corrections officer - including as case manager, therapist for high-risk teens and adult males, hostage negotiator, and response team member. He played a key role in the development of The New Directions Treatment Curriculum, a cooperative effort by the Minnesota Department of Corrections and Hazeldon-Betty Ford.

Quincy House is dedicated to transforming lives by empowering teens to have hope for their future by providing unconditional love and guidance. It is a place of refuge and peace where youth gather twice a week for mentoring, emotional support and help with cognitive skills. They also send 40 youth to camp each summer.

Darnell works with a number of Irondale students. According to Principal Vichai, Darnell and Irondale staff have a close working relationship, and staff is enthusiastic about his work with youth. Cindy Carlson and Darnell are shown below.



By Dana M. Rebelein on Tuesday, November 5, 2024

Calendar:

- November 19 - noon Club meeting at The Exchange
- December 3 - Club Meeting at The Exchange at noon, board meeting at 11;
- December 6 – CPY Gala at the New Brighton Community Center, 6-10
- December 11 – Mounds View Community Engagement Dinner – (see below)
- December 17 – noon Holiday party with Irondale Choir at the New Brighton Community Center
- April 25, 2025 – Gold Plate Dinner at the New Brighton Community Center.

Notes:

- November is Rotary Foundation Month. District 5960 is offering incentives for donating this month in the form of matching points for achieving your first or multiple Paul Harris Awards. Donations of \$100 will be matched 1 to 1, and donations of \$365 are matched to reach the equivalent of \$1,000 for a full Paul Harris Fellowship. Mail donations to John Ordway or make them online through your My Rotary account so you and the NBMV Club are properly credited.
- We again sponsored two Irondale students at Camp Enterprise. Denise and Paul stepped up to volunteer, and read essays written by the 80 participants. The Jacobsen's praised the caliber of speakers who participated in the event.
- We have been invited to participate with other nonprofits and churches in the first ever Mounds View Community Engagement Dinner at the Mounds View Community Center on Wednesday, December 11, from 6 – 8 p.m.
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- 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.
- Membership Director Cindy Carlson had the honor of inducting Denise Jacobsen into full membership in the club. Denise is shown below.



Program: Crutches for Africa

Lonny Stormo, Stillwater Sunrise Rotary Club, explained Crutches for Africa, an initiative to collect used crutches, wheelchairs, walkers, orthotics (ex., walking boots, knee braces), bicycle trailers and baby joggers for people who lack mobility. Over 17 years, 208,000 such devices have been personally distributed in Africa through this program. People are urged to “Declutter for Good” by donating these items which are just taking up space in attics, garages and closets. The Stillwater Sunrise Club seeks to involve other Rotarians to collect enough devices to fill shipping container. We have contributed financially, and anticipate discussions about participating actively. Lonnie is pictured below.



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