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Last Week at Rotary... June 2nd: Dave Murphy, President of Red Wing Shoe spoke to us at this offsite meeting scheduled at the new Red Wing Shoe store/museum. Very informative and enjoyable meeting.

This Week at Rotary... June 9th: Red Wing Mayor John Howe will speak to our Club. Invite guests!

Upcoming Rotary Programs & Events

June 16th: Fundraising and Band Classic will be our two topics to tackle for this noon meeting.

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. Also ask your spouses to help.



Thank You President Clare and President Murphy for the enjoyable off-site lunch, tour and conversation we enjoyed last Tuesday. It was standing room only as there were no chairs or even walls to lean on, but what the food service lacked the speaker gave back double. We enjoyed a very honest speech from Shoe President Dave Murphy about this new store, the business and their support of the community. The museum/store will be the biggest in the company

and house the World's largest boot (up front with big windows). This new attraction will open in July and will bring many more tourists to downtown Red Wing.



Band Classic – Saturday, June 20th Downtown at 12:00 Be There!

The classic is back on Fourth Street and we need all Rotarians to help. The bands will be performing in three locations: 1. Between Minnesota and Cedar Streets, 2. Between Hill and Fulton and 3. Between Dakota and West Ave. The judges will be at the second location and the "People's Choice" will be at the third.

The bands are: Red Wing, Alexandria, Buffalo, Hutchinson, Onalaska, Lake City, Maple Lake, Maple River and Zumbrota-Mazeppa. Due to the small number of Rotarians available we are not having people in golf carts selling water, etc. We will have some water available for sale, we're thinking we can have a marshal's will have a cooler. However, we should encourage people to bring their own refreshments.

4th of July Community Celebration



All of Red Wing is invited to attend the Grand Opening of the new band shell at Central Park on July 4 at 3:30 p.m. There will be great family entertainment including songs from

Fiddler on the Roof by Phoenix Theatre, Grammy-award winning singer/songwriter Rosanne Cash, the groove of Roomful of Blues, and our own Sheldon Brass Band.

This celebration is FREE to the public.

The new band shell was designed by architectural firm Bentz, Thompson & Rietow and built with state-of-the-art acoustics, which make it more capable of supporting today's entertainment needs. According to Scott Jones, Chairperson of the Jones Family Foundation, "The goal of the project is to transform this underutilized park into an area filled with vitality and activity...for Central Park to become Red Wing's 'Community Living Room'." The improvements broaden the range of events that can be held at the park and provide entertainers protection from the elements.

2009 Rotary Scholarship

The Red Wing Rotary Club awarded Red Wing High School Senior Patrick McNeil a two-year scholarship at the High School Awards Banquet May 27. Patrick was selected by the Rotary Club scholarship committee because of his excellent academic record, and his involvement in school and community activities. Patrick has demonstrated the ideal of "Service Above Self". Patrick is the son of Rotarian Diane and Bill McNeil. Diane said, "Clare was real tricky at the award ceremony. She surprised me totally. She sat right next to me and I asked her what she was doing there and she said I am here to announce the recipient of the Rotary Scholarship. I did not even think twice about this that it might be Patrick because he had applied for so many that I really wasn't sure which one he met the criteria for. Anyway, needless to say Patrick, Bill and I are thrilled at this generosity."



Clare presents to Patrick

Note from the President;



For those who didn't read the front-page article in the Republican Eagle Thursday edition; here's an excerpt:

"Never too Late Red Wing Grad Overcomes Struggles..."

Jennifer Scheuer didn't have a clear path to success. Placed in foster care at age 14, she was split up from her two younger siblings...She moved around, often having to play the role of adult....Scheuer's grades suffered throughout much of her career at Red Wing High School...And then came her senior year. 'At some time, I just started to think about my future,' Scheuer said. That seemed to do the trick. The Ds turned into As."



Jennifer Scheuer

What it doesn't say in the story is that Jennifer was honored as a graduate of the STRIVE program just one week earlier. I've talked many times about the STRIVE program our club started at Red Wing High School. I've mentioned how the program works, how Rotarians can get involved and how we have the ability to change lives. Jennifer's story is a perfect illustration to the success of the STRIVE program. To me, Jennifer and the other 10 students the completed the STRIVE program are a walking example of why I am a Rotarian.

President Pavelka