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**Last Week at Rotary... November 24th: Paul Christenson** and the students from the "Build Bridges Not Walls" group that went to Bosnia.  
**This Week at Rotary... December 1st: City, County and School Service Above Self Award Luncheon** in the *Summit* Room

## *Upcoming Rotary Programs and Events:*

December 8th: David Anderson--Rotary Membership

December 15th: **Red Wing Rotary Christmas Party NO NOON MEETING  
6-9pm Indigo Room Downtown Red Wing**

December 22nd: Red Wing High School Ovation Choir

January 9th: Rotary District 5960 Mid-Term Stillwater



## **Lets get Interact going again...**

We have lost our in school leader of Interact (Susan Horvat) and as a result our Interact program has not gotten started yet. Tom Feehan and others have agreed to see if we can get RWHS Interact going again. You can help by getting names of prospective Interactors to Tom for an introductory meeting. We are looking for Freshman to Seniors interested in **SERIOUS FUN!** More later...



On Nov. 24, Paul Christensen, his wife Lois, and the students from the "Build Bridges Not Walls" group told us about their trip to Bosnia where they discussed peace initiatives with students from many nations.



On Nov. 17, Clare Lillis, Past District Governor and Chair of the District Rotary Foundation explained to the club all the many ways Rotary builds funding for its many projects.

## Red Wing Rotary Club *Board Meeting 11/24/09*

**Call to Order:** A regular meeting of the Board of Directors, Red Wing Rotary Club, was held at Caribou Coffee, Red Wing, MN on November 24, 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, Amanda Lohmann, and Clare Pavelka.

**Approval of Financial Report:** Financial Report was approved as corrected and distributed to the members of the board.

**Approval of Minutes:** Minutes of the August meeting of the Red Wing Rotary Board of Directors were not available and approval of minutes is tabled until next meeting.

### **New Business: Budget**

We began the fiscal year in July with a \$6K+ budget deficit. We are currently showing a deficit of \$1950.80. This is due to a few factors – the main ones being that we are paying for 32 meals each week (\$400) as per our contract with the St. James, but due to declining membership are only taking in \$360 each week from members. ACTION: Meg will contact Nicole Miller about altering our contract with the St. James to reflect lower membership. It was discussed that we speak with the membership about raising the charge for meals to the actual cost (\$12.50 vs. \$10.) This would raise the quarterly bills by \$18.00 per member. ACTION: Meg will address with membership. Additionally, guests are also only paying \$10 per meal. After discussion it was decided that this would continue unless the price for Rotarians goes up.

### **Midterms**

It is expected that the Red Wing Rotary Board be in attendance if possible at this event. Midterms will be held January 9, 2009 from 8am-noon in Stillwater/Lake Elmo. ACTION: Board Members will let Meg know if they plan on attending.

### **Executive Committee- New Term**

Mandy is still searching for a VP and Secretary for the 2010 term. ACTION: Mandy will continue searching and will be asking members individually to step up and lead the club!

### **Liability Insurance**

RI will now be providing liability insurance to Directors and Officers. More details to come. ACTION: Meg will look into this with Bob Deter.

**Motion carried.** ACTION: Meg will submit approval form to District.

### **Inbound GSE Team – Nigeria (Mar-Apr 25)**

Discussion ensued and it was decided that due to budgetary and time constraints we would not be hosting the incoming GSE team this year. We will gladly host the team for a day (vocational or otherwise) once they arrive. Roger Sammon previously organized the GSE inbound hosting. Since Roger is no longer an active member someone will have to replace him. ACTION: Meg/Mandy will ask the club to determine if anyone is interested in taking this on.

### **Old Business:**

#### **Fundraising Committee Progress**

No progress has been made since the last board meeting. We need a second fundraiser to sustain the club. A committee meeting needs to be held to discuss what type/when this fundraiser will happen. ACTION: Emily will address at the next committee meeting, to be held within the next month.

**Adjournment:** Next board meeting date is December 15, 2009 at Caribou Coffee, scheduled from 7:30-8:30 A.M. Respectfully Submitted by E. Nelson. November 24, 2009

## Lets Talk Rotary!

Submit updates, photos and info to the Red Wing Rotary website to Randy Johnson at: Rjj@charter.net  
Red Wing Rotary Rooter compiled by Tom Feehan. Send Rotary stories to feehan@charter.net