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Last Week at Rotary... March 9th: Diane Amundson from the Winona Rotary Club came and spoke on the *Rotary Friendship Exchange Program*

This Week at Rotary... March 16th: Melanie Mogg will join us to speak on the *Rotary Fast For Hope* project

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 23--John Knutson and Burt Witthuhn from Hudson Rotary Club on Shelter Box

March 30--Jerry Meigs and Jim Bradshaw will present on Polio Plus and their journey to Ethiopia and Nigeria for National Immunization day

WEEKLY UPDATE **FEBRUARY 26, 2010**

TO: Club Presidents, Presidents Elect, Secretaries, Treasurers, International Area of Service, Foundation chairs and any others interested.

Share this information with all 2010-11 club officers. Two Important District Training Opportunities: Grant Training & District Assembly for 2010-11 Club Officers.

1. On Thursday, April 8, 2010 at the Verizon Wireless Center in Mankato, MN (just before the District Conference begins) there will be a District Rotary Foundation "Grant Management Seminar" (GMS) from 1:30 PM to 5:00 PM. The cost will be \$15.00 per attending Rotarian to be billed to the Club from which the member comes. ***If your club plans or expects to apply for Rotary Foundation support as either a District Grant or Global Grant in Rotary Year 2010-11 you must have attended a GMS before you can submit your Memorandum of Understanding and be eligible for Rotary Foundation funding.*** We will explain the procedures and demonstrate how to do a grant using District Designated Funds from the Foundation and funds from the Rotary Foundation.

2. On Saturday, April 10, 2010 at the Verizon Wireless Center in Mankato, MN (just after the conclusion of the District Conference) there will be our first 2010-11 District Assembly. For those who attend, their clubs will be billed \$15.00 for each person attending. The Assembly is for 2010-11 Club Presidents, Presidents Elect, Treasurers, Secretaries, Committee Chairs, Foundation Chairs or any interested club member. It is intended to present and discuss ways of more effectively providing services to your club.



Help us keep Interact Going

Since 1998 our Interact Club has met at RWHS. Our Interact Club has not met since last Spring. We now have our first meeting scheduled this Thursday March 18th at 7am in Mr. Bowes room. We would like interested students to come and learn about Interact and get the club going again. Mr. Tim Bowes and Mr. Jeff Finholm are considering being the adviser for Interact Club. Tom Feehan and Phil McNairy are co-chairing the Rotary clubs efforts to get the Interact started. If you know of prospects, please get them to this meeting or get their e-mail address to Tom Feehan.



Rotary establishes Interact Club

An Interact Club that will get Red Wing High School students involved in international activities has been established under sponsorship of the Red Wing Rotary Club.

Interact is a combination service and social club for youths 14 to 18, according to Susan Gillmer, high school adviser. More than 7,200 clubs exist worldwide with Rotary Clubs as their sponsors.

The high school clubs are self-governing and self-supporting, giving members a chance to develop leadership skills while learning the value of teamwork. "Interactors are doers, young people who want to solve problems, improve the quality of life and make new friends — in their own community and throughout the world," Gillmer said.

Each group carries out at least two service projects per year, one involving the school or community and the other furthering international understanding. This year, the projects will jointly involve the club and Red Wing Rotary.

"Rotary has been great in helping the new club get started," Gillmer said. Members regularly attend Interact's



Rotary Club members and Red Wing High School students celebrate the establishment of an Interact Club with a night dinner. Among participants were (from left) school club Treasurer Jeff Simonson, District Gov. Jim Bradshaw, club services director Joe Luetke, President Kelly Vogel and coordinator Tom Feehan.

meetings.

Rotarians also sponsored a dinner event Dec. 17 at the Elks Club to charter the club. Rotary member Tom Feehan is coordinator for Interact.

Jim Bradshaw, Rotary District 5960 governor, spoke to the group about worldwide activities. He recently returned from Ethiopia, where Rotary members vaccinated millions of people against polio. Also speaking was Coe Leta Finke of Red Wing, who was home during the holidays

from a year-long Rotary Ambassadorial scholarship to South Africa.

A total of 43 high school students signed up for the club.

Officers are Kelly Vogel, president; Gretchen Diercks, vice president; Stacey Veek, secretary; Jeff Simonson, treasurer; Ben Gillmer, international director; Joe Luetke, club services director; Karissa Stone, community services director; and Jackie Christianson, school service director.

BREAKOUTS AT THIS YEAR'S CONFERENCE

Optimizing Use of the RI and District Websites
Legacy Planning and the Bequest Society
Serving with Passion
ABCs of R-O-T-A-R-Y
Social Networking:
Skype, Facebook, Twitter
Fast for Hope –
Our Nicaragua Initiative
Membership: Get 'em

Membership: Keep 'em
Friendship Exchange,
"A World of Opportunity"
Public Relations and PolioPlus
Integrity
Technology at the Club Level
Group Study Exchange
Teams – Nigeria and India
Getting My Club Involved in
Foundation Grants with the
Future Vision Pilot Program

HOTEL ALERT!

Please note that the hotel blocks and special rates are only held for us until March 18. Now is the time to make your hotel reservation. See the link below for hotel information.

Incoming Rotary Officers should make every effort to attend the District Conference. You will learn and enjoy the fellowship and fun of District 5960 Rotarians.

LINKS

Interact Facebook page at : SEARCH Red Wing High School Interact on Facebook
Red Wing Rotary Ice Fishing Video at: SEARCH Red Wing Rotary on You Tube
Red Wing Rotary website at: www.rotary.redwing1.com