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**Last Week at Rotary... April 20:** Angela Richels, a volunteer at Life source talked about her husband's kidney transplant and on the importance of Organ Donation

**This Week at Rotary... April 27:** Originally scheduled for Paul and Lois Christiansen to talk about Bosnia 2, but hopefully we will get an update from their car crash in Ireland

## ***UPCOMING EVENTS***

May 4: Norm Erickson on Hazelnuts and growing them in MN and their use beyond eating

May 11: OFF SITE at the Anderson Center

May 18: Jerry Borgen will tell us about his book he wrote on bear wrestling!

May 25: Fred Fellowship will visit from Nova Scotia to speak on a variety of club issues

June 1: CHARTER NIGHT BANQUET--NO NOON MEETING



Shelter Box up in front of church during the Sleep Out for Hope. This RW Youth Ministry and Rotary sponsored event happened Friday with kids doing service projects and raising money for Shelter Boxes for Haiti. At Church Jon Larson spoke about his time and missionary work in Haiti and also spoke of the quake when he and his wife survived while just feet away his cousin died.



## ***We Honor and Remember Dennis Betcher***

A tree was planted Saturday morning in honor of recently passed Rotarian Dennis Betcher. We sang a song (without Paul), Phil said a few words and we remembered our fallen friend Dennis and the inspiration he meant to all of us in Rotary to do more and give all.

Dennis' wife and 2 daughters came and shared some stories about Dennis.

Think of our fallen friend as you pass this beautiful tree right front and center between the road and the pond.

## ***Rotary Board of Directors Meeting Minutes 4/16/10***

**Call to Order:** A regular meeting of the Board of Directors, Red Wing Rotary Club, was held at Caribou Coffee, Red Wing, Minnesota on March 16, 2010. 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, Bob Deter (Treasurer) and Mandy Lohmann.

**Approval of Financial Report:** Financial Report from March was distributed to and approved by the members of the board.

**Approval of Minutes:** Minutes of the March meeting of the Red Wing Rotary Board of Directors were distributed to and approved by the members of the board. Edits: date of upcoming meeting is incorrect and Mandy was not in attendance.

### ***New Business: Tree Planting – Dennis Betcher***

RESCHEDULED for this upcoming Saturday, April 22, 2010 at 11:00am, Pottery Pond. Markers/ memorials we also discussed. The board would like to see the trees identified somehow, since now we will have more than one memorial tree.

**STRIVE Scholarship:** Emily would like to see the STRIVE scholarship given in memory of Dennis Betcher for the following reason: “If we were to ask Dennis what the secret to a happy life is, I think he would say ‘attitude.’ For anyone who didn’t know Dennis, they would not have believed that he was suffering with cancer. He lived each moment of his life to the fullest, with a great attitude and a smile on his face until the very end. This is the lesson that we try to impart upon our STRIVE students – that no matter what hand you are dealt in life, it is the choices you make and the attitude that you bring that makes a difference in the outcome. For this reason, I would like to see our club support giving the Red Wing Rotary Club STRIVE scholarship in Denis Betcher’s honor.”

**Old Business: Grant Training** MS training is required for the first three years of this pilot program. Lee was in attendance at the last GMS training, but we still need at least one more RW Rotarian to attend the next training on May 8<sup>th</sup> in Stillwater. Lee will be focusing on his District job and will not be able to represent Red Wing in the grants arena. This will most likely be the final training this year for clubs wishing to participate. If you attend this training, it does NOT mean that you will be responsible for writing all of our grant proposals, it just means that if our club has questions about the new program they can access a representative in each club. Please let Meg or Mandy know if you are able to make it.

**Committee Reports: Membership – Dave Anderson, not present.** Meg reported that we have received a resignation from Michelle Hurlbut. She was to be incoming Secretary for the club. If you are interested in the Secretary position please see Mandy. Emily has agreed to continue with the club Secretary duties until the position is filled.

### ***Rotary Foundation – Lee Finholm***

<u>Club Goal</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>	
Annual Program Fund (APF)	\$4,440	\$2,830
Fast For Hope (FFH)	\$800	\$800
Polio Plus	\$1000	\$0 (Annual PAR golf tourney in May/June)

*– Emily Nelson, Meg Walch, Mandy Lohmann*

Committee will be meeting early next week. General consensus from last week’s club meeting was that the raffle is a GO. Cash prizes, \$10 tickets, 30 tickets per Rotarian. We will be discussing these scenarios at the upcoming meeting. Jerry Borgen would like to speak at the meeting about hosting a fishing contest at Pottery Pond during RCD.

**Vocational Service – Roger Palmquist** STRIVE is on the list for the ISD 256 Awards Banquet.

**Important Upcoming Dates:** Mandy reported that we have an off-site meeting coming up at the Anderson Center on May 11, and the date for Charter Night has been changed to June 1<sup>st</sup>, and will be held at the Elks Club in Red Wing. The STRIVE Rotary awards banquet/potluck will be held on May 17, 18 or 19<sup>th</sup>. Keep your eyes peeled for more information coming soon!

**Adjournment:** Next board meeting May 18, 2010 at Caribou Coffee, scheduled from 7:30-8:30 A.M.  
Respectfully Submitted by E. Nelson. April 20, 2010