Rotary Strive Scholarship Race
November 4, 2-3 p.m.
The Boatworks Commons
4459 Lake Ave. S.
White Bear Lake

This race course starts at Boatworks Commons (4459 Lake Ave S) and circles beautiful White Bear Lake. The course head south then east on South Shore Blvd, after running next to the lake and homes on the lake you enter Birchwood Village (hills), then Mahtomedi, Dellwood, White Bear Township.

The last few miles are near flat and on an asphalt path that starts at Ramsey County White Bear Lake Park, then through West Park as you follow Lake Ave through Matoska Park, and continue along Lake Ave with a beautiful view of the Lake. As you make the turn at Lake and Hwy 96 you will enter the commercial bay and then the finish. The registration includes an event long sleeve T-Shirt

Awards will be given to the top male and female overall and the top 3 male and female in each group.

Send your calendar items to Kathy at the District Office: kathy.hughitt@Rotary5960.org

Are you a Proud and Audacious Rotarian?

We are now past the first quarter of the Rotary year. As I have gone around to many clubs my message has not wavered. When you hear the question, “What is Rotary”? What is your answer and are saying from facts or are you saying it from your heart? Lets be out there saying it loud and proud. IF we start putting the “picture” of the good we do in Rotary and the fun we have doing it, it is only natural others will want to be part of the fun. Don’t invite them to your club, invite them to have the same fun that you are having being a Rotarian.

I ask you to take another look at the District 5960 website. There are many things going on everyday in Rotary and the district is there to help you be a great Rotarian and we want EVERY club to grow and thrive. https://rotary5960.org

Now several of you have said to me, “We are a small club and can only do so much”. I understand that and know resources can be limited, but ask yourself this question, “What if this Rotary club went away, would the community notice”?

Quote to ask yourself, “WHATS IN ME FOR IT”? rather than “What is in for Me!”
From our Polio Team Lead

Charlie Cogan

You have noticed that the October Rotarian is full of the End Polio Now campaign. In the past 30 years the number of cases has dropped from 350,000 cases in 125 countries to only 18 cases in two countries this year. Rotary has already put 1.9 billion dollars unto this eradication effort and we need to keep pushing to get the job done.

Each of you has set a PolioPlus fundraising goal for this year. If not, it is time to talk with your board and set one and get it onto the District Goals Spreadsheet and entered on the RI website. We can help you get this done if you need some guidance. Although RI asks that each club consider setting a goal of at least $1,500 each year, we are a volunteer organization. Some clubs set higher goals and some are more conservative. We can help you to brainstorm for a good fundraiser if you need some ideas.

Once again the Gates Foundation is committed to matching every dollar raised by Rotarians two to one. Since 2008, when the Gates Foundation began this match, our clubs and district have contributed almost $1.5 Million, thus generating another $3 Million from the Gates Foundation. We have stats on the giving of each club in the district over the past ten years if you would like to use the info to motivate your club. The year is still young and the month of October is when Rotary focuses on polio eradication. October 24th is World Polio Day.

Our District 5960 has a great End Polio Now team which is ready to help with PolioPlus presentations for your clubs. We are ready for polio presentations in October and beyond.

If you would like to schedule a PolioPlus presentation contact:

Charlie Cogan  507-649-0715 (c)
Dear Fellow Rotarians and friends from Rotary District 5960:
Take an inspirational journey filled with unique stories of Rotary Foundation impact as you discover how Rotarians are continuing to leave a lasting legacy of peace within our District and beyond.

Come to be inspired and informed!
Come for the great food and fellowship!

Registration: Click Here
Individual Tickets: $65 per person or Table of 8: $480

Meal Options:
Potato Chip Crusted Walleye
Braised Beef Short Rib
 Cauliflower Steak

* All meals include: salad, dessert, decaf coffee and/or tea

Highlights Include:
• Virtual Reality Films to show Rotary's impact on the world. Experience it for yourself!
• 50/50 Raffle
• Presidents Wall of Wine
• Keynote Speaker: Nancy Barbee

Schedule (tentative)
5:30pm - 6:30pm - Social/Fellowship Time
6:30pm - 7:30pm - Dinner
7:30pm - 8:45pm - Program

DAVE NEWMAN EXPLAINS OUR FAST FOR HOPE NICARAGUA INITIATIVE and PROGRESS REPORT

For lack of a better description, Kairos does community organizing. They do a lot of other things as well. When invited they go into a community and do training in organizing and leadership. It is important to remember that this is in a totally different culture than ours so what they are doing is teaching concepts that are very foreign to the community and are contrary to generations of established culture. We believe this is where the sustainability enters. Once these skills become established then the community makes their own decision as to what their needs are and how to address them. Even more important is that once acquired these are skills that can never be taken away. This approach is being more widely adopted internationally instead of the old approach of just doing projects. The challenge is early on it is harder to see progress because we are talking about skills and attitudes, not projects. It also takes much longer than just digging a well or building a clinic.

What we have learned is that Kairos is very good at this training. Thus we have been trying to add Opportunity International to the Initiative. Several of us know the leaders of Opportunity International – Nicaragua. What they are doing is quite impressive. They have the only certified food grade yucca processing plant in Central America. They have the only high school in the country where the graduates get both a high school degree and a vocational certificate in either agriculture or hospitality. The school includes a 40 acre farm that the students work and learn. OI also owns a 4 star hotel that the students intern at and the profit from it helps support the school. OI has an interest in teaming with Rotary. We thought we were making progress until the unrest began.

The violence has disrupted everything and while it has calmed down a little, it still persists. The unrest has divided the country. The government is retaliating against anyone they consider not supportive enough. Evidence is that Dr. PDG Raul got fired last Thursday. This has happened to 100’s of doctors. Tourism is dead, people are afraid to travel and hundreds of thousands have left the country. As a result discussions with OI are on hold, at least until the end of this year. I don’t know if their hotel is still open, but if it is, it has to be a financial strain. It is a day-to-day decision if the school will be open on any day. It depends on whether and where there is violence. The school has resorted to online classes for many of their students. As for OI’s work in the communities and with the farmers, they have had to cut back and are now focusing on those communities closest to their office in Granada.

During the height of the violence, Kairos could only communicate with El Corozo by phone. Travel was unsafe. About two months ago they were able to occasionally go in. Last year Kairos started groups for children, youth and women. This was part of our strategy to develop stronger leadership in the community. When Kairos returned two months ago, they met with these groups and were asked by the groups to resume working with them. We are agreeing to continue to fund that work through the end of 2018. Working with these groups is a long term strategy.

We believe we need to give this some time to see what happens. We were making progress over the last year. The children’s, youth and women’s groups were engaged. The reading and pharmacy kits were working. We were also making progress in trying to involve OI in the Initiative. Then the civil unrest started. Nicaragua is now a country divided in steep economic decline. Discussions with OI are on hold until people feel they can safely travel. Kairos recently started going back into Kairos. We have built some deep relationships in El Corozo and we don’t want to abandon them if we don’t have to. At the same time we don’t want to be careless. Right now we have a 6 month plan with bench marks at the end of 2018 and another one at the end of March 2019.

The initiative needs the districts continued support in this cause, so I ask ALL clubs to donate generously to the Fast For Hope Initiative.
SAVE THE DATES

ROTARY MID-TERM

We are nearing the halfway point of this Rotary year...Mid-Term is a time to meet and network with fellow Rotarians, learn of club activities around the district, and re-energize for the rest of the year. All Rotarians are encouraged to attend, particularly Club Presidents, Presidents-Elect and Board Members, Assistant Governors, and District Leadership.

There is no cost to attend this event but registration is requested to allow us to order food. Your meal is included!

Please email Kathy.hughitt@rotary5960.org with any dietary restrictions.

DATE:
JAN. 12, 2019

LOCATION:
Hamline University in the Anderson Center

TIME:
Registration begins at 8 a.m. Event starts at 8:45 a.m.

Welcome New Rotarians

Scott Gohman
Hudson Daybreak

Stacy Rerink
Hudson Daybreak

Arne Landsverk
Rochester Risers

Matt Cantlon
Rochester Risers

Daren Preszler
Rochester Risers

Steve Wolf
Greater Mankato

Beth Domeier
Greater Mankato

Kayla Dube
Anoka

Jared Koch
Greater Mankato

David Tully
LeSueur

Jeff Kulzer
LeSueur

Robert & Marlene Johnson
LeSueur

Tammy Cassavant-Strey
New Richmond

Julie Weber
River Falls

Newsletter editor:
Jeff Hage, Princeton Rotary Club, email: paperboy@mac.com
Major Donors

Gary and Sandy Campbell of the Anoka Rotary Club were honored as major donors on Thursday, Oct 11. District Governor Mike Becker and past president Pete Gravett were on hand to present Gary and Sandy with the honor.

HELP WANTED!

The following teams have an opening waiting just for you.
Take that next step to help your fellow Rotarian.

- Membership Team
- Foundation Team
- STRIVE Team
- Youth Services Team

We also have openings for any Rotarian to be part of a District Team! Please realize that many teams meet via Web Conferencing. SO ask yourself, can I be part of a team from the comfort of my home or office?

Contact: Mike Becker, District Governor at: 507-254-9100
WE WELCOME OUR 2018-19 ROTARY EXCHANGE STUDENTS TO DISTRICTS 5950 and 5960!