

# ROTARY MOMENT

An update from Rotary District 5960

JULY 2017



## Rotary

### CLUB/DISTRICT EVENTS

#### District 5960/Rotaract Social at Summit Brewery

Rotary District 5960 and Twin Cities Rotaract are excited to host this social event with The Rotary Foundation. Attendees will be able to get to know each other - Rotarians and Rotaractors alike - and meet special guest Rotary Foundation Trustee Mary Beth Growney-Selene. Admission is free and includes appetizers. Summit beer will be available for \$2. RSVP on the District website: [www.rotary5960.org](http://www.rotary5960.org)



Carrie Haugen, District Governor Kyle Haugen, Rotary International President Ian Riseley and Juliet Riseley are pictured at the Rotary International Assembly in January 2017 in San Diego..

## A new year...new newsletter...updated website and plenty more

Happy new Rotary year!

My name is Kyle Haugen, a member of the Prior Lake Rotary Club, and I'm honored to serve you as District Governor for the 2017-18 year! I'm excited for the year ahead, and I hope you are too. This year, our RI President is Ian Riseley from Australia, and his theme is Rotary: Making a Difference.



**ROTARY:  
MAKING A  
DIFFERENCE**

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## Commitment to ending Polio

Rotary International has announced a new commitment to donate \$50 million per year for the next three years to help end Polio.

At the International Convention, Bill Gates announced the Gates Foundation will continue its 2-to-1 match for the next three years, as well!

That's \$450 million towards the \$1.5B needed to finish the job.

The District's Polio Plus Team has set an ambitious goal of \$150,000 for the year ahead, and we're off to a good start.

At DG Kyle's installation, his club raised \$1,009 through the "fun" part of the program.

Kyle feels strongly about Polio eradication, so much so that he and his father (and business partner) Jack have agreed to match that contribution!

Do you or your business want to match, as well? Contact Kyle!

### DG KYLE'S COLUMN, from Page 1

I love this theme, as I truly believe everything we do as Rotarians helps make a difference, and I encourage you to think about ways you can do that during the year!

I have three main goals this year: to provide an organized District structure to deliver resources to clubs to help you reach your potential; to share my passion of Rotary and encourage and inspire you to make a difference in your communities and around the world; and most importantly, HAVE FUN!

You'll notice the format of this newsletter, which is the first edition of our NEW District Newsletter. It's our hope that this will be a consistent way for you to get information not only during this year, but for years to come. Also, if you visit [www.rotary5960.org](http://www.rotary5960.org), you'll soon notice a new District website! We are redesigning the site to make it more visually appealing and user friendly for you. I hope you enjoy it.

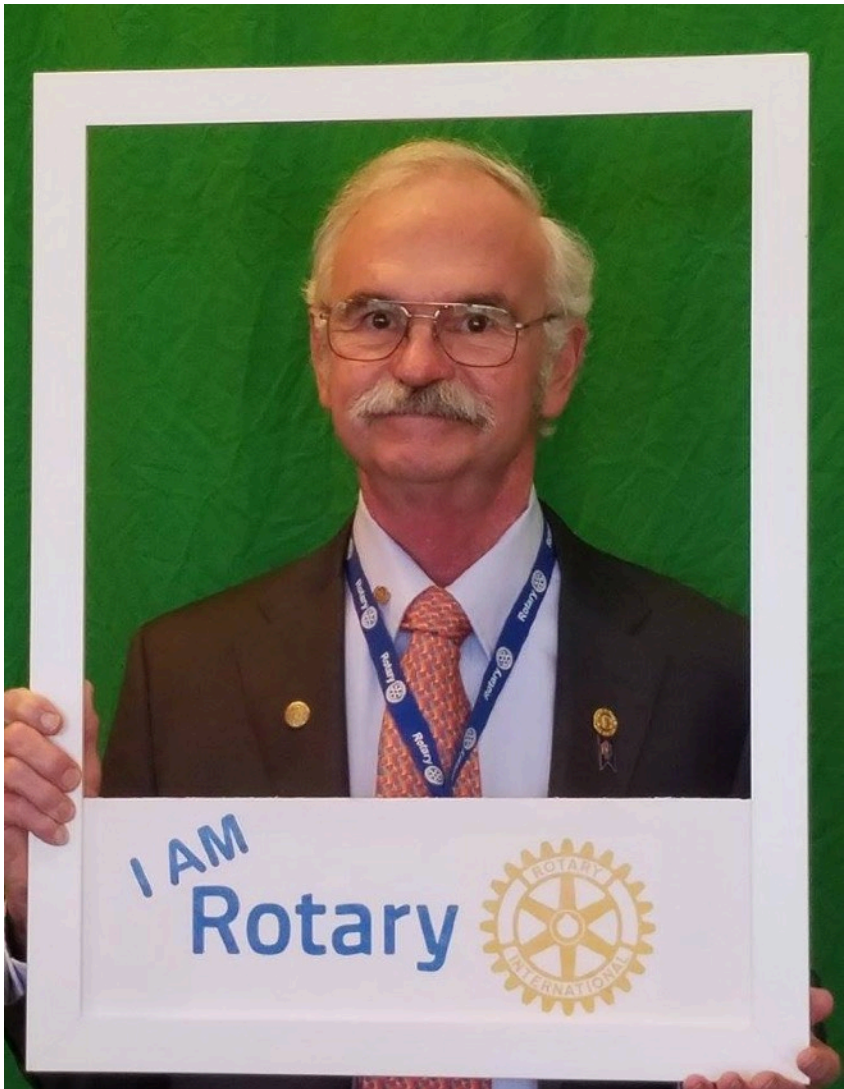
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Sandy Campbell passes the gavel to Pete Gravett as he assumes the role of 2017-18 president of the Anoka Rotary Club. Congratulations to Pete and his fellow presidents as they start the greatest role in Rotary!

## Thank you, Jim Hunt, for a great Rotary year!

Congratulations and Thanks are in order for outgoing District Governor Jim Hunt as he recently finished his term as DG. Jim had a great year as Governor with some of the highlights being a Group Study Exchange team from Northern Australia/Timor Leste and a District Conference that had attendees from 51 of our 62 clubs! Also, we celebrated the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of The Rotary Foundation and raised over \$344,000 for the Annual Fund of TRF, which comes out to over \$120 per member... these are the highest amounts in the past five years! Thank you to Jim for all his hard work and dedication!



### DG KYLE'S COLUMN, from Page 2

Lastly, I'm excited to announce a new program: our District 5960 Awards program! This was designed by a team of Rotarians from around the District, and will be a great way to provide a roadmap to you and your clubs to help you be successful, and to reward you for your efforts! I encourage you to I encourage you to go to the Awards page on the District website to learn more!"

Thank you for the opportunity to work with you as District Governor. I look forward to a great year getting to know as many of you as possible, and working together to Make a Difference as Rotarians!

Let's have some fun,  
**Kyle Haugen**



## Congratulations to LeSueur Rotary!

The Rotary Club of Le Sueur achieved 100 percent EREY for the first time in its almost 70 year history. "How did they do it?" Cheryl Amundson, Club Foundation Team Leader, says it was a team effort. We created a new Foundation team to reach out to our members. It worked well. We moved from 54 percent to 100 percent EREY in one year. I believe we surpassed every Foundation metric in our Club's history. The Rotary Foundation has become a charity of choice in Le Sueur!

### Rotarians in the news...

Vicki Dille and NorthStar Youth Exchange are talked about on page 16 of the June Rotarian magazine



### Prior Lake Rotary's Lakefront Music Fest

Plan now to attend! Friday, July 14 features The Fray and Saturday, July 15 features Billy Currington and David Nail.

One \$30 ticket gets you into both nights! More info at: <http://www.lakefrontmusicfest.com/>



District Governor Kyle Haugen, District Governor-Elect Mike Becker and District Governor Nominee Paul Perez visited the Lakeville Rotary Club's Taste of Lakeville event. Having a big event? Drop your district leadership team (including assistant district governors) an email. Members of the team love to attend

### Kyle Haugen on his installation as District Governor

On June 20, I was honored to be installed as our Rotary District 5960 Governor for the 2017-18 year. I'm very humbled to have been chosen and appreciate all the support I've received in preparation for the role. It was a great night celebrating with friends and family and especially great that my son Cooper and wife Carrie Voigts Haugen could be a part of it.

Thanks to my fellow Prior Lake Rotarians for putting on such a great party!

That Tuesday night wasn't just about me though...we recognized outgoing District Governor Jim Hunt, installed five new assistant governors, recognized Mike Becker and Paul Antonio Perez as the Governors to follow me, and inducted a new member, Adam Tlusty, in to the Rotary Club of Prior Lake.

We had a little funbraising over \$1,000 towards the eradication of polio, too! I love being a part of such a great organization. Not only do I get to make the world a better place, but Rotary has helped me become a better person. Plus, I've made a lot of great friends! What's better than all that?! I'm excited for the year ahead...Rotary does great things and I look forward to working with our clubs to make a difference through Rotary. or you to join the Family of Rotary!

# Your 2017-18 Rotary District 5960 Board and Leadership Team

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## International President Ian Riseley: Welcome to the new Rotary Year

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### Dear fellow Rotarians,

For many years, one idea has stood at the heart of all our service: sustainability. Sustainable service means our work continues to have a positive impact long after Rotary's direct involvement has ended. We don't dig wells and walk away; we make sure communities can maintain and repair those wells. If we build a clinic, we make sure that clinic has a way to keep running without ongoing support from us.

One way I'd like for you to contribute in our quest for sustainability is through my tree planting initiative. I ask that you have one tree planted for each member of your club sometime between now and Earth Day, 22 April 2018. The [Environmental Sustainability Rotarian Action Group](#) is a [great resource](#) that can help you get started. Share your progress online by using #pledgetoplant.

I hope that the result of this effort will be far greater than the environmental benefit that those 1.2 million new trees will bring, which is itself most worthwhile. I believe the greater result will be a Rotary that recognizes our responsibility, not only to the people on our planet—but to the planet itself on which we all live and on which we all depend.

During my six presidential conferences this year, environmental sustainability is one of many topics up for discussion. Each conference will focus on how peace relates to one of Rotary's five other areas of focus. My hope is that attendees are inspired take action after attending a conference and will develop new initiatives. [Learn more](#) about each of the conferences and [how to register](#).

As I mentioned to you all earlier this year, Rotary Peace Fellow Marie-Paule Attema has already begun her studies and has shared her first blog post, which you can read [here](#). I'm pleased to report that my home country of Australia has welcomed her with open arms and we all look forward to reading her next post as her journey progresses.

Beginning this Rotary year, the [Rotary Friendship Exchange](#) program has been expanded to include both Rotarians and non-Rotarians, with an emphasis on including young professionals on exchanges. These exchanges are a unique chance for cultural immersion and interchange, as well as an opportunity to build global understanding and boost vocational and leadership skills.

If you're interested in participating, [contact a district Rotary Friendship Exchange chair](#). Find exchange partners through the [Rotary Friendship Exchange Matching Board](#). Contact the [Rotary Service team](#) for more information.

As district governor, you will receive special recognition if 60 percent or more of the clubs in your district qualify for the 2017-18 Rotary Citation.

To earn this year's citation, the following activities are required of clubs:

- Pay your July 2017 and January 2018 club invoices on time
- Report volunteer hours and service project contributions in Rotary Club Central
- Please ask each club to accurately track the hours and the money they spend on their service, so we can get those important year-end numbers.

In addition, at least four club goals must be achieved in the following categories: support and strengthen clubs, focus and increase humanitarian service, and enhance Rotary's public image and awareness. [Download your copy of the 2017-18 presidential citation](#) for more information. If you have questions, contact the [Rotary Awards team](#).

Now that you have stepped into your new role as district governor, I hope you to take the time to reflect on why you chose to take on this position, and the impact you can have on the clubs in your district. There's a great deal of work ahead of us, but it's only when we come together that we are able to embody *Rotary: Making a Difference*.

Sincerely,  
Ian Riseley

Rotary International President, 2017-18



