

The *Rooter*

Official and periodic publication
of the Rotary Club of Red Wing



*Service
Above
Self*

Tuesday March 24th, 2009

Volume #38

www.rotary.redwing1.com

Last Week at Rotary... March 17th: A dozen Strive students from Red Wing High School graced us for lunch. We honored St. Patrick's Day with an enjoyable introduction to Finland from Juuso our foreign exchange student. He mentioned he had not yet seen much of the Twin Cities. If you are going to an interesting cultural event consider taking Juuso.

This Week at Rotary... March 24th: YMCA is our lunch host. NO St. James meeting. Dave Anderson will lead the Three Cups of Tea book discussion at the YMCA. Dave is special cause he is the District Book Czar and you better read the book cause he is going to bring a ruler to rap some knuckles.

Next Week at Rotary... March 31st: Rotary friend from South Africa, Mr. Bill Mills is traveling the World and will make Red Wing Rotary one of his stops.

Upcoming Rotary Programs & Events

- March 31st:** Our Rotary friend from Grahamstown, South Africa Mr. Bill Mills will be visiting Red Wing. Mr Mills hosted Red Wing's Ambassadorial Scholar CoeLita Finke and also helped our International Service projects in South Africa succeed. Meeting in the Summit Room.
- April 17-19:** District Conference in River Falls
- April 28-May 3:** GSE Team from Sweden in Red Wing
- April 28** **Rotary Day in Red Wing.** 5 to 7pm Colvil Park. How will we represent Rotary?
- June 20th** Red Wing Rotary Marching Band Classic is back downtown at Noon... be there

**Juuso talking Finland and
Red Wing's first STRIVE team**



*GSE team Member Steph Riegelman is half way through her Swedish experience, here is her blog link.
Hey There!*

Greetings from Sweden - - - be sure to check out my blog to see what we're up to.
www.stephsswedishtrip.blogspot.com Please pass along my thanks to everyone in the RW Club - - I am having a spectacular time and learning a lot! Steph

GET YOUR UPCOMING ROTARY YEAR OFF TO A GREAT START!

Club's 2009-10 Leadership Team, which includes Officers (incoming President, President-elect, Secretary, Treasurer), Club Committee Chairs (Club Administration, Club Rotary Foundation, and Club Service Projects; and/or Club Avenues of Service Chairs: Club Internet Communications Officer: Webmaster: and Youth Exchange Officer, are encouraged to COME to District Assembly.

The two-fold purpose of the District Assembly is:

- + To prepare incoming club leaders for their year in office & build their leadership team
- + To give the District Governor-elect and incoming Assistant Governors and District Committees the opportunity to motivate club leadership teams and build their working relationships

Your District Governor-elect, Newell Krogmann, has two District Assemblies scheduled:

- 1) Friday, April 17th 10:00 am – 1:00 pm (morning of the District Conference) at UW River Falls, WI
- 2) Tuesday, May 12 5:30pm – 8:30pm at Lakeville South High School

You only need to attend one District Assembly, so choose a site that is convenient for you to attend. Presidents 2009-10 are REQUIRED BY RI to attend at least one District Assembly. Both sites will have box lunches available. There is a \$15 fee to cover the meal and training materials. It's your club's best opportunity to help motivate and encourage each club committee to set goals which are **Shared, Measurable, Achievable, Reaching and Time specific (SMART)**. **Bring your club leadership team!**

Meg Survives PETS! PETS Survives Meg!! The Future IS IN Meg's Hands

Wow! I just got back from PETS (President Elect Training Seminar). I went in somewhat overwhelmed with the prospect of being President of the Red Wing Rotary club. I come back humbled by the confidence this club has placed in me. I come back feeling re-energized about Rotary. And I come back feeling in a good position to take on this role you have entrusted to me. The Rotary International President for 2009-10 will be John Kenney from Scotland. His theme for the year is "[The Future of Rotary is in Your Hands](#)". And how true that is! The Red Wing Rotary Club has embraced this theme by having an active engaged club, a membership committee that is thinking "outside of the box" by organizing the first ever Red Wing Rotary Day on April 28th, and exploring the establishment of a morning club to name just a few. Our club has a vision that allows us to move confidently into the future!

Rotary District 5960 has chosen Newell Krogmann, from Le Sueur, to be our District Governor for 2009-10. Newell has chosen the theme "[Celebrate Rotary Opportunities](#)". What a wonderful complement to talking about the future of Rotary. And, again, how proud I am to be from the Red Wing Rotary Club where celebrating our Rotary opportunities is a hallmark of the club. In President Clare's year, we have sent three students out on the Rotary Youth Exchange, we are hosting Juuso as an in-bound Rotary student, we launched the STRIVE program, we have one of Red Wing's finest as a part of the GSE Team to Sweden. Add to that, we are home to PDG (Past District Governor) Lee Finholm, District Literacy Chair David Anderson, Youth Exchange Board member Phil McNairy. Red Wing Rotary has ALWAYS celebrated Rotary opportunities! We will continue to do so!

In the coming weeks, I will be communicating our goals for 2009-10 for Red Wing Rotary. We have great things happening in Red Wing Rotary and great things to come! THE FUTURE OF ROTARY IS IN OUR HANDS!

Meg Walch

United Way of Goodhue, Wabasha & Pierce Counties
Phone: 651/388-6309 meg.walch@unitedway.org



Incoming President Kenney



Incoming Governor Krogmann

**Make Your
Membership Calls!**