



The Kaposian

June, 2011

SOUTH ST. PAUL/INVER GROVE HEIGHTS ROTARY CLUB-----DISTRICT 5960

June

Programs:

Jill Lewis
Pete Taurinskas

Greeters:

Tim Wynes

Programs

June 1st

Simley High School
Robotics Team

June 8th

Mary Stuckey
Round Earth

June 15th

TBD

June 22nd

Kaposia Days
Queen Candidates

June 29th

Passing of the Gavel

July

Programs:

Gary Bergh
John Glieden

Greeters:

Steve Cortinas
Greg Kuntz

SSP/IGH Rotary Club Meetings

Wednesdays at 12:15 p.m.
Clarion-SSP Hotel
701 S. Concord
South St. Paul, MN

PRESIDENT'S CORNER . . .

Greetings,

It is hard to believe that this is my last President's Corner.

I penned my personal motto for our Club this year of "*Working Together, Great Things Can Happen*". Thanks to all of you for your hard work and all we accomplished. Our Club participated in 5 Club Assemblies this year, of which one was held in the evening and truly a "work session". We participated in Feed My Starving Children. The majority of our Club Members were able to make it to District Conference this year. We had another successful fundraiser. All was not work – we had a few extra social events, such as attending the Simley High School Play featuring our very own Jannis, as well as the play downtown St. Paul supporting Neighbors. We enjoy continued success with our Youth Exchange Program and Seidl's Lake cleanups. We now have official Club Bylaws. We developed our Mission Statement and followed through with the Education Initiative Task Force. A grant request has been submitted to District. And who can forget, the memorable moment of giving our first annual SOHR Award to Jerry Reynolds.

Thanks to all of you who proved that working together, great things truly can happen! Connie

SOHR AWARD & BANQUET

Congratulations to Jerry Reynolds and a huge thank you to all involved in making this year's banquet the best ever. Thanks to all of you that donated items for the silent auction. With everyone's help, we were able to have a net profit this year of \$11,215.55. Great job everyone!

Congratulations Jannis!

Jannis had the honor of playing with the Greater Twin Cities Youth Symphony on Sunday, May 22nd at Orchestra Hall in Minneapolis. What an honor – and what a great talent!

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Jannis Host Family
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Golfers Needed for Upcoming Tournaments

Inver Hills Classic is being held on Monday, June 27th at Southview Country Club. \$175.00 includes golf, lunch and dinner. Shotgun start is at 12:30 P.M. Rotarians are also invited to attend the dinner and silent auction only at 6:00 for a cost of \$35.00. Please let Jill know if you would like to have a Rotary foursome in this tournament or to attend the dinner.

Kaposia Days Carnival

South St. Paul Kaposia Days' celebration is June 24th-26th. I will once again be coordinating the Kids' Carnival on Saturday, June 25th from 11:00am to 3:00 pm on Marie Ave. Volunteers are needed to assist with this event to set-up, supervise game stations and tear-down. Please contact me with any questions or with your availability. As always, this is a great way to get our club out in the public and showcasing the important work of Rotary. Also, please let me know of any other groups or organizations looking for volunteer opportunities. The more the merrier! Joe

Mark your calendars:

June 13 - Board Meeting – Noon - Emma Krumbée's
June 28 - MN Twins Game (3 tickets remain – see Dan)
August 22 - IGH B.E.S.T. Foundation Golf Tournament

Paid during May on your behalf:

Jannis Holsten (monthly stipend)	\$80.00
Joe Gullerud (speaker gifts)	\$25.00
River Heights Chamber (Twins Tickets)	\$690.00
Embellished Events (Silent Auction & Raffle)	\$1281.84
Banquet/Silent Auction Expenses	\$4209.71
Neighbor's Inc Food Shelf (SOHR selection)	\$1000.00
Simley High School All Night Party	\$100.00
Quickbooks (check printing)	\$123.18

<i>Month</i>	<i>Programs</i>	<i>Greeters</i>
August	McCoy, Kendall	Bergh, Bauer
September	Francis, Buchanan	Warner, Wynes
October	B. Taurinskas, Goodwin	Kemp, Leonard
November	Gullerud, P. Taurinskas	J. Taurinskas, Lewis
December	Gale	Hassing, Kassin
January	Kuntz, Cortinas	Glieden, Schultz
February	Schultz, Bauer	McCoy, Kendall



**DISTRICT 5960 AND
NICARAGUA
FAST FOR HOPE CULTURAL
EXCHANGE
October 15 thru October 23, 2011**

District 5960 Rotarians, Rotaractors, their spouses and significant others are welcome to apply. In addition children, grandchildren, nephews and nieces of District 5960 Rotarians who are 14 years of age or older are invited to accompany their District 5960 Rotarian. This is scheduled for MEA weekend.

EVENTS: The purpose is to learn about the culture and history of Nicaragua, to meet the people, to learn about sustainable economic development and to see the beauty and scenery of the country. Each trip is different. We rely upon our friends at AKF to assist us in designing each trip.

ELGIBILITY: In addition to the requirements listed about, each delegate must be in good health and be able to walk at least 100 yards (the length of a football field) on uneven trails. Unlike the States, ADA does not apply to Nicaragua. You will be navigating stairs and possibly trails in the mountains. In some delegations we have lived with Nicaraguans in rural communities, which involve using outhouses and sleeping in hammocks. Because Nicaragua is 10 degrees north of the equator, the temperature does not vary much through the seasons and there is usually high humidity.

You do not need to be able to speak Spanish, interpreters will be provided, although on a group basis, not an individual basis.

To apply you need to complete an application and submit it to dave@bancorgropup.com (Dave Newman). The application is attached. Generally qualified applications will be accepted in the order they are received. However the Fast for Hope Committee reserves the right to adjust the composition of the delegation depending upon the needs of a particular delegation.

VACCINATIONS: If you have not recently traveled abroad you will need one or more vaccinations. You should consult with

your local travel clinic to determine what those vaccinations should be.

PASSPORTS: You will be required to provide evidence of a current U.S. passport by September 1. Passports can be obtained within about 21 days by paying an expedited fee. Airline tickets will be purchased by the team leader when he/she determines. Those delegates who do not have passports at that time will need to purchase their tickets on their own.

COST: Each delegate will pay for their own airfare (which is usually between \$500 and \$800) plus \$375 to cover food, lodging, in-country transportation (sometimes the back of a pick-up truck) and AKF's services.

WHY WOULD I WANT TO GO? So far District 5960 has sent eleven delegations to Nicaragua. Not one delegate has visited Nicaragua who has not thought it was a life changing experience. Many of the delegates have visited multiple times. If you are willing to risk stepping out of your comfort zone, I can assure you that you will be a changed person.

This is what a member of last year's fall trip wrote about the experience:

"Please allow me to introduce myself. My name is Jim Koonst. I am a Rotarian in Belle Plaine, MN and have been a Rotarian since 1983. My two daughters Elizabeth (21) and Anna Lee (19) and I had the opportunity to be part of the 9th FFH Delegation (Cultural Exchange) to Nicaragua. Dave Newman asked me to share some thought, experiences, about this trip and I am willing to answer any questions you may have.

It is hard to know where to start, so many stories/experience to share. I was President of our Rotary Club when I first heard about the FFH – Nicaragua experience. It actually started at the PETS training a year before becoming President. That is when I heard Elena Hendricks (AKF School, coordinator) speak about the FFH program / AKF School and was introduced to the program. A year later came the opportunity to apply with the chance of taking some family members along as well. We decided to apply. We are very glad we did and have no regrets.

The opportunity given to us was absolutely life changing and was one of the best decisions I ever made for myself and my girls. Everything, I thought went very well. The weather (rain), at times forced Elena to "shoot from the hip" and make adjustments to our agenda for the day. But it was handled so graciously and without any worries, you would have never known that changes were being made.

Accommodations were nice, clean and sometimes very nice, (much more than expected). We were told that there may be a night or two without electricity, but that did not happen. Food was great.

Had opportunities to go into communities and dine out, which was an experience in itself, because I do not speak, read or understand any Spanish at all. But it was all taken care for us. We had translator(s) with us all the time. We had an opportunity to purchase items (had a list of items to buy) at the market (grocery store). WOW, Now that was interesting.

I have to admit that I was somewhat apprehensive about this trip. Not knowing any Spanish, etc. So I actually decided not to have any expectations about this trip, other than to have fun with and to learn something. We learned from the Nicaraguans themselves - Lifestyles, history, culture, beauty of Country, poverty & despair as well. This trip was really "worry free" because of the experiences that the FFH committee has had, along with the organization skills & caring personalities of the AKF people. I thought this was going to be a vacation, but what it really turned out to be was a "Living Experience in Nicaragua with Nicaraguans".

One item to remember is every delegation trip is unique, different in its' own way. No two trips are exactly the same. I would strongly encourage you to take advantage of this opportunity / life changing experience. My daughter Anna Lee said to me after the trip "Dad, I should never complain about anything again. I need to appreciate the things I have". I can tell you as a father, I felt for her to say that made the whole trip worthwhile."

Other Rotarians on last fall's trip who brought children that you can contact for more information are:

Kathy Stutzman kastutzm@smig.net; Ed Marek

henakaga@yahoo.com; Jingle Mahan jingle@rotary5960.org.

WHAT IF I CHICKEN OUT? So far no one has, but if you decide later that this is not for you, we want you to feel free to drop out, however you will be responsible for any costs incurred on your behalf.

WHAT WILL BE EXPECTED OF ME? Upon your return you will be expected to speak to your own Rotary Club about your experience as well as perhaps other clubs. It is our hope, but not a requirement, that upon your return that you will want to become involved in the Fast for Hope experience.

DEADLINE TO APPLY: We try to limit the size of each delegation to 10 people. We will stop accepting applications upon the earlier of (i) when the delegation has been filled or (ii) August 15, 2011. As a result if you are interested in going, the sooner you submit your application the better.

Dave Newman, Fast for Hope Chair
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To apply go to www.rotary5960.org and click "Programs" and then "Fast for Hope".