



The Kaposian

July 2015

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

July

Programs

John Buchanan

Greeter

Jessie Stumpf

Anne Johnson

July 1

Rep. Joe Atkins
Legislative Update

July 8

Farewell to Gonzolo

July 15

Kerry Meagher
Identity Theft

July 22

John Buchanan
The Rotary Foundation

July 29

Club Assembly

August

Programs

Jessie Stumpf

Greeter

Jim Taurinkas

Our Mission: In addition to the many worthwhile missions of Rotary International, the focus of our Club is to improve the educational opportunities for students in South Saint Paul and Inver Grove Heights.

President's Corner

I can't begin the year without saying a huge "thank you" to David on behalf of the club for his leadership throughout this past year. As I said in my remarks during the "pass the gavel" ceremony, David has left us on solid ground with a firm foundation in both membership and finances, among other things. Our club is better off for having had you as our president, David, and we thank you for your service.

As Pam Schultz leaves the Board this year, we as a club owe her a great debt as well. Pam has devoted countless hours to improving our club, often in ways that are unseen to most of our members. For example, this past Spring, Pam took a Saturday and attended the district grant seminar on our behalf, without which we would not have been able to apply for a district grant for our education project. Thank you, Pam, for your service -- and don't think we're done with you yet! As with David, we will be drawing on your talents and experience as we move forward in many areas this coming year.

That's my great hope as this year unfolds. We are blessed with a club of talented, experienced and dedicated people. I see my job as president to find ways to tap into our talent pool and to move us forward in ways that we might not have thought of before. I have always believed in thinking big and I want this year for our club to be something special. I need you to make that happen. I want our club to be seen as a model for clubs our size throughout our district. I also want us to become the "go to" service club in the SSP/IGH region, the club that is the *first choice* among many when people decide to volunteer their time. As we move forward, the challenge will be how we can make that happen in an age when belonging to a service organization may not even be the first thing that comes to mind for many who want to give back to their community.

I have some thoughts about that; I hope you do too. I am looking forward to working with each of you to make these goals not simply nice words on paper, but the reality for our club. We can be the model that others follow. We only need to want it badly enough.

Dan Warner

SSP/IGH Rotary Club

Wednesdays

12:15 PM

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Congratulations to our Club! We have fulfilled our commitment for 2014-15 to The Rotary Foundation. We pledged \$3,000. With the generous help of those members that donated to TRF directly, we have exceeded our pledge! Congratulations!

Good Job! The Kaposia Days Parade was even more special this year with our SOHR recipients, Jodelle Ista and Lois Swanson participating with a convertible driven by Peter Taurinkas! Thanks to all who worked on that project – one more way to get our club better known in the community.

Education Committee: The club has reached another milestone in its mission to improve the educational opportunities for students in our area. We have obtained preliminary approval for a matching grant from the Rotary district to purchase an Otoacoustic Emissions (OAE) hearing screening device. The OAE will be used by the local school districts for screening children with hearing problems before they enter school. OAE screening is considered to be the most objective, physiologic screening tool available to identify young children with permanent, sensorineural hearing loss as well as a wide range of other hearing health needs. It will be used to screen over 100 children a year. The project still needs to be given final approval by the grant subcommittee after The Rotary Foundation gives it's okay to our Rotary district's overall funding plan. A special thanks to the WSP Club for its financial contribution to the project, and to all of our club members who participated in selecting the project and obtaining this preliminary approval. More info on this when we receive final approval, expected sometime in July.

Neighbors' Summer Meal Program is still in need of volunteers. This program provides breakfast and lunch for kids that would otherwise go hungry. Please visit www.neighborsmn.org and volunteer to serve on a shift that fits for you. This project is at Garlough Elementary, Henry Sibley High School and Kaposia Education Center. Remember "Service Above Self"!

Mark your calendars:

July 6th -- Board meeting – 12 Noon – Old World Pizza
 August 24th – BEST Foundation Golf Tournament—InverWood
 September 11th – 5:00 P.M.: WSP/Mendota Hts. Rotary Club
 Moonstruck Golf Tourney at Southview Country Club

Paid during June on your behalf:

Gonzalo	\$80.00
Southview Country Club (meals)	\$872.22
The Rotary Foundation	\$3,987.00
Russell-Hampton Co. (supplies)	\$157.31
Office Max (software upgrade)	\$214.24

Gonzolo's Host Family

Joe & Anne Gullerud

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UPCOMING ASSIGNMENTS:

Month	Programs	Greeters
September	Kemp	Bauer
October	Pete Taurinskas	Schultz
November	Webb	Tetrick
December	Lewis	Hassing
January	Hassing	Glieden
February	Jim Taurinskas	Larson
March	Schultz	Bernhardson
April	Bauer	Christiansen
May	Tetrick	Anne Johnson
June	Brian Taurinskas	Kemp