



The Kaposian

January 2016

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

January Programs

Paul Hassing

Greg Kuntz

Greeters

John Glieden

Mike Thorn

January 5th

Jon Girard

Classification

January 13th

King Boreas

St Paul Winter Carnival

January 20th

Linda Bennett

Face to Face

January 27th

Pinkyswear

Childhood cancer

February Programs

Dave Kendall

Jim Taurinkas

Greeters

Greg Kuntz

David Webb

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

We are now halfway through the Rotary year with exciting opportunities presenting themselves for our club. At the outset of the current year in July at our club assembly, we set some goals for the club for this year. I want to take this opportunity to look at where we are at in accomplishing those goals:

1. Win the District Education and Literacy Award
2. Update and Maintain Social Media Presence
3. Beat Last Year's Banquet Gross Revenue – Goal \$20,000
4. Add Four New Members
5. Maintain Historical Projects:
 - a. Secure Education Grant
 - b. Present SOHR Award
 - c. Seidl's Lake Cleanup
 - d. Youth Exchange Student

We are on our way to achieving the District Education and Literacy Award. We are seeking approval from the award representative that the speakers (arranged by Dr. David Webb) at our meeting on November 4, 2015, concerning the International Baccalaureate Program at South St. Paul qualifies as one of the five events we need for this award. We are also trying to qualify the purchase of hearing testing equipment as an education project. That leaves three projects before the April 18, 2016 application deadline. We are considering having a speaker for Literacy month in March, as well as a book donation drive from our members, also in March. *A volunteer to organize this drive would be welcome.* Other ideas for literacy and education projects before the deadline are welcome.

Thanks to Miquela, our social media presence on Facebook is up to date. Check it out if you haven't already. You might see your shining face staring back at you, or in John Kemp's case, wearing Viking horns and about to give candy out of a coffin to Spiderman. Currently being worked on is the updating of our website.

Beating last year's banquet gross revenue is a challenge for all club members, as is adding four new members. Greg Kuntz and Pete Taurinkas are the club leaders on those projects. We secured an education grant and intend to pursue another this spring.

SSP/IGH Rotary Club
Wednesdays
12:15 PM
Southview County Club
239 W Mendota Road
West St. Paul, MN
55118

We are currently taking nominations, per Joe Gullerud, for the SOHR award, and thanks to the organizing skills of Paul Hassing, have cleaned Seidl's lake this past fall, and have maintained our Youth Exchange student program with the wonderful addition of Amanda – Minnesota's newest cross country skier – whose smile brightens every meeting of our club.

Much work remains to be done in our service to the community. The club greatly appreciates all the work you are doing to make Rotary the "go to" organization in our area. Keep up the good work!

And the Banquet planning begins

On December 30th at our Club Assembly we began the kickoff in planning for the upcoming SOHR Awards Banquet on April 22nd. Greg Kuntz distributed a signup sheet so members could volunteer for the area in which they would like to share their talents; i.e. silent auction, planning committee, setup, etc. If you missed this meeting, please contact Greg Kuntz and indicate the area in which you are able to help this year. Joe Gullerud introduced the process for the selection of our next SOHR award recipient. Each member is asked to donate at least 2 bottles of wine (for raffle) and 1 silent auction item. The planning committee will begin meeting on Monday, January 18th at 4:30 P.M. and will meet every 2 weeks until the banquet. If you wish to serve on the planning committee, please contact Greg Kuntz. Remember that this event is our club's ONLY fundraiser of the year so we all need to share in making it a success. This way we will be able to continue our grants and projects throughout the coming year.

SOHR Nominations Sought

Our club is currently accepting nominations for the 2016 SOHR Award recipient. Is there an individual in your life who has inspired your devotion to service? This is a wonderful opportunity to honor them. Candidates should be a non-Rotarian who has made an impact on the greater South St. Paul, West St. Paul and Inver Grove Heights area for in excess of 10 years by being either a resident or having provided their humanitarian service in these communities. The recipient will be acknowledged at the club's banquet and fundraiser on Friday, April 22nd and receive a \$1,000 donation in their name to a charity of their choice. Please provide your nomination to Joe Gullerud, SOHR Selection Committee chair, by **Friday, January 29th**. Nomination form is attached with this edition of Kaposian.

Invoices are out

Invoices have been sent for the first quarter of 2016. Traditionally, the treasury is at its lowest point at this time. Expenses continue monthly, but our fundraiser happens in April. So if you are able to expedite your invoice payment, it would be very much appreciated.

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Mark your calendars:

January 4th – Board meeting – Old World Pizza – 11:30 A.M.

Paid during December on your behalf:

Amanda Agiar De Oliverira (monthly stipend)	\$80.00
Greg Kuntz (Adopt A Family)	\$673.29
River Hts Chamber (IGH Birthday Party)	\$260.00
SSP High School Varsity Singers	\$150.00

UPCOMING ASSIGNMENTS:

Month	Programs	Greeters
March	Schultz/Thorn	Bernhardson/Bauer
April	Bauer/Christiansen	Pete T.
May	Tetrick/Hernandez	Jim T.
June	B Taurinskas/Bernhardson	Kemp/Wynes

Remember to include Amanda in your family activities so she can get a well-rounded experience with her time with us. Going to a sporting event? Winter Carnival? Sledding? Take her along to enjoy all that Minnesota has to offer her.

Amanda's Host Family
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