

TIDINGS



WELCOME TO ROTARY

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Next Rotary Board meeting is scheduled for Thu. June 9th at 7 AM at the River Falls Journal building.

THE ROTARY FOUR-WAY TEST

- ☸ Is it the **truth**?
- ☸ Is it **fair**?
- ☸ Will it build **goodwill** and better **friendships**?
- ☸ Will it be **beneficial** to **all** concerned?

RF Rotary Vision Statement: "Enhancing Opportunities for Youth; Creating a Better World for All."

President Tom Garfin called the meeting to order, and Elaine Baumann led devotions reflecting on Memorial Day with a prayer about freedom. Tom Garfin then led us in the Pledge of Allegiance, the Four Way Test, and our club vision statement. Thanks to those who set up and greeted.

Guests
 DG Craig Leiser

President's Citation



The club welcomed [District Governor Craig Leiser](#) to the meeting. President Tom asked Craig to give a brief report on the International Convention in New Orleans. He said that the worst part was getting there and back, with major turbulence going down, and bad weather that delayed and cancelled flights back, just as 19,000+ Rotarians and 14,000+ from another conference were all attempting to leave. But he sincerely enjoyed the conference, with RI President Klinginsmith's talk about Cowboy Logic, and inspirational speeches by incoming President Kalyan Banerjee and Bill Gates. We are closer than ever in our efforts to eradicate polio. India, which had 700+ cases in 2009, only has 1 to date this year, and Nigeria has reduced from 300 to under 10. DG Leiser specially noted the food, the fellowship and the wonderful music there. For more information see the [DG May Newsletter](#) or see the [RI report](#).

The main reason for DG Leiser's visit was to present our club with three awards: 1) for our contributions to the Foundation beyond our pledged amount; 2) for our growth in membership; and 3) the Presidential Citation for excellence. We should all be proud of our accomplishments this year.

Youth Exchange Student: Min Ju will be marching in graduation next Sunday. Her final day at the club will be next Tuesday.

Turkey Team: The team is coming on Friday. See John Kremer to get involved.

DG Freund Installation: Plan to attend the installation of incoming DG Judy Freund on Thu. June 23rd at the Phipps Center in Hudson. See the [district site for information](#).

Rotary Picnic: The annual year end picnic and "transfer of power" will happen on Tuesday, June 28th in Glenn Park. Families are invited. There will NOT be a morning meeting that day.

HAPPY BUCKS

Brian picked up several Memorial Day remembrances, and others were happy about the awards and the leadership of DG Leiser and President Garfin. Several noted the Rotary Reader's Pizza Party, and Jean W. reminded us that it was our last day *this year*, but they are counting on our help again next year. Several had family events. Harold was attending a graduation party for his wife's nephew, and was asked if he was Barak Obama. :-) Elaine's son graduated in DC, and Tony's granddaughter won the school performance award. Tom G. and Paul both had successful fishing outings, and Kris M went camping. Others were traveling. Jim L. as usual is globe trotting, Patty was back from Mexico and Vince from St. Louis. Kris M's program received a nice grant and she's looking forward to a national conference next week. Mark and Carrie are celebrating anniversaries this week, and Bill's wife has a birthday. All good reasons for happiness.

Our own Dale Jorgenson is serving as the new Executive Director of the Kinnickinnic River Land Trust. He talked to the club about a new proposal for a land swap to create an environmental education spot on the Kinni for the RFSD.

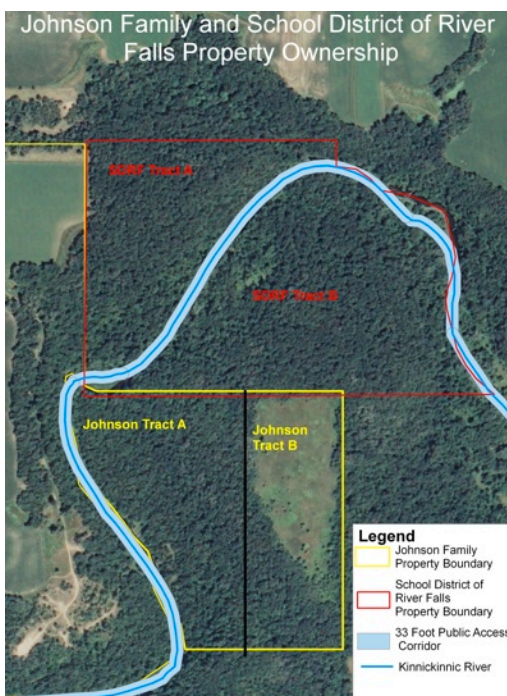
“Rotary is an organization of business and professional men and women united worldwide who provide **humanitarian** service, encourage **high ethical standards** in all vocations, and help **build goodwill** and **peace** in the world.”



Kinni School Forest Project

Dale began his presentation with a short video that conveyed the sense of the Kinnickinnic River and the beauty of our region, demonstrating that we have “a real gem right in our own backyard.”

A 17 acre section of land on the river was given to the school district in 1939. The property has been difficult to use, because there is not currently an access, except through private farmland. There are a couple of shelters on the land that are in disrepair. The Kinni Land Trust has been facilitating discussion of a possible land swap between of the current school district land and farm property owned by Lyle and Alberta Johnson. The swap would provide over a mile of frontage for access by the schools. A group of educators, headed by Rocky Branch Principal Chuck Eaton, have been looking at the property and are very excited about the possibilities of establishing an environmental learning center at the site. Dale showed several photos of the property. Dale visited recently and he said the area is “so pristine and quiet that it was hard to imagine that anyone has been there. . . . It’s like you stepped back in time.”



To establish the environmental learning center, it would require a land swap. (See the map left) Because it is an uneven swap of 34 acres for the 17 currently owned by the district, it would cost \$10,000. This isn’t an official project of the Land Trust, but they have invested extensively in surveys and other groundwork on this project. Because the school district has very limited resources right now, Dale sees this as an opportunity for the public to help enhance learning opportunities, develop trails and create kiosks to enhance learning about this resource, both for students and for the public.

Dale is trying to personally raise the money to buy this land for the schools and for posterity. This is a unique opportunity that might not be available again. He would like to raise the money as soon as possible. The School Board will have to approve the swap, so it could happen as soon as September of October of this year, if all goes well. Dale will be contacting the St. Croix Valley Foundation to see if donations to the project can be tax deductible, and we can expect to hear from him soon. Thanks Dale, for the presentation and for the passion about our environment and our community.

WESTSIDE ROTARY READERS PIZZA PARTY — May 24, 2011



Here's a follow-up to last week's event at Westside school. Photos submitted by Bill Montgomery. Thanks to Bill and all of the Rotarians who volunteered their time to spend with our students.



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Program Schedule

MAY Rotary Community Service Month

May 31: Kinni River Land Trust update - Dale Jorgenson

JUNE Rotary Fellowship Month

June 7: Our Habitat for Humanity kitchen and breakfast crew

June 14: Tony Pedriana and Dr. Amber Morgan: Reach Out and Read Pediatric organization

June 21: Tim Scott: Holocaust high school speaker

June 28: NO MORNING MEETING—Attend the picnic Tuesday night Rotary Family Picnic and Officer Installation at Glenn Park

TBA: Sue Schwartz and Lindsay Willaby: "invisible children"

Devotions & Set Up/Take Down/Greeters

<u>Date</u>	<u>Devotions</u>	<u>Setup/Take Down</u>
May 31	Ted Marsh	Sienko / Simpson
June 7	Melissa McArdle	Simpson / Thompson
June 14	Terry McKay	Thompson / Van Galen
June 21	Brian McQuade	Van Galen / Westerhaus
June 28	David Miller	Westerhaus / Wulf
July 5	Scott Morrisette	Wulf / Jodie Young
July 12	Pat Murphy	Jodie Young / Mike Young
July 19	Patty Nelson	Mike Young / Agrimson
July 26	Scott Nelson	Agrimson / Ainsworth
Aug 2	Kris Miner	Ainsworth / Baumann
Aug 9	Max Neuhaus	Baumann / Bluhm
Aug 16	Virgil Nylander	Bluhm / Boles
Aug 23	Pat O'Malley	Boles / Bump
Aug 30	Diane Odeen	Bump / Cicchese

NOTE: If you are unable to attend, please make arrangements to have these responsibilities covered. Ideally you would find someone to trade with. If you make a trade, please let the Tidings editor know.
 Rotary District 5960 has a resource for devotions. If you are looking for something to read, you might [check this link](#).



District Governor Craig Leiser socializes with President Tom Garfin prior to the meeting on May 31st. It is always a special treat to have the District Governor visit our club.

OUR OFFICERS

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ROTARIAN OF THE YEAR

2003: Tom Bloom
 2005: Tom Garfin
 2006: Dale Jorgenson
 2006: Kevin Pechacek
 2006: Jerry Tack
 2007: John Kremer
 2008 & 2009: Carole Mottaz
 2010: Debbie Griffin

PAST PRESIDENTS

1999: Tom Bloom
 2000: Gorden Hedahl
 2001: David Brassfield
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 2003: Bill Montgomery
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+ Indicates members who are also Rotary Benefactors, leaving at least \$1000 to the Rotary Foundation in their wills.