



The Kaposian

December, 2011

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

December

Programs:

Jennifer Gale

Greeters:

Paul Hassing

George Kassan

Programs

December 7th

At Southview Country Club
Varsity Singers

December 14th

At Neighbor's Inc.
Adopt A Family Gift Wrapping

December 21st

Curt Carey
Membership Growth Plan
Hudson Daybreak Club

December 28th

Johanne Stensgaard-Olson

January

Programs:

Steve Cortinas

Greg Kuntz

Greeters:

John Glieden

Pam Schultz

**SSP/IGH Rotary Club
Meetings at
Emma Krumbie's
5660 Bishop Ave., IGH
Wednesdays at 12:15 p.m.**

***December 7th meeting at Southview Country Club For
SSP High School's Varsity Singers!***

(Reservations due today (Friday).)

***December 14th meeting will be at Neighbor's Inc. new
building at 222 W. Grand Ave., SSP.***

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

The season of giving is now upon us. Our busy schedules will only increase as the pressures of parties and shopping and decorating are added. It's often easy to overlook the truly wonderful experiences that result from the Christmas season. If we could only keep that anticipation we enjoyed as children! As we all enjoy the blessings of family gatherings, holiday eating and gift exchanges, let's also acknowledge those not as fortunate, both in our local communities and abroad. There *are* people who need our help and what we do both individually and as a club makes a measurable difference in their lives. One of my favorite adages comes from an author named Albert Pine and reads "*What we do for ourselves dies with us. What we do for others and the world remains and is immortal.*" We have all committed ourselves to that ideal. May we all be strengthened to carry that resolve through the coming year and beyond. Joe

Adopt A Family at Neighbor's Inc.

On December 14th we will meet at Neighbor's and be wrapping our gifts for the families that we have adopted. Bring your tapes, scissors, etc. and come to help in making Christmas special for some local families. Thanks to Greg Kuntz for agreeing to be our "shopper" this year.

Congratulations to Tom Leonard!

Tom became the proud seller of Queen of Hearts tickets on November 16th! He pulled the winning card and received \$52.75!

SOHR Award & Banquet

Due to the District Conference scheduled for April 13-15, our Annual Banquet will be held on Friday, April 21st 2012 – Mark your calendars and invite your friends. More plans and information coming as the committee begins their meetings. Of course, you can always begin to secure sponsors and items for the silent auction!

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Mark your calendars:

December 5th–Board meeting – Emma Krumbée’s – Noon
 District 5960 Conference – April 13-15, 2012
 SOHR Award & Banquet – April 20, 2012

Paid during November on your behalf:

Johanne Stensgaard (monthly stipend)	\$80.00
Emma Krumbée’s (meals)	\$736.19
Clarion Hotel (meals)	\$545.17
Guild Inc (grant)	\$250.00
South St. Paul Schools (grant)	\$4500.00
Tom Leonard (Queen o Hearts)	\$52.75
City of SSP (Girl Scout Project)	\$25.00

Month	Programs	Greeters
January	Kuntz, Cortinas	Glieden, Schultz
February	Schultz, Bauer	McCoy, Kendall
March	Kemp, Leonard	Francis, Buchanan
April	Lewis, J. Taurinskas	B. Taurinskas, Goodwin
May	Hassing, Kassan	Gullerud, P. Taurinskas
June	Warner, Wynes	Gale, McCoy

Johanne Host Family

Tim & Mary Ann Sweeney
 9223 Barnes Ave.
 651-552-1079

Club Assembly – November 30, 2011

In the past our club assemblies have typically been open discussions regarding a specific topic or question: Why did you join Rotary? What can our club do to increase membership? Is your involvement in this club fulfilling? That last question, to me, is a very important one. If we don't inspire or even satisfy our current members, how can we possibly believe we can attract new members? Our members should know what we are doing and what impact our efforts have on our communities. Outlined below is a description of the decisions made by your Board of Directors on your behalf as well as activities performed by the club during the period since our last club assembly in August.

Grants

As recommended by our Education Task Force, the Board approved a grant of \$750 to the Simley High School Robotics Program. These funds were part of the \$3,000 designated for education grants in the approved 2011-12 yearly budget. The money will allow the team to purchase additional components to construct a 2nd robot to use for training and simulation, a luxury which will improve the competitiveness of the team. Our name will be visible on each robot along with the team's other sponsors. George Broostin, an employee of Guild Inc. and member of the City of Lakes Rotary Club, spoke to our club this Fall. Guild Inc. operates two homes in South St. Paul – Maureen House and Guild South – which provide short term Crisis Stabilization to adults suffering from mental illness as an alternative to hospitalization. Many of these people are homeless and often shoeless. George was seeking at least 3 clubs – including his own – to

the need for 1 year. The Board approved a grant of \$250. Both George's club and West St. Paul/Mendota Rotary provided \$500.

Public Relations

Two local Girl Scout Troops working toward earning the Gold Award, the highest award a Girl Scout can earn, visited our club this summer to ask our support of their project to revitalize the amphitheatre area at Central Square Community Center. The project scope called for the addition of a garden area, the replacement of unsafe bench tops and the design and painting of a mural with an anticipated cost of \$5,000. The Board approved a \$150 gold level sponsorship of this project which was completed mid-September. A plaque has been/will be installed at the site listing all of the project sponsors.

Bonnie Salo, a volunteer gardener for the City of South St. Paul, approached one of our members with a request. She maintains a garden area on the Hardman Ave. side of the spiral bridge near Waterous Company. She stated the need for some type of "seat" for walkers to use as a resting place. The Board approved the purchase of a large limestone rock at a cost not to exceed \$200 from Gertens Greenhouse. The City of South St. Paul has agreed to provide the manpower and equipment to transport and place the rock as well as purchase a plaque acknowledging our club's donation.

In September a handful of club members (Greg Bauer, Dan Warner, Paul Hassing, Joe Gullerud and Johanne) participated in the Health Fair as part of Inver Grove Heights Days. We handed out ice cold bottles of water as well as brochures (examples on tables) summarizing what our club does. Judging from the comments we received, this was a much needed public relations activity. The total cost of brochures, water and ice was approximately \$700. We do have several hundred brochures left – enough for at least 2 more such events. The organizers of the event from Eyeworks Optical had also acquired several "pop-up" canopies at a reduced price. The club has purchased one for \$130.

2012 marks the 125th anniversary of the City of South St. Paul. Our Public Relations chair Jimmy Francis has agreed to participate on one of the committees established by the City to plan various aspects of this year-long celebration. Additionally, in August our club will celebrate its 50th anniversary. The Board will begin discussing how the club might acknowledge this historic milestone. If you have any ideas or would like to participate in any way please make it known.

Club Activities

Recognizing the need for continuity from year to year to ensure that the SOHR Award remains a meaningful enterprise for our club, the make-up of the committee has been set. Each year the acting Past President, President and President Elect (*2012 – Connie, Joe and Brian*) shall govern the award as well as serve on the selection committee along with 2 non-club members. Greg Kuntz has agreed to moderate the selection discussion as well as provide "clerical" work to aid in the process.

We have been meeting at Emma Krumbes now for approximately 2 months. While I did not expect a change in venue to be one of the issues I would need to address, I am satisfied with the outcome. If any club members have comments or concerns regarding the menu, staff or accommodations please don't hesitate to make them known.

provide \$500 toward a desired total of \$1,500 – enough to fund