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Rotary

Club of New Brighton/Mounds View



Club Meeting

New Brighton/Mounds View
Meets at First and Third Tuesdays
12:00 Noon - 1:00 PM
The Exchange Food and Drink
500 5th Ave. NW
New Brighton, MN 55112
Time: Tuesday at 12:00 PM

Meeting Recap - March 4, 2025

By Dana M. Rebelein on Tuesday, March 4, 2025

Calendar:

- March 18 – Noon Club Meeting [Charlie, Dave, Karen, & Jacobsens: speakers, set up/greeters, invocation and take down for March and April.]
- April 1 – 11AM board meeting; Noon Club meeting
- April 15 – noon Club meeting
- April 25 – 6PM, Gold Plate Dinner at New Brighton Community Center

Notes:

GOLD PLATE DINNER

- Time to sell tickets and sell tickets and sell more tickets. This is our ONLY fundraiser! Remember selling roasted turkey legs, corn on the cob, roses,... ? Tickets are \$175 for 2 dinners with 1 raffle number, or \$125 for 1 dinner with 1 raffle number.
- Identify potential sponsors. Cindy provided letters to use when approaching them.
- Collect or donate items for the silent auction.
- Collect restaurant gift cards to add to the "Dine Around Town" live auction

PRESIDENT JOHN J STEPS DOWN/VP PAUL JACOBSEN STEPS UP

After providing stellar leadership for 1 ½ years, President John Johnson has resigned to move to smoky, muddy, hot California. [Are you sure about this, John?] Seriously, we wish him and Dana the best as they move forward, and are grateful for his smart, funny, compassionate and effective leadership.

V.P. Paul Jacobsen is ready, willing, and absolutely capable to step up a few months early.

REMEMBER NIGER

Abdoul Aziz Aboubaca and Halimaten Suadia Abdou, our Niger scholarship children sent colorful illustrated messages in appreciation of our support.

MAY JUNE MEETING HOSTS

John O, Cindy, Mary, Nils & Susie are responsible for **speakers, greeting** members and guests, **setting up and taking down** the meeting site, and providing **the invocation** in May and June. Let Jason Miller and Paul Jacobsen know what the programs will be as soon as possible.

PROGRAM

Numaan (an Oromo word which means "By us)

Anne Atomssa introduced Numaan, a nonprofit started by her in Ethiopia to equip women and vulnerable youth with resources and support to thrive. Numaan operates on the understanding that the best solutions to the world's toughest problems come from those who live with those challenges every day.

Among Numaan's projects are the sustainable manufacturing of reusable menstrual pads so girls don't need to skip school, economically empowering women by giving them cows and employment, recruiting college students to mentor and tutor younger students, and supporting solar lantern and clean water projects. Numaan's clean water project benefits more than a thousand people. The community provides labor and maintains the well. They built a fence and hired guards to protect the water.

Anne and Cindy Carlson are shown below.

Events

March 4th

[New Brighton/Mounds View Weekly Club Meeting](#)

March 18th

[New Brighton/Mounds View Weekly Club Meeting](#)

April 1st

[New Brighton/Mounds View Weekly Club Meeting](#)

Speakers



Meeting Recap - February 18, 2025

By Dana M. Rebelein on Tuesday, February 18, 2025

Calendar:

- February 28 – HARVEST PACK with Irondale students, 3:30- 4:30 in Irondale Cafeteria, PRE-REGISTER:

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- March 4 - 11 Board, 12 Club meeting
- April 25 – Gold Plate Dinner at New Brighton Community Center

Notes:

- SHARE THE LOVE! Donate to The Rotary Foundation Annual Fund this month and move toward your next Paul Harris Fellowship. Give in February and get matching points toward your next Paul Harris Fellow award. \$100-\$364 = 1 to 1 match; \$365 = 635 points match. Sign up for Rotary Direct with a minimum donation of \$30 per month and receive 500 points.

Almost half of this donation comes back to our District to support our initiatives. (Last year, more than \$227,000). Here is the link to donate through your My Rotary Account: <https://www.rotary.org/en/donate>.

- Flyers with menu, price, date and time for the GOLD PLATE DINNER fundraiser were emailed to all members by Cindy on February 19.
- The Crutches for Africa barrels were retrieved to be used in expanding the project to other communities. The amount collected here was amazing, and more is still coming in. Get any you have to John J and he will get them where they need to go.
- Charlie, Dave, Paul, Denise, John J & Karen are responsible for **greeting** members and guests, **setting up and taking down** the meeting site, and providing **the invocation** in March and April. John O, Cindy, Mary, Nils & Susie have May and June. Let John Johnson, Jason Miller and Paul Jacobsen know what the programs will be as soon as you can.
- President John J. shared tantalizing tidbits of his trip to Thailand. This is a potential program for us.

Program: Irondale MUN (Model United Nations)

Boyana Nikolova and Asmaa Hamimoune, IHS Juniors shared: MUN (Model United Nations) is an educational simulation in which students role-play as delegates representing countries in the UN. Delegates research global issues, engage in debates and work together to pass resolutions addressing problems like climate change, human

rights, and peacekeeping. The experience develops skills in public speaking, research, debate and negotiation, critical thinking and team work.

Delegates from more than 50 schools across the state are organized into teams and assigned countries to represent. They work together to draft resolutions and address global issues, negotiate and collaborate to reach consensus.

At the February Board meeting, NBMV Rotary committed \$400 toward tuition for 2 students to attend the conference.

Boyana and Asmaa are shown below.



Meeting Recap - February 4, 2025

By Dana M. Rebelein on Tuesday, February 4, 2025

Calendar:

- February 1-28 – SHARE THE LOVE*
- February 18 – Club Meeting, noon at The Exchange
- February 28 – Harvest Pack with Irondale students, 4:30-5:30
- March 4 - 11 - Board, 12 Club meeting
- April 25 – Gold Plate Dinner at Mounds View Community Center

Notes:

- *SHARE THE LOVE! Our (D-5960) goal this year is to raise \$500,000 for the Rotary Foundation Annual Fund, almost half of which will come back to D-5960 to support our local and global initiative. Last year, over \$227,000 was provided in the form of grants to support Club projects in our District. To encourage giving during February, matching point incentives will be offered toward receipt of Paul Harris Fellow awards:
 - \$100 - \$364 = \$1 to 1 recognition match
 - \$365 = 635 points match to Paul Harris Fellow (PHF)
 - Sign up for Rotary Direct with a minimum donation of \$30 per month and receive 500 points

Since it was founded more than 100 years ago, the Foundation has spent more than \$4 billion on life-changing, sustainable projects. It has 15 consecutive four-star ratings from Charity Navigator and an A-plus rating from CharityWatch. Here is a link to donate through your My Rotary Account: <https://www.rotary.org/en/donate>. If that doesn't work, give John O. a check.

- Crutches for Africa barrels for collecting no-longer-needed crutches, medical boots, walkers, orthotics, wheelchairs and other mobility assistance items were placed at Beisswenger's, Irondale, Pletchers, Edina North Oaks Realty, and the New Brighton and Mounds View Community Centers.
- The Board authorized two \$200 scholarships to the YMCA Model UN program in which high school students represent other countries in a mock United Nations meeting.
- Dana, Jim, Devin and Geoff are responsible for **greeting** members and guests, **setting up and taking down** the meeting site, and providing **the invocation** in January and February. Charlie, Dave, Paul, Denise, John J & Karen have March and April. John O, Cindy, Mary, Nils & Susie have May and June. Let John Johnson, Jason Miller and Paul Jacobsen know what the programs will be as soon as you can.

Program: Impacts of mild winter 2023-2024 on Wolf Predation of Deer in the Greater Voyageurs Eco System (GVE)

Maeve Rogers described the Voyageurs Wolf Project, the goal of which is to couple cutting-edge, rigorous wolf research with highly-effective outreach and education. Researchers looked at the effect of snow ground cover on the number of deer killed. Predation was significantly lower when there was less snow and the deer could more easily escape predators. The unusually mild winter left wolves weaker and less healthy going into the summer season/pup season. Wolves supplement their diet by scavenging when necessary. It is possible to distinguish predation from scavenging because wolves consume the entire animal they kill but leave the bones of scavenged meals.

Wolf predation on adult-sized deer primarily occurs during October – April, peaking in February. Predation May – August is rare. Implications for Wildlife management: Wolves do not control deer populations during mild winters; Wolf hunting/trapping not effective for managing deer populations; More research needed to understand wolf-deer dynamics.

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