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STILLWATER ROTARY CLUB - Chartered August 1, 1919

FOUR WAY TEST - Of the things we think, say or do:

- Is it the TRUTH?
- Is it FAIR to all concerned?
- Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS ?
- Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

Service above self.

THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM

New Universities in the Middle East- Ed Jones

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Jun. 8- Tutoring Program
 Jun. 22- Legislative Changes
 July. 20- Lou Martin

CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

Martin Ziebell- 37 years

MAKEUPS

Sheryl E-Marshall- Fundraiser Meeting
 June Eagleton- Stillwater Sunrise
 Ed Jones- Lake Elmo
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 Mark Kristensen- Fundraiser Meeting
 Peter Polga- Fundraiser Meeting
 Bob Safe- Fundraiser Meeting

GUESTS

Dave Junker- guest of Ann Brookman
 Jenn Severson- guest of June Eagleton
 Sandra Platt- guest of Ted Platt
 Ted Platt- Lmlay City, Michigan
 Steve Haire- guest of Tim Anderson

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Pat Riley- 11/2/04 to 12/31/06

GOVERNOR'S COLUMN

Greetings Rotarians and Friends of District 5960

Time has gone very quickly for me and the Rotary year 2005-06 is rapidly coming to a close. It has

been an incredible journey for me and I appreciate all the welcome and support I have received from all the clubs and Rotarians in the District.

I thank the District Leadership for all their selfless service given to help the clubs and Rotary programs in having a successful year. I need to recognize a few special and faithful people that have contributed significantly to the District Newsletter - Randy Johnson, District Newsletter Editor; Ed Marek, Safe Water, Health and Hunger Concerns Task Force

Coordinator; Joanne Rosener, Fast For Hope – Haiti Safe Water Project; Margaret Johnson, Literacy and her committee; Jingle Mahan, District Executive Secretary and A+ Computer staff for Website support.

June is Rotary Fellowship month. As of July 1, 2005 the Rotary Fellowships program belongs to a new parent entity known as Global Networking Groups. The new entity includes groups of individual Rotarians organized to focus on shared topics of interest on an international basis. Effective July 1, 2006 all existing and future fellowship groups with a service-oriented focus will be reclassified under a new category called Rotarian Action Groups, while existing and future fellowship groups focusing on fellowship of a recreational or vocational nature will remain under the designation of Rotary Fellowships.

Global Networking Groups currently comprise more than 90 independent Rotary Fellowships and Rotarian Action Groups. Join the growing number of Rotarians who are sharing their favorite activities and professional interests through organized recreational and vocational groups in Rotary Fellowships,

or explore new opportunities for international partnership in service in Rotarian Action Groups. Whether you are interested in bird watching, motor-cycling, volunteer dentistry, or the fight against AIDS, Rotary's Global Networking Groups are fantastic resources for all Rotarians to develop new friendships and to advance opportunities for service.

Next month I will be leaving you in the very capable hands of District Governor Dianne Nesvig. I hope she also has an incredible year and much success in 2006-07.

Continue to have FUN in all that you do in Rotary.

Lee Finholm
District Governor

BRIEF INTRODUCTION OF LOU MARTIN

Lou was an Air Force pilot for 22 years, nine of which were overseas and 169 combat flight hours in Vietnam. He retired in 1970 with the rank of Lt. Col. From 1970 to 1975, he flew as a captain for Japan Airlines and from 1976 to 1979 for an air charter company in Iran. He was in Iran during the 1978 Islamic revolution. After returning to the U.S., he worked for the FAA for 19 years, as a B-747 safety inspector, and oversight manager of Northwest Airlines. From 1992 to 1996 he was attached to the U.S. Consulate Office in Frankfurt, Germany, where he worked with foreign aviation experts, including two trips to Moscow. He holds a BS degree in Military Science from the University of Maryland, has 19,000 flight hours, and Airline Transport Pilot's licenses with the U.S., Japan, and Iran.

Lou is the author of *Wings Over Persia*, a pilot's true story of flying in Iran, before and during the revolution which overthrew the Shah. It was selected as the best aviation writing by a Minnesotan for 2004 by the Minnesota Aviation Hall of Fame. He recently published a new book, *Close Encounters with the Pilot's Grim Reaper*, which is an autobiographical

account of close encounters he experienced during 60 years of military and civilian flying. May I present, Colonel Lou Martin.

Greetings,

My new book, *Close Encounters with the Pilot's Grim Reaper* should be available by May 15th. It's a pilot's true story, in an autobiographical format, of close encounters I experienced during 60 years and 19,000 hours of military and civilian flying, plus encounters, some fatal, of aviation colleagues. The book contains 540 pages and more than 80 illustrations of flying aircraft as diverse as the Piper Cub, single-engine jets, and large military and civilian transports. I include flying experiences as a young 17 year old private pilot, 22 years as an Air Force pilot, five years as a captain for Japan Airlines, 19 years as an FAA inspector and a warbird pilot for the Planes of Fame Air Museum. Some of the prominent chapters relate to flying the T-6, C-54, C-82, C-119, C-47, C-45, T-33, F-100, C-133 and FM-2 Wildcat.

I believe the book presents an interesting story that will keep both aviation and non-aviation interested readers eager to read the next page. I not only relive my flying adventures in easy to read text, but include many illustrations and anecdotes of a young carefree pilot reminiscing a fascinating life. For those who have read my award-winning book, *Wings Over Persia*, you're in for another great read. Autographed copies may be obtained at a ten dollar discount price of \$24.50 (plus \$2.50 S. & H.) by sending a check to: Louis J. Martin,

13268 Huntington Ter., Apple Valley, MN. 55124. I may be contacted at:

pilotlou@aol.com or 952-891-1250. *Close Encounters with the Pilot's Grim Reaper* may be reviewed on: Trafford.com (search).

Happy Summer,
Lou Martin

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