



# C G W H E E L

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

Stillwater School Activities 2006-07 School Year

## LAST WEEK'S PROGRAM

Last week's program was Lindsey Drake, who spoke about her studies in Venezuela as a recipient of a post graduate scholarship from Rotary District 5960. Her comments about the political leadership in a country which is not friendly to the United States was very interesting.

## UPCOMING PROGRAMS

August 24- Membership  
 August 31- Senator Mark Dayton  
 September 7 - Bringing Live Theater Back to Stillwater

## CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

Kathleen Marcy- 8 years

## GUESTS SPEAKERS

Lindsay Drake- 2005 Ambassadorial Scholar

## MAKEUPS

Tim Anderson- Corn Roast  
 Tracy Bachmeier- Corn Roast  
 Merylyn Cummings- July Board  
 Sheryl E-Marshall- Corn Roast  
 Sue Finney- July Board  
 David Jennings- Corn Roast  
 Lori Johnson- Corn Roast  
 Dave Magnuson- July Board  
 Ross Manni- Corn Roast  
 Scott Mercer-July Board  
 Dave Palmer-Corn Roast  
 Peter Polga- July Board  
 D.J. Raduenz- Corn Roast

Bob Safe- Stillwater Sunrise  
 Hank Simpson- Corn Roast  
 Roger Smith- July Board  
 Suzi Smith- July Board  
 Gretchen Stein- July Board  
 Jim Tonrey- Corn Roast

## ATTENDANCE

98.52%

## PRESIDENTS CONOR

Last week we adopted a new Constitution and Bylaws. By doing so, we have also adopted some exciting organizational revisions to our club. We are now ready for our members to volunteer their service to our new committees and subcommittees.

For the next couple weeks or so each table will have a summary of our new committees and subcommittees as well as their descriptions. As previously announced, that same information is available on our web site ([www.stillwaterrotary.com](http://www.stillwaterrotary.com)). Each member is encouraged to review this information and decide which committees and subcommittees inspires their desire for service.

I will circulate a sign-up sheet for the next couple of weeks. You may also call me or email with your committee assignment requests. There is much to be done by our club and we need your active participation very much. The board wishes each member to sign up for at least two subcommittees. As in the past, we will assume that members who do not sign up for their desired committees or subcommittees are flexible in being assigned where they are needed most.

There is great opportunity of our club to achieve some significant service to our local and international communities. The service of each member makes a huge difference in our club achieving the many goals we profess to pursue through the Four Avenues of Service. Service requires action. Your action starts by signing up today! Thank you.

David Jennings  
President

**IMPORTANT DATES**

8	1	2006	August : RI Membership Month
8	14	2006	Board Meeting
9	1	2006	September : RI New Generations Month
9	11	2006	Board Meeting
9		2006	Russians Visit
9		2006	Camp Enterprise Applications Accepted
9		2006	Youth Exchange Student Applications Accepted
9		2006	District Fall Mid-Term Meeting

**FOUNDATION’S FISCAL HEALTH IS TOP-RATED BY LAEDING U.S. EVALUATOR**

Charity Navigator, a leading evaluator of public charities, has awarded The Rotary Foundation its top rating of four stars.

Established to help individuals make intelligent giving choices, the nonprofit Charity Navigator provides free ratings of tax-exempt charities based in the United States that receive substantial public support (more than \$500,000). Charity Navigator also considers length of operation and program type before including an organization on its master list for evaluation.

Currently, Charity Navigator evaluates the organizational efficiency, organizational capacity, and overall financial health of more than 5,000 charities.

“Less than a quarter of the charities we evaluate

have received our highest rating, indicating that The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International outperforms the majority of nonprofits in America with respect to fiscal responsibility,” says Trent Stamp, executive director of Charity Navigator, in the letter announcing RI’s four-star rating.

A four-star rating indicates an exceptional financial performance; a three-star rating signifies a good financial performance; a two-star indicates a need for improvement; and a one-star denotes a poor performance. A rated organization not awarded any stars is considered exceptionally poor.

An organization’s overall rating stems from its overall score from seven performance categories. For each category, an organization can receive a score from 0 to 10. The overall score of a four-star charity ranges from 60 to 70. An organization is awarded no stars if its overall score is less than 25. The Foundation received an overall score of 60.92.

Learn more about the ratings at [www.charitynavigator.org](http://www.charitynavigator.org).

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