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# The Gimlet

Rotary Club of Duluth No. 25

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Melinda Machones  
Chairperson of the Day



Bob Poulter  
Fellowship Reporter of the Day

**"FairVote Minnesota: Election Reform  
and Advanced Election Technologies"**  
Jeanne Massey  
Executive Director of FairVote Minnesota

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**Dates to Remember**

- Thurs., July 31st—"Samson et Dalila"—6:30 p.m.—Marshall Performing Arts Center
- Thurs., Aug. 7th—Vista Star Cruise—6:00 p.m.
- Tues., Aug. 12th—Fun Food Night at the McCabe's—5:00 p.m.
- Fri., Aug. 29th—Fellowship Breakfast—7:30 a.m.—Northland

**Committee Meeting**

- Tues., Aug. 5th—Rose—Noon—Forest Suite
- Tues., Aug. 12th—Program—Noon—Forest Suite
- Wed., Aug. 13th—Int'l Service—Noon—Missabe
- Wed., Aug. 13th—Centennial—Noon—Forest Suite

**Happy Birthday & Years of Service**

- Wally Holt—July 27th—29 yrs.
- John Woodworth—July 28th—1 yr.
- Dan Mundt—July 28th—47 yrs.
- Charlie Bertel—July 29th—17 yrs.
- Steve Bjorum—July 30th—2 yrs.
- Dick Palmer—August 1st—32 yrs.
- Peter Austin—August 1st—26 yrs.
- Eddie Michalski—August 1st—9 yrs.
- Tricia Bunten—August 1st—6 yrs.

**Thursday at Rotary**

by Ann Glumac

**Hitting the Highs and Lows**

The challenges for mere mortals trying to sing our lovely national anthem can be significant – hitting the very high highs and finding the lowest of lows. During Thursday's singing of "The Star Spangled Banner," however, pianist **Jack Bowman** and director **Barb Perrella** called upon the talents of cast members from UMD's *Sieur Du Luth* Summer Arts Festival. Frankly, Club 25 has never sounded quite this good—and likely never will again. Cast members included young professionals from Turkey, Norway, Germany, New Mexico and New York! Two of the soloists, John Murray and Julie-Marie Sundal, later sang a short duet from the performance of "Samson et Dalila."

**The Good News from Rotarians**

**Sheryl Homan** started us out right with an invocation that reminded us of all the good news that surrounds us – flowers blooming, Twins winning, gas prices declining ever so slightly – and Fellowship Reporter **Merry Wallin** found even more things to celebrate:

Parker Olson, grandson of **Dick Olson** and nephew of **Jim Olson**, was named to the All-American Prospect Team out of Miami and played in a tournament in Marietta, Georgia.

**Jeff Iisakka** has been promoted to vice president and director of operations for northern Minnesota for Kraus-Anderson Construction Company.

**PrezBonita** has added another very compelling title to her resume – grandmother to first grandchild, Kyle, who was born last week and weighed in a quarter-ounce short of six pounds.

**Laura Zahn** of Edward Jones was recognized for her outstanding sales and service efforts, sharing the A.F. McKenzie Achievement Award with 1,515 other financial advisers among a pool of more than 10,000.

**What Goes Around....**

**Andy Wheeler** received public kudos for receiving his certification as a financial planner from the Certified Financial Planner Board of Standards. Proud Papa **Tom Wheeler** paid his son's fine, saying: "I'm covering for Andy. He gets his certification, and he's on Cape Cod, while I'm here working." This prompted **Earl Rogers** to note that, at one time, Tom worked for his father, too, and that the senior Wheeler supported Tom's gallivanting!

**Secrets of Dragon Boat Success**

**Pete Gravett** is soliciting three or four more Rotarians to round out Club 25's Dragon Boat rowing squad. While all seats are filled, the team is looking for some additional talent to add some relief to paddlers. As an added incentive, Pete noted that the team has its own masseuse....

**Making Dreams Real**

District Governor Robert "Tully" Chambers breathed life into the theme of Rotary International President D.K. Lee during his remarks to Club 25. D.G. Tully was joined by his wife, Marilyn, who is the president-elect of the Wahpeton, N.D. Club, during his official visit. After a 38-year career practicing surgery, D.G. Tully now is teaching college-level microbiology when he isn't visiting Rotary clubs around the district.



Assistant District Governor Julie Rothmeier, Marilyn Chambers, President Bonita and District Governor Tully Chambers following our annual Club Assembly

The D.G. highlighted Club 25's efforts to re-invent itself and to tackle challenges unique to larger clubs – such as the subcultures that can develop among a large and diverse membership. He also encouraged the Club to follow through on plans to take on more meaningful international projects.

Perhaps most important, D.G. Tully encouraged Rotarians to "walk through the Looking Glass to a life of exciting service" and Make Dreams Real. Noting that 26,000 children under five die every day in our world, D.G. Tully said that literacy, water and sanitation, health and hunger programs are key to saving these young lives – both at the local level and internationally.

"We can solve it, one little problem at a time," he said, both at the club level and internationally. "See our planet as a community," he urged.

**Next Week's Program**

**Come Cruise with Rotary Club 25!**

Cruise away your worries on the Vista Fleet! Thursday, August 7th (replacing our regular meeting)

Cruise Lake Superior and her Duluth harbor for a two-hour experience of fabulous hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar on a Great Lake with your fellow Rotarians! What could be better?!

Boarding begins at: 6:00 p.m.; Depart the dock: 6:30 p.m.; Returning around 8:30 p.m.

Tickets: \$27.50/Rotarians (including your usual luncheon charge) and \$40/Guests and Visiting Rotarians

Boarding will be from the Canal Park dock at 323 Harbor Drive across from the DECC.

Please make your reservations by Monday, August 4th!

## Ambassadors Extraordinary

Jerry Sundquist–Mpls. (2)  
Allen Anway–Cloquet (7/22)  
Roni Salo, Sandy Hoff–Harbortown (7/23)  
Susan Ginder–North Shore (7/22)  
Jennifer Hawkins, Gary Turner, Scott Bradt,  
Howard Klatzky (2)–eClub

## Clay Bird Shoot

Mark your calendars... Wednesday, August 27th, the 14th annual Rotary Clay Bird Shoot will be held 3:00 P.M. until dark. Details to follow.

## Fellowship Breakfasts

Our next Fellowship Breakfast will be 7:30 a.m. Friday, August 29th, at Northland Country Club. Our Fellowship Breakfasts – always on the last Friday of the month – are wonderful, low-key gatherings in a beautiful setting, and they qualify for attendance credit, too. Double your pleasure and bring a guest.

## Rotaract

The Rotaract Club will meet on Tues., Aug. 5th, at 11:30 a.m. at Northland Country Club. Come and hear their plans...and get attendance credit too!

## Skyline Peach Sale

Tickets are now available from any Skyline Rotarian for their annual peach sale. The cost for a lug is \$30 this year. Their goal is to sell 1,496 lugs...up from 1,488 lugs last year. The pickup dates are August 15 and 16. This is their largest fundraiser of the year, so help them out by buying the fruit.

Get your tickets from **Earl Rogers, Dick Olson** or any Skyline Rotarian.

## Board Action

Accepted with deep regret the resignations of **Sheryl A. Homan** and **Ron Franzen**. Sheryl has returned to graduate school and is unable to be an active member at this time, and Ron's duties at St. Luke's prevent him from active membership. We extend our best wishes to them, and we hope that when time permits, they will return to the Club.

Granted a request from **Seth Oliver** for a six-month leave of absence.

## Fun Food Night/Fundraiser

Join **Tom McCabe** and **John Moir** on Tuesday, August 12th at 5:00 p.m. for a Fun Food Night. It will be held at the McCabe home on "The Lake." There will be fun, good

food, fellowship and music. Start the evening with wine and assorted goodies followed by a musical program "Two on a Keyboard" presented by Gretchen Chelseth and Alice McCabe. Then enjoy all the deep fried wall-eye and fixings that you can eat. Finish the evening with dessert and coffee.

Cost for the evening is \$75 per person. Sign up soon because last year it sold out!

## Experience the Arts Summer Arts Festival

Come and experience the arts by attending "Samson et Dalila" on Thurs., July 31st.

This grand opera is part of the third annual Sieur Du Luth Summer Arts Festival at UMD. The festival is globally influenced and created with more than 100 international students who help bring the productions to life.

The price of the tickets is \$27 for adults and \$22 for seniors and includes a box dinner prepared from Mount Royal Fine Foods. Dinners will be available beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the lobby of Marshall Performing Arts Center. Seating is available in the lobby or in the Ordean Courtyard (weather permitting). The performance is at 7:30 p.m.

Reservations will be accepted until Thurs., July 24th. Return your ticket form that has been on our tables each week or make your reservation by calling 726-8561.

## Group Study Exchange

The RI Group Study Exchange Program is an exciting five-week vocational and cultural exchange opportunity that can provide an invaluable life enhancing experience for young professionals in our community! GSE team members enjoy international adventure and education coupled with Rotary hospitality that promotes goodwill and understanding between individuals, districts and nations. Participants also gain important leadership and diplomacy skills, enhance their cultural understanding, develop global linkages, learn about their vocation abroad and are provided a unique insight into all that Rotary does.

The next GSE Team opportunity will be a vocational visit to Taiwan in May/June 2009. While in Taiwan, team members will stay with Rotarians who will provide meals, lodging and group travel in the host district. The Rotary Foundation provides a round-trip air ticket. Team members pay only for personal and incidental expenses. We are looking for young professionals age 25- 40, employed full time, and residing in Rotary District 5580. Applications are available on the Rotary District website. Rotarians are not eligible.

Rotarians...are you looking for a unique leadership and educational opportunity? The District is looking for an energetic and enthusiastic Rotarian to lead the team to Taiwan. The role of team leader is a worthwhile challenge. A team leader performs the vital role of shepherding the team through the preparation and travel portion of the experience, acting primarily as organizing nexus, Rotary subject-matter expert, and exemplary diplomat. The team leader maintains the ideals of Rotary and encourages the team members throughout the process to be the best they can be.

Please nominate a team member or consider being the team's leader. Check the District website for eligibility requirements and applications. Closing date for applications and essays of interest is Fri., Aug. 29th.

The address is [http://www.clubrunner.ca/dprg/DxHome/\\_home.aspx?did=5580](http://www.clubrunner.ca/dprg/DxHome/_home.aspx?did=5580)

## What Paul Harris Said

"Why should a man (or woman) continue to strive for more wealth after (s)he has acquired reasonable sufficiency?

The money quest is largely habit, is it not? or is it a disease? Whatever it may be it has a deadly grip.

There is a growing number of men (and women), however, who possess sufficient character to enable them to master their own destinies, to turn abruptly in their tracks when the time comes to give up the pursuit of the almighty dollar and devote themselves to their second business: attention to the world's needs.

The larger this number becomes, the easier it will be for others to follow. The progress of civilization depends upon these men (and women) of character."

Paul P. Harris' message to the RI Convention in Los Angeles 1922 (read more here <http://www.rotaryfirst100.org/presidents/conventions/1922/index.htm>)

## How Do You Decide Who to Marry?

(written by kids)

You got to find somebody who likes the same stuff. Like, if you like sports, she should like it that you like sports, and she should keep the chips and dip coming.

–Alan, age 10

No person really decides before they grow up who they're going to marry. God decides it all way before, and you get to find out later who you're stuck with.

–Kristen, age 10