



*ROTARY DISTRICT  
CONFERENCE 2008  
5950 & 5960*

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*APRIL 25-27, 2008*

*ARROW WOOD RESORT, ALEXANDRIA, MINNESOTA*

# ROTARY DISTRICT 5950 & 5960 CONFERENCE



# Schedule of Events

## FRIDAY, APRIL 25, 2008

2:00 pm	Registration Opens	
3:00 pm	Opening Plenary.....	Lake Osakis
	Keynote Speaker-Dan DeMuth, <i>The Mental Game of Golf</i> "Improving Performance on and off the Course"	
5:00 pm	District 5950 Foundation Team Meeting.....	Executive Board Room 2
6:00 pm	Rotary Foundation Private Reception By Invitation.....	Lake Minnewaska
7:00 pm	Opening Dinner.....	Lake Darling Ballroom
	Keynote Speaker-Jill Blashack Strahan, <i>Tastefully Simple Founder</i>	
	Hospitality Suite Hosted by The Rotary Club of Shakopee.....	Lake Miltona

## SATURDAY, APRIL 26, 2008

8:00 am	Hearty Continental Breakfast.....	Lake Darling Ballroom
	Keynote Speaker-Judge Linn Slattengren	
9:30 am	Business Meeting	
	District 5950.....	Lake Minnewaska
	District 5960.....	Lake Osakis
11:00 am	House of Friendship Grand Opening.....	Exhibit Center
12:00 am	Lunch.....	Lake Darling Ballroom
	Present Ethics Essay Contest Winners	
	Keynote Speaker-Lorna Landvik	
2:00 pm	Breakout Sessions	
	<b>Haiti Water Project</b> .....	Lake Le Homme Dieu
	MC, DGE Chris Holm, RC of Minneapolis	
	<b>Dan DeMuth</b> .....	Lake Miltona
	MC, PDG Doug Johnson, RC of Mankato	
	<b>Membership Roundtable</b> .....	Lake Itasca
	MC, Greg Krauska, RC of Chanhassen and Jim McCarville, RC of Chisago Lakes	
	<b>Nicaragua Initiative</b> .....	Lake Osakis
	MC, David Newman, RC of Stillwater Sunrise	
	<b>The Rotary Foundation-New Visions</b> .....	Lake Minnewaska
	Speakers, Rotary International President's Representative, John Smarge and PDG Tom Thorfinnson	
2:00 pm	District 5960 Scholarship Committee Meeting.....	Executive Board Room 2

Rotary is an organization of business and professional men and women *with* *local* *clubs* who provide *leadership* *and* *encourage* *high* *ethical* *standards* in all vocations, and help build *goodwill* *and* *peace* in the world.



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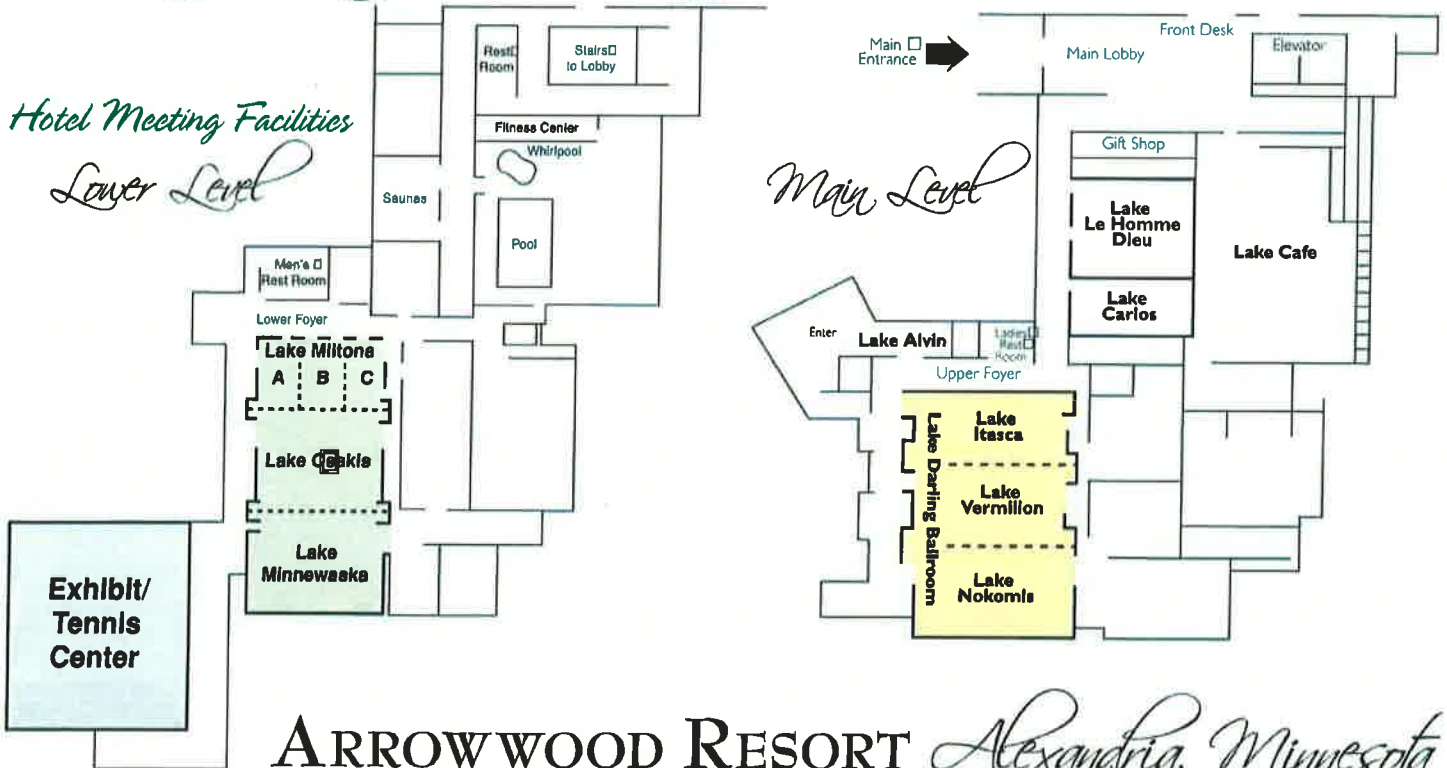
- 3:00pm Breakout Sessions  
Group Study Exchange Team Presentations.....Lake Minnewaska  
Finland, District 5950  
Brazil, District 5960  
Peru, District 5960
- 4:00 pm - 6:45 pm Silent Auction (proceeds of the Auction go to PolioPlus Partners).....Exhibit Center
- 6:00 pm Cocktail Hour.....Exhibit Center  
All welcome, Cash Bar
- 7:00 pm Dinner.....Lake Darling Ballroom  
Keynote Speaker-**John Smarge, RI President's Representative**  
Hospitality Suite Hosted by The Rotary Club of Forest Lake.....Lake Miltona



# SUNDAY, APRIL 27, 2008

- 9:00 am Ecumenical Service.....Lake Osakis  
Bill Montgomery, RC of River Falls
- 10:00 am Youth Exchange Brunch.....Lake Darling Ballroom  
The Youth Exchange Talent Show
- 12:00 am District Conference Committee Wrap-up Meeting..... Lake Le Homme Dieu

## Locations of Events



ARROWWOOD RESORT *Alexandria, Minnesota*

# Keynote Speakers

Friday 3:00 pm

**Dan DeMuth** is the founder and President of *Performance in Motion*, a company that integrates the principles of awareness education through golf to enable individuals to achieve extraordinary results in life and business. The coaching techniques used by Dan allow his clients to realize success through their ability to generate innovative ways to solve problems and foster better relationships.  
[www.forbettergolf.com](http://www.forbettergolf.com)

Friday 7:00 pm

In 1995, **Jill Blashack Strahan** began *Tastefully Simple* in a 1,200 square-foot shed with no running water. Using a pool table as a packing station, she bootstrapped the business with her own savings, an investment from silent partner Joani Nielson, and a \$20,000 Small Business Administration loan.

Eleven years later, it's easy to see how Jill Blashack Strahan's vision has paid off. *Tastefully Simple* has become an award-winning company with more than 300 team members and nearly 20,000 independent consultants nationwide.  
[www.tastefullysimple.com](http://www.tastefullysimple.com)

Saturday 8:00 am

**Judge Linn Slattengren** has been an International Judge for the United Nations Mission in Kosovo since 2003 and currently serves on the Supreme Court of Kosovo.

Linn is a member of the Rotary Club of Chisago Lakes and has helped charter 3 clubs in Kosovo and is working on 2 more provisional clubs where ethnic groups do not typically associate with each other—ground breaking work. He also was published as the cover article in *Bench & Bar* in 2004 entitled "Lending a Hand in Kosovo" which summarized early thoughts and experiences in Kosovo.

Saturday 12:00 pm

Writing and theater were **Lorna Landvik's** twin passions when she was growing up in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Landvik is a comedian and motivational speaker who has continued to nurture her interest in theater; appearing with the nationally acclaimed improvisational group "Dudley Riggs," and acting in plays such as "Bad Seed," "Lunatic Cellmates," "Valley of the Dolls," "On the Lam with Do and Rae," "The Smelt Princess," "And the Winner Is," and "My Backyard Party."

[www.randomhouse.com/features/lornalandvik](http://www.randomhouse.com/features/lornalandvik)

Saturday 7:00 pm

*RT Deschutes's Representative*

**John Smarge** has been a Rotarian and resident of Naples, Florida since 1981. His classification is Moving and Storage. John and his wife Cindy are Major Donors, Bequest Society Members and Paul Harris Society Members.

Internationally, John has twice been a Delegate to the Council on Legislation and twice a Member of the RI Board of Directors Nominating Committee. Additionally, he has served as both a Rotary International Membership Coordinator and Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator.

John has received numerous awards for his Rotary Service including *The Rotary Foundation Citation for Meritorious Service*, the *Rotary International Service Above Self Award*, and in 1999 was recognized as the *District 6960 Rotarian of the Decade*.

# A Special Thanks To:

Julie Boyland	Bill Montgomery
Gary Campbell	Steve Morris
Brendan Cox	Gary Mosiman
Ken Crabb	Mike Mullin
Bridget Cusick	Jim Nelson
Mary Daniels	Dave Newman
Jeanne Doheny	Gayle Noakes
Steve Fiskum	Suzen O'Brien
Judy Freund	Dick Parrish
Barbara Hanson	Ann Porter
Bun Hanson	Dana Rebelein
Chris Holm	Deb Rentchler
Shaun Irwin	Doug Schmitt
Kellie Janssen	Ron Smith
Doug Johnson	Cathy Smith
Pat Joyce	Susan Spiers
Kevin Klimek	Lynda Stahl
Greg Krauska	David Stein
Tim Kudalis	Jon Stillman
Gary Laurent	Jane Stillman
Kathy Lillis	Christine Taylor
Chrysanne Manoles	Dave Thompson
Jim McCarville	Donna Tiede
Mark McNeill	Jeanne Walz
Russ Michaletz	Al Zdrazil

Sincere appreciation is given to the many Rotarians and friends who have stepped up to the plate to put the "shine" on this conference!

## Conference Committee

Gable Clark	District 5950 Conference Chair
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Jack Gibbons	Foundation Reception Co-Host
Shelia Gilbertson	Decorations Committee Chair
Newell Krogmann	House of Friendship Committee Chair
Julie Larson	District 5960 Conference Chair
Tammy Laurent	District Governor 5950
Clare Lillis	District Governor 5960
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Patricia Seabloom	Hospitality Committee Chair
Dick Shorma	Special Events Committee Chair
Tom Thorfinnson	Host RI President's Representative
Jamie Thorfinnson	Host RI President's Representative
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