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VITAL STATISTICS

MEMBERSHIP: 262

AMBASSADORS: Chris Bedney & Sarah Burrington, eClubOne; Jerry Downes, Ft Myers, FL X2; Walt Menning, Ponte Vedra Beach, FL; Ingrid Neel, Saaremaa, Estonia; Jim Sloan, Tahiti.

GREATER ROCHESTER ROTARY: 2/27/08: Judy O'Fallon 3/5/08: Jerry Watson 3/12/08: Lynn Clarey, Mark Ostrem.

ROCHESTER ROTARY RISERS: 3/4/08: John Woodruff, John Brandrup, X2.

2008 ROCHESTER ROTARY CLUB BENEFIT AUCTION

The Rotary Club Benefit Auction will be held Thursday, May 1, with an Italian theme and fare. It is an evening of great fun with your fellow Rotarians and guests.



Silent and Live Auction and Raffle Drawing

Thursday, May 1, 2008

6:00 – 10:00 p.m. (no noon meeting)

Ramada Hotel & Conference Center

Each member is asked to donate an item valued at \$50 or more to be auctioned at the silent or live auction. Complete the donation form on **page four** of this newsletter and submit by April 4. Donated items should be delivered by April 16. Invitations are in the mail and also available on **page five** of this newsletter!

Why does our club hold an auction?

The answer is simple - to raise funds for several worthwhile projects. Our club holds this auction every other year with this year being our fourth adventure. In 2006, the auction raised \$28,000! While this is truly an amazing amount, we are confident we can reach this year's goal of raising \$30,000!

Funds raised from the auction will benefit the STRIVE program, Youth LINC, World Relief Service and the Southeast Minnesota Flood Relief (park/youth-related).

BIRTHDAYS

HAPPY APRIL BIRTHDAYS!

<u>Birthday</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Birthplace</u>
April 2	Sheryl Barlow	Jefferson, IA
April 3	Norb Fitzpatrick	Rochester, MN
	Rachel Hurt	Rochester, MN
	Ellen Nelson	Minneapolis, MN
April 4	Linda Bonow	St Paul, MN
	Alan Sessler	Boston, MA
	Jim Frye	Topeka, Kansas
April 5	Bill Ryan	Minneapolis, MN
April 6	Mary Callier	Hutchinson, MN
April 7	Jack Spittell	Baltimore, MD
April 8	Duane Feragen	Grand Forks, ND
	Ingrid Neel	Kuressaare, Estonia
April 9	Linda Klovstad	Superior, WI
April 16	Dan Soderberg	Rochester, MN
April 17	Janice Farris	Ephrata, WA
	Jane Piepgras	Austin, MN
April 19	John Hunziker	Mankato, MN
April 20	Gail Sauter	Owatonna, MN
April 22	Steve Lehmkuhle	Dayton, OH
April 26	Art Kennel	Gap, PA
	Linda Rings	Akron, OH
	Bob Sheridan	St Charles, MN
April 27	Dan O'Neil	Rochester, MN
April 29	Paul Olander	Morris, MN
	Jeff Allman	Hammond IN
April 30	Don Scholz	Cleveland, OH

ELECTRONIC MAKEUPS

Can't make it to Rotary? There is an electronic makeup opportunity at www.rotaryclubone.org

ROTARY NEWS

- A resignation has been received from **Mark Hettinger** and was accepted with regrets.
- Thanks to all who helped with the March meetings. Invocations: **Mary Wellik, Phil Karsell, Fred Banfield, Jerry Williams**. Introduce Visitors: **Hilla Ferguson, Jim Wiekamp, Leigh Johnson**. Desk: **Angie Rustad, Danae Ostern**. Greeters: **John Brockman, Sheryl Barlow, Darliss Huss, Bill Wiktor, Tim Weir, Karen Erlenbusch**, 4 Way Test: **Dianna Parks, Merlin Ricklefs, Chris Cross, Ashleigh Rosson**. Music: **Ann Beatty**
- We will need a driver to take our three Camp RYLA students to camp near Hudson Wisconsin on Friday, April 25th. They need to be there late afternoon. Please call if you can assist.

Rotary Auction Raffle Tickets

\$25/each



You could win your Dream Vacation!

Prize is a \$3,000 Travel Voucher
and \$1,000 Spending Money - a \$4,000 value!

Drawing will be Thursday, May 1, 2008,
at the Rotary Club Auction

(Need not be present to win)

Only 500 tickets will be sold.

Purchase a couple of tickets (or more) for yourself
and sell a few more to your friends.
Tickets will be sold at Rotary meetings.

VALUED ASSOCIATES DAY – APRIL 24 WINDSOR HALL – KAHLER HOTEL

Please invite, as your guest, a person or persons who works with you to this meeting. It is an opportunity for them to find out what happens when you need to rush out of the door on Thursdays to that thing called “Rotary”. We will need sign ups for a count and to have name tags ready. (You can email Lois if you are bringing guests or sign-up at upcoming meetings)

SENIOR STUDENTS....

If you have a student that's a senior in high school this year, please let us know. We will invite them to a Rotary meeting before school is out.

APRIL ROTARY CALENDAR

- April 3** **Kahler Hotel – Heritage Hall -**
Group Study Exchange Team
from Peru
- April 10** **Kahler Hotel – Heritage Hall –**
Terry Waletzki, Homeland Security
& Emergency Management, “What
the Public and Private Sector Need
to Know”
- April 17** **Rotation Day -** all members will be
notified where to go. If you haven't
heard by noon on Wednesday,
please call the office.
- April 24** **Kahler Hotel - Windsor Hall -**
Mindy Morris & Kaitlyn Johnson,
“YouthLINC Students – Serving
Rochester and Kenya” (This is
Valued Associate Day)

OTHER MEETINGS AND EVENTS

- April 10** **Rotary Board of Directors Meeting**
7 a.m., Kahler Hotel, Mayo
Brothers Room
- April 23** **Rotary Information Meeting -**
12 p.m., Directors Room, Kahler
- April 24** **White Oaks Park -** 6 p.m. - Clean
up/mulching of trees. Bring shovels
and a wheel barrow if possible.
- April 25-27** **2008 Rotary District 5960/5960**
Conference, Arrowwood Resort,
Alexandria, Minnesota
- April 29** **STRIVE Banquet -** 5:30 p.m. -
Mayo Civic Center Banquet Hall
- May 1** **Rochester Rotary Club Auction -**
evening meeting – Ramada Hotel &
Conference Center
- May 8** **District Assembly -** Owatonna -
5:30-8:30 p.m. - All incoming
officers and directors.



LOOKING BACK IN THE MOCCASIN FLOWER March 1958

Our program title, “Parking – Local & National Problem.” Glenn Miller displayed our new club flag and will, with the aid of Ernie Schlitgus, explain the significance of its symbols. We had 64 visiting Rotarians.

FAST FOR HOPE – DISTRICT PROJECT

During 2007, two delegations of Rotarians from our district traveled to Nicaragua in order to further determine if Nicaragua met the selection criteria of the task force and to begin to explore Fast for Hope opportunities in Nicaragua.

After visiting a variety of opportunities, our District has initially selected the Masaya Rotary Club and the village of Las Cortezas to work with. Masaya is about 30 miles from Managua and Las Cortezas is a village of about 1,225 residents, most of whom live in extreme poverty. There is currently no other nongovernmental organization doing work there.

There are two significant differences between this year's Fast for Hope effort and efforts in prior years.



1. That we are focusing on one village, but rather than tackling one project our objective is to simultaneously address the myriad of factors which are interconnected and that cause extreme poverty. It is our conviction that by helping Las Cortezas with the broad range of interconnected issues they will be able to extract themselves from extreme poverty.
2. That while we can assist and inspire, the villagers themselves must identify their needs and potential solutions. This becomes extremely challenging in a community where because generation after generation has lived in extreme poverty, the villagers have come to believe that living in extreme poverty is a condition that they are destined to experience the rest of their life. It is very difficult to teach people how to identify what they need to do and can do to change this condition, when their entire effort and focus in on surviving to the next day. Yet it has to be done in order for this effort to be effective.

These two elements in combination form the cornerstone of sustainable community development.

ROTATION DAY – APRIL 17

PLEASE LET LOIS KNOW IF YOU CAN HOST OR IF YOU CANNOT ATTEND ROTATION DAY!

What happens on Rotation Day?

All members either host or are assigned a place to go for lunch. This goes back to the early days of Rotary when Rotarians rotated their meeting site each week. It gives you the opportunity to get to know each other a little better and find out about your host's occupation.

What is the Host's Responsibility?

Hosts sign up and give the number of members they would like to accommodate for lunch. This can vary from a minimum of six to whatever number you have room for. Hosts are given a list of names to host, and they invite their guests - giving directions, etc. They order lunches. All members have already paid for their Rotation Day lunches with their dues so all the host has to do is submit a billing to the office for the lunches.

During the meeting time, 12 – 1:30 p.m. – members can introduce themselves and the hosts can tell about their occupation and in some cases go on a tour of their facilities. They take attendance and turn it in to the office.

What to Those Attending Do?

First and foremost, **respond to the host**, let them know you are attending so they can order lunches and prepare for you. For those of you that have email, you will probably hear that way.

What if I Cannot Attend?

Please let us know you are not planning to attend so we don't assign you. If you have not heard where to go by noon the day before the Rotation Day, please call the office at **252-0085**.

PAST PRESIDENT RICK LIEN

Rotary Board Member

The "past president" serves on the Rotary board for one year. During the year, the principle responsibility of the "past president" is one of working and supporting fund raising efforts for the Rotary Foundation. Focusing on foundation matters is essential, since the funds raised are the "life blood" of Rotary at the local, district, and international levels.

The other responsibilities of the "past president" are to facilitate the flow of information between past and future leadership and to add counsel on board matters.

Serving on the board has been a stimulating, interesting, and rewarding experience. The board, like most other Rotary activities, is comprised of people who are committed to service. It has been, a privilege and pleasure to serve.



Rochester Rotary Benefit Auction 2008

It's back, and better than ever!

Date: Thursday, May 1, 2008, 6:00 – 10:00 p.m. *(replaces noon meeting)*

Location: Ramada Hotel & Conference Center

Fundraising goal: \$30,000

How the money will be used:

- STRIVE
- Youth LINC
- World Relief Service
- Southeast Minnesota Flood Relief (park/youth related)

How you can help: ***Think of a fabulous item to donate to the Auction!***

- Goal is to receive 200+ donations valued at \$50 or more for the silent auction and 10-15 items valued at \$200 or more for the live auction
- Fill out this form and turn it in at a Rotary meeting by April 4th
 - Or, fax this form to Anne Berberich at 287-2063
 - Or, e-mail your item description to anneb@uwolmsted.org or karene@uwolmsted.org
- Donated items can be brought to one of the following locations before April 18:
 - Rotary meeting
 - United Way of Olmsted County (903 West Center Street) or Tile Superstore (2411 7 ST NW)

Auction item to be donated (please describe below):

Estimated Value \$_____

Would you prefer this be a Silent Auction item or a Live Auction item? (Please note: the auction committee reserves the right to make the final designation.)

- Silent Auction Item Live Auction Item No Preference

Where would you prefer to drop off the item (prior to April 18)?

- Rotary meeting United Way of Olmsted County
903 W Center ST NW Tile Superstore
2411 7 St NW

Name _____

E-mail address _____

Daytime phone _____

Please fill out and turn in at Rotary or fax to Anne Berberich 287-2063 by April 4th. Questions? Contact Anne or Karen at 287-2000. THANK YOU!!



You and a guest are invited to the

4th Biennial Rotary Auction on Thursday, May 1, 2008

In place of our noon meeting

Ramada Hotel & Conference Center

Social Hour/Cash Bar: 6:00pm

Silent Auction: 6:00pm-8:30pm

Dinner and Brief Rotary Meeting: 7:00pm-8:15pm

Live Auction: 8:45pm-10:00pm

\$25 per person Italian Buffet includes ...

Italian Pasta Salad | Tossed Caesar Salad | Italian Meat Sauce, Marinara & Alfredo Sauce
Fettuccini and Penne Pasta | Baked Lasagna | Garlic Toast | Dessert

Casual attire – jeans are fine, ties are not! All items must be paid for and taken with you at the close of the auction. Bring cash or your checkbook – Credit card payment is NOT available.

RSVP with payment by Monday, April 14, 2008



The Rochester Rotary Club Benefit Auction | Thursday, May 1, 2008

Please make _____ reservations for

Name/Names _____

Enclosed is a check for \$ _____ (\$25 per person)

Reservations and payment must be received by April 14. Thank you.

Checks payable to Rochester Rotary Club

Rochester Rotary Club, 1112 11th Avenue NE, Rochester, MN 55906

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ROTARY CLUB OF ROCHESTER

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Club No. 2047 District No. 5960

THE FOUR-WAY TEST

- Is it the truth?
- Is it fair to all concerned?
- Will it build good will and better friendships?
- Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

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WEB SITES

Rochester Rotary Club: www.rochesterrotaryclubs.org

Links to STRIVE – Rotary US Bank Holiday Classic

District 5960: www.rotary5960.org

Rotary International: rotary.org

ACTIVE COMMITTEES

Four Avenues of Service
Club, Vocational, Community, International

CLUB SERVICE I

Linda Rings, Director

Greeters *Bill Wiktor*
 Membership Development *Doug Rovang*
 Visitors Desk *Dianna Parks*
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 Mentors *Mark Neville*

CLUB SERVICE II

Dan O’Neil, Director

Club Bulletin *Lorie Luedke, Lois Nietz*
 Club Web Site *Lorie Luedke*
 Invocations *Carla Nelson*
 Programs *Phil Karsell*
 Public Relations *Dana Funk*
 Four-Way Test *Ann Beatty*

CLUB SERVICE III

Mark Dripps, Director

Bell Ringing - Salvation Army *Paul Bleimeyer,*
Mark Neville
 Golf Day *Mike Schnell*
 Music *Jane Belau*
 Rotary Information *Leigh Johnson*

VOCATIONAL SERVICE

Linda Bonow, Director

Rotation Day *Linda Bonow*
 STRIVE *Audrey Betcher*
 Vocational Talks *Fred Banfield*
 Auction 2008 *Bill Nietz*

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Karen Ricklefs, Director

Library Host *Allan Sessler*
 Rotary US Bank Holiday Classic *Paul Barton,*
Laurel Schacht
 Quarry Hill Fall Festival *Carla Nelson*
 Rotary Reading Project *Cris Fischer*
 Service Above Self Awards *Mark St. Peter*
 Student Guests *Lance Papenfuss*
 Camp RYLA *Glenn VanLaningham*
 White Oaks Park *Ashok Patel, Stacy Sinner*
 Community Food Response *Glenn VanLaningham*

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

Karmen Reid, Director

Foundational Scholarships *Dave Moertel*
 Group Study Exchange Team *Gilda Banfield*
 Rotary International Foundation *Rick Lien*
 Youth Exchange *Hilla Ferguson*
 Gift of Life *Betty Devine, Brenda Walker*
 World Community Service *Judith O’Fallon*