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VITAL STATISTICS

MEMBERSHIP: 248

AMBASSADORS: Jane Belau, Detroit Lakes, MN; Dave Colville, Madelia, MN; Linda Herrick, Minneapolis, MN; Judith & Mike O'Fallon, Owatonna, MN; Bob Priem, Rice Lake, WI; Mark St Peter, Albert Lea, MN; Jim Sloan, Minneapolis, MN; Bill Wiktor, Seven Seas Voyager; Stan Cram, Mark Cairns X2; Brad Lohrbach, Michelle Mikkalson, eClubOne.

GREATER ROCHESTER ROTARY: Gilda Banfield, Melissa Brinkman, Jerry Downes, Mark Dripps, Joe McBride, Judith and Mike O'Fallon, Jane Piegras, Dan Soderberg, Chuck Springer.

ROCHESTER ROTARY RISERS: Jeff Allman, Bari Amadio, Mary Jo Kelly

STRIVE

STRIVE is a program for high school seniors who have faced some academic challenges, but want to make the most of their last year of high school. Students who choose to participate in STRIVE are matched with an adult mentor from one of the Rochester Rotary Clubs. Mentors are not tutors, but are there to offer support, encouragement and assistance.



Students and mentors meet once a month for about 50 minutes during the school day and talk about how school is going and what their plans are for the future. Meetings also include presentations on topics relevant to life after high school – college, careers, finances, etc. The goal is for students to improve their grades. Scholarships are awarded to those who show the most improvement in their GPA during the first three quarters of their senior year.

Please consider making a difference in the life of a high school senior by being a STRIVE mentor! Check-out the STRIVE Web page www.rochesterrotaryclubs.org/STRIVE for more information and to sign-up to become a mentor.

BIRTHDAYS

HAPPY AUGUST BIRTHDAYS!

<u>Birthday</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Birthplace</u>
August 1	Chris Colby	Scottsbluff, NE
August 2	Terry Maus	Austin, MN
	Sharon Tuntland	Larchwood, IA
August 3	Rick Lien	Carthage, MO
	Lance Thorkelson	Rochester, MN
August 4	Jerry Needham	Caldwell, ID
	Stan Cram	LaCrosse, WI
August 6	Kim Adams	Harmony, WI
August 8	Todd Cordes	Minneapolis, MN
August 13	Cindy Sharp	Minneapolis, MN
August 16	J. Michael Homan	Portland, OR
August 17	Nick Kolas	Patra, Greece
August 22	Anne Beatty	Princeton, MN
August 23	Sue Dripps	Rochester, MN
	Al Fritsche	Kasson, MN
August 27	Merlin Ricklefs	Fort Dodge, IA
	Roy Yawn	Americus, GA
August 29	Ray Johnson	Harrisburg, IL
	Chris Bedney	Jefferson, IA
August 30	Richard Hurt	Murray, KT
	Glenn VanLaningham	Des Moines, IA
	Andy Thilges	Algona, IA

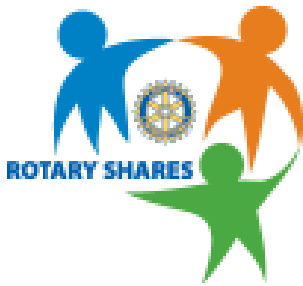
A QUOTE

From Henry Ford - about business, but he could have been talking about Rotary.

*“Coming together is a beginning.
Keeping together is progress.
Working together is success”*

ROTARY NEWS

- We extend our sympathy to **Mike O'Fallon** and family. Mike's mother passed away on July 26.
- New Paul Harris Fellows. In July **Joe McBride** awarded three Paul Harris Fellowships to three people he cares about: Agnes Lumenta, Daniel Durkin and Jean Jensch. **Ralph Spiekerman** honored his wife **Naomi** with a Paul Harris Fellowship.
- Your board has received and accepted with regrets the following resignations, **Beth and Greg Hostetter, Tom McComb, Ken Berge, Marty Anderson, Nancy Sears, Carolyn Piepho, Jeanne Huddleston, Michelle Pyfferoen, Dan Bieber.**
- Thanks to everyone who assisted with the Thursday meetings. Cashier: **Dana Funk**. Desk: **Brenda Walker, Cindy Sharp, Dan Skinner**. Invocations: **Sandra Means, Keri Smith-Norman, John Edmonson**. Introduction of Visitors: **Leigh Johnson, Mike O'Fallon, Thomas Moyer**. Greeters: **Christian Milaster, Bill Wiktor, Chris Bedney, Michael Homan**. 4 Way Test: **Chris Sanders, Dan O'Neil, Steve Sponsel**.
- **Dues are due now! Please pay promptly!**
- At our Installation of Officers meeting, Kim drew a name from the hat that had names of persons who proposed members last Rotary year. The person winning a Paul Harris Fellowship was **Laurel Schacht**. She will be designating her mother as the recipient of this award.



ROTARY GOLF BENEFIT FOR STRIVE

Be sure to sign up – payment in advance is required.

Date: Wednesday, August 22

Place: Willow Creek Golf Course

Time: Shotgun: 1:30 pm
Dinner: 6:00 pm

Cost: \$75 for Golf and Dinner
\$20 for Dinner

Checks: Rochester Rotary
1112 11th Ave NE
Rochester MN 55906



AUGUST ROTARY CALENDAR

August 2	Kahler Hotel - Heritage Hall Reed Yanowitz, Outbound Youth Exchange Student, spent a year in Argentina
August 9	Kahler Hotel - Heritage Hall Steve Riederer, Ph.D. "Imaging Research at Mayo"
August 16	Kahler Hotel - Heritage Hall Doug McGill, review of his book "Here"
August 23	Kahler Hotel - Heritage Hall Donald Layton, M.D. and Partner "Prostate Cancer"
August 30	Kahler Hotel - Heritage Hall Jim Behrends & Beth Thompson, "State Hospital Recognition"

OTHER MEETINGS AND EVENTS

August 9	Rotary Board of Directors Meeting 7 a.m., Directors Room, Kahler Hotel
August 16	White Oak Park - Help Clean our Rotary-sponsored City Park 6 - 7 p.m. (counts as a make-up)
August 21	Rotary Information Meeting 12 Noon, Directors Room, Kahler Hotel
August 22	Rotary Golf Outing Willow Creek - Proceeds go to the Rotary STRIVE program

LOOKING AHEAD

September 8	Provide dinner at Ronald McDonald House
September 13	No Noon Meeting - Evening meeting commemorating women in Rotary
September 15-16	Quarry Hill Fall Festival

"HONORING 20 YEARS OF WOMEN IN ROTARY"

On September 13, we will meet as a club in the evening to commemorate 20 years of women in Rochester Rotary. **Kim Adams, Al DeBoer, Marilyn Stewart, Brenda Walker and Leigh Johnson** are planning an entertaining evening. This is our regular meeting of the week – no noon meeting. Invitations and details will be coming soon.

FROM RECENT MEETINGS . . .



Rick and Kim exchange pins at Installation.



President Kim takes over the leadership.



Hilla Ferguson, left, presents a gift of a Paul Harris Fellowship to her friend and Rotary President Kim Adams. Joining Kim is her husband, Brett.



HOW TO PROPOSE A NEW MEMBER

1. Fill out a proposal form or call the office – we need to know name, occupation, place of employment.
2. Your membership proposal will be approved by your board. This is done either at a regular board meeting or by email.
3. It is a good idea to have the prospective member come as your guest to a Rotary meeting so they have some idea what a meeting is like.
4. You will be informed of the board's decision and told to invite the prospective member to attend an information meeting with you which is a luncheon held each month. The information meeting gives prospective members information on dues, what is expected of them in our membership and what we hope they will gain from being a member. They are also given a brief history of Rotary and of our club. No pressure is put on the prospective member. They are given an application card and if they wish to join our membership, they mail the card in.
5. When we receive the application card from the prospective member, we announce it to the membership and a week later they can be inducted into membership.
6. We ask you to give a brief introduction of the new member. A mentor will be assigned but please also keep your new member in mind. Are they attending? Are they enjoying Rotary? When events occur, give them a call or email – let them know about events such as our picnic, golf outing, etc.
7. New members can propose a new member any time after they come into membership. Everyone should **SHARE ROTARY!**

NEW MEMBER



Proposer Dana Funk with new member Sheryl Barlow, KAAL-TV.

ROTARY AREAS OF SERVICE

(Each month President Kim has asked her board to write an article describing their area of service. This month Director Karen Ricklefs talks about Community Service in our Club)

Often described as the “heartbeat of Rotary,” Community Service is a multi-focused effort to improve the quality of life within a community. From the very first Community Service Project in 1907, when founder Paul Harris led a campaign to have a public restroom installed at the city hall in Chicago, Illinois, Rotarians have been making substantial and lasting contributions to the communities in which they live. To a large extent, Rotary’s reputation is built on the myriad of community service projects undertaken by Rotarians in their communities and abroad.

Following are our community projects, their chairpersons, and the description of their activities:

LIBRARY HOSTS – Alan Sessler

Since 1998, club members (and spouses and friends) have served as hosts at the Rochester Public Library each Thursday evening during the school year. Being a host entails strolling about the library to ensure that all who are visiting are able to enjoy the library without disruption. (counts as a make-up)

ROTARY US BANK HOLIDAY CLASSIC BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT – Paul Barton and Laurel Schacht

Rotary and US Bank have sponsored this tournament for 19 years raising more than \$500,000. Approximately 200 Rotarians volunteer at this tournament each year. This is the largest fund raising event we host and it includes all three Rochester Rotary Clubs. Eight boys and eight girls teams including both varsity and B squads. There is no charge to the teams. We house them at the Kahler and have a dance for them the second night of the tournament. The Steering Committee has co-chairs and includes 12 members with representatives from all 3 local clubs. The tournament takes place between Christmas and New Year’s Day.

QUARRY HILL FALL FESTIVAL - Carla Nelson

Rotarians volunteer to work 2-3 hour shifts one September weekend (Saturday and Sunday). Our club donates time and talent at the Quarry Hill Fall Festival serving treats in the festival’s concession stand.

ROTARY READERS PROJECT – Cris Fischer

Each week throughout the school year, Rotarians (and spouses and friends) volunteer for the Reading Project at Riverside Central Elementary School. They spend time listening to a child read to them while building friendships and strengthening the child’s reading ability. Approximately 800 hours are logged each school year. The Reading Project has expanded to include a summer program so students can continue to develop their reading skills. This program is hosted at the Boys and Girls Club. This opens up volunteer opportunities for people unavailable during the school year.

SERVICE ABOVE SELF AWARDS – Mark St. Peter

At the close of the school year, high school guidance counselors in Rochester are asked to submit the names of candidates to receive Rotary’s Service Above Self Award. Award winners are selected based on service performed in their community, school, and/or church. Recipients are honored with a plaque at a Rotary meeting in May or June.

STUDENT GUESTS – Lance Papenfuss

Rotarian parents of graduating high school seniors are encouraged to invite their daughters or sons to attend a designated Rotary meeting in May to have their child recognized by the club. Parents with a graduating senior need to contact the Club’s executive director.

CAMP RYLA - Glenn VanLaningham & Peg Winters

The Rotary Youth Leadership Conference is held each April in St. Paul. It is a four-day conference for approximately 140 high school juniors (and sophomores) drawn from schools in Both Districts 5960 and 5950. Camp RYLA is an intensive training program for community youth leaders. Young people chosen for their leadership potential attend an all-expense-paid seminar/workshop/camp to develop leadership skills, to discuss ethical situations in business and to learn those skills through practice. Rotary pays for the students and the three Rochester Rotary clubs sponsor a student from each of our high schools

WHITE OAK PARK VOLUNTEERS – Stacy Sinner and Ashok Patel

Rochester Rotary Club adopted this park sometime in the past, lost track of it, and renewed our responsibility in 2006. The park is located west of Sam’s Club on 55th St NW. The park is small, quite well maintained, has ball field, playground equipment and a few tables. Clean-up dates and times are scheduled and volunteers solicited. Park season is from sometime in April to sometime in October (depending on the weather). (Another makeup opportunity)

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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 *Cindy Sharp*
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 Mentors *Mark Neville*

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Club Bulletin *Lorie Luedke, Lois Nietz*
 Club Web Site *Lorie Luedke*
 Invocations *Ann Beatty*
 Programs *Phil Karsell*
 Public Relations *Dana Funk*

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 *Rachel Hurt*
 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 *Glen VanLaningham, Peg Winters*
 White Oaks Park *Ashok Patel, Stacy Sinner*

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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*