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VITAL STATISTICS

MEMBERSHIP: 262

AMBASSADORS: Stan Cram, eClubOne; Karen and Merlin Ricklefs, St. John US Virgin Islands.

GREATER ROCHESTER ROTARY: 12/9/08: Linda Bonow, Lynn Clarey, Dan Soderberg 1/16/08: Mark Ostrem 1/23/08: Jon Ewing, Steve Lehmkuhle, Dan Soderberg. Doug Rovang and Kim Adams, District Midterm meeting.

ROCHESTER ROTARY RISERS: 12/08/08: Jeff Kiger 1/15/08: John Brandrup, John Woodruff

CLUB SERVICE I

Linda Rings, Director

Several important welcoming functions of our club are included in Club Service I.

Greeters – who extend a welcoming hand to members and visitors as they arrive at our meetings. Bill Wiktor is chair of the greeters and schedules two greeters for each meeting.

Visitors Desk – visiting Rotarians from other clubs and guests of Rotarians sign in at this desk. They receive a name badge and give information that is used for introduction of guests during the meeting. Dianna Parks is chair of the Visitors Desk and schedules club members to welcome visitors.

New Member Mentorship Program – a club member is assigned as a mentor for each new member. The mentor is asked to help the new member meet club members and learn about the club for the first few month of membership. Mark Neville is the chair and matches mentors to new members.

Sergeant-at-Arms – prepares the room for the meeting, controls lights and other arrangements, encourages seating as far forward as possible, etc. John Woodruff continues to serve faithfully in this post. Our meetings run smoothly because of his behind the scenes work.

Membership Development – the Membership Development Chair is in charge of organizing efforts during the year to build the club membership. Traditionally this

BIRTHDAYS

HAPPY FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS!

<u>Birthday</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Birthplace</u>
February 6	Danae Ostern	Rochester, MN
	Joe Gibilisco	Omaha, NE
February 10	Bob Fontana	St. Louis, MN
	Doug Rovang	Eldora, IA
February 12	Karen Ricklefs	Elmore, MN
	Jerry Schliep	Ladysmith, WI
February 13	Richard Brubaker	Macon, GA
February 18	Matt Camrud	Rochester, MN
February 22	Anne Berberich	Rake, IA
February 28	Barbara Callaway	South Bend, IN
	Joe McBride	Butte, MT
February 29	Roger Kempers	Puebla, Mexico

NEW MEMBERS



Proposer Tom Sitzer, new member Tim Sitzer, Lourdes Foundation. New member Lynnette Stadtherr, Lourdes Foundation, proposer Denny Nigon. New member Matt Jankowski, Mayo Clinic, proposer Steve Sponsel. New member Cynthia Shaffer, Channel One, proposer Mike O'Fallon.

position has been held by the president-elect of the club, and at this time that is Dough Rovang.

Many club members give time to the club each week through these roles and in the process make our club warm and welcoming.

ROTARY NEWS

- Resignations have been received and accepted with regrets from **Norm Hepper, Byron Clark and Charles Dicken**.
- Hope everyone is recovered from the holidays and also the Rotary US Bank Holiday Classic. We will be awarding \$46,000 in grants this year. If you know of someone who could qualify for a grant please refer them to our Web site for information and applications. Deadline is February 10, 2008. Our awards luncheon will be March 27 with all three clubs in attendance at the Marriott.
- The price for our lunches will go up to \$10.25 this month. This is the first increase in price in six years. We will be having a few menu changes to try out also.
- **Borge M Christensen** will be leaving for Kano, Nigeria, this month to participate in a Rotary Immunization Plus Day. He has done this before and has found this a very rewarding experience.
- Be sure to check the sign-up sheets at the desk each week. You can sign-up for invocations, 4-Way Test, Visitors Desk and the Library. For those of you needing makeups (you know who you are) please consider the library – no work as such – just wonder around and look at all the materials.
- Thanks to all who helped with the January meetings starting with the weekly dedication of **Jim Gibson** who collects our money for lunches. Visitors Desk: **Chuck Springer, Art Raak, Betty Devine, Michelle Mikkalson**. Invocations: **Carla Nelson, Doug Rovang, Walt Menning, Karel Weigel**. Introductions of Visitors: **Leigh Johnson, Mike O'Fallon**. Greeters: **Dianna Parks, Ark Raak, Borge Christensen, Mark Ostrem, Tim Weir, Romain Dalleman, Jerry Needham**. 4-Way Test: **Mary Jo Kelly, Ann Beatty, Merlin Ricklefs**. Music: **Linda Herrick**.

TAKE NOTE!

- Dues are due now!
- Basketball ticket money needs to be turned in now! **ALL** members are expected to pay for these tickets. Our club is responsible to turn money in from the tickets to the basketball tourney.
- Have you made a contribution to the Rotary International Foundation? Do it now while you are thinking about it!

FEBRUARY ROTARY CALENDAR

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| February 7 | Kahler Hotel – Heritage Hall - Dr. John Mitchell, “The Mississippi River and Locks” |
| February 14 | Kahler Hotel – Heritage Hall – Tom Gillaspay, State Demographer, “Rapid Demographic Change in Minnesota” |
| February 21 | Kahler Hotel – Heritage Hall – Jerry Watson, KTTC, National Association of Broadcasters Speakers Bureau, “Digital TV: It’s 1951 All Over Again” |
| February 28 | Kahler Hotel - Heritage Hall - Superintendent Dr. Romain Dallemand, “School District’s Plan for Continuous Student Improvement” |

OTHER MEETINGS AND EVENTS

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| February 14 | Rotary Board of Directors Meeting 7 a.m., Directors Room, Kahler Hotel |
| February 26 | Rotary Information Meeting 12 noon, Directors Room, Kahler Hotel |

LOOKING AHEAD

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| March 27 | Rotary US Bank Holiday Classic Awards Luncheon - all clubs - one meeting this week at the Kahler Hotel - Heritage Hall |
| April 25-27 | Rotary District Conference 2008 - Joint Conference – District 5960 and 5950. Arrowwood Resort, Alexandria, Minnesota |
| May 1 | Rochester Rotary Club Auction
An evening meeting – no noon meeting - great fun affair! |



ELECTRONIC MAKEUPS

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

COMMUNITY FOOD RESPONSE

ROTARY CLUB OF ROCHESTER SERVICE PROJECT

Glenn VanLaningham, Coordinator

The end of the year report for CFR has arrived. It shows that CRF rescued and distributed more food in 2007 than in any previous year. Three major new food donors were added to the list during 2007, which now totals 31 schools, businesses, restaurants, bakeries, grocers, hospitals, and Mayo Facilities donating their excess food for distribution to the needy. There are several additional periodic donors as well. The grand total for the year was 196,932 pounds, or nearly 99 tons of food.

A letter of thanks was sent to our Rotary club, as well as 18 other nonprofit organizations who regularly volunteer to provide service for CFR. Of the 19, fifteen are local

church organizations. There are other volunteers as well, but it is the nonprofit groups that really hold it together.

Our club began service in August 2007, and currently covers the sorting and distribution every second Wednesday of the month. On a typical day, we served 94 families in 2007, representing 280 individuals. Approximately 55 persons volunteered to serve. Approximately 15 are needed for each month service day.

The next service date for our club will be February 14. If you would like to a volunteer for CFR, please call our coordinator, Glenn Vaningham, 289-2668, or e-mail him at vanlaninghams@charter.net.



Rotary at work with Community Food Response



2008 ROCHESTER ROTARY CLUB BENEFIT AUCTION

It's back and sure to be better than ever!

Mark your calendar now for the 2008 Rochester Rotary Club Benefit Auction.



Silent and Live Auction
Thursday, May 1, 2008

6:00 –10:00 p.m. (replaces noon meeting)

Ramada Hotel & Conf. Center (1517 16th St . SW)

We will ask that each member donate an item valued at \$50+ to be auctioned.

Donation forms will be available at Rotary meetings or by calling Karen Erlenbusch or Anne Berberich at 287-2000. Forms should be submitted by April 4. Donations can be dropped off at Rotary meetings or at the United Way (details on forms) by April 18.

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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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PRESIDENT: Kim Adams

PRESIDENT -ELECT: Doug Rovang

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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*
 Sergeant-at-Arms *John Woodruff*
 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 *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 *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*