



# Moccasin Flower

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## VITAL STATISTICS

**MEMBERSHIP:** 254

**AMBASSADORS:** Sarah Burrington, eclubone; Dave Colville, Marshall, MN; Bill Nietz, Owatonna, MN; Marica Redalen, LaCrescent WI, X2 & Aruba. Truda Tyce, Fountain Hills, AZ.

**GREATER ROCHESTER:** 11/29/06: Melissa Brinkman, Charlie Fish, Carrie Farrow, Tim Fry, Frank Sharbrough. 12/06/06: Bill Lower, Brian Murphy, Frank Sharbrough. 12/13/06: Lynn Clarey, Carolyn Piepho, Linda Oelke, Dan Skinner.

**RISERS:** 11/28/06: Eric Matteson, Mark Utz 12/05/06: Doug Rovang 12/12/06: Jerry Downes 12/19/06: Brad Jones.

## ROTARY OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS FOR 2007-08

The following were elected to office in December:

President Elect Nominee ( president 2009): Dana Funk  
Secretary: Jim Sloan  
Treasurer: Angie Rustad  
Director Club Service II: Dan O'Neil  
Director Vocational Service: Linda Bonow  
Director International Service: Karmen Reid

Already elected:

President (takes office July 2007): Kim Adams  
President Elect – (president 2008): Doug Rovang  
Director Club Service I: Linda Rings  
Director Club Service III: Mark Dripps  
Director Community Service: Karen Ricklefs  
Past President: Rick Lien

## ELECTRONIC MAKEUPS

Can't make it to Rotary?

There is an electronic make-up opportunity at  
[www.rotaryclubone.org](http://www.rotaryclubone.org)

## BIRTHDAYS

HAPPY JANUARY BIRTHDAYS!

<u>Birthday</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Birthplace</u>
January 4	Bob Dahlstrom	Grantsburg, WI
January 7	Margaret Hinz	Rochester, MN
January 8	Douglas Sparks	St Louis, MO
	Cletus Pfeiffer	Jackson, MO
January 9	Charlie Fish	Wheatland, WY
	Rod Anderson	Breckenridge, MN
January 18	Rich Good	Everett, WA
January 19	Nancy Brataas	Minneapolis, MN
	Mark Tasler	Windom, MN
January 20	Cresta Deeds	Colorado
January 22	Alfred Anderson	Newport News, VA
	Melissa Brinkman	Rochester, MN
January 23	Tony Sertich	Detroit, MI
January 24	Walt Menning	LaSalle, IL
January 25	Sheldon Sheps	Winnipeg, Canada
January 30	Tom McComb	Springfield, IL
January 31	Keri Smith	Morgan, MN
	Rick Sheldon	Rockford, IL



George and Jean Waters enjoying the Rotary Holiday Luncheon.

# ROTARY NEWS

- Thanks for all the kind thoughts and words regarding my broken arm. I'm finding things take longer with one arm and I appreciate your patience.
- Heard from **Truda Tyce** who is in Fountain Hills, Arizona. She attended Rotary there in December and found an unusual feature. All Rotarians were asked to bring a frozen turkey to the meeting and a big truck was waiting outside to take them all away to a charitable organization called Sheltering Arms. She thought it was unusual to see Rotarians coming to the weekly meeting all carrying frozen turkeys!
- Congratulations to two of our members who have been honored with awards: **Leigh Johnson**, founder of Custom Alarm, recently received an award for what his company gives back to the community. Custom Alarm won the Minnesota Chamber of Commerce Award for the top small company that gives five percent of its annual profits back to the community. Custom Alarm was chosen from among 250 companies. **Char and Norm Hepper** received the Mayor's Medal of Honor for being community heroes in school and education. Most of you know that Norm started our reading program at Riverside. Char and Norm have done many wonderful things for our community.
- There are typically pictures of newer members in the bulletin – I missed getting a picture of **Chris Sanders** – Chris is with Farmers Union Insurance and was proposed by Michael Homan. We will get the picture next month. Welcome Chris!
- Some new Paul Harris Fellows at our Holiday Lunch. Member **Joanne Curnutt** received a Paul Harris Fellowship and **Phil Karsell** presented his son-in-laws Kris John Karsell and Stephen Allen Smith Karsell with them also. Congratulations!
- Thanks to all who helped with the Thursday meetings: Invocations: **Vicki Allen, Cletus Pfeiffer, Merlin Ricklefs**. Greeters: **Judy O'Fallon, Kris Reid, Chris Rustad**. Introduce Visitors: **Leigh Johnson, Keri Smith**. Vistors Desk: **Mark Hettinger**. Cashier: **Dan Skinner and Jim Gibson**. Help with Holiday Lunch: **Betty Devine and Jerry Balm**.
- A very special thank you to the Rotarians and families who filled 100 slots over the weeks for bell ringing for the Salvation Army. Really Service Above Self!

## JANUARY ROTARY CALENDAR

<b>January 4</b>	<b>Kahler Hotel - Heritage Hall</b> Jon McTaggart, Senior Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, Minnesota Public Radio.
<b>January 11</b>	<b>Kahler Hotel - Heritage Hall</b> Past District Governor Jerry Meigs from St Paul "The Governor's Message."
<b>January 18</b>	<b>Kahler Hotel - Heritage Hall</b> Joanne Rosener, "African Safari Rotary Style."
<b>January 25</b>	<b>Kahler Hotel - Heritage Hall</b> Patricia Simmons, University of Minnesota Regent, "What's the U Done for Me Today? A look at the University of Minnesota."

## OTHER MEETINGS AND EVENTS

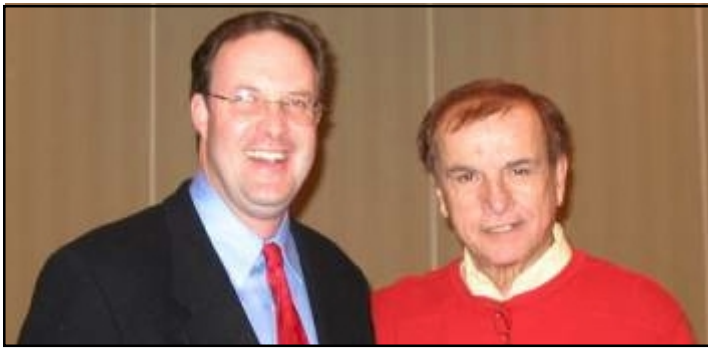
<b>January 11</b>	Rotary Board of Directors Meeting 7 a.m. - Mayo Brothers Room, Kahler Hotel
<b>January 17</b>	World Community Service Committee Meeting - 7 a.m. - Rochester Area Y
<b>January 17</b>	Rotary Information Meeting 12 Noon, Mayo Brothers Room, Kahler Hotel
<b>January 20</b>	Rotary District Mid-term Meeting - Stillwater

## STRIVE MEETINGS

<b>January 16</b>	John Marshall High School - 8:30-9:15 a.m.
<b>January 17</b>	Mayo High School - 9:35-10:25 a.m.
<b>January 18</b>	Century High School - 9:40-10:30 a.m.



## NEW MEMBERS



New member Andy Thilges, Express Personnel Services. Proposed by Nick Kolas.

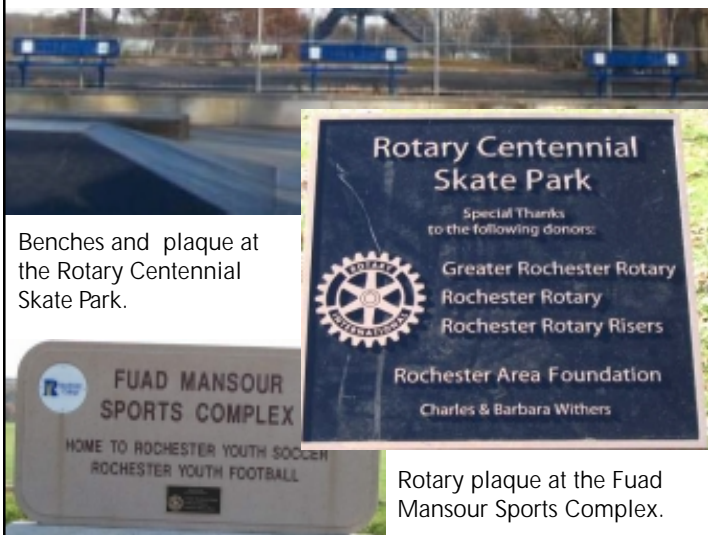


Proposer Marilyn Stewart with new member JoLynn Skogen, Think Credit Union.



New member Tim Fry, Home Federal Savings with proposer Marv Ramsey (sorry we missed last month).

## ROTARY COMMUNITY PROJECTS



Benches and plaque at the Rotary Centennial Skate Park.

Rotary plaque at the Fuad Mansour Sports Complex.

## LETTER FROM OUR YOUTH EXCHANGE STUDENT TRICIA ANKLAN

School ends December 15th or 20th, we really aren't sure the exact date yet. Things in Chile are a *little* unorganized. December is the start of summer in the Southern hemisphere. In January my oldest sister Mili is coming home, I cannot wait, I love her! After I hang out with her, I'm going to the South with all the exchange students who are in Chile this year. It is gorgeous, there is snow, glaciers, penguins, check it out on line. Then in February my family is going to the beach, La Serena, Santiago (the best city in the world), Argentina, and a HUGE music festival on this really beautiful beach city of like three million people.

My Spanish is improving, it is a LOT better than when I left. Classes are getting a little bit easier, I actually more or less understand the lessons, which is always fun. School is really fun, my friends are amazing. It is more or less the end of the year, which means we have a lot of tests, and that's rather difficult when you are the stupid gringa. I'm actually passing some classes now, AWESOME! Last week I gave an oral presentation on Neoclassic literature, I've definitely had projects that have gone better . . . the entire class bursting out laughing while your in the middle of speaking doesn't give you the best feeling.

The day after Halloween we celebrated the day of the saints! That was ultra cool. So I woke up at ten or so, which is like ridiculously early in Chile, and went to the cemetery with my sister and Mom. The place was like PACKED OUT. We learned a little bit about the Day of the Saints in Spanish class, but man this was insane. We got to the Cemetery and seriously like every person in the country was probably there. My family went around to the shrines of about half the city. For real, you go to the tomb of pretty much every dead person you know, then you clean it, it was so strange people were like sweeping the dirt at the base of the tombs, very unpractical. hahaahaha. People aren't put in the ground here, that's only if you're really really poor- you go into a huge tomb like thing with pictures and paintings and man it's wild.

In November or so I had my first Chilean folklore dancing presentation. Wow, that was probably the funniest thing in the world. Chilean dancing is so cute! We had little dresses and costumes and oh man, we pranced all around, really I cannot describe it, but I do have a DVD of it that will probably kill you all with laughter. I am . . . not the most "natural" Chilean dancer. There are so many good stories I want to tell you all right now, but they're not as good when you just read it.

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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 -ELECT:** Kim Adams

**PRESIDENT NOMINEE:** Doug Rovang

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**TREASURER:** Sara Gilliland

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**ROTARY DISTRICT 5960 GOVERNOR**

Dianne Nesvig, Owatonna

**ASSISTANT GOVERNOR**

Wade Davick, Assistant Governor, Winona

**WEB SITES**

Rochester Rotary Club: [www.rochesterrotaryclubs.org](http://www.rochesterrotaryclubs.org)

Links to STRIVE – Rotary US Bank Holiday Classic

District 5960: [www.rotary5960.org](http://www.rotary5960.org)

Rotary International: [rotary.org](http://rotary.org)

**ACTIVE COMMITTEES**

Four Avenues of Service  
Club, Vocational, Community, International

**CLUB SERVICE I**

Linda Rings, Director

Greeters ..... *Michelle Mikkalson*  
 Membership Development ..... *Kim Adams*  
 Visitors Desk ..... *Cindy Sharp*  
 Sergeant-at-Arms ..... *John Woodruff*  
 Mentors ..... *Ashleigh Rossen Hoffman*

**CLUB SERVICE II**

Brian Murphy, Director

Club Bulletin ..... *Lorie Luedke, Lois Nietz*  
 Club Web Site ..... *Lorie Luedke*  
 Invocations ..... *Mark Cairns*  
 Programs ..... *Phil Karsell*  
 Public Relations ..... *Doug Rovang*

**CLUB SERVICE III**

Mark Dripps, Director

Bell Ringing - Salvation Army ..... *Fred Suhler*  
 Golf Day ..... *Mark Dripps, Dana Funk*  
 Music ..... *Jane Belau*  
 Rotary Information ..... *Leigh Johnson*

**VOCATIONAL SERVICE**

Laurel Schacht, Director

Rotation Day ..... *Laurel Schacht*  
 STRIVE ..... *Vicki Allen*  
 Vocational Talks ..... *Rachel Hurt*  
 Auction 2008 ..... *Bill Nietz*

**COMMUNITY SERVICE**

Karen Ricklefs, Director

Library Host ..... *Allan Sessler*  
 Rotary US Bank Holiday Classic ..... *Paul Barton*  
 Quarry Hill Fall Festival ..... *Laurel Schacht*  
 Rotary Reading Project ..... *Cris Fischer*  
 Service Above Self Awards ..... *Marie Maher*  
 Student Guests ..... *Keri Smith*  
 Camp RYLA ..... *Glen VanLaningham*  
 White Oaks Park ..... *Stacy Sinner*

**INTERNATIONAL SERVICE**

Stacey Vanden Heuvel, Director

Foundational Scholarships ..... *Dave Moertel*  
 Group Study Exchange Team ..... *Gilda Banfield*  
 Rotary International Foundation ..... *Mike O’Fallon*  
 Youth Exchange ..... *Karmen Reid, Hilla Ferguson*  
 Gift of Life ..... *Mary Jo Kelly*  
 World Community Service ..... *Judith O’Fallon,*  
*Glenn VanLaningham*