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VITAL STATISTICS

MEMBERSHIP: 257

GREATER ROCHESTER ROTARY: 11/14/07: Lynn Clarey, Mac Hamilton, Mike Quinn 12/5/07: Melissa Brinkman, Lynn Clarey, Bob Priem 12/12/07: Suzanne Dinusson, Mike Podulke.

ROCHESTER ROTARY RISERS: 11/20/07: Dave Colville 12/4/07: Dave Colville, Mike Quinn, John Woodruff.

ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL ROTARY US BANK HOLIDAY CLASSIC

The 20th basketball tournament was again successful. No final figures at this time but we should all be pleased. Thanks to everyone who helped. The youth of Rochester will be the real winners. Mark your calendar for the Awards Luncheon on March 27, 2008, at the Marriott.

Grant applications are available on our Web site at www.rochesterrotaryclubs.org

If you know a group or organization that would be interested in applying for a grant, please get in touch with them.

Criteria for grants:

- 1) youth related or
- 2) education-oriented
- 3) Rochester-based
- 4) having a demonstrated need



The deadline for submitting grant applications is February 10, 2008.



World Community Service members Rick Lien, Ingrid Neel, Casey Swenson (Albert Lea), Judith O'Fallon.

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 9	Charlie Fish	Wheatland, WY
January 11	Rod Anderson	Breckenridge, MN
January 18	Rich Good	Everett, WA
January 19	Nancy Brataas Mark Tasler	Minneapolis, MN Windom, MN
January 20	Cresta Deeds	Colorado
January 22	Alfred Anderson Melissa Brinkman Heidi Mestad	Newport News, VA Rochester, MN Cedar Rapids, IA
January 23	Tony Sertich	Detroit, MI
January 24	Walt Menning Monte Ball	LaSalle, IL Grand Rapids, MI
January 25	Sheldon Sheps	Winnipeg, Canada
January 31	Keri Smith Rick Sheldon	Morgan, MN Rockford, IL

NEW OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS ELECTED FOR 2008-09 ROTARY YEAR

Previously elected:

Doug Rovang, President
Dana Funk, President Elect

New Officers:

Karel Weigel, President Nominee
Jerry Williams, Secretary
Treasurer, Mary Jo Kelly

New Directors:

Stacy Sinner, Community Service
Audrey Betcher, Club Service I
Ann Beatty, Club Service III

Remaining on the board:

Dan O'Neil, Club Service II
Karmen Reid, International Service
Linda Bonow, Vocational Service



ROTARY NEWS

- Thanks to all of you who paid for basketball tickets and turned them in. They were taken to Ronald McDonald House and Boys and Girls Club.
- Many of you know **Charlie Pavlish** – formerly from Chatfield and Chatfield Rotary. He now lives in Rochester and belongs to Greater Rochester Rotary. He just returned from a month long trip to Germany, Denmark, Sweden and Finland. He was very active in youth exchange and always had a youth exchange student in his home. They have kept in touch over the years. He had a wonderful experience in Copenhagen. It wasn't planned or even thought of, it just happened. Charlie was in the lobby of his hotel making a call back to the states when a voice behind him said "You are Charlie, aren't you?" Turning, he said "yes, who are you?" The lady, with tears running down her face said "I'm Jensa Danielsen from the Faroe Islands in the Artic Circle, I was a student of yours in Chatfield about 25 years ago." What a surprise! Charlie says, "Just think, I was 8,000 miles from home and she about 2,500 miles from her home. She recognized me by my voice." **Small Rotary World!**

- A resignation was received and accepted with regrets from **Denise Sorom** who will be leaving Rochester soon. We will miss her.
- Congratulations – new Paul Harris Fellow – **Ruth Dolan**. Ruth recently sold her businesses and will be spending some time traveling in Africa.

- Thanks to the 100 plus Rotarians and families who rang bells for the Salvation Army the past few weeks. Your efforts standing out on some very cold Saturdays is appreciated.



President Kim and her daughter, Bryn, ring bells for Salvation Army.

- Fifty boxes of gifts were delivered to flood victims in Stockton from our members. Some of you have received a thank you note. Would you please turn these in so we can prepare a display of them.
- Thanks to all who helped with the December meetings. Invocations: **Karen Erlenbusch, Monte Ball, Linda Rings**. Introduction of Visitors: **Leigh Johnson, Mike O'Fallon**. Desk: **Steve Rossello, Dianna Parks, Dana Funk**. Greeters: **Bill Wiktor, Chris Bedney**. 4- Way Test: **Brian**

JANUARY ROTARY CALENDAR

January 10	Kahler Hotel – Heritage Hall - Brad Jones, "Rochester Art Council"
January 17	Kahler Hotel – Heritage Hall – Dr. Michael Yaszemski, "Treatment of War Injuries. The Medical Care of Civilians. Experiences in Iraq"
January 24	Kahler Hotel – Heritage Hall – Dr. William Dunn, "Simulation Center at Mayo"
January 31	Kahler Hotel - Heritage Hall - Nick Mezacapa "What's So Funny?"

OTHER MEETINGS AND EVENTS

January 10	Rotary Board of Directors Meeting 7 a.m., Mayo Brothers Room, Kahler Hotel
January 12	District Mid-term Meeting Officers and Directors - Lake Elmo, MN
January 23	Rotary Information Meeting 12 noon, Directors Room, Kahler Hotel

LOOKING AHEAD

May 1	Rochester Rotary Club Auction Start planning now on what you will donate for the auction!
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Young, Art Raak, Rick Lien. Special Help at the Holiday Lunch: **Betty Devine.** Special thanks to **James Gibson** for doing the money collection for us.

- Check your calendars and sign up for invocations, leading the 4-Way Test, and staffing the Visitor's Desk at the desk at our meetings. The chairs of these areas will also be making calls. Chairs are **Anne Beatty, Carla Nelson and Dianna Parks.**

PLEASE TAKE CARE OF THE FOLLOWING AS SOON AS POSSIBLE:

1. Pay your dues promptly.
2. Pay for your basketball tickets by the end of January.

GREETINGS FROM ARGENTINA

YOUTH EXCHANGE STUDENT TANYA HAHN

Hola!

I can't believe I am in Argentina!! Argentina is so different, and I am so thankful that I am able to experience something this great! I have already met some amazing people that I will never forget, and I have experienced things I never imagined experiencing. I have only been here 12 days, but those twelve days have been amazing! I go to Mahatma Gandhi Private school. Most schools around here are private schools, and all the private schools have a uniform for the students to wear. Personally, I like my schools uniform.

School starts at 7:30 a.m. and gets done most days at 12:40 in the afternoon. When I first found out I was in shock because the school day seemed so short! The first day I went to school, the teacher did not teach! A student that spoke some English told me that the teachers were not teaching because they wanted the students to get to know me. Haha! My Spanish is definitely improving, which is great, but there is so much more to learn! When people speak fast it is very difficult to understand, but in the future I am sure I will be able to pick up on it. Overall, I love it here, and the famous mate here is also great! I am actually drinking it right now! Gracias por la oportunidad que me dieron de venire a este hermoso lugar abrazosy besos desde Argentina.



NEW MEMBERS



Proposer Keri Smith Norman, new member Glenn Lyden, Mayo Clinic Medical Transport, new member Nicole Pierson, The Urban Studio, proposed by Carla Nelson.



Proposer Marilyn Stewart; new member Steve Lehmkuhle, University of Minnesota.



New member Heidi Mestad, Rochester Downtown Alliance; proposer Audrey Betcher.

MEET YOUR ROTARY CLUB SECRETARY

Jim Sloan

In most Rotary clubs, the secretary has a significant workload. I don't because Lois takes care of everything (thank goodness). I did sign my name once.

As secretary, I attend Board Meetings which is a fun job as one sees how the club is run and participates in discussions of what the club should be doing. There are a lot of different facets of our club and you get a better appreciation of all the things going on.

I also attend the monthly Information meetings for prospective members. This is interesting because you get to meet the new members before they are brought into the club. My official duty is to explain the financial obligations. I'm not sure why the secretary does this, but it's a tradition. I enjoy hearing Leigh Johnson describe what Rotary is all about and its history.

Being on the board is an enlightening experience. I would recommend it to anyone. I think it makes you a better Rotarian.



New member Tim Miller, RST Architects, proposer Doug Rovang. New member Dave Doty, Rochester Catholic Schools, proposer Denny Nigon. New member Tom Donlon, Lourdes High School.

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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: Doug Rovang

PRESIDENT NOMINEE: Dana Funk

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Clare Lillis, Forest Lake

ASSISTANT GOVERNOR

Vicki Decker, Assistant Governor, Winona

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 VanLanginham*

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*