



# Moccasin Flower

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## VITAL STATISTICS

MEMBERSHIP: 258

**AMBASSADORS:** **Bari Amadio**, Ashville, NC; **Linda Bonow**, Santiago Chile X3; **Sarah Burrington**, Aruba X2; **Dave Colville**, Bemidji, MN X2; **Bob Priem**, Gulf Shores, AL X3; **Doug Pritchard**, Spirit Lake, IA, **Marv Ramsay**, Hayward WI; **Marcia Redalen**, La Crosse, WI X3; **Karmen Reid**, **Vicki Allen**, **Hilla Ferguson**, District Youth Exchange Committee; **John Woodruff**, North Hampton, MA.

**GREATER ROCHESTER ROTARY:** **Fred Banfield**, **Gilda Banfield**, X3; **Linda Bonow**, **Melissa Brinkman**, **Lynn Clarey**, **Jerry Downes**, **Charlie Fish** X4; **Mac Hamilton**, **Michelle Mikkalson**, **Ingrid Neel**, **Fred Nobrega**, **Jane Piepgras**, **Mike Podulke**, **Aynsley Smith**, **Dan Soderberg**, **Jim Woodruff**.

**ROCHESTER ROTARY RISERS:** **John Brandrup**, **Ingrid Neel**, **Dan O'Neil**.

## ROTARY FRIENDSHIP EXCHANGE TO SWEDEN - *Paul Olander – Rochester Rotary*

"In February, while at a Rotary meeting, I saw on the screen an announcement of an opportunity to participate in a Friendship Exchange to Sweden. I asked Lois about it—seriously doubting that anyone would consider an old reprobate like me. Lois, bless her heart, said, 'go ahead and fill out the application,' and I did so figuring that would be the end of it.

Well it wasn't. Only seven people, including two spouses that were not Rotarians, had volunteered to go, so my wife, Beverly, and I were committed. Two others joined us later to make a group of nine going from our District on May 12, 2007 to Copenhagen. The program was set up so that each couple would be the guests of three different Swedish families for three to five days each during a two week period.

Beverly and I have participated in Elderhostels both in this country and abroad and have also toured on our own, but we have never had such a wonderful trip. The friendships we made with the couples we lived with made our stay in Sweden a most rewarding experience."

## BIRTHDAYS

### HAPPY JULY BIRTHDAYS!

Birthday	Name	Birthplace
July 2	<b>George Allen</b>	Colorado Springs, Co
	<b>Suzanne Dinusson</b>	Devils Lake, ND
	<b>Phil Karsell</b>	Indianapolis, IN
July 3	<b>Karen Erlenbusch</b>	Morris, MN
July 4	<b>Tim Shea</b>	Owatonna, MN
July 10	<b>Marcia Redalen</b>	Lanesboro, MN
July 11	<b>Frank Sharbrough</b>	Holly Bluff, MS
July 15	<b>Charles Dicken</b>	Little Rock, AR
	<b>Mark St Peter</b>	So. St. Paul, MN
July 16	<b>Frank Iossi</b>	Davenport, IA
July 18	<b>JoLynn Skogen</b>	Zumbrota, MN
July 21	<b>Fred Suhler</b>	Key West, FL
July 23	<b>Jim Clausen</b>	Owatonna, MN
	<b>Charles Kennedy</b>	Beresford, SD
	<b>Frank Michaels</b>	Brooklyn, NY
July 25	<b>Mark Murch</b>	Omaha, NE
	<b>Aynsley Smith</b>	Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada
July 26	<b>Leigh Johnson</b>	St. Paul, MN
July 27	<b>Patrick Gannon</b>	Meriden, CT
July 28	<b>Sheila Unni</b>	Delhi, India
July 29	<b>Nickie Froiland</b>	Spencer, IA
July 30	<b>Mike Podulke</b>	Minneapolis, MN
	<b>Stephen Sponsel</b>	Minneapolis, MN
	<b>George Thompson</b>	St. Louis, MO
July 31	<b>Dan Bieber</b>	Linton, ND
	<b>Betty Devine</b>	Ray, AZ

# ROTARY NEWS

- Congratulations to **Jane & Paul Belau** on their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary and to **Mary and Bob Sheridan** on their 55<sup>th</sup>!
- One of our members gives a check on each of his birthdays to the Rotary International Foundation (this year he included STRIVE) in the amount of his age. Great idea!
- We have finished with the birthday pictures - a fun thing that Past President Rick had as part of his meetings. It took a lot of work on his part but was enjoyed by everyone. Thanks Rick!
- Make your decision to attend the Rotary Picnic and/or Golf Outing. Sign-up at meetings or email your registration. Payment is requested in advance to speed things up at the events. Question was asked – yes, you can make out one check for your dues, picnic and golf.
- We have had an over abundance of scooters as of late – please remember that your program committee has planned good programs and in some cases the speakers have come from out of town to be with us. Give some thought as to whether spending one more half hour at Rotary will be impossible in your busy lives.
- Thanks to everyone who helped with the June meetings. Invocations: **Rachel Hurt, Sandra Means, Nickie Froiland, Carla Nelson.** Introduction of Visitors: **Leigh Johnson, Hilla Ferguson, Mike O’Fallon.** Visitors Desk: **Cindy Sharp, Andy Thilges, Christian Milaster.** Greeters: **Gail Sauter, Keri Smith, Alan Sessler, Michelle Mikkalson, Christian Milaster.** 4 -Way Test: **Suzanne Dinusson, Judith O’Fallon, Jeff Amundson.**
- The parents of our former youth exchange student, **Livi Kowaleski** from New Zealand, are visiting Rochester and other parts of the US and Canada. **Vicki Allen** brought **Lina** and **Barry Kowaleski** to a recent Rotary meeting.
- Thanks to the following Rotarians who are hosting the Rotary Friendship Exchange from Australia for a few days while they are in Rochester: **George Wilson, Linda Bonow, Stacy Sinner, Glenn VanLaningham and Fred Suhler.**
- A letter of resignation has been received and accepted with regrets from **Past President Dick Edwards.** Dick has retired from Mayo Clinic and has moved to Menomonee, WI. We will really miss him.
- The RI Council on Legislation has approved requiring 50% attendance in a six-month period. This is down from the 60% originally in place.

## JULY ROTARY CALENDAR

July 5	<b>NO MEETING!</b>
July 12	<b>Kahler Hotel - Heritage Hall</b> Installation of Officers
July 19	<b>Kahler Hotel - Elizabethan Room</b> Dick Ramberg, Musician
July 26	<b>Kahler Hotel - Heritage Hall</b> Russ Gunvalson, POW, World War II

## OTHER MEETINGS AND EVENTS

July 10	<b>Rotary US Bank Holiday Classic Meeting</b> 12 Noon, US Bank
July 12	<b>Rotary Board of Directors Meeting</b> 7 a.m., Directors Room, Kahler Hotel
July 18	<b>Rotary Information Meeting</b> 12 Noon, Hiawatha Room, Kahler Hotel
July 19	<b>White Oak Park - Help Clean our Rotary-Sponsored City Park</b> 6 - 7 p.m.
July 28	<b>Rotary Presidential Picnic and Outdoor Movie</b> 7 p.m., Olmsted County Historical Society
August 22	<b>Rotary Golf Outing - Willow Creek</b> - Proceeds go to the Rotary STRIVE Mentoring Program



## GERALD J. BALM 1936 – 2007

Fellow Rotarian Jerry Balm passed away on May 29 at his summer home in Fergus Falls, Minnesota. He was a member of our club for 30 years.

Jerry was always involved and enjoyed Rotary. He served on our board of directors and was a Paul Harris Fellow. He will be greatly missed by all.

We extend our sympathy to his family.

## NEW MEMBER



John Woodruff and new member, Jeff Allman, Allman and Associates. Jeff is a former member of Rochester Rotary.

## ROTARY ROMANCE . . .



In February 2006, Rotarian Brian Murphy shook Carrie Farrow's hand and welcomed her into Rotary. Carrie is shown here with her Rotary proposer, Audrey Betcher.



In May 2007, Brian again takes Carrie's hand, this time to put on an engagement ring. Congratulations, Carrie and Brian!



## PRESIDENTIAL PICNIC AND MOVIE NIGHT



**DATE:** July 28, 2007  
**TIME:** Dinner - 7 p.m.  
Movie - 10 p.m. approx.  
(Outdoor movie on the side of the barn)

**PLACE:** Olmsted County Historical Society  
**COST:** \$5.00/person

Mark your calendar and send in a check to the office or pay at a Rotary meeting. An evening of fun and fellowship for the entire family.

## FROM RECENT MEETINGS . . .



(Left to right standing) Paul Harris Foundation Chair Mike O'Fallon, new Paul Harris Fellows Jerry Williams and Jim Sloan. Seated is new Paul Harris Fellow Harley Flathers.



Stan Cram shows it pays to read the Rotarian Magazine.



## MEET YOUR PRESIDENT!

Kim is a native of Southeastern Minnesota, born in Harmony and raised in Stewartville and Racine (where her parents still live). Kim attended Rochester Community College, then transferred to Mankato State University where she earned her degree in Business Administration/Marketing. She worked for a marketing research firm in Edina for three years before moving back to Rochester in 1990 to be a Research Manager with SNG Research Corporation, a full-service marketing research firm. After 17 years, Kim has a hard time imagining working anyplace other than SNG Research – her work is challenging and rewarding and she is blessed with a great team of associates and an environment that is very family friendly and supportive of community involvement.

Kim and her husband, Brett, have been married for 14 years and are the obnoxiously proud parents of Justin (age 10) and Bryn (age 6). In addition to Rotary and work-related activities, Kim enjoys volunteering in her kids' classrooms and being their #1 fan at recitals and sporting events.

Kim joined Rotary in 1999 and is still amazed and inspired by everything that Rotary stands for, locally and internationally. She is humbled and honored by the opportunity to service as president of this wonderful club.

## PAST PRESIDENTS – ROCHESTER ROTARY

1925-26	Phil Sheridan	1953-54	Russell Lang	1980-81	Peter F. Vilter
1926-27	Phil Sheridan	1954-55	George Zeigler	1981-82	Donald D. McCall
1927-28	George Sanberg	1955-56	Harry Blackmun	1982-83	H.W. Oehler
1928-29	A.J. Lobb	1956-57	Stan R. Davis	1983-84	Leigh Johnson
1929-30	Nick Kendall	1957-58	Harold C. Mickey	1984-85	Gerald Needham
1930-31	W.C. MacCarty	1958-59	Thomas T. Myers	1985-86	Richard Towey
1931-32	H.H. Crawford	1959-60	Joseph Cotter	1986-87	Peter Connolly
1932-33	B.R. Kirklin	1960-61	C.J. Feldman	1987-88	Gary Harmon
1933-34	C.C. Pagenhart	1961-62	Quent Royer	1988-89	Arthur J. Kennel
1934-35	C.W. Mayo	1962-63	James V. Moon	1989-90	William Carroll, Jr
1935-36	Harald Thompson	1963-64	Robert C. Roesler	1990-91	Dale A. Rings
1936-37	Slade Schuster	1964-65	Edward M. Litin	1991-92	Michael J. Hogan
1937-38	Otis Wicklund	1965-66	Kenneth Linwick	1992-93	Thomas G. Bergsland
1938-39	R.W. Chadwick	1966-67	William H. Carroll, Sr	1993-94	Thomas D. Holets
1939-40	Ernest Schlitgus	1967-68	Matthew B. Divertie	1994-95	Robert L. MacCarty
1940-41	James J. Drummond	1968-69	Fredric H. Bathke	1995-96	Thomas P. Moyer
1941-42	A.C. Gooding	1969-70	Franklin Ruhl	1996-97	Marilyn D. Stewart
1942-43	R.D. Mussey	1970-71	Samuel W. Cook	1997-98	Richard D. Hurt
1943-44	Vernon Gates	1971-72	Gerry Quiel	1998-99	David R. Oeth
1944-45	Leonard Ekstrand	1972-73	Stuart Olson	1999-00	Frank Iossi
1945-46	Gilbert C. Utz	1973-74	Lowell Helgerson	2000-01	Hilla F. Ferguson
1946-47	Lee Nelson	1974-75	Donn Rosenauer	2001-02	Dennis L. Nigon
1947-48	Edwin A. Rundell, Jr	1975-76	Edmund C. Burke	2002-03	Philip R. Karsell
1948-49	Al B. Berens	1976-77	Richard B. Tompkins	2003-04	Richard D. Edwards
1949-50	Pat Moore	1977-78	Allan R. DeBoer	2004-05	William A. Nietz
1950-51	Oscar Allerton	1978-79	Richard A. Cecil	2005-06	William "Mike" O'Fallon
1951-52	David Bach	1979-80	Jack D. Key	2006-07	Rick Lien
1952-53	Edward A. Banner				

