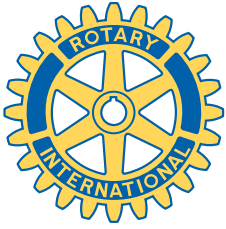


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VITAL STATISTICS

MEMBERSHIP: 248

AMBASSADORS: Mark Cairns, Keene NH; Bob Priem, Rice Lake, WI; Nicole Pierson, EClubOne X2; Truda Tyce, New Castle, England.

GREATER ROCHESTER ROTARY: 7/23/08: Jane Piepgras, Joe McBride 8/6/08: Tom Bruckman, Melissa Brinkman, Cynthia Shaffer. 8/20/08: Kim Adams, Jane Piepgras, Bob Priem.

ROCHESTER ROTARY RISERS: 8/19: Borge Christensen, John Woodruff

SEPTEMBER SERVICE PROJECTS

QUARRY HILL FALL FESTIVAL: Sign-up to help with the food wagon. Getting hot dogs ready and serving sodas is all you have to do.

STRIVE: Sign-up to become a mentor in this great program.

READING PROGRAM AT RIVERSIDE: Spend an hour or more listening to students read at Riverside School. Set your own schedule - once a month, once a week or whatever works for you. Really rewarding program!

LIBRARY HOSTS: Sign-up at meetings to host at the Rochester Public Library. Every Thursday evening from 6-9 p.m. we have two hosts at the library - walk around, greet and, in general, just be an adult presence there.

WHITE OAKS PARK: Every fourth Thursday we pick up trash at this park. Takes about an hour. Be there at 6 p.m.

COMMUNITY FOOD RESPONSE: Pick up food, sort and distribute to needy persons at Bethel Lutheran Church. Shifts run about 1 1/2 hours.

(Remember, all of these count as make-ups and for new members, these opportunities count toward your blue badge requirements.)

REMINDER:

All Rotary dues should be paid by now!

BIRTHDAYS

HAPPY SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS!

<u>Birthday</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Birthplace</u>
September 3	Jerry Downes	Minneapolis, MN
September 4	Cris Fischer	Rochester, MN
September 5	Jerry Watson	Omaha, NE
	Jodi Millerbernd	Cambridge, MN
September 7	Jerry Williams	Princeville, IL
	Art Raak	Sioux Center, IA
September 10	Paul Olberding	Cresco, IA
September 11	James Gibson	Topeka, KS
September 14	Laurel Schacht	Rochester, MN
September 15	Judith Taylor	Urbana, IL
September 17	Jim Woodruff	Hibbing, MN
September 19	Audrey Betcher	Rochester, MN
September 20	Betty Hutchins	Chattanooga, TN
September 21	Frank Streit	Humboldt, IA
September 23	Bill Nietz	Rochester MN
September 24	Karmen Reid	Winterset, IA
	Kristine Stensland	Cedar Rapids, IA
September 26	Tom Sitzer	Langdon, ND
September 27	Bob Priem	Austin, MN
September 28	Mac Hamilton	Minneapolis, MN
September 29	Paul Barton	Kansas City, KS
	Gary Harmon	Fargo, ND
	Linda Herrick	Rochester MN
	Jeff Kiger	Danville, IL
September 30	LuAnn Hiniker	Mankato, MN

ROTARY NEWS

- For those of you taking part in the auction events you purchased - dinners, etc., please send us any pictures you take. We would love to share them.
- We have received resignations which were accepted with regrets from **Chris Sanders, Charles Springer, Darliss Huss, Mike Bue, Al Thomsen, Lynnette Stadtherr** (she will be joining the Risers), **Norb Fitzpatrick** and **Bill Taylor**.
- **Linda Rings** has left Rochester - moving to Naperville, Illinois, and **Rich Good** has moved to Modesto, California. Both of these Rotarians will remain in our membership until the end of the year or until they find a new Rotary home.
- **Mark Cairns** surprised his Rotarian son, **David Cairns**, at his club meeting in Keene, New Hampshire, with a Paul Harris Fellowship. Neat thing to do!
- The Basketball Steering Committee is now soliciting ads for the basketball programs – ads are \$100 –1/4 page; \$150 –1/2 page and \$250 for a full page. Let us know if you are interested. We are also seeking more sponsors starting at the \$500 level. Several perks go with a sponsorship including little advertising basketballs with your company name/logo on them and some other things as well. Let us know if you would like to speak to someone about either an ad or sponsorship.
- Again this year, we have been fortunate to have a Rochester Rotarian come up with a \$2,000 match for STRIVE. Please keep this in mind and get your checks in made out to the Rochester Rotary Foundation.
- Thanks to all who helped with the August Rotary meetings. Invocations: **Jim Sloan, Monte Ball, Bill Wiktor, Phil Karsell**. Introduction of Visitors: **Tom Moyer, Leigh Johnson, Keri Smith-Norman**. Visitor Desk: **Michelle Mikkalson, Tom Bruckman, Sarah Stauder, Bill Wiktor**. Greeters: **Bari Amadio, Fred Suhler, Jeff Allman, Leon Clark, Monte Ball, Borge Christensen, Allie Good, Audrey Betcher**. Four Way Test: **Steve Rossello, Cresta Deeds, Sarah Burrington**. Music: **Jane Belau**.



ELECTRONIC MAKEUPS

www.rotaryclubone.org

SEPTEMBER ROTARY CALENDAR

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| September 4 | Kahler Hotel - Heritage Hall - Alan Calavano, "Postcards of Rochester" The book will be available for purchase. Cost is \$20. Proceeds will go to the History Center of Olmsted County. |
| September 11 | Kahler Hotel – Heritage Hall - Liz & Pete Mathison, "Reflection on Norway" |
| September 18 | Kahler Hotel - Elizabethan Room - District Governor Roy Sjoberg, Hudson Daybreak Rotary. |
| September 25 | Kahler Hotel – Elizabethan Room - Pastor Peter Nycklemoe and the Guys, "Tanzania, Technology & Education" |

OTHER MEETINGS AND EVENTS

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| Sept 4, 11, 18, 25 | Evening at Rochester Public Library - 6-9 p.m. Adult presence is all that is needed. Sign-up at meetings. |
| September 8 | Rotary Leadership Meeting – All Rochester Club presidents and upcoming presidents. 4 pm, US Bank Downtown. 3 rd floor conference room. |
| September 10 | Community Food Response - Contact Glenn VanLaningham. |
| Sept. 13-14 | Quarry Hill Fall Festival |
| September 11 | Rotary Board of Directors Meeting 7 a.m., Kahler Hotel, Directors Room |
| September 16 | Rotary US Bankd Holiday Classic Steering Committee -12 Noon - Post Bulletin |
| September 18 | Board Meeting with District Governor - 10:30 a.m. - President's Board Room - Marriott Hotel |
| September 24 | Rotary Information Meeting - 12 p.m., Directors Room, Kahler Hotel |
| September 25 | White Oaks Park - 6 p.m. - monthly park clean up |

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

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| October 23 | Rotation Day |
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ROTARY SEEKS BUSINESS/PROFESSIONAL PEOPLE FOR EXCHANGE WITH SWEDEN, EMPHASIS ON SUSTAINABLE ECO-COMMUNITIES

A once in a lifetime opportunity! Too good to be true! A life-changing learning experience! These are phrases past participants have used to describe Rotary International's Group Study Exchange program.

Group Study Exchange (GSE) is a unique educational experience that furthers international understanding by providing an opportunity for outstanding business and



professional people to study another country, its people, its culture and its institutions. Each GSE team visits a Rotary district in another country for four weeks. Team

members stay in the homes of Rotarians, if possible, and follow an itinerary of educational and cultural points of interest. Travel and living expenses are covered during the exchange by The Rotary Foundation, host country Rotarians and Rotary District 5960.

A Rotary District 5960 GSE team will arrive in Gothenburg, Sweden, on March 4, 2009, and depart from Sweden on April 1, 2009. Rotary offers this opportunity to spend a month living with local Rotarians and seeing the country in a way few will ever experience. This exchange will emphasize the efforts underway in Sweden to develop and maintain sustainable eco-communities. Among other things, the team will explore the effect that the Swedish authored book, *The Natural Step*, has had in reducing man's carbon footprint in Sweden. Those motivated to have a beneficial impact on the earth's environmental concerns will find this exchange to be a unique learning experience.

The teams will consist of four non-Rotarian professional or business people and a Rotarian team leader. Candidates

POLITICAL CANDIDATES POLICY

"Rochester Rotary will respond to requests of major political candidates to come to our club six weeks prior to the election by our choosing a date that fits our schedule and then giving a candidate an opportunity to have lunch, make a five minute presentation, put out political brochures on the table and mingle with the membership if they desire. We will have only one candidate per meeting"

(We will assign candidates on a first come basis. First Thursday will be September 18 – please call the office – call must be made by a Rotarian)

must be engaged in a recognized business or profession on a full-time basis for at least the past two years. Employers must give permission for the candidate to participate BEFORE the interview process. Candidates must be between the ages of 25-40 years and must live or work within the limits of Rotary District 5960 and its clubs (St. Paul, Southeastern and Central Minnesota, parts of Western Wisconsin). Applicants cannot be spouses or lineal descendants of current Rotary members. Applicants must be citizens of the United States of America. **All applications must be received by your local Rotary Club by September 15, 2008, for submission to the District Office by September 30.**

District level interviews will be held on Saturday, October 11, 2008. Applicants must be available all day, starting at 9:00 a.m. for interviews which will be held at the Northern Star Boy Scout Council's Hulings Scout Service Center, 393 Marshall Ave., St. Paul, Minnesota.

GSE applications are available for downloading at www.rotary5960.org



VOLUNTEER AT RIVERSIDE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ROTARY READING PROGRAM

With service above self as our motto and as we are becoming more and more aware of how important it is to be involved with our children to help them be successful

in school, I would like to invite all of you to consider participating in the Rotary Readers program at Riverside Central Elementary School. This is an opportunity to interact with children and listen to them read. The presence of a caring adult in their lives tells students that this is so important and encourages them to continue reading at home. You can volunteer as much or as little as you like. It can be an hour or two a week or an hour or two a month or anything in between. Please consider this terrific opportunity to have an impact on a child's education. Please contact Cris Fischer at crisfischer.edu@charter.net if you are interested.



ROTATION DAY – OCTOBER 23

What happens for Rotation Day?

All members either host or are assigned a place to go for lunch. This goes back to the early days of Rotary when Rotarians rotated their meeting site each week. It gives you the opportunity to get to know each other a little better and find out about your host's occupation.

What is the Host's Responsibility?

Hosts sign up and give the number of members they would like to accommodate for lunch. This can vary from a minimum of six to whatever number you have room for. Hosts are given a list of names to host, and they invite their guests - giving directions, etc. They order lunches. All members have already paid for their Rotation Day lunches with their dues so all the host has to do is submit a billing to the office for the lunches.

During the meeting time, 12 – 1:30 p.m. – members can introduce themselves and the hosts can tell about their occupation and in some cases go on a tour of their facilities. They take attendance and turn it in to the office.

What to Those Attending Do?

First and foremost, **respond to the host**, let them know you are attending so they can order lunches and prepare for you. For those of you that have email, you will probably hear that way.

What if I Cannot Attend?

Please let us know you are not planning to attend so we don't assign you.

ANOTHER PAUL HARRIS FELLOW



Past President Kim Adams presents a Paul Harris Award to Linda Rings.

A ROTARY FISH STORY?



Doug Pritchard caught this 28 inch, 8 1/2 pound walleye in Manitoba, Canada.

MEMORIES FROM THE 2008 ROTARY GOLF OUTING



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- 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

Audrey Betcher, Director

Greeters *Steve Rossello*
 Membership Development *Dana Funk*
 Visitors Desk *Dianna Parks*
 Sergeant-at-Arms *John Woodruff*
 Mentors *Bill Wiktor*

CLUB SERVICE II

Dan O’Neil, Director

Club Bulletin *Lorie Luedke, Lois Nietz*
 Club Web Site *Lorie Luedke*
 Invocations *Ann Berberich*
 Programs *Warren Harmon*
 Public Relations *Karel Weigel*
 Four-Way Test *Jerry Lobland*

CLUB SERVICE III

Ann Beatty, Director

Bell Ringing - Salvation Army *Fred Suhler*
 Golf Day *Mark Dripps*
 Music *Jane Belau*
 Rotary Information *Leigh Johnson*
 Progressive Dinner *Karen Ricklefs, Marilyn Stewart*

VOCATIONAL SERVICE

Linda Bonow, Director

Rotation Day *Linda Bonow*
 STRIVE *Linda Herrick*
 Vocational Talks *Fred Banfield*
 Auction 2010 *Lorie Luedke*

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Stacy Sinner, Director

Library Host *Allan Sessler*
 Rotary US Bank Holiday Classic *Laurel Schacht*
 Quarry Hill Fall Festival *Carla Nelson*
 Rotary Reading Project *Cris Fischer*
 Rotary Summer Reading Project *Cris Fischer*
 Service Above Self Awards *Cresta Deeds*
 Student Guests *Allie Good*
 Camp RYLA *Jay Toogood*
 White Oaks Park *Ashok Patel*
 Community Food Response *Glenn VanLaningham*
 Rotary Flood Project *Dan Kelly*
 Channel One *Mike O’Fallon*

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Foundational Scholarships *Dave Moertel*
 Group Study Exchange Team *Gilda Banfield*
 Rotary International Foundation *Kim Adams*
 YouthLINC *Hilla Ferguson*
 Rotary Gift of Life *Betty Devine, Brenda Walker*
 World Community Service *Judith O’Fallon*