

# Moccasin Flower

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## VITAL STATISTICS

**MEMBERSHIP:** 258

**AVERAGE FEBRUARY ATTENDANCE:** 65.95%

**AMBASSADORS:** Jerry Downes, Ft Myers, FL; Joe McBride, Bisbee, AZ, Valerie Pace, St. Paul Sunrise; Bob Priem, Gulf Shores, AL; Sheldon Sheps, Minneapolis, MN; Fred Suhler, London, England; Chris Bedney, Sarah Burrington, Betty Devine, John Woodruff, eClubone; Rick Lien, Judith and Mike O'Fallon, PETS, Brainerd, MN.

**GREATER ROCHESTER:** 2/23/05: Charlie Fish, Mary Jo Kelly, Ingrid Neel, John Woodruff. 3/02/05: Jim Orke, Michelle Pyfferoen, Brenda Riggott; 3/09/05: Dave Colville, John Edmonson, Chris Price, Bob Priem. 3/16/05: Mac Hamilton, Doug Rovang.

**ROCHESTER ROTARY RISERS:** Dave Colville, Judith O'Fallon. 3/01/05: Alan Sessler 3/15/05: Charlie Fish, Marcia Redalen, Doug Rovang, Alan Sessler.

## BIRTHDAYS

HAPPY APRIL BIRTHDAYS!

| <u>Birthday</u> | <u>Name</u>      | <u>Birthplace</u>   |
|-----------------|------------------|---------------------|
| April 1         | Duane Derrig     | Fargo, ND           |
| April 3         | Norb Fitzpatrick | Rochester, MN       |
|                 | Rachel Hurt      | Rochester, MN       |
| April 4         | Linda Bonow      | St Paul, MN         |
|                 | Alan Sessler     | Boston, MA          |
| April 5         | Bill Ryan        | Minneapolis, MN     |
| April 6         | Mary Callier     | Hutchinson, MN      |
| April 7         | Jack Spittell    | Baltimore, MD       |
| April 8         | Jerry Balm       | Fort Dodge, IA      |
|                 | Duane Feragen    | Grand Forks, ND     |
|                 | Ingrid Neel      | Kuressaare, Estonia |
| April 9         | Brenda Riggott   | Frederic, WI        |
| April 15        | Teresa Thompson  | Rochester, MN       |
| April 16        | Dan Soderberg    | Rochester, MN       |
| April 17        | Janice Farris    | Ephrata, WA         |
|                 | Jane Piepgras    | Austin, MN          |
| April 19        | John Hunziker    | Mankato, MN         |
| April 22        | Frank Ruhl       | Chicago, IL         |
| April 23        | Cal Guyer        | Grinnell, IA        |
| April 26        | Art Kennel       | Gap, PA             |
|                 | Linda Rings      | Akron, OH           |
|                 | Bob Sheridan     | St Charles, MN      |
| April 27        | Bill Cooney      | Detroit, MI         |
|                 | Neal Lloyd       | Madison, WI         |
|                 | Dan O'Neil       | Rochester, MN       |
| April 29        | Paul Olander     | Morris, MN          |
| April 30        | Don Scholz       | Cleveland, OH       |

From the Moccasin Flower - 1955

## CHICAGO CHALLENGES COMPREHENSION

"For five days, wherever you were, on the crowded chartered buses shuttling back and forth to and from your meetings, in the mammoth stadium and sizeable hotel ballrooms, you were chatting with your kind of folks, Rotarians from all over the world. The programs were the best this world has to offer, authoritative, constructive and entertaining. You arrive at the inevitable conclusion that you are participating in one of the major movements of mankind for its own betterment." Members attending from Rochester Rotary were Harry Blackmun, Harold Crawford, Russ Lang, Tom Myers and Jim Punderson.

*(Interesting that after the convention this year - 50 years later in Chicago, I bet the same sentences could be written).*

## ROTARY NEWS

- We extend our deepest sympathy to **Nate Johnson** and his family. Nate's father passed away a few weeks ago after a brief illness.
- Our progressive dinner will be held May 21. **Jim Wiekamp** and **Dena Ostern** will chair this event. We are looking for Rotarians who wish to host other Rotarians and their guest at their homes for dinner. More information will be available at our weekly meetings.
- Many of you have commented very favorably on the menu changes for our Rotary meetings. Your response was appreciated – some of the former menus remain as that is what you wanted.
- We have some business moves. **Margaret Hinz** and her husband have opened their own nursery business. It is called Family Tree Landscape and Nursery, Inc. **Tim Shea** is now associated with Somerby Golf Club where he is Marketing Manager for Membership Sales. Good Luck to both!
- Thanks to all who helped with the March meetings. Greeters: **Denise Sorom, Bill Luce, Richard Good.** Introduction of Visitors: **Thomas Moyer, Leigh Johnson, Phil Karsell, Les Stolte.** Visitors Desk: **Barbara Porter, Laurel Schacht, John Brandrup, Norm Hepper, Don Scholz.** Invocations: **Jane Belau, Stan Cram, Suzanne Dinusson, Nickie Froiland, Hilla Cline.**
- STRIVE is looking for a couple of things – funding and things to fill goodie bags. You can underwrite a bag for \$10. If you and/or your company would like to donate toward this fine project please send in a check. They can use help to meet their budget.
- We will be receiving an exchange student from France in August – we will have more information later. Please consider hosting.

### ELECTRONIC MAKEUPS

Can't make it to Rotary? There is an electronic makeup opportunity at [www.rotaryclubone.org](http://www.rotaryclubone.org). Follow the directions found there, read some Rotary information, then fill out an electronic makeup card and turn it in to the Rotary Office or forward it to us.

## APRIL ROTARY CALENDAR

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|-----------------|---|
| <b>April 7</b>  | <b>Kahler Hotel, Heritage Hall</b><br>Ken Rowe, Department of Homeland Security at Rochester International Airport, "Update and Outlook on Security Developments" |
| <b>April 14</b> | <b>Kahler Hotel, Windsor Hall,</b><br>Dave Dunn, "History of Rochester"   |
| <b>April 21</b> | <b>Marriott Hotel, Valued Associate Day</b><br>Marcia Fritzmeier, Mayo Clinic, "Dogs and Healing"   |
| <b>April 28</b> | <b>Kahler Hotel, Heritage Hall</b><br>Group Study Exchange Team from Brazil   |

### OTHER MEETINGS AND EVENTS

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|--------------------|--|
| <b>April 15-16</b> | Rotary District Conference - Oakdale   |
| <b>April 20</b>    | Rotary Information Meeting - 12 noon - Kahler Hotel, Mayo Brothers Room  |
| <b>April 21</b>    | Board of Directors Meeting - 7 a.m. - Charter House (Note this is a change for this month - from second Thursday to third) |
| <b>April 26</b>    | STRIVE Banquet, Ramada Hotel and Conference Center   |

### LOOKING AHEAD

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|---------------|---|
| <b>May 5</b>  | Rotation Day                            |
| <b>May 21</b> | Progressive Dinner at Rotary host homes |

## VALUED ASSOCIATES DAY – APRIL 21

Please invite as your guest a person or persons that you work with to this meeting. This is an opportunity for them to find out what happens when you need to rush out the door on Thursdays to that thing called Rotary. We will need sign-ups for a count and also give names so we can have name tags ready.



## ROTARY DISTRICT CONFERENCE – APRIL 15 AND 16.

The main site for these events is the Prom Center, located in Oakdale (MN) just east of St Paul. The Friday noon speaker is Alan C. Page, Minnesota's first African-American Supreme Court Justice. Page is widely renowned for his former career as a professional football player. Elected to the Pro Football Hall of Fame in 1988, he is best known for his defensive efforts with Minnesota Vikings in the 1970s.

Friday afternoon speaker and author Rick Olson will tell you how to "Unleash your Greatness: Becoming a Person of Impact." Afterwards you can choose from two break-out sessions. One features Past Rotary International Director Jerry Meigs who will lead a creative discussion on "The Future of Rotary." The other session spotlights "The History of the California Wine Industry" with expert Tom Check. An industry specialist will offer red and white varieties for your enjoyment.

An hour of great and meet "Fellowship Time" precedes a "Celebratory Dinner" served by nationally acclaimed Prom Center Catering.

Post-dinner entertainment is through the Great American History Theatre. Its world premier performance highlights Rotary's first 100 years.

Your evening concludes with music, games, a dessert bar, and expanded fellowship.

Saturday morning there is a breakfast and stimulating discussion of "Table Topics" on 18 to 20 subjects like Polio Plus and Foundation Giving, RYLA and Group Study Exchange.

You'll be inspired by the morning keynoters, Tom Cody and Willow Sweeney, of Top 20 Training. Then visit with youth exchange students and group study exchange team members.

At the concluding luncheon, you'll enjoy the always exciting and exuberant, multi-cultural entertainment provided by the Youth Exchange students.

### How do I register for the District Conference?

Go to the District Web site ([www.rotary5960.org](http://www.rotary5960.org)) where you can acquire a "Conference Registration Form." Complete the form and FAX to Jingle Mahon at 651-636-8799, or mail to the District Office with payment: Rotary District 5960, 2233 Hamline Ave. N, Suite 511, Roseville, MN 55113.

## CAMP RYLA – APRIL 22-26

The three Rochester Rotary Clubs will be sending four students again this year to Camp RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Award). One student from each of our four high schools is selected by the guidance department of our schools. This program is to strengthen leadership skills and capabilities of high school students. There is no charge to the students – we pay \$250 for each student and the St. Paul Rotary Foundation pays the rest of the costs. We all need to thank St. Paul Rotary for this project which is run so well.

The four students selected are: Emily Castellanos, Century High School; Sibley Jensen, John Marshall High School; Patrick Sitzer, Lourdes High School; Justin Weber, Mayo High School.

**We can use your assistance:** We need someone to take the students to Camp St. Croix near Hudson, Wisconsin by 6:00 pm on Friday, April 22 and pick up the students at the St. Paul Radisson following the St. Paul Rotary meeting at 1:30 pm on Tuesday, April 26. Please call the office (252-0085) if you can assist.

## ROTARY MILESTONES

- 1905** First Rotary club organized in Chicago, Illinois, USA
- 1908** Second club formed in San Francisco, California
- 1910** First Rotary convention held in Chicago
- 1912** The Rotary Club of Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, becomes the first club outside the United States to be officially chartered.
- 1917** Endowment fund, forerunner of The Rotary Foundation, established
- 1932** 4-Way Test formulated by Chicago Rotarian Herbert J. Taylor
- 1947** Rotary founder Paul Harris dies; first 18 Rotary Foundation scholarships granted
- 1962** First Interact club formed in Melbourne, Florida
- 1978** RI's largest convention, with 39,834 registrants, held in Tokyo
- 1985** Rotary announces PolioPlus program to immunize all the children of the world against polio
- 1989** Council on Legislation opens Rotary membership to women worldwide
- 1990** Rotary Club of Moscow chartered first club in Soviet Union
- 1994** Western Hemisphere declared polio-free
- 2000** Western Pacific declared polio-free
- 2001** 30,000th Rotary club chartered
- 2002** Europe declared polio-free; first class of 70 Rotary Peace Scholars begin study
- 2003** Rotarians raise more than \$118 million to support the final stages of polio eradication
- 2005** Rotary celebrates 100 years!

# ROTARY PHOTO GALLERY



Welcome new member Carla Nelson with her Rotary sponsor Nancy Brataas.



At the Rotary 100th Birthday Bash, Elvis took time to get to know Lois. Do you think he won her over?



Rich Good, Lois and Denise Sorum welcome everyone to Rotary in an Irish sort of way on St. Patrick's Day.



It's a beautiful day in the neighborhood according to Rochester Rotary's own Mister Rogers, aka Phil Karsell.

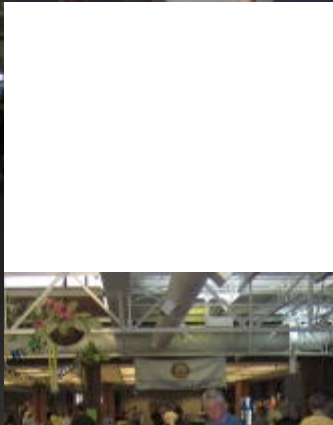


Nora O'Sullivan serenades the Rochester Rotary Club during a St. Patrick's Day program.



Jane Belau "tickles the ivories" during the St. Patrick's Day program.

The Rochester Rotary Clubs celebrated Rotary's 100th Birthday on Saturday, February 26, 2005. Thanks to Chris Berg for the photos.



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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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**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**

Warren Harmon, Director - 538-1236

Classification ..... *Lynn Clarey*  
 Greeters ..... *Rich Good*  
 Membership Development ..... *Mike O'Fallon*  
 Visitors Desk ..... *Bari Amadio*  
 Sergeant-at-Arms ..... *John Woodruff*

**CLUB SERVICE II**

Chris Cross, Director - 282-0910

Club Bulletin ..... *Lorie Luedke, Lois Nietz*  
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**CLUB SERVICE III**

Dana Funk, Director - 282-9468

Bell Ringing - Salvation Army ..... *Rick Lien*  
 Golf Day ..... *Rick Lien*  
 Music ..... *Ann Beatty, Jane Belau, Linda Herrick*  
 Rotary Information ..... *Leigh Johnson*

**VOCATIONAL SERVICE**

Kim Adams, Director - 285-1026

Rotation Day ..... *Kim Adams*  
 STRIVE ..... *Audrey Betcher, John Brockman*  
 Vocational Talks ..... *Kim Adams*  
 Auction 2006 ..... *Vicki Dearth*

**COMMUNITY SERVICE**

Vicki Dearth, Director - 287-7100

Library Host ..... *Allan Sessler*  
 Rotary US Bank Holiday Classic ... *Paul Barton/Lynn Clarey/*  
 ..... *Cal Guyer/Cris Fischer/Al DeBoer/Mark Tasler/*  
 ..... *Nate Johnson/Mike Quinn/Doug Rovang*  
 Quarry Hill Fall Festival ..... *Laurel Schacht*  
 Rotary Reading Project ..... *Norman Hepper*  
 Service Above Self Awards ..... *Marie Maher*  
 Student Guests ..... *Keri Smith*  
 Camp RYLA ..... *Doug Rovang*

**INTERNATIONAL SERVICE**

Bob Cline, Director - 282-3603

Foundational Scholarships ..... *Linda Rings*  
 Group Study Exchange Team ..... *Gilda Banfield*  
 Rotary International Foundation ..... *Dick Edwards*  
 Youth Exchange ..... *Mike Busch*  
 Gift of Life ..... *Mary Jo Kelly*  
 World Community Service ..... *Glenn VanLaningham*