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VITAL STATISTICS

MEMBERSHIP: 252

AVERAGE FEBRUARY ATTENDANCE: 60.93%

AMBASSADORS: **George Allen**, Colorado Springs X4; **Ann Beatty**, Wabasha, MN; **Jerry Downes**, Ft Myers Fl X2; **Brad Lohrbach**, **Brian Murphy**, eClubOne; **Fred Nobrega**, Naples, FL; **Bob Priem**, Gulf Shores, AL X5; **Marcia Redalen**, LaCrescent, MN; **Kim Adams**, **Rick Lien**, **Lois Nietz**, President Elect Training Session, Chaska, MN; **Sheldon Sheps**, Escondido, CA.

GREATER ROCHESTER: 2/22/06: **John Edmonson** 3/01/06: **John Edmonson**, **Carla Nelson**, **Jane Piepgras** 3/08/06: **Lynn Clarey**, **Todd Cordes**, **Mark Dunnweber**, **Bob MacCarty**, **Ellen Nelson**, **Lois Nietz**, **Mike Podulke**, **Dan Soderberg**, **Fred Suhler**. 3/22/06: **Chuck Briscoe**, **Mark Cairns**, **Mark Dunnweber**, **Charlie Fish**, **Margaret Hinz**, **Ellen Nelson**, **Frank Streit**.

RISERS: 2/21/06: **Charlie Fish**, **Alan Sessler**, **Jay Toogood**. 2/28/06: **Charlie Fish** 3/07/06: **Jerry Mahon**, **Marcia Redalen**, **Tony Sertich**, **Alan Sessler**, **John Woodruff**. 3/21/06: **Charlie Fish**, **Eric Matteson**, **Alan Sessler**.

VALUED EMPLOYEES DAY – APRIL 27

Please invite as your guest a person or persons who work with you and are your valued associates. An opportunity for them to find out what happens when you need to rush out of the door on Thursdays to that thing called "Rotary." We will need sign-ups for a count and so we can have name tags ready.

ROTARY AUCTION – MAY 4

A great evening meeting is planned – all members will receive an invitation. No noon meeting this day. Your help is needed NOW! **The committee needs to have donations by April 7.** Why? The committee needs time to prepare bid sheets, write descriptions, prepare displays, plan the amount of space needed, etc.

BIRTHDAYS

HAPPY APRIL BIRTHDAYS!

<u>Birthday</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Birthplace</u>
April 3	Norb Fitzpatrick	Rochester, MN
	Rachel Hurt	Rochester, MN
	Ellen Nelson	Minneapolis, 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 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
	Dan O'Neil	Rochester, MN
April 29	Paul Olander	Morris, MN
April 30	Don Scholz	Cleveland, OH

ELECTRONIC MAKE-UPS

Can't make it to Rotary? There is an electronic make-up opportunity at www.rotaryclubone.org.

ROTARY NEWS

- Another successful Rotary US Bank Holiday Classic was celebrated. With the completion of 18 tournaments we have been able to give more than one half million dollars back to the youth of our community. A great collaborative effort of all three Rochester Rotary Clubs.
- In recognition of their completion of the STRIVE program, all STRIVE students receive a courier bag printed with the Rotary logo at the celebratory banquet. We fill the bags with things they will find useful such as pens and pencils, notepads, can coolies, etc. (yes, your logo on them is great) We will need 75 of any items donated. We would also gladly accept monetary donations toward the purchase of the bags.
- President Elect Rick will be handing out activity sheets. We also have included a copy with this bulletin. Please fill out the sheet and turn in promptly – let us know where your interest lies and also state on this sheet where you would like to have the funds for the speakers gift to be given next year.
- Thanks to all who helped with the March programs: **Bob Priem and Charlie Fish** helped with the Holiday Classic Awards Luncheon. Greeters: **Michelle Mikkelson, Beth Warren**. Invocations: **Doug Sparks, Larry Koshire, Brian Murphy**. Introduction of Visitors: **Phil Karsell, Leigh Johnson, Keri Smith**. Visitors Desk: **Linda Oelke, Brad Jones, Jeff Amundson**.
- A special thank you to **Jim Gibson and Dana Funk** for collecting the money for us at the Kahler. The Kahler is no longer doing this and we appreciate the assistance of Jim and Dana for March.
- We have the opportunity to attend a District Conference near us in Red Wing, April 21 and 22. Take advantage of this opportunity to meet people from other clubs, share information and fellowship. A good time will be had by all. Check the district Web site www.rotary5960.org for information and registration forms.
- We will need someone to take our four high school students to Camp RYLA on Friday, April 21. They need to be at the YMCA Camp St. Croix, located approximately two miles south of Hudson, Wisconsin, by 6:00 p.m. Please call the office if you can help.
- Be sure to let us know if you have a child graduating this year – we would like to invite them to a meeting so they can be recognized.

APRIL ROTARY CALENDAR

April 6	Kahler Hotel - Elizabethan Room Bob Bardwell, Ironwood Springs Christian Ranch, "It's Not What Happens to You, But What You Do About It"
April 13	Kahler Hotel - Heritage Hall Sara Wall, Miss Minnesota 2005, Miss International 2005, "Dyslexia: A Beautiful Difference"
April 20	Kahler Hotel - Elizabethan Room Aaron Doering, PhD, University of Minnesota, "Arctic Dogsled Expedition"
April 27	Kahler Hotel - Heritage Hall Dr. Zigang Dong, MD, PhD, University of Minnesota Hormel Institute. (Valued Associate Day)

OTHER MEETINGS AND EVENTS

April 13	Rotary Board of Directors Meeting 7 a.m. - Charter House
April 19	Rotary Information Meeting 12 Noon, Viking Room, Kahler
April 21-23	District 5960 District Conference - Treasure Island Casino, Red Wing, MN
April 25	STRIVE Banquet
April 27	District Assembly – incoming officers and directors – Owatonna

STRIVE MEETINGS

April 18	John Marshall - 9:25-10:15 a.m.
April 19	Mayo HS - 9:38-10:30 a.m.
April 20	Century HS - 9:32-10:17 a.m.

LOOKING AHEAD - MARK YOUR CALENDARS

May 4	Rotary Auction – evening meeting (no noon meeting) Invitations have been sent – lots of fun!
June 1	Rotary Aviation Day – Rochester Airport – Voted one of the best meetings several years ago. Brian Younge is arranging a close up view of Air Force planes – yes, inside, too. Details to come.
June 15	Rotary Rotation Day

SAMATHA FIECK: Youth exchange student in France

Hello Rotary:

I hope everyone is well back in Minnesota. I heard about all the snow, and I looked out my sunny window thinking, "I haven't seen snow more than once this year, and it didn't last more than an hour." The weather has been really mild - I love it. Over the last vacation, I visited Paris with my host family. I LOVE Paris, it's such a beautiful city. We took STAIRS up to the second floor of the Eiffel Tower. That sure was a workout because it was windy and rainy, but when you see the view from above you couldn't help but be amazed!

About two weeks ago, another Canadian exchange student arrived at our school. Kids from school and the exchange students often hang out together and the French kids joke is that the English language (or "American" as they call what we speak) outnumbers the French.

Last Tuesday I went to a Rotary dinner. Right now my club is selling chocolates and the profits go to pay for a clown to perform at the local children's wing of the hospital. My host mom, host sisters, and I bagged over 1,000 bags of chocolate! Then at Rotary the other night the men at my table kept buying me chocolate. My host mom was like, "You can't say no when they offer them to you." After dinner, we had a conference on a group located in the region that searches for shipwrecks in the English Channel. This was actually very interesting, and I followed the French!!

It seems at least two days a week I don't have school because of the strikes. The government passed the "CPE-Contract Premiere Embauché." It's a measure to help lower unemployment of the younger population coming out of school. I've learned from talking to people that change is very hard to come by in France. A prime minister tries to change something, but often the people protest against it and it's eventually cancelled.

Don't get me wrong. I am learning in school! My main economy teacher has told me I'm doing very well. I turned in a large paper the other day and got a 10/20 which in their grading system is fairly good. Right now I'm in the process of writing another large paper.

I'll be changing host families in about two weeks but I'll remain in the same town of Martin-Eglise. I've only met my new host mom so far. She's an elementary school teacher and they have three kids. Martin (15), Pagret (12) and Jaspar (8) so I'm excited to meet the new family. I won't be there for long though. I'll have about 1 ½ months with them, then I'll be coming home on May 14th for graduation.

See you all soon!

Samantha Fieck

Rotarians from the three Rochester Rotary Clubs enjoyed John Marshall, University of Minnesota and Green Bay Packer stand-out Darrell Thompson's keynote address at the Rotary US Bank Holiday Basketball Classic awards luncheon held at the Ramada Hotel and Conference Center on March 15. Several youth-oriented organizations and activities were awarded \$40,000 in grants.



Holiday Classic manager Tom Everson enjoys a laugh with Darrell Thompson.



Holiday Basketball Tournament co-chairs Doug Rovang and Dean Stenejem pose for a picture with Darrell Thompson.

WHAT IS A PAUL HARRIS FELLOW, AND HOW DOES ONE BECOME ONE?

Undoubtedly the most important step to promote voluntary giving to the Rotary International Foundation occurred in 1957, when the idea of Paul Harris Fellow recognition was first proposed. Although the concept of making \$1,000 gifts to the foundation was slow in developing, by the early 1970s it began to gain popularity (our first Paul Harris Fellow was Dr. Ed Banner in 1973).



The distinctive Paul Harris medallion, lapel pin and attractive certificate have become highly respected symbols of a substantial financial commitment to the Rotary International Foundation by Rotarians and friends around the world.

A special recognition pin is given to Paul Harris fellows who make additional gifts of \$1,000 to the Foundation. The distinctive gold pin includes a blue stone to represent each \$1,000 contribution up to a total of \$5,000 in additional gifts. Red stone pins signify gifts of \$7,000 to \$9,000. A Diamond Circle pin is given to donors for major gifts in excess of \$10,000.

Paul Harris Fellow recognition provides a very important incentive for the continuing support needed to underwrite the many programs of The Rotary International Foundation that build goodwill and understanding in the world.

Another term you hear is "sustaining member" which is when someone donates \$100 or more each year until the \$1,000 is paid – you then become a Paul Harris Fellow.

The recognition on the Paul Harris Fellowship can be in your name, a family member (living or deceased), a friend, a public figure (Ben Franklin is a Paul Harris Fellow in our club) or as a memorial. We have had Paul Harris Fellowships given as birthday or anniversary presents and surprise presentations can be arranged.

Rochester Rotary's Goal is that every member contribute. If this is \$10 or \$100, we hope you will show your support. Check can be made to the Rochester Rotary Foundation.



RAFFLE TICKETS

PRICE - \$25.00



Win a 5-7 night Mexican and Western Caribbean Cruise for up to 4 people.

Includes Air, Cruise and \$1,000 spending money (\$5,000 value)

Drawing will be Thursday, May 4, 2006,
at the Rotary Club Auction
(Need not be present to win)

Only 500 tickets will be sold.

Buy and Help Sell Tickets
Pick up at Rotary Meetings



New member Stacy Sinner, Olmsted County Sheriff's Office with proposer Lois Nietz.



Proposer Ann Beatty with new member Bill Wiktor, IBM; Marv Ramsay and new member Mark St. Peter, City Auto Glass.

ROCHESTER ROTARY CLUB COMMITTEES AND ACTIVITIES – 2006-07

YOUR NAME _____

Please indicate your willingness to serve in one or more of the activities listed and return to Lois by April 15, 2006.

CLUB SERVICE

_____ ASSIST SERGEANT AT ARMS: in setting up meetings, seating people, helping with lights, etc.

_____ GREETERS: Arrange for or be a greeter. Greet members and guests at the door and show visitors where to go for make-ups etc.

_____ REGISTRATION DESK: Assist visitors and guests in registering and in getting make-ups.

_____ PROGRAMS: Be a member of the program committee.

_____ INVOCATIONS: Arrange for or give an invocation at our Rotary meetings.

_____ FELLOWSHIP: Help with the organization of the following activities:

_____ Golf Tournament

_____ Internal Auction

_____ Bell Ringing – Salvation Army

_____ Progressive Dinner

_____ PUBLIC RELATIONS: Arrange media coverage for our weekly programs as needed and programs of Rotary in general.

_____ MENTOR NEW MEMBERS: Arrange for or serve as a mentor for new members.

VOCATIONAL SERVICE

_____ VOCATIONAL TALKS: Arrange for monthly vocational talks.

_____ STRIVE PROGRAM: Mentor high school students once a month with a group of Rotarians at Century, Mayo or John Marshall High School.

_____ ROTATION DAY AND VALUED ASSOCIATE DAY: Assist with announcements, etc.

INTERATIONAL SERVICE

_____ AMBASSADORIAL SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE: Work with members of the other two clubs in reviewing applications and select persons for the awarding of scholarships.

_____ WORLD COMMUNITY SERVICE: Work on programs on the international level.

_____ YOUTH EXCHANGE COMMITTEE: Incoming and outbound exchange students. Help publicize program, interview students, coordinate their coming and going, help with briefing of prospective students and parents.

_____ FOUNDATION SCHOLAR COUNSELORS: Assist scholars who are here in Rochester studying at the Mayo Clinic.

_____ GROUP STUDY EXCHANGE TEAMS: Help make arrangements for team members (homes and vocational) while they are in Rochester for a few days. Help in selection of potential outbound candidates.

_____ GIFT OF LIFE PROGRAM: Assist child and parent from foreign countries who come here for heart surgery. Pick up at airport, help with clinic visits, etc. (Housing is arranged)

COMMUNITY SERVICE

- _____ SERVICE ABOVE SELF AWARDS: Arrange with guidance counselors at our schools to select students for the award.
- _____ STUDENT GUESTS: Arrange for our members' high school seniors to come to a meeting and be introduced.
- _____ CAMP RYLA: Arrange transportation for four students to and from St. Paul. Arrange to have them attend a Rotary meeting after the conference.
- _____ QUARRY HILL FALL FESTIVAL: Help arrange for member participation in projects.
- _____ RIVERSIDE SCHOOL READING PROJECT: Listen to students practice reading for 1½ hour sessions – commitment as little as once a month.
- _____ PUBLIC LIBRARY GREETERS: Be in the library one evening every few weeks to host and greet people.
- _____ ROTARY US BANK HOLIDAY CLASSIC BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT: Dance, program, publicity, tickets, etc.

SPEAKER'S GIFT:

I would like to see the funds from the donation made in the speaker's name go to the following group for the 2006-07 Rotary year. (Funds for the 2005-06 year are going to ARC of Southeastern Minnesota.)

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**ROTARY CLUB OF ROCHESTER
Rochester, Minnesota**

Organized June 12, 1925
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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

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

Warren Harmon, Director - 538-1236

Greeters *Rich Good*
Membership Development..... *Rick Lien*
Visitors Desk *Bari Amadio*
Sergeant-at-Arms *John Woodruff*

CLUB SERVICE II

Brian Murphy, Director - 536-4870

Club Bulletin *Lorie Luedke, Lois Nietz*
Invocations *Doug Sparks*
Programs *Karen Ricklefs*
Public Relations *Jane Belau*
Technology Committee *Lorie Luedke, Steve Sponsel,
Phil Karsell, Lois Nietz*

CLUB SERVICE III

Dana Funk, Director - 282-9468

Bell Ringing - Salvation Army *Fred Suhler, Rick Lien,
Dana Funk*
Golf Day *Mark Dripps, Rick Lien, Dana Funk*
Music *Ann Beatty, Jane Belau, Matt Camrud,
Linda Herrick*
Rotary Information *Leigh Johnson*

VOCATIONAL SERVICE

Laurel Schacht, Director - 288-4331

Rotation Day *Laurel Schacht*
STRIVE *Audrey Betcher, Laurel Schacht*
Vocational Talks *Laurel Schacht*
Auction 2006 *Vicki Allen*

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Vicki Allen, Director - 287-7100

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

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

Stacey Vanden Heuvel, Director - 292-7200

Foundational Scholarships *Linda Rings*
Group Study Exchange Team *Gilda Banfield*
Rotary International Foundation *Bill Nietz*
Youth Exchange *Karmen Reid*
Gift of Life *Mary Jo Kelly*
World Community Service *Glenn VanLaningham*