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VITAL STATISTICS

MEMBERSHIP: 260

AMBASSADORS: AMBASSADORS: **Kim Adams, Doug Rovang**, PETS, Austin, MN; **Ardell Brede**, Gualala, CA; **Jerry Downes**, Ft. Myers, FL X3; **LuAnn Hiniker**, Carbondale, IL; **Marcia Redalen**, La Crescent, WI; **Marv Ramsay**, LaCrosse, WI; **Sheldon Sheps**, Sarasota, FL X2; **Truda Tyce**, Tunis; **Sarah Burrington, Mark Carins, Janice Farris, LuAnn Hiniker, Eric Matteson, Gail Sauter**, eClubOne; **Judith O'Fallon**, WCS District Meeting.

GREATER ROCHESTER ROTARY: 2/28/07: **John Edmonson, Rich Good, Larry Kent, Mike Podulke, Dan Soderberg, Chuck Springer, Jay Toogood.** 3/07/07: **Ingrid Neel, Jane Piepgras, Carolyn Piepho.** 3/22/07: **Charlie Fish, Mike Podulke, Frank Sharbrough, Dan Soderberg.**

ROCHESTER ROTARY RISERS: None

ROCHESTER ROTARY PROGRESSIVE DINNER Saturday, May 5, 2007

Currently 55 members and significant others have signed-up for the Progressive Dinner. We have 11 host sites. This is an opportunity to get to know fellow members in the club. Come join the fun, food, and friendship.

Social Hour: 5:00-6:45 pm

Dinner Hour: 7:00-8:45 pm

Dessert Hour: 9:00- ?

Cost is \$15.00 per person
(Hosts do not pay)

Please let us know if you want to be a co-host, bring an appetizer, dessert, or wine.

Sign-up early so we can plan for the hosts. You can sign-up at Rotary or email us.

Thanks,

Dana Funk, Stacy Sinner, Ray Johnson, and Mark Dripps



BIRTHDAYS

HAPPY MARCH 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 9	Linda Klovstad	Superior, WI
April 16	Dan Soderberg	Rochester, MN
April 17	Janice Farris	Ephrata, WA
	Jane Piepgras	Austin, MN
April 19	John Hunziker	Mankato, MN
April 20	Tim Fry	Mason City, IA
	Gail Sauter	Owatonna, MN
April 26	Art Kennel	Gap, PA
	Linda Rings	Akron, OH
	Bob Sheridan	St Charles, MN
April 27	Dan O'Neil	ochester, MN
April 29	Paul Olander	Morris, MN
April 30	Don Scholz	Cleveland, OH

ELECTRONIC MAKEUPS

Can't make it to Rotary?

There is an electronic make-up opportunity at
www.rotaryclubone.org

ROTARY NEWS

- Congratulations to **Keri Smith** who was married on March 10 to **Mark Norman**. Mark was deployed to Afghanistan after the wedding. We will keep both Keri and Mark in our prayers and also our best wishes for a wonderful life together upon his return.
- Some of you are forgetting to put \$2.00 in the scooter basket when you have to leave early.
- A reminder to our red badge members- are you checking on your points? Call the office if you have questions. Be glad to help you with this.
- Don't forget to bring some things for the Goodie Bags for the STRIVE banquet.
- Thanks to all who helped with the March meetings. Registration desk: **Jerry Needham, Lorrie Swancutt, Marty Anderson**. Greeters: **Michelle Mikkalson, Joe McBride, Brian Murphy, Marty Anderson, Denny Nigon**. 4-Way Test: **Carrie Farrow, Nick Kolas, Betty Devine**. Music: **Linda Herrick**. Introduction of Visitors: **Hilla Ferguson, Leigh Johnson, Keri Smith-Norman, Mike O'Fallon**. Invocations: **Rod Anderson, Ann Berberich, Chris Bedney, Fred Banfield, Frank Knox**. Meeting Assistants: **Andy Thilges, Jerry Balm, Chris Bedney**.
- Congratulations to our new Paul Harris Fellows: **Bari Amadio, Jim Clausen, Alan Sessler, and Mary Wellik**.

ROTATION DAY – APRIL 26

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 members the opportunity to get to know each other a little better and to learn about the host's occupation.

What is the host's responsibility?

Hosts sign-up and indicate the number of members they would like to accommodate for lunch. This can vary from a minimum of six members to whatever number the host can accommodate. Hosts are given a list of names of members to host and then invite their guests- giving directions, etc. The hosts 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.

APRIL ROTARY CALENDAR

April 5	Kahler Hotel - Windsor Hall Christian Milaster, Mayo Engineer, “ Building his ‘Off the Grid’ Home”
April 12	Kahler Hotel - Elizabethan Room Walt Ling, Senior State Executive, IBM, “The IBM Rochester Story”
April 19	Marriott Hotel Valued Associate Day Tim Hansen, “Living with Hospice”
April 26	Rotation Day All members will be assigned where to attend their meeting – Call the office if you haven't heard by noon on the April 25.

OTHER MEETINGS AND EVENTS

April 12	Rotary Board of Directors Meeting 7 a.m., Directors Room, Kahler Hotel
April 17	Rotary Information Meeting 12 Noon, Directors Room, Kahler Hotel
April 19-21	District Conference - Owatonna
April 24	STRIVE Banquet - 5:30 pm - Mayo Civic Center
May 5	Progressive Dinner

What to those attending do?

First and foremost, **respond to the host** to 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. If you have not heard where to go by noon the day before the Rotation Day, please call the office **252-0085**.



FRIENDSHIP EXCHANGE

June 28-July 1

There is an opportunity for you and your family to host a fellow Rotarian (and spouse) from District 9790 (Melbourne, Australia) during a Friendship Exchange and our District (5960).

Friendship Exchange is an international program which involves a visit by a Rotarian (and spouse) from one district to Rotarians in another district. It is designed to foster international understanding and good will. A Rotarian host (and family) will be responsible for providing lodging and opportunities for the incoming team members to observe how we live our daily lives. In addition to the international fellowship opportunities, a Rotarian host is given priority if he or she wishes to be a member of a team of Rotarians from this district who will visit the District 9790 in March of 2008.

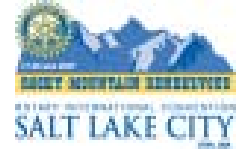
The visiting Rotarians are scheduled to be in Rochester from Wednesday, June 28 through Sunday, July 1. Please contact Fred Suhler at 281-5090 if you have an interest in hosting or any questions.



Amazing what Brian Younge found while skiing at Vail. Way to go Joe (McBride)!

2007 Rotary International Convention

Salt Lake City
June 17-20, 2007



NEW MEMBERS



New member Dan Bieber, Prime Mortgage, proposed by Ray Johnson.



Proposer Ashleigh Rosson Hoffmann with new member Susan Pursley, LaQuinta Inn.



Proposer Jim Sloan with new member Jason Boynton, Smith Schafer and Associates.



New member Byron Clark, left, Property Brokers of Minnesota. New member Mike Schnell, right, Golf Headquarters. Both members were proposed by Carla Nelson.

OUTBOUND ROTARY EXCHANGE STUDENT SELECTED

Tanya Hahn, a junior at St. Charles High School, has been selected to be our club's 2007-2008 outbound Youth Exchange Student. After being interviewed and selected by our club, and then by the district last fall, she began a comprehensive orientation to prepare her for her year abroad.

Students give the district their top choices for countries. Although there is never a guarantee that the students will get their first choice, our students have been "lucky." Tanya's first choice was Argentina, and that is where she will be going. Our two current outbounds, also got their first choices - Argentina and Chile.



Tanya tells us that she is preparing for her next orientation session at the district, at which she is required to write a report on Argentina. She said the more she researches it, the more excited she becomes. She repeatedly tells us how happy she is to have this opportunity and is very appreciative of Rotary's wonderful Youth Exchange Program.

(Thanks to our club's youth exchange committee – they are on call 24 hours a day for our students. Next time you see Karmen Reid, Hilla Ferguson, and Vicki Allen, stop and thank them.)



St. Paul Rotary President Blake Davis with Rochester Rotary President Rick Lien.

VALUED ASSOCIATES DAY – APRIL 19, 2007 MARRIOTT HOTEL

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



(You can email Lois if you are bringing guests or sign-up at an upcoming meeting.)

LETTER FROM REED LANGTON-YANOWITZ, OUR YOUTH EXCHANGE STUDENT IN CHILE

I am on vacation right now on my second trip around the north of Argentina with Rotary. We just went to a wine festival in Mendoza, and it was pretty amazing. It was in this huge stadium and there was all this cultural music and dance topped off by fireworks. It was a huge production that I guess takes a year to orchestrate.

I'm now fluent in Spanish and it's kind of funny to see kids coming here who don't know Spanish and so they mix it with English a lot. Very nostalgic. I got news a few weeks ago that I got accepted into Carleton College in Northfield so that made me really excited to get home. It's mixed though because I'm going to miss Argentina very much. It won't be easy, but I know I will be able to handle it. I have a job at Menards lined up (which is really weird for people here since kids don't work) for this summer which I begin the first week of June. I have to go now because we are going to the center but I hope everything is still going well in Minnesota and once again I would like to say thank you very much for giving me this wonderful life changing experience.

*Sincerely,
Reed*



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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

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Club, Vocational, Community, International

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 Golf Day *Mark Dripps, Dana Funk*
 Music *Jane Belau*
 Rotary Information *Leigh Johnson*

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Rotation Day *Laurel Schacht*
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