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GREATER ROCHESTER ROTARY: 3/4/09: **Erika Trempe** 3/25/09: **Mark Cairns**, **Melissa Brinkman**, **Judith O'Fallon**, **Mike O'Fallon**, **Frank Streit**

ROCHESTER ROTARY RISERS: None

BIRTHDAYS

HAPPY APRIL BIRTHDAYS!

Birthday	Name	Birthplace
April 2	Sheryl Barlow	Jefferson, IA
April 4	Linda Bonow	St Paul, MN
	Alan Sessler	Boston, MA
	Jim Frye	Topeka, Kansas
April 5	Bill Ryan	Minneapolis, MN
April 7	Jack Spittell	Baltimore, MD
April 8	Ingrid Neel	Kuressaare, Estonia
April 9	Linda Klovstad	Superior, WI
April 17	Janice Farris	Ephrata, WA
	Jane Piepgras	Austin, MN
April 19	John Hunziker	Mankato, MN
April 20	Gail Sauter	Owatonna, MN
April 22	Steve Lehmkuhle	Dayton, OH
April 26	Art Kennel	Gap, PA
	Linda Rings	Akron, OH
	Bob Sheridan	St Charles, MN
April 27	Dan O'Neil	Rochester, MN
April 29	Paul Olander	Morris, MN
	Jeff Allman	Hammond IN
	Tutti Harrington	Sidney, MT
April 30	Don Scholz	Cleveland, OH

PAST PRESIDENT DICK EDWARDS HAS BOOK PUBLISHED

Mom, Dad...Can We Talk? is for the 53 million adult children in America, the sandwich generation of boomers for whom aging-parent issues and care concerns are an increasing reality. Contained within the book are:

100 personal stories and quotes from adult children who have journeyed with their parents through their later years

Practical advice for initiating caring conversations, such as "Mom, we're worried about you living alone," or "Mom, Dad, we need you to tell us what you want us to do."

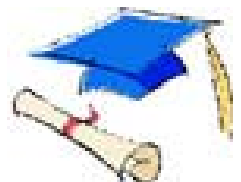
Helpful hints for managing the Big Ds of growing older: dementia, drinking, depression, and driving.

To learn more about the book and what others are saying go to www.momdadcanwetalk.com



SENIOR STUDENTS

Please let the office know if you have a senior student in high school. We would like to invite them to a meeting in the near future.



ROTARY NEWS

- Congratulations to **Karmen Reid** who became a Paul Harris fellow at our meeting last week. The support of Karmen and her family to Rotary and all of our programs is greatly appreciated.
- Thanks to all who helped with the March Rotary meetings: Invocations: **Steve Courts, Karen Erlenbusch, Glenn Lyden**. Introduction of Visitors: **Leigh Johnson, Mike O'Fallon and Thomas Moyer**. Visitors Desk: **Charlie Moore, Christine Beech, Susan Ahlquist**. Greeters: **Tom Fitzgerald, Ray & Sue Johnson, Anne Berberich** 4- Way Test: **John Edmunson, Paul Tieskoetter, Tom Bruckman**. Cashier: **Janice Farris** Vocational Talk: **Christine Milaster**,
- Thanks to all of you who helped with the Rotary US Bank Holiday Classic Awards. Appreciated having **Vicki Allen, Chris Bedney, Paul Olander, Steve Rossello and John Woodruff** come in early to assist.
- Condolences to **Chris Cross** whose mother passed away and to **Stacey Vanden Heuvel** whose father passed away in the past few weeks. Our deepest sympathy to you and your families.
- **RI Foundation Chair Kim Adams** reported that 58% of our members have made a donation to the RI Foundation and encouraged all members to make a contribution in whatever amount you wish. We are still taking accepting donations for the Fast For Hope project in Nicaragua. Suggested donation is \$10/member.



VALUED ASSOCIATES DAY, APRIL 16, KAHLER HOTEL – HERITAGE HALL

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 we can then have name tags ready.

Email or call Lois if you are bringing a guest or sign-up at the April 9 meeting.



APRIL ROTARY CALENDAR

April 2	ROTATION DAY – all members are assigned where to go . If you have not heard where you are to go by noon on Wednesday, please call the office.
April 9	Kahler Hotel – Heritage Hall – Dean John Finnegan, University of Minnesota School of Public Health.
April 16	Kahler Hotel – Windsor Hall - Amber King, "IBM Corporate Service Corps"
April 23	Kahler Hotel – Heritage Hall – Mayo International Department Presentation and tour of new International Lounge located on the Kahler Mezzanine
April 30	Kahler Hotel - Windsor Hall – History Center Players, "In Commemoration of Lincoln's 200th Year," Glenn VanLaningham as Ulysses S. Grant and Paul Sodt as Abraham Lincoln

OTHER MEETINGS AND EVENTS

April 6	Channel One Volunteer Night - 6-8 p.m. – Mike O'Fallon, chair
April 8	Community Food Response - Contact Glenn VanLaningham
April 9	Rotary Board of Directors Meeting 7 a.m., Directors Room, Kahler Hotel
April 15	Rotary Information Meeting - 12 Noon, Kahler Hotel, Directors Room
April 17-19	Rotary District Conference - River Falls, WI
April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30	Evening at Rochester Public Library 6-9 p.m
April 24-28	Camp RYLA
April 28	STRIVE Banquet

LOOKING AHEAD

May 2	Progressive Dinner
July 23	Retirement Party for Lois - evening dinner at the Kahler

PROGRESSIVE DINNER IS MAY 2

We have the opportunity to enjoy a Very Special Progressive Dinner together beginning at the 26th Floor Penthouse Suite of Broadway Residence and Suites – top of the City's tallest building – with Social Hour beginning at 5 PM. See the City in the daylight! (Free parking is available after 5 PM!)

We will then progress to our member's homes for dinner in smaller groups. After dinner we will return to the Broadway Penthouse for Dessert where we can enjoy the night time view of our fair city! (Lots of sparkling lights!)

If you are interested in staying at the Bridgestreet Worldwide Broadway Residence & Suites the night of the Progressive Dinner - May 2 - (two-bedroom suite with Sunday breakfast for \$110 versus \$245 which is the normal rate).



Reservations should be made with their Reservation Specialist, Amy Rowe, at the property. Email Amy at amy.rowe@bridgestreet.com or call their office and mention Rotary progressive dinner, 507-424-4200. What a great opportunity to share one of the unique resources of our community!

Cost for members is \$15/person and each person/couple will be asked to bring appetizers or dessert.

We are looking for members to host a dinner for six, eight or 10.

Let us know if you can host a dinner. Contact the office – rochesterrotaryclubs@charter.net or Marilyn Stewart – marilynstewart@edinarealty.com Karen Ricklefs – kricklefs@aol.com

Sign-up to overnight in a suite the night of the dinner – Ashleigh Rosson – ashliegh.rosson@bridgestreet.com

You will be receiving an invitation at your home shortly. Reservations due by April 18, 2009.

DR. CHARLES FISH 1934-2009

Fellow Rotarian Charlie Fish passed away March 15 from complications of pneumonia. Charlie retired in 1999 from the practice of medicine at the Mayo Clinic where he specialized in the field of obstetrics and gynecology. He was a member of our club for eight years and was someone you could call on to assist when help was needed. We extend our deepest condolences to his family.

DRIVERS NEEDED

We need transportation for our students to and from Camp RYLA. There are four students (one from each of the high schools) plus sleeping bags etc. They need to be at Camp



RYLA which is at Camp St. Croix near Hudson, Wisconsin, by 6 pm on Friday, April 24, and picked up at 1:30 pm on Tuesday, April 28 at the Crowne

Plaza Hotel (formerly Radisson Riverfront) 11 Kellogg Boulevard in downtown Saint Paul. The students attend the St Paul Rotary Club meeting at noon and if you can, please plan to attend this meeting – it's always good.



District 5960 Conference Time!

Join District Governor Roy and his wife Lana at UW River Falls, April 17-19, for our District celebration! Speakers are: Ann Bancroft, Polar Explorer, Tom Henderson, CEO of ShelterBox, Deepa Willingham, Founder of PACE Universal and Kelly Cain, University of Wisconsin Professor of Sustainability.

Go to www.rotary5960.org, click on Rotary District Conference, read all about it and REGISTER ONLINE! Account name is "celebrate", password is "rotary."

A poster for the 2009 Rotary District Conference. At the top, it says "2009 Rotary District Conference" with the Rotary logo. Below that, it says "FEATURING" and lists four speakers with their photos and names: Ann Bancroft (Polar Explorer, Educator, Lecturer), Tom Henderson (CEO of ShelterBox), Deepa Willingham (Founder of PACE Universal), and Kelly Cain (Professor of Sustainability, UW-RF). Below the speakers, it says "AND OTHERS, WHO IN THEIR OWN UNIQUE WAYS...". At the bottom, there are two logos: "Make Dreams Real" and "In Our Sustainable World" with a graphic of hands holding a plant. The dates "APRIL 17, 18, & 19, 2009" and the location "On the campus of UW-River Falls, River Falls, WI" are at the very bottom.

DOLLY PARTON AND ROTARY PAIRING IN PROMOTING LITERACY

Rotary International announced a groundbreaking collaborative arrangement with Dolly Parton's Tennessee-based Dollywood Foundation to promote early childhood reading. Under the agreement, Rotary clubs in the United States, Canada and the United Kingdom are encouraged to support the Dollywood Foundation's Imagination Library program, which provides an age-appropriate book each month to children from birth until age five, so that parents and other family members can begin reading to them as soon as possible.

The program is especially valuable for children in underprivileged and working class families for whom children's books might be an unaffordable luxury in today's uncertain economic climate.

"I am thrilled about our partnership with Rotary International," says Parton, who developed a personal love of books growing up in rural Tennessee, where she saw firsthand the toll illiteracy can take on families. "Rotarians love kids as much as I do, so I truly believe we can do something extraordinary together to help even more children love to read and succeed."



Once a child is registered with Imagination Library, the Dollywood Foundation sends the child one book a month, beginning with "The Little Engine That Could." The books are chosen to match the typical childhood development stages. Appropriately, the final title is "Look Out Kindergarten, Here I Come." Since its launch in 1996, Imagination Library has provided more than 15 million books to preschoolers.

Our own United Way is involved with this program They have 5,400 children that receive books each month.



Keri Smith Norman with her son, Michael, and Lois. We recruit young!



New members Josef Chlacheula, Minn Internet Lab, proposed by Christian Milaster, and Roberta Tolan, Quarry Hill Nature Center, proposed by Cynthia Shaffer.

SEEKING POLAROID CAMERA AND FILM – CAN YOU ASSIST?

I am doing a service trip in July 2009 with YouthLINC in conjunction with the Rochester Rotary Club. YouthLINC is an organization that works to foster a sense of local and global responsibility in young people.

Each student in my group will be doing a special project with the children in the village in Kenya. One of my assignments is to coordinate a carnival day. We will have different activity stations set up for 300 children. Activities will include things like tug of war, tie-dying T-shirts, etc. This is an exciting opportunity for these children to interact with Americans and to learn and have some fun.

I have learned from the team who went last year that the living conditions are very modest. Most people do not have electricity or running water. Anything beyond the basics is considered a real luxury. Last year, one of the team members brought a digital camera. The Kenyan children were so

excited seeing themselves, but of course, the pictures could not be printed there for them to keep.

One of the activities that I would like to offer at the carnival is to take the children's pictures with an instant camera. We would then mount the photos on a piece of construction paper and let the children give them to their parents. We think that this activity would absolutely thrill the children and their families.

I'm writing this to see if you might have an old Polaroid Instamatic camera and/or film around your house that you would like to donate. Polaroid no longer makes and sells these, but I'm hoping that there might be some "out there" that we could use. If so, please contact me, Alexis Reid, at arreid@owu.edu or contact my mother, Karmen Reid (Rochester Rotary Club member) at 252-0299 or reid.karmen@Mayo.edu.

21st Annual Rotary U.S. Bank Holiday Classic Community Grant Awards

Continuing Rotary's commitment to youth, the following were selected to receive grants using the guidelines of being youth-related or education-oriented, Rochester-based, and having a demonstrated need. A total of \$36,000 was awarded this year. \$625,400 has been awarded in the 21 years of the tournament.

Bear Creek Services

Scholarships for the Family Support Center. This support center is for families who have children between the ages of 5-15 who have a developmental disability or autism.

Boys & Girls Club of Rochester

Funds will be used to assist strengthening and expanding a Performing Arts Program.

Camp Olson YMCA

Funds will be used to provide funding for camp scholarships for children who live in our area.

Channel One Food Bank & Food Shelf

Funds will support kid-friendly food purchases for the Olmsted County Food Shelf Program. Examples of kid-friendly food items include peanut butter, macaroni and cheese, and other staples that appeal to children.

Children's Dance Theatre

Funds will sponsor a school-time performance of the production of Willy Wonka.

Diversity Council

Assist in funding its Spark Workshops (formerly called Prejudice Reduction Workshops) which is a comprehensive series of age-appropriate, progressive K-12 anti-bias education program.

Friends of Quarry Hill Nature Center

Funds will be used for Naturalist Knapsacks. Kits contain a variety of activities, tools and self guided/self paced instructions to be used on the trails of Quarry Hill.

"Get Up, Get Moving, Get Healthy, Get THERE - RCTC"

RCTC sponsors this program which will collaborate with Rochester Boys and Girls Club and expand to a full day camp. The camp also gives the students access to a college environment and encouragement to seek higher education in their future.

History Center of Olmsted County

Funds will be used for Hands on History Program. Annual attendance is 3,000 students in grades two through six from public and private schools as well as home-schooled children.

Mayo High School Planetarium

Assist in providing transportation support for first grade planetarium visits. They hope to boost annual attendance from 13,000 visitors to 18,000.

Mended Little Hearts - Hearts of Heroes

This is a resource group for families of children with congenital heart defects. Funds will help with funding care packages for families.

PossAbilities of Southern Minnesota

Funds will be used to pay for activity fees at the Rochester Area Family Y, Quarry Hill and Summer of Service for youths with disabilities attending the After School and Summer Youth Recreation Program.

Reading Center/Dyslexia Institute of Minnesota

This will provide scholarships for deserving students who are being served at the Reading Center.

Riverside Central Elementary/IDS 535

Funds will assist in the operation of Lily the Literacy Van. During the summer of 2008, individuals made more than 720 visits to join in reading-related activities, play games and check-out books.

Rochester Civic Theatre

Funding will be used for RCT's "*Touch and No Easy Answers*" live theatre educational program providing age appropriate information to children attending both private and public schools in Rochester and throughout Olmsted county.

Rochester Panthers Wrestling Club

Assist an organization which provides an opportunity for young people to learn the sport of wrestling and compete in organized tournaments.

Rochester Public Library

Live Homework Help on tutor.com to get homework assistance for Rochester students by offering help from 4:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., seven days a week.

Salvation Army Good Samaritan Dental Clinic

Funds will be used for procuring supplies and materials. They are now setting up to provide preventive dental care to 50 uninsured Olmsted county children between the ages of three and 17.

Southeastern Minnesota Youth Orchestra (SEMYO)

Assist in covering cost of four music coaches to provide professional guidance to students. This group has an education/outreach program that includes community performances, school tours, retreats, mentorships, scholarships and in-service learning opportunities.

Summer Youth Basketball Camp

RCTC Basketball camp – teaches basketball fundamentals to 4th through 9th grade boys and girls each summer at the Regional Sports Center on the RCTC campus.

Upward Bound/TriO

This is a pre-college support and enrichment program provided at RCTC for lower income high school students whose parents do not have a college degree. This will help in funding new TI-83+ graphing calculators for the program.

Y Mentors Program – Rochester Area Family Y

Funds will be used for sponsorships, supplies, etc. Research has shown that young people with mentors are less likely to get involved with risky behaviors such as delinquency and drugs and more likely to succeed in school.

In addition . . . \$7,500 was awarded to Rochester Rotary Clubs for the STRIVE program and \$2,000 was awarded to each of the Athletic Departments at the Rochester high schools.

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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
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 Rotary Flood Project *Dan Kelly*
 Channel One *Mike O’Fallon*

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