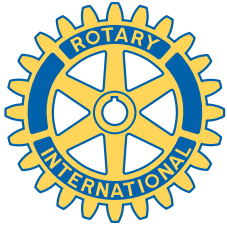


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VITAL STATISTICS

AMBASSADORS: Essex Vermont Rotary: **David Colville**; NC PETS Conference: **Vicki Allen, Mark Dripps, Dana Funk, Janice Farris, Lorie Luedke, Lois Nietz, Mike O'Fallon, Judy O'Fallon, Karen Ricklefs, Merlin Ricklefs, Steve Rossello, Karel Weigel, Bill Wiktor**; Grants Management Seminar - Prior Lake: **Lorie Luedke, Judy O'Fallon**

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ROTARY RISERS: **John Woodruff**

ROTARY eCLUB ONE: **Lois Nietz**

MEMBERS ON LEAVE: **Brian Younge, Marilyn Stewart**

NEW MEMBERS: **Mary Sorensen**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

<u>Birthday</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Birthplace</u>
April 4	Linda Bonow	St Paul, MN
	Alan Sessler	Boston, MA
	Jim Frye	Topeka, KS
April 5	Bill Ryan	Minneapolis, MN
April 7	Jack Spittell	Baltimore, MD
April 8	Ingrid Neel	Kuressaare, Estonia
April 11	Chris Holloway	Kansas City, MO
April 17	Janice Farris	Ephrata, WA
	Jane Piepgras	Austin, MN
April 18	Maurice Reiner	Tripp, SD
April 20	Gail Sauter	Owatonna, MN
	C. John Hodgson	Fergus Falls, MN
April 22	Steve Lehmkuhle	Dayton, OH
April 26	Art Kennel	Gap, PA
	Bob Sheridan	St Charles, MN
April 27	Dan O'Neil	Rochester, MN
April 29	Paul Olander	Morris, MN
	Jeff Allman	Hammond IN
April 30	Don Scholz	Cleveland, OH

If we have missed your birthday, please let us know.

2012 ROCHESTER ROTARY CLUB BENEFIT AUCTION - Vegas style

Our 6th Biennial Rotary Auction will be held:

Saturday, April 21

5:30 -9:00 p.m.

Rochester International Event Center
(7333 Airport View Dr.)

Reservations and payment due April 13!

Join us for a casual evening of fun including:

Social Hour Cash Bar, Dinner, Rotary Meeting,
Silent and Live Auctions

Consider donating an item valued at \$50 or more for the auction. Turn in your auction forms by April 5 or as soon as possible!



This is technically the only "fund raiser" our club does to raise money for our club's Rotary projects. Plan ahead to come and join the fun!

VALUED ASSOCIATES DAY

Thursday, April 26

Please invite, as your guest, one or more of your valued associates to Rotary on Thursday, April 26. This is a great opportunity to thank them for all they do and to share your Rotary experience with them.

Sign-up online or at an upcoming Rotary meeting by April 19. Please include the name(s) of your valued associate(s) so we may have a name tag ready for them when they arrive at the meeting.

ROTARY NEWS

- Thanks to all who helped with the March meetings:
 Greeters: **Tank Sholem, Josef Chlachula, Christine Beech, Karel Weigel, Sue Johnson, Ray Johnson, James Frye, Caroline Baihly, Frank Streit**, Cashier: **Michon Rogers, Danae Ostern, Jeff Allman, Jennifer Woodford**, Sergeant-at-Arms: **John Woodruff**, Visitors Desk: **Dana Funk, Tank Sholem, Borge M. Christensen, Walter Menning**, Pianists: **Ann Beatty & Linda Herrick**, Invocations: **Harriet Hodgson, Jerry Mahon, Audrey Betcher, Phil Karsell**, Four Way Test: **George Allen, Linda Bonow, Mary Jo Kelly, Tank Sholem**, Introduction of Visitors: **Leigh Johnson & Thomas Moyer**, Presenters: **Gregory Stavrou, Heidi Mestad, Adam Ferrari, Sue Johnson, Ray Johnson, Cindy Russell, Jim Daly, Larry Koshire, Steve Troutman**, Vocational Talk: **Karen Mathison**.

STRIVE Banquet Donations

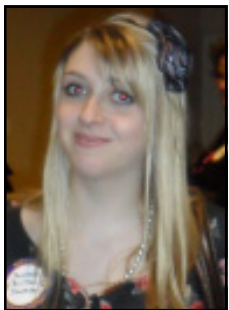


We are collecting items for students who have participated in the 2011-2012 STRIVE program. Rotary provides a bag with donated items for each of the students. This year we need 50 items so each student receives the item. Items donated in

the past include pens, pencils, note pads, sticky notes, water bottles, water bottle holders, gift cards, calendars, flashlights, passes to the Y, candy / snacks, and anything else you would like to contribute. Items can have business logos on them. If you have items, please contact Amanda Mallinger-Reinartz at 507.269.2186.

Thank you from our YouthLinc students

Dear Rotary Club of Rochester,



Thank you so much for sponsoring us on our trip to Thailand this summer with YouthLinc. We are so excited to learn about their culture and help out as much as we can! We'll tell you all about our adventures when we get back!

Thanks again,

Lexi Grafe and Michelle Britton

YouthLINC student
 Michelle Britton
 (not pictured: Lexi
 Grafe)

APRIL ROTARY CALENDAR

- April 5** **Kahler Hotel - Heritage Hall - 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.** "Quarry Hill Nature Center: Using wild animals and wild spaces to engage our community in natural science discovery" by Rotarian and QHNC Executive Director Pamela Meyer
- April 12** **Kahler Hotel - Windsor Hall - 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.** "Elastography" by Dr. Richard Ehman
- April 19** **NO MEETING** - Attend the 6th Biennial Rotary Club of Rochester Auction on April 21
- April 26** **Kahler Hotel - Elizabethan Room - 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.** "Children's Museum" by Dawn Devine

OTHER MEETINGS AND EVENTS

- April 2** **Channel One, Channel One Building, 6:00-8:00 p.m.**
- April 11** **Rotary Board of Directors' Meeting - 7:00 -8:00 a.m., The Kahler Grand Hotel, Directors Room**
- April 11** **Community Food Response - 1:15-6:45 p.m. , Bethel Lutheran Church - Contact Glen VanLanningham or Phil Karsell**
- April 18** **White Oaks Park Clean-up - 6:00-7:00 p.m., White Oaks Park**
- April 21** **6th Biennial Rotary Club of Rochester Auction, - International Event Center, 5:30-9:00 p.m.**
- April 23** **Salvation Army Dinner - 5:45-7:00 p.m. - Salvation Army Building**
- April 25** **Rotary Information Meeting - Custom Alarm Conference Room, 4:30-6:00 p.m.**



CONGRATULATIONS 2012 HOLIDAY CLASSIC GRANT RECIPIENTS



The following Rochester programs received money from the proceeds of this year's Rotary US Bank Holiday Classic Basketball tournament. A total of \$39,500 was distributed among these organizations.

- Ability Building Center's Ability Options
- Rochester Arts Council's ARTiKids
- Bear Creek Services
- Bolder Options Rochester
- Champion Youth Basketball
- United Way of Olmsted County's Community Gang Initiative
- Greater Rochester Rotary Dictionary Project
- Rochester Public Library's Day of the Dead
- Zumbro Valley Mental Health Center's Fishing Camp
- Minnesota Children's Museum of Rochester
- Leadership Greater Rochester's Outdoor Learning Environment
- Southeastern Minnesota Youth Orchestras
- RCTC's STEM Camp
- PossAbilities' Stepping Out
- Rochester Area Family YMCA's Y Mentors
- The Salvation Army's Youth Band and Music Instruction
- The Reading Center
- Lourdes, Century, John Marshall and Mayo High School Athletic Departments
- STRIVE

United Way of Olmsted County

Thank you for selecting the United Way of Olmsted County Community Gang Initiative as one of the recipients of the proceeds from The Rochester Rotary US Bank Classic. I know I speak for the entire team of the CGI Governing Body, the volunteers and businesses and, most importantly, the youth who are involved with this program, thanking you for the grant that will help financially support this project.

Rotary Clubs continue to build a better future in the organization's focus on the health and well-being of youth today.

Sincerely,

Anne Berberich, CFRE
Senior Vice President
United Way of Olmsted County



Thank You from SEMYO

On behalf of the Southeastern Minnesota Youth Orchestras (SEMYO), I would like to thank the Rochester Rotary Clubs for the donation of \$500 to support SEMYO's outreach programs. The luncheon yesterday was very inspirational, and we appreciate being included among the organizations who work to enrich the lives of youth in the region.

We, at SEMYO, are grateful to the Rochester Rotary Clubs and US Bank for the invaluable support you give to the many worthy youth organizations in our community and extend our thanks and appreciation for your support.

Sincerely,

Jocelyn Woog
Interim Executive Director, SEMYO

STEM Camps 2012

On behalf of the students who will benefit from your generosity to the Rochester Community and Technical College STEM Camps 2012, our sincere appreciation.

Students will have the opportunity to choose from three different summer camps: Junior Forensics, First Lego League Boot Camp and Future Doctor Training, focused on the four components of STEM, science, technology, engineering and math the week of August 6-10, 2012. RCTC is proud to be able to offer quality programs for our community youth.

Thanks to all your members for the work they do in providing funding to youth focused organizations.

Sincerely,

Colleen Landherr Maddox
Community & Youth Program Director

DISTRICT 5960 CONFERENCE - April 13-14, River Falls, Wisconsin

Registration closes Monday, April 9!



Plan to attend the 2012 Rotary 5960 District conference April 13th and 14th in River Falls, Wisconsin, at the beautiful University of Wisconsin - River Falls campus.

Theme: Embracing Humanity: Ordinary People doing Extraordinary Things.

Do you know what a mandala is? It is a symbolic diagram, usually circular, that is for contemplation, or a simple, personal self-expression. Mandalas have come to be associated with peace in the large sense of the word.

At the District Conference, participants will have the opportunity to create their own small mandala (4 inches by 4 inches) which will become part of a larger mandala mural – a visual representation of what helps connect us as Rotarians. What a great way to highlight the mission of Rotary – creating peace and world understanding. Don't miss YOUR chance to contribute to the mural – be SURE to attend the District Conference on Friday, April 13. The mural will be displayed at the conference.

Movies – Mandalas – Multiple Break-out Sessions – Meaningful Messages – What will make the conference PERFECT? If YOU attend. We look forward to seeing you there.

Introducing Honorary Rotarian and Paul Harris Fellow Mary Sorensen



John Marshall High School guidance counselor Mary Sorensen thought she was coming to our Rotary meeting last month to give an update on the STRIVE program at JM. Much to her surprise, the club awarded her with a Paul Harris Fellow while also making her an honorary Rotarian. Mary has been instrumental to the success of the STRIVE program at John Marshall.

Rotarians
Linda
Herrick and
Mary
Sorensen.

Our club's newest Paul Harris Fellow Audrey Betcher



Audrey Betcher with her husband, John Brockman.

Rochester Rotary Clubs can make Rochester a Litter Bit Better!!

Where: Willow Creek Middle School

When: April 21, 2012

Time: For litter pick up: 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm



Social Time: 5:00 pm

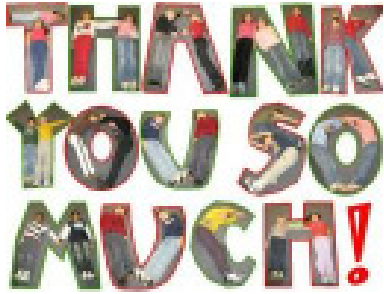
Social Time at Mark and DeAnna Schleusner's, 1403 25th Street SE. Potluck – bring a dish to share. Lemonade, plates and plastic ware will be provided.

All Rotary and Rotaract Clubs are invited to participate! Please bring guests, especially people who may be interested in joining Rotary or Rotaract. This is also a great opportunity to include your children, grandchildren, or other youth you know.

A SECOND THANK YOU NOTE FROM STEM CAMPS

Thank you very much for sharing the proceeds from the Rotary Classic to enhance opportunities for community youth. I'm especially grateful for your donation to RCTC's STEM Camp which will be used to provide scholarships. Thanks for practicing Service Above Self.

Don Supalla
(RCTC) President



Y MENTORS

The Rochester Area Family YMCA appreciates your thoughtful gift. Due to the support of individuals and businesses such as you, the YMCA will be able to continue focusing on our mission of "providing for the physical, mental and spiritual well-being of the individual, family and community."

On behalf of the Board of Directors, staff members, YMCA members and all the people of the Rochester area community who benefit from the ministry of the Rochester Area Family YMCA, please accept our sincere gratitude for your contribution.

The Rochester Area Family Y is a 501c3 non-profit agency. These donations to the Y Mentors Program will be used to give new opportunities to our mentees. Youth involved in Y Mentors often come from low-income families and have had limited opportunities in life. Over 60% of the youth come from families in which English is not the first spoken language.

Our program serves over 130 matches with youth in the community who are in need of a positive role model in their life. Each youth is matched with a volunteer adult with whom they meet two to four times a month. Each mentor is important in their mentee's life because they provide the mentee with a stable, caring adult role model and provide a trusting learning environment.

We appreciate all your help and your support for our program! Thank you for making a difference!

Rochester Area Family YMCA

SPRING MEANS WHITE OAKS PARK CLEAN-UP - April 18

For the past several years, our Club has "adopted" White Oaks Park located in the NW part of town at: 4597 55th St. NW.



We will begin our park clean-up this spring on April 18, 6:00-7:00 p.m. Remember, more hands make lighter work! Families are always welcome.

The Adopt-a-Park Program is a great community service activity that gives the citizens of Rochester the opportunity to participate in helping to keep the parks clean and looking good. The primary duties of participants is to pick up litter and report any vandalism or unsafe conditions they observe in the parks.

April Rotary Anniversaries

Peter Carryer	1 year (plus)
Thomas Shives	1 year (plus)
Chris Holloway	2 years
Armin Budimlic	2 years
Linda Hillenbrand	3 years
Jim Lundgren	4 years
Tom Bruckman	4 years
Bruce Ryan	4 years
Brenda Walker	5 years
Rick Sheldon	7 years (plus)
Ashok Patel	7 years
Dan O' Neil	8 years
Mark Dripps	9 years
Karen Mathison	9 years (plus)
Ruth Dolan	13 years
James Gibson	16 years (plus)
Ardell Brede	17 years
D.W. "Bill" Harreld	20 years
Doug Rovang	22 years
John Spittell	23 years
Richard Hurt	33 years
Glenn Miller	53 years



Rochester Rotary Clubs host Rotary President-Elect Training Seminar (PETS)

Rochester was the host city for the 2012 North Central Multi-District Presidents-Elect Training Seminar. More than 370 Rotary leaders from Minnesota, Iowa, and Wisconsin, District 5950, 5960, 5970, and 6000 attended the specialized training seminar held at Mayo Civic Center March 1-3 with the three Rotary Clubs in Rochester as hosts.

The President-Elect Training Seminar has a long tradition in Rotary. Originally held at Rotary International Headquarters in Evanston, Illinois, (Lois has fun stories about trips she and the club President-elect took in the dead of winter from Rochester to Evanston), it then changed to events held by districts and more recently to a multi-district format. This last change provides the opportunity to take advantage of shared resources for speakers, vendors and leadership expertise and increases regional networking for Rotary Club leaders.

The helpful expertise of Rochester Convention and Visitors Bureau, Mayo Civic Center, and Canadian Honker staff assured meeting logistics were without equal in supporting well planned program content. The PETS program is designed to improve the experience of Rotary club presidents-elect as they plan for their year as their club's president. The expectation is that they will return from this meeting energized and inspired to fulfill their leadership roles. Much of the program is devoted to helping club members understand the array of Rotary programs (e.g. Polio Plus, Fast for Hope, Rotary Exchange programs and Rotary Scholars) and their role in supporting and promoting them.

Thanks to all Rotarians who were involved in attending the seminar in official capacity and to the many volunteers who did a great job of making everyone feel welcome and looking forward to returning to Rochester in 2014.

ROTARY YOUTH EXCHANGE UPDATE

On Wednesday, March 14, 9:00 p.m., the show "Rock Center with Brian Williams" on NBC presented a story about exchange student sexual abuse in the United States. An exchange program called ERDT (www.erdshare.org) was highlighted.

The U.S. Department of State actually alerted us to this airing, assuring us that Rotary was not one of the programs of concern.

Through the Department of State, all exchange organizations that issue J-1 visas must follow rigorous safety standards. Some of them include:



1. All volunteers and members of host families over age 18 must undergo background checks and reference checks annually.
2. Homes of potential host families are photographed to ensure suitability.
3. Visits with host families are scheduled during the exchange period.
4. Monthly contacts with the inbound student and host family are recorded.
5. Only very basic information about an inbound student is shared with a potential host family. Once every person in the family has been vetted, then they can see photos of the student and begin communicating with them.

Rotary and all members of the exchange committee, including local exchange officers, take their role very seriously when it comes to caring for exchange students. We bring them into our communities and watch over them closely. We are available to help at any time of day or night because we live in the same community as the inbound student.



Organizations that host J-1 students in the United States are allowed to have placement coordinators that live far from inbound students. In fact, the Department of State allows inbound students to live up to 120 miles away from their coordinator. No wonder some students have felt alone . . . it's because they **have** been alone. This is a practice Rotary does not follow.

The Department of State continues to watch over exchange programs operating in the United States. We have seen some companies close because they could not keep up with new rigorous regulations. Rotarians are in favor of these strict guidelines, even if it means that additional volunteers are needed to carry them through. It's worth it.

Reprinted with permission from an email sent by Chrysanne Manoles, Chair, North Star Rotary Youth Exchange Program

CAMP RYLA 2012

One of the goals of Rotary is to help young people develop their leadership abilities and self-confidence to the fullest. To accomplish this goal, Rotary clubs around the world prepare thousands of young leaders through RYLA programs each year. Camp RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards) is a five-day camp which strengthens leadership skills and capabilities of high school students through physical, mental, emotional,

The Rochester Rotary Clubs are looking for Rotarians to transport students to and from Camp RYLA. Please contact Dana Funk if you are able to provide transportation.



and intellectual challenges. There is an emphasis on problem solving, teamwork, and interaction with other outstanding students and volunteer counselors and presenters. Camp RYLA encourages students to look at themselves in the context of other people's beliefs, take risks, share feelings and trust others too. Those who complete RYLA are generally better able to successfully manage their own lives and make a mark on society.

When and where?

2012 Camp RYLA begins on Friday, April 20 at 6:00 p.m. and ends on Tuesday, April 24 at 1:30 p.m. Camp RYLA is held at the YMCA Camp St. Croix. At the end of the camp, participants will be taken by chartered buses to the Crowne Plaza Hotel Saint Paul for the final session and awards luncheon.

Who can attend?

About 100 high school students are selected each year from Southern Minnesota and Western Wisconsin by their local Rotary Clubs which pays the tuition for the camp experience. The students sponsored this year by the Rochester Rotary clubs are Olivia Bruce (Mayo), Kristen Resman (Lourdes), George Cooper (Century), and Ahmed Mukhtar Ahmed (John Marshall). Rotarian and Rotaract volunteers serve as adult counselors. Community business and professional leaders are presenters. An adult counselor and junior counselor are assigned to each group of eight students.

Where are sponsoring Rotary Clubs located?

Participating Rotary Clubs are in Southern Minnesota and Western Wisconsin. [Rotary District 5960](#) comprises Southeastern Minnesota and Western Wisconsin, and [Rotary District 5950](#) covers Southwestern Minnesota.

What is the history of Camp RYLA?

Camp RYLA has helped build leaders for more than 60 years. The primary sponsor has been the Saint Paul Rotary Foundation, and additional support is provided by local businesses and Rotary clubs.

What are the benefits?

At RYLA, students gain insight into: leadership basics, communication, problem solving and decision making, conflict management and resolution, personal strengths, and community and global citizenship.

What does RYLA offer?

From Friday evening through the following Tuesday morning, RYLA participants:

- Gain exposure to issues and exchange ideas with thoughtful people through presentations and group activities.
- Discuss creative approaches for resolving family, social, and professional conflicts.
- Participate in outdoor and indoor team challenges and fun, recreational activities.
- Expand personal development by learning more about problem solving, communication, being leaders and followers, trusting, risk taking, and supporting others.
- Explore behavioral strengths and how to interact with others.
- Learn how to engage others in service projects in your community.
- Get to know Rotary and Rotaract decision-makers and find out more about other Rotary programs for young people.



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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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 White Oaks Park *Ashok Patel, Mike Mahrer*