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VITAL STATISTICS

MEMBERSHIP: 196

FEBRUARY ATTENDANCE: 39.0%

AMBASSADORS: Rotary Club of Hyde Park: **Borge M. Christensen, Ashok Patel**; Rotary District 5960: **Vicki Allen, Suzanne Dinusson, Judy O'Fallon, Mike O'Fallon, Terry Sorenson, Paul Tieskoetter**

ROCHESTER ROTARY RISERS: **Bill Wiktor**

GREATER ROCHESTER ROTARY: **Lynn Clarey, Tank Sholem, Jennifer Teske, Cory Simonson, John Woodruff**

ROTARY eCLUB ONE: none

MEMBERS ON LEAVE: **Dennis Nigon**

RESIGNATIONS: **Jerry Schliep**

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

<u>Birthday</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Birthplace</u>
April 4	Jim Frye	Topeka, KS
April 7	Jack Spittell	Baltimore, MD
April 8	Ingrid Neel	Kuressaare, Estonia
April 17	Janice Domke	Ephrata, WA
	Kathryn Lombardo	San Diego, CA
	Jane Piepgras	Austin, MN
April 18	Maurice Reiner	Tripp, SD
April 22	Steve Lehmkuhle	Dayton, OH
	Dan O'Neil	Rochester, MN
April 29	Jeff Allman	Hammond, IN
April 30	Dana Hlebichuk	Sioux Falls, SD
	Don Scholz	Cleveland, OH

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



It's that time of year again when high school students selected to attend Camp RYLA are seeking

a ride to and from Camp. Students leave Friday, April 24, between 3:30 and 4:00 pm and return Tuesday, April 28, after the St. Paul Club's Rotary meeting which ends approximately 1:30 pm. Contact Dana Funk or Elizabeth if you're able to provide a ride.

CLEANUP AT WHITE OAKS PARK BEGINS THIS MONTH

Members of The Rotary Club of Rochester will meet on the third Wednesday of each month, April –

October, 6:00-7:00 pm for community service at White Oaks Park (4597 55th St NW). Those participating are asked to make sure the park is clean and safe. This is a fun, outdoor community service opportunity and a great way to share Rotary with friends and family of all ages.



ROTARY'S MARCH MADNESS SOCIAL

Monday, April 6

6:00 -10:00 pm

Wicked Moose

Watch the NCAA Championship game



APRIL CALENDAR

Weekly Meetings

- April 2** "Minnesota School of Business – Rochester's Success with Student Placement" presented by Shan Pollitt, 11:30 a.m.–1:00 p.m. **Holiday Inn Plaza Banquet Room**
- April 9** "Journey to Growth" presented by Heather Holmes, 11:30 a.m.–1:00 p.m. **Holiday Inn Plaza Banquet Room**
- April 16** "Olmsted County Housing Plan" presented by JoAnn Stormer, Service Above Self Awards, and presentation by Youth Exchange Student Takeshi, 11:30 a.m.–1:00 p.m. **Holiday Inn Plaza Banquet Room**
- April 23** "Astronomy in Rochester" presented by Randy Hemann, 11:30 a.m.–1:00 p.m. **Holiday Inn Plaza Banquet Room**
- April 30** "The Waters Senior Living" presented by Bruce Rohde, 11:30 a.m.–1:00 p.m. **Holiday Inn Plaza Banquet Room**

THANK YOU FROM THE DISTRICT 5960 POLIO PLUS COMMITTEE

Dear President Paul,

"On behalf of DG Karel Weigel, we would like to thank you and all of the members of The Rotary Club of Rochester for your strong support of Polio Plus. You have already met and surpassed your annual goal of \$2500, and your club is one of the district's most stalwart Polio Plus supporters over the years. Just an FYI, our 64 clubs in District 5960 are nearing the \$1,000,000 mark (when combined with District DDF support) since 2008, when the Gates Foundation began matching Rotary donations 2 to 1. When combined with Gates matches, we will have helped generate \$3,000,000 for polio eradication. And Nicaragua has been polio-free for 7 months now...."

Sincerely,
Charlie Cogan and Richard Maus, Co-Chairs,
District 5960 Polio Plus Committee



Other Meetings & Events

- April 6** **Channel One Service**, Channel One Building (131 35 St SE), 6-8 p.m.
- April 8** **Rotary Club of Rochester Board Meeting**, OMC Foundation Offices, 7 a.m.
- April 8** **SE-MN World Community Service Committee Meeting**, Nietz & Eversman (2212 2nd St SW), 7 a.m.
- April 8** **Community Food Response Service**, Bethel Lutheran, 1:15-6:45 p.m.
- April 13** **Salvation Army Dinner Service**, Salvation Army Bldg, 5:30-7 p.m.
- April 14** **STRIVE at John Marshall**, Rocket Center, 8:10-9:10 a.m.
- April 15** **STRIVE at Mayo HS**, Spartan Room 2-254, 8:30-9:30 a.m.
- April 16** **STRIVE at Century**, The Forum, 8:30-9:30 a.m.
- April 22** **Rotary Information Meeting**, Custom Alarm Conference Room, 4:30-6 pm
- April 22** **Wine Down Wednesday**, Wildwood Bar & Grill 5 p.m.
- April 29** **STRIVE Program Celebration**, Holiday Inn Downtown's Plaza Banquet Room, 6:30 pm



Thanks to all who helped with the March meetings:

Greeters: **Jennifer Teske, Pam Meyer, Lorie Luedke, Audrey Betcher, Peter Carryer**; Cashier: **Bill Hendee, Janice Domke, Dana Funk**; Sergeant-at-Arms: **John Woodruff**, Visitors Desk: **Bari Amadio, Karel Weigel**; Invocations: **Jim Frye, Jerry Mahon, Jacque Tummons**; Four Way Test: **Kelly Engler, Bill Hendee, Joel Haak**; Introduction of Visitors: **Jim Sloan, Phil Karsell, Vicki Allen**; Presenters: **Lisa Clarke, Dan Jech, Jenny Johnston, Jamie Sundsbak, Nate Nordstrom**.

Paul Harris Fellows Honored



LEFT: Paul Harris Fellow Janice Domke

CENTER: Paul Harris Fellow in Memoriam Dan Skinner

RIGHT: Paul Harris Fellow Ashok Patel with Rotarians Phil Karsell and Vicki Allen

ROTARY COMMUNITY GRANTS AWARDED

Community grants were provided to the following youth-related nonprofit groups from money raised at the 2014 Rotary US Bank Holiday Classic:

- Channel One Backpack Program
- Children's Dental Health Services
- Gateway Science Fair
- GRR Dictionary Project
- Leadership Greater Rochester Mini Libraries
- Rhythm Nation Timberwolves Pregame Show Performance
- Rochester Better Chance
- Rochester FIRST Robotics Team 2530 Inconceivable
- Rochester Public Library Rochester Reading Champions
- Rochester Rotary Risers My Book Day
- Rotary Clubs of Rochester STRIVE
- Somalia Rebuild Organization Youth Sports
- YMCA Y Mentors

Additionally, support was given to Rotary's STRIVE program and the four local high schools' basketball programs, and payment was made toward a new Mayo Civic Center Auditorium basketball court with Rotary logos.

THANK YOU FROM CHILDREN'S DENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

"I would like to thank... The Rotary Clubs of Rochester for the support and grant... given to Children's Dental Health Services (CDHS). Your generosity allows CDHS to provide the much needed preventative dental care services and education to many underinsured children in Rochester.

From the support of organizations, including The Rotary Clubs of Rochester, CDHS is able to continue to live out the mission of providing dental services to the underserved population. Our need to provide these services continues to grow in Rochester for the underserved children. Due to this growing need, we truly appreciate your generosity as this support helps us sustain our essential dental health care for this growing population.

Once again, a heart-felt "Thank You" for your charitable contribution.

Sincerely, Kristine Billman, Director, Children's Dental Health Services"

Rotarians' Graduating Seniors Recognized at Rotary



Garrett Johnson, son of Sue M. Johnson and 2015 graduate of Winona State University with a B.A. in Business Administration



Emily O'Fallon, granddaughter of Judy & Mike O'Fallon and 2015 graduate Roncalli Catholic High School in Manitowac, WI



Kyra Springer, daughter of Heather Holmes and 2015 graduate of Rochester Community & Technical College with an Associates Degree



Elizabeth Suhler Hart, granddaughter of Fred Suhler and 2015 graduate of Lourdes High School

The Rotary Club of Rochester 2014-15 Club Progress to Goals

CATEGORY	2014-15 GOALS	As of April 1, 2015
Membership <i>(Began Rotary year with 203)</i>	205	196
Rotary International Foundation Annual Program Fund	\$10,000	\$14,917 (149% of goal)
Every Rotarian Every Year (EREY)	100%	14%
Polio Plus <i>(from Auction proceeds)</i>	\$2,500	\$2,750 (125% of goal)
District 5960 Fast for Hope Project <i>(from Auction proceeds)</i>	\$1,000	\$1,000 (100% of goal)

KOREAN SAILOR MAKES WAVES FOR END POLIO NOW

By Ryan Hyland, *Rotary News*, 26-Mar-2015

Enjoying calm winds and peaceful Pacific waters, Seung Jin Kim dove off his 43-foot sailboat, the Arapani, to swim with some dolphins nearby. The serenity that day near the equator was a stark contrast to the 60 mph winds and 23-foot waves he had to fight around Cape Horn, the southern tip of South America. But Kim, a veteran sailor and member of the Rotary Club of Seokmun, in Chungcheongnam, Korea, expected such challenges when he set out in mid-October on a 25,600-mile journey around the world. In addition to fulfilling a lifelong dream, Kim is using the trip to raise awareness and funds -- his goal is \$200,000 or more -- for [Rotary's End Polio Now campaign](#).

He's now more than halfway through the voyage, which is expected to take eight months. As of 23 March, he'd passed South Atlantic and is now in the middle of the Indian Ocean [en route to Western Australia](#).

'I want to give people the belief and aspiration to create a better and more prosperous future,' says Kim, who chose Sailing With Hope as the theme of his voyage. 'Rotary is doing that with polio eradication, so I'm sailing around the world in support of the effort to wipe this disease from the face of the earth. I want people to know how close we are.'

To spread the word, the Arapani carries a 68-foot mast whose sail is emblazoned with the [End Polio Now logo](#). He hopes people who see the logo will be curious enough to look into his cause.

'The success of our fundraiser depends on how much publicity we get,' says Kim. "The bigger the crowd of people we can attract [when he completes the trip], the more money we can raise for polio eradication.'

While he is in daily contact via satellite phone with his support team, which includes Korean Rotary members, he acknowledges that the solitary aspect of the journey is difficult. "The toughest part of this trip was the moment I realized I was all by myself in the middle of the ocean. A sullen feeling of loneliness suddenly invaded me," says Kim.

Kim, who expects to return to Korea in late May, will have crossed the Pacific, Antarctic, Atlantic, and Indian oceans.

He says the things he's most looking forward to are a home-cooked meal and being able to sleep under the same roof as his family. But he's already anticipating



Seung Jin Kim shows off his sail emblazoned with the End Polio Now logo before setting off on his voyage around the globe. Photo Credit: Courtesy of District 3260

setting sail again. 'I want to do this again, he says, "but with young sailors who have the same dream of sailing around the world.'

Kim's journey is sponsored by 18 districts in Korea. The day he set off, Korean Rotary members posted poems, inspirational words, and photos around the marina. 'I am so grateful for [the members'] support and encouragement. They are a wonderful inspiration for me,' says Kim.

Sun-Hyung Cho, governor of District 3620 and part of the support team, says the district's Rotary members are closely following Kim's progress.

'We are so proud of his voyage around the world,' Cho says. 'This is important for Rotary because Kim's message can help convince other Rotarians to get more involved in the End Polio Now fight. I believe positive attitudes attract positive reactions from others. Kim's positive thinking has helped gain attraction to our cause.'

APRIL IS ROTARY MAGAZINE MONTH

"The first issue of The National Rotarian was published in January 1911. This 12-page tabloid was considered the best way to distribute an essay written by Rotary founder Paul Harris...The essay was titled, 'Rational Rotarianism.' There was also club news and advertisements. About 2,000 copies were produced by printer Harry Ruggles, one of the first members of the Rotary Club of Chicago. Soon the issue went back to press for another 2,000 copies." (Taken from <http://www.rotaryfirst100.org/library/rotarian/>)

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In 2012, The Rotarian swept the Media Industry Newsletter awards with 10 editorial and design honors – more than twice the number of any other publication. The magazine shared the spotlight with Time, People, Sports Illustrated, Harper's Bazaar, and Food & Wine. The Rotarian also earned eight awards from Folio magazine for excellence in association and nonprofit publishing, adding to several other honors in 2012."

(Taken from <http://therotarianmagazine.com/about-us/>)

GOODIE BAG ITEMS BEING SOUGHT FOR STRIVE CELEBRATION

The three Rotary Clubs of Rochester will host mentors and students for a STRIVE Program Celebration on Wednesday, April 29, 2015, at the Plaza Room at Holiday Inn Downtown. The committee is asking Rotarians to donate small items to be included in "goodie bags" given to students at this event. Items donated in the past included pens, pencils, note pads, sticky notes, water bottles, water bottle holders, gift cards, calendars, flashlights, passes to the Y, candy / snacks, etc. Promotional items from your business are great! If you have gifts you are willing to share with these young people, please contact Diane Ilstrup.

VALUED ASSOCIATES DAY

Valued Associates Day will take place at the club's Thursday meeting on April 23. This event provides the opportunity to show your appreciation for your co-workers, fellow volunteers, or friends and to share with them part of your Rotary experience. Sign-up by April 16 online at our Web site or at an upcoming Rotary meeting. 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.

April Rotary Anniversaries

Nels Pierson	1 year
Shan Pollitt	1 year
Wendy Shannon	2 years
David Spittell	2 years
Peggy Elliott	3 years
JoAnn Stormer	3 years
Peter Carryer	4 years (plus)
Thomas Shives	4 years (plus)
Armin Budimlic	5 years
Bruce Ryan	7 years
Brenda Walker	8 years
Ashok Patel	10 years
Dan O' Neil	11 years
Mark Dripps	12 years
Ardell Brede	20 years
D.W. "Bill" Harreld	23 years
Doug Rovang	25 years
John Spittell	26 years
Glenn Miller	55 years





TIME TO REGISTER!

**APRIL 30
- MAY 2**

THE KAHLER GRAND HOTEL
ROCHESTER, MINNESOTA

EXPLORE THE ROAD TO ROTARY OPPORTUNITIES
2015 ROTARY DISTRICT 5960 CONFERENCE



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KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

FRIDAY LUNCHEON

Ann Lee Hussey, Chair, Polio Survivors Rotarian Action Group

FRIDAY DINNER

Gene Hernandez, RI President's Representative

SATURDAY BREAKFAST

Rev Nick Mezacapa, "How to Fly a Small Airplane"

SATURDAY LUNCHEON

Ben Thwaits, Northwest Passage, "In a New Light"

BREAKOUT SESSIONS

Learn something new! Ten breakout sessions brought to you by your fellow Rotarians and industry professionals.

- The Legacy of the Fast for Hope Initiative
- Return on Investment... Foundation Grants / Polio Eradication
- Rotarian Action Groups — Unlocking the Resources of RAGS
- New Member Recruitment Strategies: Why Recruit Retirees and Diversifying Club Membership
- Public Image Workshop
- The ABCs of Fundraising: It's Not About the Money!
- Transforming Lives: The Impact of Rotary on One Peace Builder's Journey
- Costa Rica and Beyond, A Grant Opportunity Journey
- New Member Mentoring and A Business Case for Membership
- The Young Professional Rotarian: Myth or Opportunity

REGISTER ONLINE AT
www.rotary5960.org

Enjoy **Home Hospitality**
Thursday Evening at Rochester

Rotarians' homes!

Visit the **Opportunity Café**
on Friday!

Saturday is **Youth Exchange Day!**

Attend **ALL** or part of
the conference!

