

"A Local Service Club with a Global Impact - Offering Leadership and Support to our Community and Beyond"



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VITAL STATISTICS

MEMBERSHIP: 186

FEBRUARY ATTENDANCE: 48%

ROCHESTER ROTARY RISERS: none reported

GREATER ROCHESTER ROTARY: none reported

AMBASSADORS: Red Wing Rotary Club: **Melanie Tschida**

ROTARY eCLUB ONE: none reported

NEW MEMBERS: **Patricia Carlson, Paul Landry**

MEMBERS ON LEAVE: **Robert Olson, Dennis Nigon**

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
	Al Mannino	Westfield, NJ
April 30	Dana Hlebichuk	Sioux Falls, SD
	Don Scholz	Cleveland, OH

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

Welcome New Members



Sponsor Kristine Ihrke
with new Rotarian Paul
Landry



New Rotarian Patricia
Carlson

CLEANUP AT WHITE OAKS PARK BEGINS IN APRIL

It is time again for Rotary service at White Oaks Park (4597 55th St NW), our designated park through Rochester's Adopt-a-Park program. Rotarians, along with their friends and family, are encouraged to gather at the park at 6 pm on the third Wednesday of each month, April - October. Those participating are asked to make sure the park is clean and safe. Questions may be directed to program chairs Mike Mahrer or Ashok Patel.



APRIL CALENDAR

Weekly Meetings

- April 7** "North Star Youth Exchange Program" presented by Rick Estenson, Riverview Suites C&D, **Mayo Civic Center**, 11:30 am -1 pm
- April 14** "Bee Pollination" by Pam Meyer, Riverview Suites C&D, **Mayo Civic Center**, 11:30 am -1 pm
- April 21** Rotary Club of Rochester Foundation's Around the World Benefit, **International Event Center**, [purchase tickets online now](#)
- April 28** "What is an Aging Brain to Do?" presented by Angela Lunde, Edwards Hall, **Charter House**, 11:30 am -1 pm

ROTARY'S MARCH MADNESS SOCIAL

Monday, April 4
Game time: 8:19 pm
 Rooster's Barn & Grill (2280 Superior Drive NW)



April Rotary Anniversaries

Wendy Shannon	3 years
David Spittell	3 years
Peggy Elliott	4 years
JoAnn Stormer	4 years
Peter Carryer	5 years (plus)
Armin Budimlic	6 years
Bruce Ryan	8 years
Brenda Walker	9 years
Ashok Patel	11 years
Dan O' Neil	12 years
Mark Dripps	13 years
Ardell Brede	21 years
Doug Rovang	26 years
John Spittell	27 years
Glenn Miller	56 years



Other Meetings & Events

- April 4** **Channel One Service**, Channel One Building (131 35 St SE), 6-8 pm
- April 5** **Rotary Club of Rochester Board**, OMC SE Clinic Conference Room 4-2 (210 9th St. SE), 7 am
- April 7** **Around the World Benefit Committee Meeting**, Riverview Suites C&D, 10:45 – 11:30 am
- April 11** **Salvation Army Dinner Service**, Salvation Army Building, 5:30-7 pm
- April 13** **Southeast World Community Service Meeting**, Edina Realty Conference Room (1301 Salem Rd SW) 7 am
- April 13** **Community Food Response**, Bethel Lutheran Church (810 3rd Ave SE), 1:15-6:45 pm
- April 14** **Around the World Benefit Committee Meeting**, Riverview Suites C&D, 10:45 – 11:30 am
- April 20** **Rotary Information Meeting**, Location TBD, 12-1:30 pm
- April 27** **Wine Down Wednesday**, Terza/La Vetta, 4 pm

Thanks to all who helped with the March meetings:

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Greeters: **Matt Morehead, Dana Funk, Jim Gross, Dave Piepgras, Ryan Backus, Mike Mahrer;**
 Cashier: **Josef Chlachula, Janice Domke, Dana Funk, Danae Gaio, Caroline Baihly;** Sergeant-at-Arms: **John Woodruff;** Visitors Desk: **David Moertel, Don Scholz, Borge M. Christensen, Mark Neville;** Music: **Judy O'Fallon, Maury Hagen, Jim Sloan;** Reflections: **Phil Karsell, Vicki Allen, Sarah Burrington, Jim Sloan;** Four Way Test: **Heather Holmes, Lynn Clarey, Jeanine Gangeness, Steve Sperling;** Introduction of Visitors: **Jen Woodford, Leigh Johnson, Corey Jordan, Phil Karsell;** Presenters: **Nels Pierson, Virginia Merritt, Jerry Williams, Travis Wilson**

ROTARY COMMUNITY GRANT THANK YOU'S



"We are very grateful for your generous donation...to the Reading Center received at your Holiday Classic awards banquet on March 10, 2016. Your donation is an investment in the future of the hundreds of children served by the Reading Center every year who struggle due to dyslexia.

The Reading Center has been an amazing resource in our community for almost sixty-five years. By educating parents and teachers about dyslexia, we help identify students who are not meeting their greatest potential in school. By providing the gold-standard of Orton-Gillingham training, we ensure that future generations of students have access to an O-G Therapist who know how to help. And through testing and tutoring, children and adults who struggle to read learn how to unlock his or her potential.

You can be assured that the Reading Center handles your donation with accountability, because we follow the best practices endorsed by the Charities Review Council (www.smartgivers.org).

Thank you for supporting the mission of the Reading Center. You give children the opportunity to achieve success in school and in life. Together we are building confidence, inspiring hope and enhancing success."

Gratefully,
Cindy Russell
Executive Director, The Reading Center

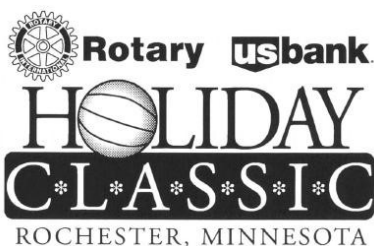
"Thank you so much to all our friends from the Rochester Rotary for the...donation to the Channel One Regional Food Bank Backpack Program from the Rochester Rotary Holiday Classic. We received your check on March 15, 2016.

Every day, more and more children struggle with hunger. Thanks to you, a student in Rochester will now have breakfast, lunch and snacks throughout the weekend, ending anxiety and uncertainty where they will get their next meal. On their behalf, thank you for your generous gift.

For more information on how you can support Channel One, including donation, volunteer and advocacy opportunities, please visit www.helpingfeedpeople.org.

Thank you again for your commitment to helping feed people in need."

Sincerely,
Jennifer Woodford
Executive Director, Channel One



"On behalf of the entire GATEway Science Fair planning team, I want to thank you for The Rotary Club of Rochester's (sic) generous grant donation...which we received last spring and used to help fund the 2016 GATEway Science Fair. We had near record attendance with a total of 249 students, from twenty different public schools in Rochester and surrounding areas, exhibiting their projects. Each student received feedback and encouragement from three of the many scientific professionals who volunteered to review the projects. The students and their families were also treated to the Science Museum of Minnesota's presentation on the topic of the water cycle and water conservation. Satisfaction feedback from the families was overwhelmingly positive.

Thanks to you and our other partners and donors, each student received a t-shirt, a certificate of participation, a program, and a wonderful sense of being recognized for his or her personal efforts and scientific accomplishments. We have enclosed a copy of the program acknowledging your contribution.

We deeply appreciate your partnership with us in this project that nurtures the love of science in the children in our community. We look forward to the possibility of partnering with you again in a future year."

Sincerely,
Dee Voldal
GATEway Science Fair Planning Team

MY BOOK DAY

By Rochester Rotary Riser Rotarian McKinsey Goodenberger

The Rochester Rotary Risers, in collaboration with the Rochester Public Library and Rochester Public Schools, will be holding their third annual My Book Day, to promote literacy in the community. The day is a celebration of the student's efforts towards reading with a gift of a hard covered book to each child, readings by local "celebrity" readers, a tour of the library's youth services division and a creation of a reading plan by the students. The event will take place on May 6th at the Rochester Public Library. **VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!** If interested in helping with this great event, please contact:



joanne.rosener@gmail.com or
tfleming@rochesterrestaurantsupply.com

ROTARY COMMUNITY GRANT THANK YOU'S *continued*

"On behalf of the students and mentors of the FIRST Robotics Team 2530-Inconceivable, I would like to thank the Rotary Clubs of Rochester for supporting our program, with a donation...for travel expenses for the Wisconsin Regional Competition. With your support, we are looking forward to attending this first competition of the season!

I also appreciate the opportunity to present information about our team at the Rotary Awards Luncheon and enjoyed meeting so many dedicated members of the Rotary Clubs. I was truly inspired to hear about all of the wonderful initiatives that the Rotary Clubs support for youth in our community and we are grateful for the recognition of Team 2530.

Thanks again and best wishes."

Sincerely,
Jocelyn Woog
Team 2530 Mentor

FUEL YOUR CAR AND RAISE FUNDS FOR THE ROTARY CLUB OF ROCHESTER FOUNDATION

The Kwik Trip Scrip Gift Card Program allows The Rotary Club of Rochester Foundation to keep 5% of the face value of each card on fuel purchases and 10% on other purchases. Scrip cards are available for purchase at the weekly club meetings.



The Rotary Club of Rochester 2015-16 Club Progress to Goals

CATEGORY	2015-16 GOALS	As of March 31, 2016
Membership <i>(Began Rotary year with 185)</i>	200	186
Rotary International Foundation Annual Program Fund	\$10,000	\$8,798 (88% of goal)
Every Rotarian Every Year (EREY)	100%	21%
PolioPlus	\$2,500	\$300 (12% of goal)
District 5960 Fast for Hope Project	\$1,000	\$1,000 (100% of goal)
Rotary Club of Rochester Foundation		\$2,534

ROTARIAN NEEDED TO TRANSPORT CAMP RYLA STUDENTS

The Rochester Rotary clubs are once again sending high school students to Camp RYLA.

What is Camp RYLA?

“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, and intellectual challenges. There is an emphasis on problem solving, teamwork, and interaction with other outstanding students and volunteer counselors and presenters.

What are the benefits?

At RYLA, students gain insight into:

- Leadership basics
- Communication
- Problem solving and decision making



- Conflict management and resolution
- Personal strengths
- Community and global citizenship

For more information, visit [Camp RYLA](http://www.campryla.org).

A Rotarian is needed to drive the four students, leaving from Park Place Motors Cars on Friday, April 22 at 3:30 PM, to Camp RYLA at YMCA Camp St. Croix, 532 County Rd F in Hudson, WI. If you are available and willing to transport the students, please contact Rotarian and our club's Camp RYLA program chair Dana Funk who shares, “This is a great opportunity to meet the students and see Camp RYLA in action.”



THE KEY TO A SUCCESSFUL MULTI-GENERATIONAL ROTARY CLUB

By Emmanuel Rey, a member of the Rotary Club of Villa Devoto, Argentina

March 29, 2016, (<http://blog.rotary.org/2016/03/29/the-key-to-a-successful-multi-generational-rotary-club/>)

In 20 years as a member of the Rotary family, I have learned much. I began my Rotary journey as a member of Interact when I was 12, and six years later moved on to Rotaract. After passing the maximum age of 30 for that program, I proudly became a member of my Rotary club two years ago.

At first, I dreamed of building a big and youthful Rotary club, especially as I observed how hard it was for my fellow Interactors and Rotaractors to bridge the generation gap and become members of Rotary. But while I was still a Rotaractor, an old friend of mine gave me a new perspective. He said, “When I’m 30, I’m going to join a Rotary club with older people, to be the link with young people.”

*Membership diversity
strengthens Rotary clubs.*

My friend kept his promise, and his words still ring in my mind. I have come to the conclusion that “youth is not a number, it is a state of mind,” as one of my Rotary mentors, Enrique Blaistein, taught me. A club is not young by the age of the people it comprises. It is young by the characteristics exhibited by its members, such as dynamism, resiliency, strength, and a desire to work. In other words, the youth of a club is not the average age of its members, it is the spirit with which they work.

Membership diversity strengthens Rotary clubs. I had the luck to join the Rotary Club of Villa Devoto and I have friends who are in their 70s. We’ve been able to break down generational barriers and work together, learn from each other, join forces, and pool our knowledge to serve Rotary and enhance our personal and professional lives.

I have come to the conclusion that effective clubs are clubs that find a way to blend the knowledge and experience of older members with the strength and drive of younger members. This is the greatest challenge facing Rotary as an organization, and the success of any club depends on how well they do this.

APRIL IS MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH MONTH

Rotary has six areas of focus, one of which is maternal and child health. In April, Rotarians are encouraged to educate themselves about this area and to participate in Rotary's efforts to "maximize our local and global impact."

"At least 7 million children under the age of five die each year due to malnutrition, poor health care, and inadequate sanitation. To help reduce this rate, we provide immunizations and antibiotics to babies, improve access to essential medical services, and support trained health care providers for mothers and their children. Our projects ensure sustainability by empowering the local community to take ownership of health care training programs." Learn more at <https://www.rotary.org/en/learning-reference/about-rotary/areas-focus>



ROTARIANS WILL CELEBRATE VALUED ASSOCIATES DAY ON APRIL 28

Valued Associates Day will take place at the club's Thursday meeting on April 28 in Edwards Hall at Charter House. 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 22](#). 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.

LIVE UPDATES FROM THE COUNCIL ON LEGISLATION

From Rotary International, 25-March-2016

"Representatives from Rotary clubs worldwide will gather in Chicago 10-15 April to consider changes to the policies that guide Rotary International and its member clubs. We'll be providing live updates and vote totals from the Council on Legislation on Rotary.org beginning on 11 April."

HISTORY OF THE ROTARY LOGO



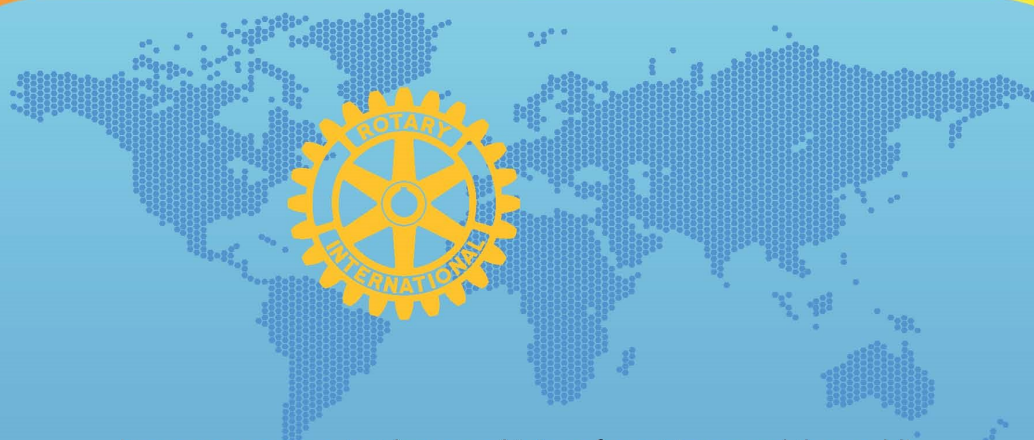


The Rotary Club of Rochester Foundation

AROUND THE WORLD BENEFIT

Thursday, April 21, 2016

Rochester International Event Center



Leave your passport at home and join us for a trip around the world!

Enjoy culinary delights and entertainment from some of the many countries that celebrate and host the life-changing work of Rotary.

Around The World Benefit proceeds will help support Rotary's many on-going local and worldwide humanitarian efforts such as STRIVE and Youth Exchange programs and End Polio Now.

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STRIVE
Students Taking Renewed Interest in the Value of Education



THURSDAY

APRIL 21

5-9PM

TICKETS:

\$50 – Individual

\$375 – Sponsored
table* (seats 8)

*Table sponsorship
includes table signs and
premium seating near
main stage

Join ABC6 News Anchor *Laura Lee* for an evening of multi-cultural culinary delights and interactive entertainment, while supporting Rotary's many humanitarian efforts world wide.

[Purchase tickets here](#)

Questions? Email romnrotary@gmail.com

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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: www.rochesterrotaryclubs.org

Links to STRIVE – Rotary US Bank Holiday Classic

District 5960: www.rotary5960.org

Rotary International: www.rotary.org

ROTARY COMMITTEES

CLUB SERVICE I

Colin Aldis, Director

Greeters..... *Colin Aldis*
Membership Development..... *Stacey Vanden Heuvel*
Rotary Information Officer *Leigh J. Johnson*
Visitors Desk *Suzanne Dinusson*
Sergeant-at-Arms..... *John Woodruff*
Sponsors / Mentors *Milt Tostrud*

CLUB SERVICE II

Heather Holmes, Director

Club Bulletin *Elizabeth Karsell, Lorie Luedke*
Club Web Site & Social Networking *Samantha Rother, Elizabeth Karsell*
Reflections *Heather Holmes, Kelly Engler*
Programs *Wes Duellman*
Public Relations *Janice Domke*
Four-Way Test *Mark Dripps*

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Golf Day *Kathy Lessard, Fred Suhler*
Music *Ann Beatty*
Social Events *Kathy Lessard*

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Rotary Scholarships *Steve Courts*
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Rotary Gift of Life *Betty Devine*
World Community Service *Judith O'Fallon*

VOCATIONAL SERVICE

Larry Koshire, Director

Camp RYLA *Dana Funk, Diane Ilstrup*
Rotary Literacy Coordinator *Jes Johnston*
Rotation Day *Danae Gaio*
STRIVE *Mark Dripps, Diane Ilstrup*
Vocational Talks *Walt Menning*
Youth Protection Officer *Diane Ilstrup*

COMMUNITY SERVICE

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Channel One..... *Mike O'Fallon*
Community Food Response *Kelly Engler, Phil Karsell*
Quarry Hill Fall Festival *Steve Sponsel*
Rotary Bell Ringing - Salvation Army *Mark Neville, Fred Suhler*
Rotary US Bank Holiday Classic *Michael Brennan, Lynn Clarey, Janice Domke, Elizabeth Karsell, Lorie Luedke, Bill Nietz, Laurel Schacht, Steve Stenhaus, Lorrie Swancutt, Jen Woodford*
Salvation Army Dinners *Heather Holmes, Sue F. Johnson*
Service Above Self Awards *Diane Ilstrup*
Student Guests *Wendy Shannon*
White Oaks Park *Ashok Patel, Mike Mahrer*