

"Rotary- neighbors, friends, and problem-solvers who come together to make positive, lasting change in communities at home and abroad."



# Moccasin Flower

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## VITAL STATISTICS

**MEMBERSHIP:** 180

**ROCHESTER ROTARY RISERS:** none reported

**GREATER ROCHESTER ROTARY:** Richard Brubaker, Lynn Clarey, Zoey Janstan, Lorie Luedke

**ROTARY eCLUB ONE:** none reported

**OTHER CLUBS:** John Woodruff, Valle Verde Rotary Club

**RESIGNATIONS:** David Oeth

**NEW MEMBERS:** Mark Benscoter, Bob Hopkins, Ellen Wells, Jennifer Wilson

## DRIVERS NEEDED TO TRANSPORT OUR 2018 CAMP RYLA STUDENTS

The three Rotary clubs in Rochester will once again sponsor four local high school students for participation in this year's Rotary Youth Leadership Academy in Hudson, WI, April 20-24. Rotarians are needed to provide transportation for the students to and from the event. Participants are to be in Hudson,



WI on Friday, April 20 between 4:30 and 6:00 pm and need to be picked up on Tuesday, April 24. The Rotarian providing transportation back to Rochester is invited to attend the St. Paul Rotary Club meeting at 12:00 pm at the Downtown DoubleTree Hotel. Camp RYLA leadership and attendees provide a high-energy program for this meeting, and it quickly becomes clear why Rotary clubs support this amazing opportunity for high schoolers. Alternatively, students may simply be picked up at 1:30 pm after the meeting. If you are interested in providing transportation, please contact Rotarian Dana Funk.

## APRIL BIRTHDAYS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Birthday</u>	<u>Birthplace</u>
April 4	Jim Frye	Topeka, KS
April 7	Jack Spittell	Baltimore, MD
April 8	Ingrid Neel	Kuressaare, Estonia
April 13	Zoey Jantsan	Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia
April 17	Janice Domke	Ephrata, WA
	Kathryn Lombardo	San Diego, CA
	Jane Piepgras	Austin, MN
April 18	Maurice Reiner	Tripp, SD
April 29	Jeff Allman	Hammond IN
April 30	Suzie Christensen	Denver, CO
	Don Scholz	Cleveland, OH

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

## Congratulations to our Club's newest Paul Harris Fellow



Stacey Vanden Heuvel with Ashok Patel who awarded a Paul Harris Fellow to Christy Chua Patel

## APRIL Weekly Meetings

- April 5** **Service First Thursday**, Rochester Public Library, (101 2<sup>nd</sup> St SE), 11:00 am–1:00 pm
- April 12** **Offsite Meeting**, “Community Conversations,” facilitated by United Way, Country Inn & Suites, Heartman Insurance, Rochester Civic Theatre, United Way, 11:30 am–1:00 pm
- April 19** **1905 Meetings**, “We Bike Rochester” by Tara Freimund, Charter House, Express Employment Professionals, Trinity Lutheran Church, 11:30 am – 1:00 pm
- April 26** **No noon meeting** due to Around the World benefit



**AROUND THE  
WORLD BENEFIT**  
The Rotary Club of Rochester Foundation

Thursday, April 26, 5:00-9:00 pm

## April Rotary Anniversaries

JoMarie Morris	2 years
David Spittell	5 years
Peggy Elliott	6 years
Peter Carryer	7 years (plus)
Bruce Ryan	10 years
Brenda Walker	11 years
Ashok Patel	13 years
Mark Dripps	15 years
Ardell Brede	23 years
Doug Rovang	28 years
John Spittell	29 years
Glenn Miller	58 years



## Other Meetings & Events

- April 2** **Channel One Service**, Channel One Building (131 35 St SW), 6:00-8:00 pm
- April 3** **Rotary Open House**, Café Steam (315 South Broadway), 7:00-8:00 am
- April 3** **Rotary Club of Rochester Board**, OMC Regional Foundation Conference Room (102 Elton Hills Dr.) 7:00 am
- April 9** **Salvation Army Dinner Service**, Salvation Army Community Center (20 NE 1 Ave), 5:30-7:00 pm
- April 11** **SE World Community Service** meeting, Edina Realty Conference Room (1301 Salem Rd SW), 7:00 am
- April 12** **Around the World Gala Committee** meeting, Rochester Civic Theatre, 1pm
- April 16** **Youth Exchange Committee Meeting**, People's Food Co-op (519 1st Ave SW), 6:00-7:00 pm
- April 18** **Rotary Information Meeting**, location TBD, 12:00-1:00 pm
- April 19-20** **Conference of the Clubs**, Mystic Lake Hotel & Casino (2400 Mystic Lake Blvd., Prior Lake, MN)
- April 20** **Holiday Classic Steering Committee** meeting, Rochester Area Foundation Board Room (12 Elton Hills Dr), 11:30 am – 12:30 pm
- April 23** **Rotary Tree Planting**, Bear Creek Park Shelter Area (1237 Marion Road SE), 5:00-7:00 pm
- April 25** **Wine Down Wednesday**, LaVetta (30 3 St SE), 4:30 pm
- April 28** **Rotary Tree Planting**, Apple Hill Neighborhood (Apple Ridge Blvd SW between Haralson & Regent Lanes), 8:30–11:30 am

**Thanks to all who helped with the March meetings:**  
**Greeters:** Jeanine Gangeness, Sue Mackert, Joel Haak, Zoey Jantsan;  
**Cashier:** Jen Woodford, Danae Gaio, John Woodruff;  
**Sergeant-at-Arms:** John Woodruff;  
**Visitors Desk:** Suzanne Dinusson, Scott Lemke;  
**Music:** Jim Sloan, Mark Neville;  
**Reflections:** Janice Domke, Sinéad Chick, Diane Ilstrup, Heather Holmes;  
**Four Way Test:** Heather Holmes, Judith O'Fallon, Richard Brubaker, Karel Weigel;  
**Introduction of Visitors:** LJ Johnson, Colin Aldis, Jennifer Teske



## AROUND THE WORLD BENEFIT

*The Rotary Club of Rochester Foundation*

### **ROCHESTER EVENT CENTER THURSDAY, APRIL 26, 5:00 – 9:00 PM**

**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 world-wide humanitarian efforts.**

We are neighbors, community leaders, and global citizens  
uniting for the common good.

**WITH YOU, WE CAN ACCOMPLISH MORE!**

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#### TICKET PRICES:

- \$50 – Individual
- \$375 – Sponsored table (seats 8 and includes table sign and premium seating near main stage)

INDIVIDUAL NAME(S): \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

TABLE NAME (IF APPLICABLE): \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL PURCHASE: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

CHECK INCLUDED \_\_\_\_\_

CHARGE TO MY TOTAL DUE AT THE EVENT \_\_\_\_\_



# Welcome new Rotary Club of Rochester members!



UPPER LEFT:  
Paul Tieskoetter with  
new Rotarian Jennifer  
Wilson

UPPER RIGHT:  
Janice Domke with new  
Rotarian Ellen Wells

LOWER LEFT:  
New Rotarian Bob  
Hopkins with Sara  
Gilliland

LOWER RIGHT:  
Mark Benscoter  
sponsored by Karel  
Weigel



## The Rotary Club of Rochester 2017-18 Club Progress Towards Goals

CATEGORY	2017-18 GOALS	As of February 28, 2018
Membership <i>(started the 2017-18 Rotary year at 185)</i>	183	180
Rotary International Foundation Annual Program Fund	\$15,000	\$11,075 (74% of goal)
Every Rotarian Every Year (EREY)	100%	16%
PolioPlus	\$4,000	\$7,133 (178% of goal)
District 5960 Fast for Hope Project	\$1,000	\$0 (0% of goal)
Rotary Club of Rochester Foundation	\$10,000	\$11,570 (111% of goal)



Thank you notes from a few more of the Holiday Classic grant recipients.

## GATEway Science Fair

"On behalf of the entire GATEway Science Fair planning team, I want to thank the Rotary Clubs of Rochester – twice.

First, we are grateful to have been the recipients of a \$1000 grant from the 2016 Holiday Classic Tournament. Since the Rotary luncheon was in March and our 2017 Fair in February, that money was used for the 2018 GATEway Science Fair. At that fair, held recently on February 17<sup>th</sup>, we had over 200 students attend, from twenty-nine different public and private schools in Rochester and the surrounding areas. Each student received feedback and encouragement from three of the many scientific professionals who volunteered to review the projects and talk with the students. The students and their families were also treated to the Science Museum of Minnesota's presentation on the topic of solids, liquids, and gases.

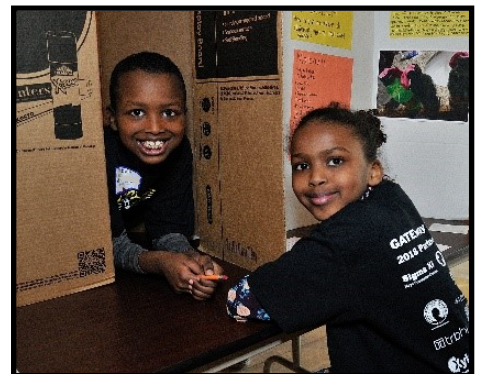
Thanks to you and our other partners and donors, each student received a student-designed t-shirt, a certificate of participation, a memorable experience, and a wonderful sense of being recognized for his or her personal efforts and scientific accomplishments. We have enclosed a copy of the program acknowledging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

Secondly, we received notice that we are the recipients of a \$500 grant from the 2017 Holiday Classic Tournament and we want to express our appreciation for that. We will be using the money during the 2019 Fair cycle and will be recognizing this contribution in next year's program.

In addition to supporting the Fair itself, sponsorships also help us conduct workshops and outreach before the Fair. In the fall we offer educational workshops for students and their parents. Students work with a science professional to walk through the steps of planning, executing, analyzing, and documenting an experiment. The workshops also help make the parents comfortable with the process. For the 2018 Fair, we worked with over 90 students in workshops. In December and January, we offer outreach to teachers where we come into classrooms with a presentation about the scientific method and what makes a good experiment. For the 2018 Fair we went to 36 classrooms at 11 different schools, presenting to over 1000 students. We are also excited to be fostering some connections for 2019 that might help us reach students underrepresented in STEM activities and get them involved in our workshops and/or registered for the Fair. Thank you for helping us make all this possible!

Sincerely,

Dee Voldal, GATEway Science Fair Planning Team"





# More thank you notes . . .

## Rochester Math Club team

"Dear students, parents, coaches, and sponsors,

We really appreciate all of your great support and participation for the first Annual Rochester Math Festival last week. Dr. Benjamin gave a wonderful mathmagician show and all the students are really excited! Around 100 students took the Rochester Area Math Contest and several of the top scorers won trophies and prizes....

The event was covered by several media including [KAAL](#) and [KIMT](#).

We are very proud that the Century High School Math League team won the State Tournament! This is the first time ever.

And they are the founders and coaches of Rochester Math Club and organizers for the Rochester Math Festival.... [KAAL coverage](#).

All the best!  
Rochester Math Club team"

## Madonna Living Community

"Rotary Clubs of Rochester,

Thank you so much for this wonderful grant/donation to our Madonna Meadows residents for the Madonna Meadows' Summer of Service Program involving Rochester Youth. What a great program to donate towards. The impact of this grant is profound in building relationships between our seniors and youth in the community. Between us, we will never know the full impact of this grant and what it means to our youth in shaping their lives, perhaps giving back to their own community someday into their adulthood and perhaps shaping their future careers in healthcare or senior care as well.

On behalf of Madonna Living Community, Madonna Meadows, Madonna Summit and Madonna Towers, our seniors, their families and our staff, we thank you.

We will follow up with a more formal thank you within the week.

Sincerely,  
Sandy Molenda, *Foundation Executive Director*  
Madonna Living Community"



## Wine Down Wednesday



# ROTARY TREE PLANTING CHALLENGE

By Rochester Rotary Riser Joanne Rosener

The Rotary Tree Planting Challenge is coming up in April! The Tree Planting Challenge is a joint service project of our three Rotary clubs. Our goal is to plant 300+ trees; one for each Rotarian. To accomplish this goal, we are partnering with RNeighbors, in cooperation with the City Forester and citizen foresters. There will be two tree planting events.

## Two Tree Planting Events:

### Rochester City Forester

**Date:** Monday, April 23rd, 5-7 pm

**Location:** Bear Creek Park

**Goal:** 300 whips (small unbranched tree)

**Logistics:** Park and meet at Bear Creek Park Pavilion right off Marion Rd.



### RNeighborWoods Community Tree Planting Date:

**Date:** Saturday, April 28, 8:30 am

**Location:** Neighborhood: Apple Ridge Blvd SW between Haralson Ln and Regent Ln SW

**Goal:** 200 trees

**Logistics:** Parking will be on the streets in this very dense neighborhood. Park on Beacon Street and carpool if possible. Registration tables will be set up in staging area (Apple Ridge Blvd). Closed streets include Regent to Haralson.

## Rotarian Support for Tree Planting Challenge

You can help by supporting the Rotary Tree Planting Challenge in one or both of the following ways:

- **Volunteer** Volunteers are needed to dig holes and plant trees. Sign-up by adding your name to the sign up sheet on the website. Bring your family, a friend, or how about a prospective Rotary member? What a great way to show someone what is Rotary.
- **Donations** As a major sponsor, the Rotary Clubs of Rochester committed to raising \$1,000 to cover a large share of the trees. Consider contributing \$25 or whatever you can to this worthy cause. The Rotary Club of Rochester Foundation will be the repository for the charitable donations. Please send your donation to TRCR at P.O. Box 7566, Rochester, MN 55903-7566. *Please submit your donations by April 19th.*

## ITEMS WANTED FOR STRIVE GOODIE BAGS

*Submitted by Co-Chairs Mike Becker and Diane Ilstrup*

We have backpacks as part of a congratulations for all participating students in the STRIVE program and are in need of items to put in them. In the past we have had everything from notepads, pens, pencils, flash drives, gift cards, candy and treats and novelty items. Once again we request if you would please... donate items for these "goodie bags". We would need fifty (50) of each....Contact Diane Ilstrup to make arrangements on how to get the donations delivered. Thank you in advance.



A poster for a Rotary event. The top half has a blue background. The bottom half has a white background with a blue border. On the left is a dark blue passport-like book with "PASSPORT" in yellow and the Rotary logo. To the right is the Rotary logo and the text "Rotary Club of Rochester Foundation". Below that is a colorful circular logo and the text "AROUND THE WORLD BENEFIT" and "The Rotary Club of Rochester Foundation". At the bottom, it says "Rochester Event Center" and "SAVE THE DATE! Thursday, April 26, 2018 5:00-9:00 PM".



## AROUND THE WORLD BENEFIT

*The Rotary Club of Rochester Foundation*

Date: Thursday, April 26th, 2018, 5:00 – 9:00 p.m. (replaces noon meeting)

Location: Rochester Event Center

Fundraising goal: \$50,000

Around the World Benefit proceeds will help support the Rotary Club of Rochester Foundation's many ongoing local and world-wide humanitarian efforts.

How you can help: *Think of a fabulous item to donate to the Auction*

- Goal is to receive 40-50 high value (\$100 or more) donation packages in specific categories for the silent auction - we are looking for the following items:
  - 4 -5 pieces of jewelry
  - 3-4 pieces of art
  - 12-14 Restaurant gift cards
  - 4-5 ticket packages (minimum 2 per package)
  - 4-5 sports memorabilia or autographed items
  - 6-8 experiences – meal at your home for 6, 8, 10+ people, hot air balloon ride, stay at cabin or vacation home, etc.
- We are also seeking 6-8 items valued at \$500 or more for the live auction
- If you are unable to donate an item but would like to make a cash contribution, the auction committee can secure an item for you.
- Please fill out this form and turn it in at a Rotary meeting by March 22, 2018
  - Or e-mail your completed form to [jennifer@rochesterarea.org](mailto:jennifer@rochesterarea.org)
- Donated items (live & silent) can be brought to one of the following locations before April 13, 2018:
  - Rochester Area Foundation, 12 Elton Hills Drive NW, Rochester
  - Rochester Civic Theater, 20 Civic Center Drive SE, Rochester

Auction item to be donated (please describe below):

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Estimated Value \$\_\_\_\_\_

Would you prefer this be a Silent Auction item or a Live Auction item? (Please note: the auction committee reserves the right to make the final designation.)

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Silent Auction Item

☐

Live Auction Item

☐

No Preference

Where would you prefer to drop off the item (prior to April 13th)?

☐

Rochester Civic Theater  
20 Civic Center Drive SE

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Rochester Area Foundation  
12 Elton Hills Drive NW

Name \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime phone \_\_\_\_\_

Questions? Contact Jen Woodford at 424-2400 or [sinead@rochestercivictheatre.org](mailto:sinead@rochestercivictheatre.org). THANK YOU!!



## ROCHESTER ROTARY CLUB

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## ROTARY CLUB OF ROCHESTER

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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?

### THE MOCCASIN FLOWER

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### WEB SITES

Rochester Rotary: [www.rochesterrotaryclubs.org](http://www.rochesterrotaryclubs.org)

Links to STRIVE – Rotary US Bank Holiday Classic

District 5960: [www.rotary5960.org](http://www.rotary5960.org)

Rotary International: [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org)

## ROTARY COMMITTEES

### MEETING ACTIVITIES

Joel Haak, Director

Greeters ..... *Joel Haak*

Four-Way Test ..... *Mark Dripps*

Music..... *VACANT*

Reflections ..... *Kelly Engler*

Sergeant-at-Arms ..... *John Woodruff*

Programs ..... *Corey Jordan*

Visitors Desk ..... *Suzanne Dinusson*

### CLUB ACTIVITIES

Jen Woodford, Director

Benefit Auction ..... *Heather Holmes, Kristine Ihrke*

Golf Day ..... *Kathy Lessard*

Social Events ..... *Jen Woodford*

### COMMUNICATIONS

Wes Duellman, Director

Moccasin Flower ..... *Elizabeth Karsell, Lorie Luedke*

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*Elizabeth Karsell*

Public Image ..... *Colin Aldis, Jennifer Teske*

### INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

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Rotary Scholarships ..... *VACANT*

Group Study Exchange Team ..... *VACANT*

Rotary International Foundation .....

.....*Stacey Vanden Heuvel*

Youth Exchange ..... *Samantha Rother*

World Community Service .....*Borge M. Christensen*

*Peggy Elliott, Rick Lien, Eric Matteson,*

*Judith O'Fallon, Ashok Patel*

### MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

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New Member Sponsors ..... *VACANT*

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Sinéad Chick, Director

Camp RYLA ..... *Dana Funk, Diane Ilstrup*

Ethics Program .....*Stacey Vanden Heuvel,*  
*Lorie Luedke*

Literacy ..... *Kay Hocker*

Rotation Day ..... *Danae Gaio*

STRIVE ..... *Diane Ilstrup*

Vocational Talks ..... *Walt Menning*

Youth Protection Officer ..... *Diane Ilstrup*

### COMMUNITY SERVICE

Kelly Engler, Director

Channel One ..... *Deb Muench*

Quarry Hill Fall Festival ..... *Steve Sponsel*

Rotary Bell Ringing - Salvation Army .... *Mark Neville*

Rotary Holiday Classic ..... *Lynn Clarey,*

*Janice Domke, Danae Gaio, Elizabeth Karsell,*

*Lorie Luedke, Bill Nietz, Steve Stenhaus,*

*Lorrie Swancutt, Jen Woodford*

Salvation Army Dinners ..... *Jennifer Driesch*

*JoMarie Morris*

Service Above Self Awards ..... *Diane Ilstrup*

Student Guests ..... *Kelly Engler, Danae Gaio*

White Oaks Park ..... *Ashok Patel, Mike Mahrer*