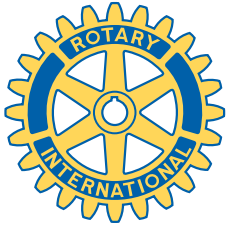


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VITAL STATISTICS

MEMBERSHIP: 246

AMBASSADORS: Borge M. Christensen, Blair, NE; Jerry Downes, Hayward, WI.

GREATER ROCHESTER ROTARY: 7/8 John Woodruff, Mike O'Fallon, Frank Streit; 7/21 Mike O'Fallon.

ROCHESTER ROTARY RISERS: 7/7 Mike O'Fallon; 7/14 Lois Nietz.

ANNUAL ROTARY GOLF OUTING AND DINNER

Wednesday, August 19, is the Annual Rotary Golf Outing. The fun begins at 1:00 pm at Willow Creek Golf Course. \$70/person includes golf, carts, a buffet dinner and all the fun and frustration you can handle. All skill levels are invited to participate. If you only want to attend the dinner, the cost is \$25/person.

Be sure to sign-up, and payment in advance is required.

Date: Wednesday, August 19, 2009

Place: Willow Creek Golf Course

Time: Shotgun Start: 1:30 pm
Dinner: 6:00 pm

Cost: \$70 - Golf, Cart and Buffet Dinner
\$25 - Buffet Dinner only

Checks: Rochester Rotary
1916 Scenic Point Lane SW
Rochester MN 55902

Contact: Joe McBride: 288-4941
Mark Dripps: 288-9297
Peggy: 252-0085



BIRTHDAYS

HAPPY AUGUST BIRTHDAYS!

<u>Birthday</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Birthplace</u>
August 1	Chris Colby	Scottsbluff, NE
August 2	Terry Maus	Austin, MN
August 3	Rick Lien	Carthage, MO
	Lance Thorkelson	Rochester, MN
August 4	Jerry Needham	Caldwell, ID
	Stan Cram	LaCrosse, WI
August 6	Kim Adams	Harmony, WI
August 14	Bob Bock	New York, NY
August 16	J. Michael Homan	Portland, OR
August 17	Nick Kolas	Patra, Greece
August 22	Anne Beatty	Princeton, MN
August 23	Sue Dripps	Rochester, MN
	Christine Fagans-Dick	Memphis, TN
August 27	Merlin Ricklefs	Fort Dodge, IA
	Roy Yawn	Americus, GA
August 29	Ray Johnson	Harrisburg, IL
	Chris Bedney	Jefferson, IA
August 30	Richard Hurt	Murray, KY
	Glenn VanLaningham	Des Moines, IA

100% ATTENDANCE

Audrey Betcher – 1 year	Rick Lien – 5 years
Steve Rossello – 1 year	Sarah Burrington – 10 years
Jerry Williams – 1 year	Gilda Banfield – 11 years
Doug Rovang – 2 years	Lorie Luedke – 11 years
Jim Sloan – 2 years	Lois Nietz – 22 years
Kim Adams – 3 years	Borge M. Christensen – 26 years
Judith O'Fallon – 3 years	Bob Priem – 26 years
Michael O'Fallon – 4 years	John Woodruff – 34 years



ELECTRONIC MAKEUPS
www.rotaryclubone.org

ROTARY NEWS

- We will only be using the blue attendance cards for a few more weeks. Our goal is discontinue them after August and only use the badge scanner. Thank you for your patience as we get the few last kinks out of the program.
- Thanks to Steve Rossello for spending countless hours helping us get the badge scanning program up and running. You are appreciated!
- Don't forget to pick up your Rotary t-shirts and polos – Peggy will bring them to a few more meetings.
- Thanks for your assistance at the July meetings: Invocations: **Linda Herrick, Audrey Betcher, Steve Courts**; Introduction of Visitors: **Dave Oeth, Mike O'Fallon, Leigh Johnson**; Visitor's Desk: **Josef Chlachula, Christine Beech, Roberta Tolan**; Greeters: **Mark Dripps, Barbara Porter, Bari Amadio**; 4 Way Test: **Steve Rossello, Glenn Lyden, Jeff Allman**; Cashier: **James Gibson**.

COMMUNITY FOOD RESPONSE

Our club is now beginning its third year of service to the Community Food Response. About 50 of our members have provided service for this all volunteer program that rescues prepared food and distributes it to families and individuals in need. During the past year, CFR collected and distributed approximately 200,000 pounds of food - main courses, vegetables, breads and desserts, fruits, salads, and so on. Food is distributed three days each week at the Bethel Lutheran Church, with an average of more than 100 families taking food home each day.

Three volunteer opportunities are available: food pick up, sorting and distribution. Our Rotary Club handles the volunteer service every second Wednesday of the month. More than 20 organizations provide volunteers for the program, and about 25 restaurants, businesses, grocers, etc. donate the food.

If you are not already on the list to receive notices about our service dates, you can reply to Glenn VanLaningham, vanlaninghams@charter.net or Paul Bleimeyer, paulb@mayo.edu. Since this is an approved project by our club, members receive attendance credit for the time served.

Glenn VanLaningham and Paul Bleimeyer, co-chairs.

The phone number and email address for the Rotary Office are the same as they when Lois was working. Please use 252-0085 and romnrotary@charter.net to contact Peggy.

AUGUST ROTARY CALENDAR

August 6	Ramada (across from Apache Mall) - YouthLINC
August 13	Kahler Hotel – Heritage Hall - Chris Miller, DAR Medal of Honor; B52 Pilot Experiences
August 20	Kahler Hotel – Heritage Hall - District Governor's Visit
August 27	Kahler Hotel - Heritage Hall - Joint meeting - STRIVE

OTHER MEETINGS AND EVENTS

August 3	Channel One Volunteer Night - 6-8 p.m.
August 12	Community Food Response - Contact Glenn VanLaningham
August 13	Rotary Board of Directors Meeting 7 a.m., Directors Room, Kahler Hotel
August 19	Rotary Golf Outing - Willow Creek Golf Course
August 20	Special Board Meeting with District Governor 10:30 a.m.
August 20	White Oaks Park Clean-up - 6-7 p.m.
August 26	Rotary Information Meeting - 12 Noon, Mayo Brothers Room, Kahler Hotel

Rotary Anniversaries

Hal Henderson	8/1/1986	23 years
David Oeth	8/1/1987	22 years
Jane Belau	8/1/1990	19 years
Terry Maus	8/1/1990	19 years
Mark Tasler	8/1/1991	18 years
Paul Barton	8/1/1996	13 years
Kerwin Engelhart	8/3/1998	11 years
Lance Papenfuss	8/10/2006	3 years
Larry Kent	8/12/2004	5 years
Jon Ewing	8/16/2007	2 years
Ray Johnson	8/25/2005	4 years
Mark Murch	8/28/1997	12 years
Steve Rossello	8/29/2007	2 years
Michael Busch	8/30/2001	8 years
Clyde Culp	8/30/2001	8 years
Tim Shea	8/30/2001	8 years
Stacey VandenHeuvel	8/30/2001	8 years

Welcome New Members

At our July 16 meeting, three new members were inducted. We are pleased to welcome **Nisha Manek**, **Diane Ilstrup** and **Angie Welchert**. Please look for their red badges and take time to introduce yourself and welcome them to Rotary.



New and former member Diane Ilstrup, Rochester Public Schools, retired, and proposer Jerry Williams.



Proposer Ashok Patel and new member Nisha Manek, Rheumatology, Mayo Clinic.

STRIVE

We are excited to kick-off the 11th year of STRIVE with a joint meeting of all three Rochester Rotary Clubs on Thursday, August 27, at noon at the Kahler's Heritage Hall! Please consider joining us for this huge celebration and contact your STRIVE student(s) from years past and invite them to attend the meeting with you! The program at the meeting will be completely focused on STRIVE and will include many STRIVE success stories. If you have a particular STRIVE story that you'd like to share that might motivate others to be a mentor, let us know and we'll see if we can work it into the agenda!

Finally, if you're interested in mentoring for the 2009-10 STRIVE year, please visit www.rochesterrotaryclubs.org/strive to sign-up online.

2009-2010 important dates/times:

- **Mentor Orientation** at the Rochester Public Library: Noon, September 25 (mentors receive information about their student, etc.)
- **STRIVE Meetings at JM:** Tuesdays - 8:30-9:15 a.m. (tentative dates - 9/29, 10/20, 11/17, 12/15, 01/12, 02/09, 03/16, 04/20)
- **STRIVE Meetings at Mayo:** Wednesdays - 9:35 - 10:25 a.m. (tentative dates - 9/30, 10/21, 11/18, 12/16, 01/13, 02/10, 03/17, 04/21)
- **STRIVE Meetings at Century:** Thursdays - 9:32 - 10:17 a.m. (tentative dates - 10/01, 10/22, 11/19, 12/17, 01/14, 02/11, 03/18, 04/22)
- **STRIVE Banquet:** Wednesday, April 28, 5:30 p.m.



New member Angie Welchert, LaCrosse Graphics, and proposer Karel Weigel.



Some quotes from 2008-2009 STRIVE students:

"I have loved being in STRIVE. It was nice to get support from someone like my mentor."

"In STRIVE, I did better in classes because I had people who were backing me up."

"It was interesting to have an adult mentor other than my parents. It was a great experience overall and I highly recommend other students try this program."

Thanks for your support!
The STRIVE Committee

Oh, what a night!

A wonderful tribute to Lois Nietz

More than 200 members of the Lois Fan Club shared her special evening on Thursday, July 23 at the Kahler Hotel

The Loispalooza planning committee (**Stacy Sinner, Linda Bonow, Bill Nietz, Keri Smith-Norman, Mary Jo Kelly, Dana Funk and Kim Adams**) would like to thank everyone who participated in this fantastic event.

Jane Belau – the song you wrote, ‘Ah, Lois,’ was perfect! What a special way to kick off the program. We hope you’ll play it at an upcoming meeting for those who were unable to be at the party. Thank you to **Mark Neville, Jim and Judy Sloan** and our other singers for leading us. And, thank you, Mark, for your serenade of the guest of honor.

To our speakers and presenters: **Tom Moyer, Dick Edwards, Leigh Johnson, Ardell Brede, Al DeBoer, Marilyn Stewart, Rick Lien, Dave Oeth, Bill Nietz, Gary Harmon and Karel Weigel** – all we can say is ‘WOW’ – your tributes were so thoughtful, meaningful and darn funny – you truly made this evening one that Lois will never forget!

To **Sue Dripps and Mark Dripps** and Davies Printing – we are very grateful for all your help with the invitations, songbooks and memory book.

To Phyllis Berman and the staff at the Kahler Grand Hotel – you were great to work with – thank you! And, thank

you for presenting Lois with a gift of a five-night stay at any Sunstone property!

To **Warren Harmon** – sincere thanks for arranging to have the evening videotaped so Lois can relive it whenever she wishes. And thanks to **Steve Sponsel, Paul Bliemeyer** and team for your help with the giant check.

To Peggy Schroeder – nothing like jumping in with both feet. No matter what we asked, the response was “yes, I can do that,” and then it was done. You’re great at being TNL (The New Lois) and we appreciate all you do!

Thank you to everyone who sent a memory or quote for Lois’ memory book – it’s beautiful and she’ll treasure it forever. Karel – you did a fantastic job of putting that together.

And to all of our members and past-presidents who contributed to Lois’ gift of travel – you absolutely blew away any hopes or expectations we had – we were able to present her with well over **\$7,000!** She and Bill can have the trip of their dreams, thanks to you.

Again, everyone, thank you, thank you, thank you!



Special thanks to the Lois ‘palooza Planning Committee who devoted many months and hours of their time to make the evening so special:

Kim Adams
Stacy Sinner
Linda Bonow
Keri Smith-Norman
Mary Jo Kelly
Bill Nietz

A tribute to Lois Nietz *continued*

Thank You

Dear Members:

Thank you so much for the wonderful party, gifts, 31 roses and the Paul Harris Award that I received last week! It still seems like a dream. I will never forget your kindness and love. The committee did a fabulous job.

It was great to see all of you past presidents – brought back many memories. How blessed have I been to have 31 great “bosses”?

I hope you all had a great time. I will keep you updated on “THE TRIP.” I am so thrilled about it! Your notes in the memory book are special and will be even more special as time goes on.

Everything was perfect! Everyone said the food was really good but I was too excited to eat very much. The gift from the Kahler was unexpected and wonderful.

Again, my sincere thanks,

Lois



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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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PRESIDENT -ELECT: Karel Weigel

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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: rotary.org

ACTIVE COMMITTEES

Four Avenues of Service
Club, Vocational, Community, International

CLUB SERVICE I

Audrey Betcher, Director

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 Programs *Rick Lien*
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 Four-Way Test *Tom Bruckman*

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Ann Beatty, Director

Bell Ringing - Salvation Army *Richard Brubaker*
 Golf Day *Joe McBride*
 Music *Jane Belau*
 Rotary Information *Leigh Johnson*

VOCATIONAL SERVICE

Suzanne Dinusson, Director

Rotation Day *Suzanne Dinusson*
 STRIVE *Linda Herrick*
 Vocational Talks *Fred Banfield*
 Auction 2010 *Lorie Luedke*

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Stacy Sinner, Director

Library Host *Allan Sessler, Tom Behrenbeck*
 Rotary US Bank Holiday Classic *Paul Barton, Lorie Luedke, Mike Quinn, Doug Rovang, Laurel Schacht*
 Quarry Hill Fall Festival *Carla Nelson, Brenda Walker*
 Rotary Reading Project *Cris Fischer, Christian Milaster*
 Service Above Self Awards *Cresta Deeds, Linda Hillenbrand*
 Student Guests *Allie Good, Barbara Porter*
 Camp RYLA *Steve Rossello, Ashleigh Rosson*
 White Oaks Park *Ashok Patel, Mike Mahrer*
 Community Food Response *Glenn VanLaningham, Paul Bleimeyer*
 Channel One *Mike O'Fallon, Tom Moyer*

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

Dave Moertel, Director

Foundational Scholarships *Steve Sponsel*
 Group Study Exchange Team *Gilda Banfield*
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