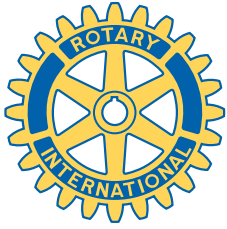


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VITAL STATISTICS

MEMBERSHIP: 239

AMBASSADORS: Faribault, MN: Shannon Knoepke

Greater Rochester: Judy O'Fallon, Mark Dripps, Lynn Clarey, Mike O'Fallon

eCLUB One: Borge Christensen, Marv Ramsay

Featured Service Opportunities

Rotary Riverside Mentors – formerly Rotary Readers

This program provides different opportunities to mentor with children. Those opportunities include: reading to children; having children read aloud to an adult; working on math and reading skills in classes for Newcomers (students with limited English skills). The schedule is very flexible and accommodates the needs of the students and



the mentors. Mentors may sign up to come once a week, twice a month, or one time per month. Anyone who has an interest in being with children and helping them improve reading and/or math skills will enjoy being involved in this program.

STRIVE Mentorship Program

STRIVE is a program that pairs a Rotarian or community member with a junior or senior high school student who has faced some academic challenges but wants to make the most of the last year(s) of high school. Mentors attend monthly meetings at the high school from September through April and a banquet in April at which students are recognized. Mentors help students set goals and provide encouragement, but are not expected to tutor

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

<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	La Crosse, WI
August 6	Kim Adams	Harmony, WI
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
	Joanne Martin	Philadelphia, PA
August 27	Merlin Ricklefs	Fort Dodge, IA
	Roy Yawn	Americus, GA
August 29	Ray Johnson	Harrisburg, IL
August 30	Richard Hurt	Murray, KY
	Glenn VanLaningham	Des Moines, IA
August 31	Craig Oslund	Rochester, MN

students. Students have the opportunity to obtain scholarships through grade improvement.

Community Food Response (CFR)

CFR gathers food from about 30 locations around the city that prepare meals in approved kitchens. Volunteers then sort and prepare the food for distribution to individuals and families who believe they have a need. An average of 100 recipient units, representing around 300 people, receive enough food at each distribution to last at least a day and many times much longer than that. Rotarians help pick up, sort, and distribute food the second Wednesday of each month between 1:15 and 6:45 p.m. Volunteers serve in two shifts.

ROTARY NEWS

- Greeters: **Bari Amadio, Steve Rossello, Anne Berberich, Sue Dripps, Michon Rogers, and Tom Bruckman.** Invocations: **Janice Farris, Jerry Mahon, and Barbara Porter.** Introduction of Visitors: **Mike O'Fallon, James Wiekamp, and Phil Karsell.** Four Way Test: **Dan Kelly, Bill Wiktor, and Linda Herrick.** Visitors Desk: **Kathy Lessard and Teresa Blythe.** Cashier: **Judith Taylor, Janice Farris, and Chris Cross.** Speakers: **Jim Overocker, Thomas Shives, and Shanna Decker.**
- Thank you to the following members who proposed new Rotarians during 2010-2011: **Mark Utz, John Edmonson, Christine Beech, Mike O'Fallon, Maria Brown, Steve Courts, Suzanne Dinusson, John Hodgson, Leigh Johnson, Merlin Ricklefs, Paul Tieskoetter, Susan Ahlquist, Bari Amadio, Paul Bleimeyer, and Cresta Valentine.**

Rotarians serve dinner at Salvation Army

A new volunteer opportunity has been approved by our Rotary Board to serve dinner at the Salvation Army building on the corner of First Street NE and First Avenue NE. Thanks to an anonymous donor, the cost of the meals has been covered. Our club will serve and then help with clean-up. This is a commitment from 5:45 pm to about 7 pm on the fourth Monday of each month. Upcoming dates are August 22 and September 26. If are interested in serving at an upcoming dinner, please contact either Sue Johnson sue@adviserline.com or Linda Hillenbrand at lhillenbrand@rochestermn.gov to be added to the list.



Armin Budimlic, Sue Johnson, and Kathy Lessard are among some of the Rotarians who served dinner at the Salvation Army on July 25.

AUGUST ROTARY CALENDAR

- August 4** Kahler Hotel - Elizabethan Room - YouthLINC by Melissa Lam and Montana Filoteo
- August 11** Kahler Hotel - Elizabethan Room - Japan Rotary Exchange Student
- August 18** Kahler Hotel - Heritage Hall - STRIVE Program
- August 25** Kahler Hotel - Elizabethan Room - The Experience of Dialogue Between Muslims and Christians

OTHER MEETINGS AND EVENTS

- August 1** Channel One - contact Tom Moyer or Phet Saysomphou
- August 10** Rotary Board of Directors Meeting - 7:00 am, Directors Room, Kahler Hotel
- August 10** Community Food Response - contact Glen VanLanningham or Phil Karsell
- August 18** White Oaks Park Clean-up - 6:00-7:15 pm - Contact Mike Mahrer or Ashok Patel
- August 22** Salvation Army Dinner - 5:45-7:00 pm - Contact Linda Hillenbrand or Sue Johnson
- August 24** Rotary Information Meeting - noon, Directors Room, Kahler Hotel

August is Rotary Membership Month



Have you proposed a friend or colleague for membership in Rotary or been assigned to mentor a new member for The Rotary Club of Rochester? Here are some ideas how to help newer members feel comfortable and get more involved in Rotary.

- Monitor the new member's comfort level and involvement in the club through periodic personal meetings.
- Accompany the new member to club meetings on occasion.
- Introduce the new member to every club member.

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Meet Mark Dripps, 2011-2012 Rotary Club of Rochester President

Mark was born and raised in Rochester, the second of four children to Dave and Sue Dripps. Mark graduated from Mayo High School as well as The American School of



Guadalajara, Mexico. In 1982-83, Mark's senior year in high school, his father (an IBM employee), took the family and transferred to Guadalajara Mexico. They experienced living in the city just blocks away from where he attended school. Vacationing in another country is one thing, but living there for a year is something Mark will never forget.

After returning from their journey down south, Mark attended RCC for one year before joining his grandfather, John Davies, and the staff at Davies Printing Company. It was his grandfather who steered him down the correct path of working for the family printing company, where he has been now for 27 years and counting.

Mark and his wife, Cindy have two daughters, Nicole (20) who is attending RCTC and Andrea (17) who is a senior at John Marshall. Mark also has a stepdaughter, Chandra, who lives in Rochester with her husband Jeremy Karsten and their two children, Anna (5) & Owen (3). Two dogs and a cockatiel round off the family.

Mark enjoys spending time with the grandkids, playing golf anytime of the year, watching and playing hockey, spending quiet weekends with Cindy at the lake and traveling with the family. Marks favorite traveling location is the Black Hills.

"I am thankful to Rick Lien for inviting me into the fellowship of Rotary. Since 2003, I have enjoyed meeting other Rotarians, volunteering my time, and serving on the board. Attending the Rotary International Convention in New Orleans was an exhilarating and uplifting experience that will keep me wanting to attend more conventions in the future. I am proud to be a Rotarian and look forward to many more years of great success with this organization."

August Rotary Anniversaries

David Carl	2 years
Steven Rossello	4 years
Jon Ewing	4 years
Ray Johnson	6 years
Michael Busch	10 years
Clyde Culp	10 years
Timothy Shea	10 years
Stacey Vanden Heuvel	10 years
Kerwin Engelhart	13 years
Mark Murch	14 years
Paul Barton	15 years
Jane Belau	21 years
Terence Maus	21 years
David Oeth	24 years
Hal Henderson	25 years



Rochester Rotary Golf Outing

The Rotary Clubs of Rochester invite you to participate in our annual golf outing. Play your own ball, best two of four scoring.

- When:** Monday, September 26, 2011
1:00 pm Shotgun start
- Where:** The Jewel, Lake City, MN, a beautiful Hale Irwin design; JewelGolfClub.com
- Cost:** 75 per person includes, golf, cart, range, prizes and meal following golf. Dinner starts between 6:00 - 6:30 pm
Only \$20 for meal and socializing

Sign-up today as a foursome or we will pair you with another group.

Guests of Rotarians are welcome!

* No metal spikes. Both men and women are required to wear golf appropriate attire.

Sign-up today on our club's Web site.

2011-2012 Rotary Club of Rochester Speakers' Honorarium to go to Rochester Public School Foundation

Mission

The Rochester Public School Foundation is a nonprofit community foundation dedicated to raising and distributing local resources to enhance educational opportunities for students and staff.

Vision

World-class education...parents dream of it, school districts set it as their goal, students crave it. It is the vision of the Rochester Public School Foundation to *enhance educational excellence for all.*

About the Foundation

Rochester Public School Foundation (RPSF) is a unique pathway for Rochester citizens and businesses to enhance public education for its most valuable resource—its children. RPSF is based upon the ideal that our collective efforts to enhance educational opportunities for our children are far more powerful than our individual efforts alone. RPSF strives to make a significant and lasting impact to improve education for all of Rochester's public school students.

Schools, like any other organization, must encourage innovation to achieve excellence. With limited resources, ISD #535 educators face ongoing challenges in providing basic education, much less the innovative enhancements that really inspire students and encourage lifelong learning.

In 1988, local citizens founded RPSF, an independent, not-for-profit organization that works to stimulate and financially support enhancements to the regular K-12 curriculum. We also work to strengthen the partnership between local businesses, the community and public schools.



Enhancing Educational Excellence

RPSF directly engages parents, teachers and the community by encouraging innovative programs and projects that enhance the academic goals of Independent School District #535. Since its inception, RPSF has awarded more than 230 grants totaling over \$394,000, providing unique learning opportunities to more than 100,000 students representing every school in our district. Examples include:

- Motivational projects to support and encourage early literacy
- Mathematics enrichment programs
- Vocational skills development projects and equipment
- Interdisciplinary projects promoting cultural understanding
- Projects to improve environmental awareness
- Computer programs to assist students in making career decisions
- Innovative science projects
- Equipment to create computerized audio and visual presentations
- Creative writing workshops
- Community service projects
- Parent enrichment programs to support student learning at home
- Opportunities to explore innovative art methods

August is Rotary Membership Month *Continued from page 2*

- Explain the various club committees and suggest a committee assignment that is compatible with the new member's interests, if possible.
- Inform the new member about special meetings and Rotary social events held throughout the year. Attend as many of these events as possible, and act as an informal host to the new member and the member's family, introducing them to other club members and making them feel at home.
- Ensure that the new member understands all club rules, including the attendance requirement and options.

- Monitor the new member's attendance. Suggest make-up alternatives, when necessary, and accompany new members to meeting make-ups, if possible.
- Be readily available to answer questions and provide advice or guidance if asked.



ROTARY SEEKS BUSINESS/PROFESSIONAL PEOPLE FOR EXCHANGE WITH BRAZIL

A once in a lifetime opportunity! Too good to be true! A life-changing learning experience! These are phrases past participants have used to describe Rotary International's Group Study Exchange program.

Group Study Exchange (GSE) is a unique educational experience that furthers international understanding by providing an opportunity for outstanding business and professional people to study another country, its people, its culture and its institutions. Each GSE team visits a Rotary district in another country for four weeks. Team members stay in the homes of Rotarians, if possible, and follow an itinerary of educational and cultural points of interest.

Travel and living expenses are covered during the exchange by The Rotary Foundation, Rotarians and Rotary District 5960.



A Rotary District 5960 GSE team will visit Rotary District 4550 in Bahia, Brazil, from April 8, 2012 – May 5, 2012. The focus of the exchange will be public policy, public health and economic development. Rotary offers this opportunity to spend a month living with local Rotarians and seeing the country in a way few will ever experience.

The teams will consist of four non-Rotarian professional or business people and a Rotarian team leader. Candidates must be engaged in a recognized business or profession on a full-time basis for at least the past two years. Employers must give permission for the candidate to participate **BEFORE** the interview process. Candidates must be between the ages of 25-45 years and must live or work within the limits of Rotary District 5960 and its clubs (St Paul, southeastern and central MN, parts of western



Group Study Exchange

Wisconsin). Applicants cannot be spouses or lineal descendants of current Rotary members. Applicants must be citizens of the United States of America. **All applications must be received by your local Rotary Club by September 15, 2011, for submission to the District Office by September 26, 2011.**

District level interviews will be held on Saturday, October 8, 2011. Applicants must be available all day, starting at 11:30 a.m. for interviews which will be held at the Northern Star Boy Scout Council's Hulings Scout Service Center, 393 Marshall Ave., St. Paul, Minnesota.



For an application form and/or local Rotary club information and contact person, please call Jingle Mahan at 651/636-9054 or jingle@rotary5960.org. GSE applications available for downloading at: [http://www.rotary.org/en/serviceandfellowship/](http://www.rotary.org/en/serviceandfellowship/fellowship/GroupStudyexchange/Pages/ridefault.aspx)

[fellowship/GroupStudyexchange/Pages/ridefault.aspx](http://www.rotary.org/en/serviceandfellowship/fellowship/GroupStudyexchange/Pages/ridefault.aspx) (click on "Apply for a chance to make a difference" for the team member application).

Ever wonder why the Rotary year begins July 1?

The international convention initially played a key role in determining the start date of our fiscal and administrative year. The first convention of the Rotary Clubs of America was held in Rotary's birthplace, Chicago, in 1910. Rotary's first fiscal year began the day after the first convention ended, on August 18, 1910. At its August 1912 meeting, the Board of Directors ordered an audit of the International Association of Rotary Clubs' finances. The auditors recommended that the organization end its fiscal year on June 30 to give the secretary and treasurer time to prepare a financial statement for the convention and board, and determine the proper number of club delegates to the convention. The executive committee concurred, and at its April 1913 meeting, designated June 30 as the end of the fiscal year.



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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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Rochester Rotary: www.rochesterrotaryclubs.org

Links to STRIVE – Rotary US Bank Holiday Classic

District 5960:

www.rotary5960.org

Rotary International:

rotary.org

ROTARY COMMITTEES

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Greeters *Paul Tieskoetter*
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 Visitors Desk *Kathy Lessard*
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 Club Web Site *Elizabeth Karsell*
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 Community Food Response *Phil Karsell, Glenn VanLaningham*
 Library Host *Mary Jo Kelly*
 Quarry Hill Fall Festival *Barbara Porter*
 Rotary Bell Ringing for Salvation Army *Fred Suhler*
 Rotary US Bank Holiday Classic *Lynn Clarey, Lorie Luedke, Lois Nietz, Mike Quinn, Doug Rovang, Laurel Schacht*
 Service Above Self Awards *Cresta Valentine*
 Student Guests *Sara Gilliland*
 White Oaks Park *Ashok Patel, Mike Mahrer*