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VITAL STATISTICS

MEMBERSHIP: 178

ROCHESTER ROTARY RISERS: none reported GREATER ROCHESTER ROTARY: none reported

ROTARY eCLUB ONE: none reported

OTHER CLUBS: David Piepgras NEW MEMBERS: Jon Losness

RESIGNATIONS: Stephen Lehmkukle, Dan O'Neil,

Bert Reiman

Meeting with District Governor Kyle Haugen is August 17

By Mark Dripps, District 5960 Assistant Governor

Coming up on August 17, District Governor Kyle Haugen will be sharing his Rotary story. Rotary Risers, Greater Rochester Rotary and The Rotary Club of Rochester will combine the District Governor visits into one meeting for all of Rotarians and guests in Rochester.



Plan on attending this three club meeting with Kyle, the youngest DG for Rotary. You will be able to feel the passion as he speaks, and why he was chosen to be District Governor. He will share with us why RI President Ian Riseley chose the Rotary theme of "Making a Difference," the importance of growing our membership, engaging all of our members in projects, making contributions to keep our programs strong, and why it is so important to eradicate polio.

Kyle's message will not only remind you why you joined the Rotary family, but will leave you inspired to keep the flame burning strong and bright.

Please mark your calendars to attend the 2017-2018 DG meeting on August 17 to show how strong Rotary is in Rochester and how we are "Making a Difference."

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

<u>Birthday</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Birthplace</u>
August 1	Chris Colby	Scottsbluff, NE
August 3	Rick Lien	Carthage, MO
August 3	Lance Thorkelson	Rochester, MN
August 4	Jerry Needham	Caldwell, ID
August 5	Bruce Rohde	Webster, SD
August 7	Jennifer Driesch	Rochester, MN
August 14	Ryan Backus	Spring Valley, MN
August 17	Nick Kolas	Patra, Greece
August 22	Ann Beatty	Princeton, MN
August 22	Mark Kotschevar	St. Cloud, MN
August 23	Sue Dripps	Rochester, MN
August 23	Joanne Martin	Philadelphia, PA
August 23	Anthony McClellan	
August 27	Merlin Ricklefs	Fort Dodge, IA
August 27	Melanie Tschida	Rochester, MN
August 29	Ray Johnson	Harrisburg, IL
If we have n	nissed your birthday, բ	olease let us know.

Welcome Jon Losness



Stacey Vanden Heuvel with new Rotarian Jon Losness

AUGUST CALENDAR Weekly Meetings

August 3	Service First Thursday, Rochester	
_	Public Library, 11:00 am - 1:00 pm	

August 10	Traditional Meeting, Mayo Clinic	
	Carrillonneur Austin Ferguson, Suite	
	101, Mayo Civic Center , 11:30 am –	
	1:00 pm	

August 17 Traditional Meeting, 2017-18 District Governor Kyle Haugen, Suite 101, Mayo Civic Center, 11:30 am – 1:00 pm

August 24 Traditional Meeting, "Clock and Bell Tower" presented by Rochester Fire Chief Greg Martin, Suite 101, Mayo Civic Center, 11:30 am – 1:00 pm

August 31 Rotation Day, various locations hosted by Rotarians, 11:30 am – 1:00 pm

Other Meetings & Events

August 1	Rotary Club of Rochester Board, OMC SE	
	Clinic Conference, Room 4-2 (210 9th St.	
	SE), 7:00 am	

August 7	Channel One Service, - CANCELLED,
	Channel One Building (131 35th St. SE)

August 1	Rotary Club of Rochester Board, OMC SE	
	Clinic Conference, Room 4-2 (210 9th St.	
	SE), 7:00 am	

August 8	Holiday Classic Steering Committee	
	meeting, F&M Community Bank (2768	
	Superior Dr NW), 11:30 am	

August 9	ugust 9 Rotary Clubs of Rochester World Community Service Meeting, Edina	
	Realty Conference Room (1301 Salem Rd	
	SW) 7:00 am	

August 14 Salvation Army Dinner Service, Salvation Army Building, 5:30-7:00 pm

August 16 Rotary Information Meeting, location TBD, 12:00-1:00pm

August 16 White Oaks Park Clean Up, White Oaks Park (4597 55th Street NW), 6:00 pm

August 23 Wine Down Wednesday, Kathy's Pub (307 South Broadway), 4:00 pm

August Rotary Anniversaries

Anthony McClellan	1 year
Joselyn Raymundo	1 year
Joel Haak	3 years
Amy Holtz	3 years
Jon Ewing	10 years
Ray Johnson	12 years
Stacey Vanden Heuvel	16 years
Kerwin Englehart	19 years
Mark Murch	20 years
Jane Belau	27 years
David Oeth	30 years





Thanks to all who helped with July

meetings: Greeters: Melody Trimble, David Herder, Lorrie Swancutt, Mary Sorensen; Cashier: Bill Wiktor, Pat Carlson; Sergeant-at-Arms: John Woodruff; Visitors Desk: Scott Lemke, Chuck Steidinger; Music: Judith O'Fallon, Jim Sloan; Reflection: Karel Weigel, Denny Nigon, Audrey Betcher; Four Way Test: Doug Rovang;

Introduction of Visitors: Phil Karsell, Jen Woodford; Presenters: Taha Muhammad, DeWaine Tollefsrud

The Rotary Club of Rochester invites you to join us on Wednesday, September 13, 2017 for lunch, fellowship, and the 2017 Rochester Rotary Golf Outing!

Willow Creek Golf Course (1700 48th St. SW, Rochester) Lunch, Fellowship & Meeting 11:30 am - 1:00 pm

This is an open invitation to all Rotarians and their guests. Lunch is open to all with a short combined meeting of the Rochester clubs and time for fellowship.

Golf will be played as "Best Shot," as this event is intended to encourage Rotary fun and fellowship. Golfers of all skill levels are encouraged to play. Rotary logo-wear is encouraged. Awards and surprises given at Willow Creek Golf Course at the end of the round.

Non-golfers are encouraged to join the fun before or after the golf - or both!

Options and prices

Please indicate your option preference in registration:

Option 1: \$13 - lunch only

Option 2: \$28.60 - lunch & golf with cart for Willow Creek Golf Course members

Option 3: \$58 - lunch & golf with cart for golfers who aren't Willow Creek members

Option 4: \$15.60 - golf & cart for Willow Creek Golf Course members

Option 5: \$45 - golf & cart for golfers who aren't Willow Creek

members

Register online, today!

Pre-payment is required.

Pay online or submit payment to: TRCR, PO Box 7566 Rochester, MN 55903-7566



The Rotary Club of Rochester 2017-18 Club Progress Towards Goals **CATEGORY** 2017-18 GOALS As of July 29, 2017 178 Membership (started the 2017-18 Rotary year at 185) 183 Rotary International Foundation Annual Program Fund \$15,000 \$195 **Every Rotarian Every Year (EREY)** 100% 3% **PolioPlus** \$2,500 \$0 \$0 District 5960 Fast for Hope Project \$1,000 Rotary Club of Rochester Foundation \$10,000 \$3,801

All Rotarians Can Help with Membership Development

By Sara Gilliland, Membership Development Chair and President-Elect

Did you know that a coastal brown bear in Alaska isn't the fierce, human-eating animal that it's often portrayed to be? Or, that a sleeping/hibernating female brown bear gives birth to five or six cubs that are no bigger than hamsters when they're born? DeWaine Tollefsrud shared his years of guiding experience in Alaska at the July 27th Rotary meeting. If you were there, you likely could share some interesting dinner or happy hour conversations later that day. If you weren't there to hear DeWaine, you missed a great program.

What do coastal brown bears have to do with Rotary membership? First of all, Thursday's program was representative of what you gain by attending Rotary, and what you miss by not attending. And, Thursday's program or any of our upcoming programs, are an opportunity to invite a prospective Rotarian to attend a meeting with you to hear a great program, and see what Rotary is all about. When you receive the weekly email announcing the details about the weekly meeting, cut and paste the details about the program in an email to people you know who would be interested in the topic, and follow up with a phone call inviting them to join you at the meeting. Let's



have more guests at upcoming meetings, and more guests could lead to more new members!

Our club needs new members and we need to ensure that our current members are engaged and active in club meetings, service opportunities, giving to Rotary Foundation and Rotary projects, and finding value in Rotary membership.

Our Membership Development Committee, including Josef Chlachula, Joel Haack, Deb Muench, Jim Secord, Leigh Johnson, Janice Domke and me, has been actively working on 3 initiatives to strengthen membership:

- 1) Contacting Rotarians who have left The Rotary Club of Rochester in the last 5 years and asking them to share their thoughts about what attracted them to Rotary, what kept them from staying in Rotary, and what could we do to attract them to return. We've reached 23 former members and at an upcoming club meeting I'll be asking for your help in contacting remaining former members on the list. Understandably, priorities have changed for some former Rotarians, and we've heard some feedback that can help us be more welcoming to new members. We've had an opportunity to share information about some of the changes our club has made in meeting formats and attendance requirements.
- 2) Piloting quarterly New Member Orientation sessions that will focus on ways new members can get involved in service activities and committees. These brief get-togethers will be a time for new members to learn about what the service work involves, and how it benefits the community. And, we'll leave time for answering questions and getting to know each other. The orientation sessions aren't exclusive to new members everyone is welcome. Our first session is August 10 at 11:00, right before our weekly traditional Rotary meeting.
- 3) Developing a list of prospective members to invite. The list is just a start. Our strength is each member knows a variety of people in the community who would make great Rotarians. It just takes each of us reaching out to people we know, inviting them to an upcoming meeting, inviting them to accompany us to a service opportunity, and sharing our passion about Rotary with others.

Please reach out to anyone on the Membership Development Committee with ideas you have for recruiting new members and improving membership engagement. And, we'd welcome additional members on the committee. Together, we can ensure that our club is active, vibrant and growing.

THE SHARED WORK OF ROTARY IN ROCHESTER

Recently, our Three Club Rotary Leadership asked all combined committees, with Rotarians from all three Rochester clubs working on shared Rotary programs, to submit reports. These reports will be shared with you over the next several months to give you a better understanding of the activities of Rotary in Rochester, our successes and our areas of improvement. If after reading any of the articles you have an interest in participation in these efforts, please contact the chairperson listed. Enjoy!

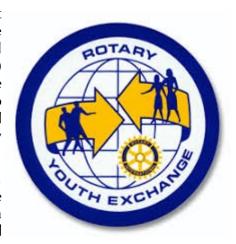
Rochester Rotary Program: Youth Exchange

Chair: Samantha Rother

What are your major accomplishments over the past year and/or three years:

In the past year we have hosted Hidenari Nagata from Japan, secured three host families for him and worked through challenges at school with a language barrier. We have sent Alex Poeschla outbound to Spain and Katelyn Siegel outbound to Germany. We introduced the Short Term Exchange Program (STEP) and have Freddie Anderson going to Mexico and Molly Sorenson going to The Netherlands on this first time program in June. We have also prepared two students to go outbound, Ian Anderson to leave for South Korea in July and Alyssa Cordes to leave for Taiwan in August. We have begun a host family search to as we will welcome Lara from Spain in August.

Over the past three years we have hosted three additional students inbound, Takeshi Naito (Chile), Matheus Brandt (Brazil) and Tanish Gurjar (India) and we have sent two students outbound Margaret Anderson (Chile) and Veronica Branson (Denmark). We effectively managed a difficult situation and ended Matheus's exchange early.



What goals did you have that you could not accomplish:

We have not been effective in securing enough host families to host two inbound students (we can barely do one) which would be ideal for both student and host family support and to build a robust program. We have not been successful in creating a succession plan for our Youth Exchange Officer or building out a bigger committee.

What are your strengths in working together as a three-club initiative:

All members are quick to pitch in and take on specific tasks. The students get the experience of visiting three different clubs and meeting a wider network of Rotarians. We have a wider network to reach out to for recruiting host families.

What challenges do you have for your program:

The number one challenge our program faces is recruiting host families. We've done a lot of research in to what it takes to succeed in this area and it's a culture of club focus and support for the program. It is a challenge to get the clubs interested in the program. It has been a challenge to find Rotarians interested in stepping in to a leadership role.

What support do you need from three-club leadership moving into 2017-2018?

Assistance with succession planning and finding new Rotarians to join the YE committee. Ideas on how the Youth Exchange Program can be exciting and at the forefront for general club membership. Support for how to get members to identify and find interest in it when they don't see themselves as a host family or have students at home.

A REFLECTION ON ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION 2017

By Heather Holmes, 2016-17 Communications Director and District 5960 Public Image Chair

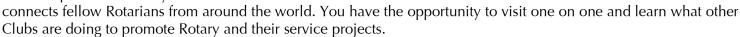
I have had the good fortune to attend my 2nd Rotary International Conference in Atlanta this year.

It was pretty spectacular to see 30,000+ Rotarians descend on a city. You could literally find a Rotarian around every corner!

There was so much to see, do and learn, an experience around every corner.

For me, it's difficult to pick my favorite moment, but one of the highlights was keynote Bill Gates regarding Rotary's partnership with his foundation to eradicate polio. To give a visual to his presentation, each conference participant received a bracelet that would 'light' up. It was stunning to see a sea of red and blue across the massive audience signifying just how close we are to ending the global disease.

Another highlight was the House of Friendship. HOF is a dynamic venue that



To be part of a movement that brings peace and works to make the world a better place is humbling. Whether it's the keynote speakers, dynamic breakouts, fun and interactive networking events, hands on service projects or just connecting and visiting with 30,000 like-minded people, the experience is nothing short of inspiring and life changing.

I can't wait for next year!



From Reading Heroes award recipient Fay Van Vliet:

I wanted to take a moment to extend my most sincere thanks for selecting me for the Rotary 2016-2017 Reading Heroes Award. It was heartwarming to know literacy is a priority for your club!

You have no idea how happy I was when I received notification that I was selected for this award. It is my life's endeavor to bring literacy to all, strengthening the dignity of individuals and helping them and our community to reach its potential! I want you to tknow that I am pleased we are in this enterprise together!

If you would, please extend my thanks to The Rotary Club of Rochester as we work toward literacy in our community.



From Service Above Self award recipient Theresa:

I would like to thank you for the "Service Above Self" award and for the very generous gift of \$25. It is clubs like Rotary that keep communities inspired and determined to grow. Thank you for your generosity and kindness. I will never forget it.

REMEMBERING SAM

By Ryan Hyland and Abby Breitstein, taken from https://www.rotary.org/en/rotary-remembers-sam-owori

The Rotary flags in front of Rotary International World Headquarters in Evanston, Illinois, USA, and Rotary offices around the world fly at half-staff this week as friends and colleagues mourn President-elect Sam F. Owori, who died on 13 July from complications after surgery.

With an engaging smile and a calming voice, Sam put everyone he talked to at ease, says Hilda Tadria , a member of the Rotary Club of Gaba, Uganda, and a close friend of Sam and his wife, Norah.

"I call it the 'Sam Smile,'" says Tadria. "It made him very approachable and easy to talk to. I think his smile is one of the things Rotary and his friends will miss most."

Sam, who had been elected to serve as president of Rotary International in 2018-19, would have been the second African Rotary member, and the first Ugandan, to hold that office. He joined Rotary in 1978 and was a member of the Rotary Club of Kampala, Uganda.

"No matter the situation, Sam was always upbeat, always joking around and putting everyone else in a good mood," says Tadria.

One of the admirable things about Sam, Tadria says, was his love and devotion to his wife. They met in primary school in Tororo, Uganda. Sam described Norah Owori as beautiful, well-educated, and full of character.

"He adored Norah and always put her first." Tadria says. "They were best friends and partners for life. It was very sweet to see them together. They never left each other's side."

Sam was highly respected in Uganda, Tadria says, for his high integrity and consistent ethical standards. Those qualities, she says, are important in a Rotary president. "He was a man everyone could trust."



Sam F. Owori, Rotary's president-elect, was always optimistic and brought an unyielding sense of right and wrong to his work. Owori died 13 July.

Monika Lozinska/Rotary International

She adds, "He preferred listening to speaking. It's one reason he was so well-liked."

The road to president-elect

Like many members, Sam was invited to Rotary by a persistent friend. "I did not want to go," he cheerfully acknowledged years later. "I had no interest. But I had respect for my friend, so I went. And when I got there, I was in shock. The room was full of people I knew."

The more Sam saw of Rotary's good work, the more enthusiastic he became. He is largely credited with the tremendous increase in clubs in Uganda: from nine in 1988, when he was district governor, to 89 today. His friends called his enthusiasm "the Owori madness" — to which he mildly replied, "If it is madness, I would be glad if more people would catch it."

Sam described himself as "an incorrigible optimist" who chose to see the best side of everyone and the bright side of any situation. Gentle in manner, unfailingly modest, and quick to smile, Sam is remembered as "Smiling Sam," says RI President Ian Riseley.

John Smarge, who was selected by Sam to be his presidential aide, called Sam a "rock star" among Rotary members. "In just the two weeks he was president-elect, you could see how much he was loved," Smarge says. "The Rotarians in Uganda view him as a national treasure."

REMEMBERING SAM

Smarge adds, "He spoke with quiet confidence and simple complexity."

Sam brought an unyielding sense of right and wrong to his work as chief executive officer of the Institute of Corporate Governance of Uganda, to his previous work with the African Development Bank and other institutions, and to his work with Rotary.

Sam, who was one of 15 children, attributed his deep ethical sense to his upbringing, and particularly his father, who had been a school principal and then a county chief in Uganda. "He was a very strict disciplinarian," Sam remembered, "and when he became chief, he ran that county like a big school — with a ruler. He insisted that everything was done the right way."

Sam's Rotary career spanned some of Uganda's most difficult years, including the dictatorship of Idi Amin, who was deeply suspicious of Rotary and often sent agents to spy on Rotary meetings. "Sometimes people came as guests, and you wouldn't know exactly where they were coming from or who invited them," Sam said later. "We always welcomed them. We had nothing to hide."

Prominent Ugandan Rotary members, including Sam's own manager at the bank where he worked, were picked off the streets by Amin's forces and killed. Many Rotary clubs closed and most members withdrew: from a high of 220 members, Rotary membership dropped to around 20.

One day, Sam recalled, a member was taken right in front of Sam's club. "We had just finished our meeting and were standing in front of the entrance of the hotel. He got picked up right there in front of us. Two guys threw him in the truck of a car and we never saw him again."

Undeterred, Sam was back at his meeting the next week.

An avid learner, Sam held a graduate degree in labor law from the University of Leicester, England; a business management degree from California Coast University; and a management graduate degree from Harvard Business School.

He served Rotary in many capacities, including RI director, trustee of The Rotary Foundation, regional Rotary Foundation coordinator, regional RI membership coordinator, and RI representative to the United Nations Environment Program and UN-Habitat. He was a member or chair of several committees, including the International PolioPlus Committee, the Drug Abuse Prevention Task Force, and the Audit Committee.

Sam and Norah became Paul Harris Fellows, Major Donors, and Benefactors of The Rotary Foundation.

Sam is survived by his wife, Norah; three sons, Adrin Stephen, Bonny Patrick, and Daniel Timothy; and grandchildren Kaitlyn, Sam, and Adam. Condolences can be addressed to Mrs. Norah Agnes Owori, c/o Institute of Corporate Governance of Uganda, Crusader House, Plot 3 Portal Avenue, Kampala, Uganda or via sam.owori@rotary.org.

Memorial contributions in honor of Sam can be directed to the Sam F. Owori Memorial to Polio.

Rotary's 2017-18 nominating committee will select a new president-elect, in addition to the president-nominee, during its scheduled meeting in early August.

Sam F. Owori, 1941-2017



2017-18 Rotary Club of Rochester Budget

	17-18 Budget
Number of paying members	183
Number of members with cost	187
Honorary members - pay only magazine	2
Revenue	
Member dues	\$71,370
Member admission fees	\$1,875
Basketball administration	\$3,000
Foundation administration	\$1,850
STRNE administration	\$500
Admin portion of fundraisers & social functions	\$0
Interest	\$25
Miscellaneous income	\$0
Social activities (net of expenses)	\$0
Meeting Fees	\$1,400
Website sponsorship ads	\$0
Total Budgeted Revenues	
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Expenditures	
Administration	
Rotary International and District Dues	\$25,521
Rotary International Foundation accounts	\$150
Postage, office supplies and telephone	\$1,320
Equipment	\$500
Conventions and meetings	\$3,000
Taxes, insurance and bonding	\$3,900
Executive director salary	\$39,063
Executive Director Adjustment	Ψ03,000
Rotary office / car mileage	\$0
Executive Director expense (parking & meals)	\$500
Rotary International supplies	\$600
Miscellaneous	\$0
President's expense fund	\$250
Meeting Room Fee	\$4,845
Credit Card Expense	\$500
Lunch cost to mt guarantee	\$1,000
Lunch cost to fire guarantee	
Club Service I	\$81,149
Guest registration	0.0
Club Service II	\$0
	\$500
Program expense	\$500
Others, scholars, GSE	\$200
Web site fee and development	\$1,200
	\$1,900
Club Service III	40
Rotary Information Meetings	\$0
Holiday luncheon	\$400
Public Relations / Public Image	\$300
	\$700
Community Service	
Service Above Self Program	\$300
	\$300
International Service	
YE student lunches	\$40
	\$40
Total Expenditures	\$84,089
Total Revenues over Expenditures	-\$4,069

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ROTARY CLUB OF ROCHESTER

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District No. 5960

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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ROTARY COMMITTEES

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Greeters	Joel Haak
Four-Way Test	Mark Dripps
Music	<i>VACANT</i>
Reflections	Kelly Engler
Sergeant-at-Arms	John Woodruff
Programs	Corey Jordan
Visitors Desk	Suzanne Dinusson

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