



# Moccasin Flower

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## VITAL STATISTICS

**MEMBERSHIP:** 255

**AMBASSADORS:** Sarah Burrington, Cresta Deeds, eClubone; Dave Colville, Marshall, MN; Rich Good, Red Wing, MN; Richard Hurt, Crestwood, KY; Roger Kempers, Holland, MI; Marcia Redalen, La Crosse, WI X2; Jerry Williams, Chillicothe, IL. Rick Lien, Judith and Mike O'Fallon, District Rotary Foundation Event.

**GREATER ROCHESTER:** 10/25: Mark Cairns, Carrie Farrow, Charlie Fish, Brian Murphy, Jane Piepgras. 11/01: Cresta Deeds, Mac Hamilton, Ingrid Neel, Dan O'Neil, Mark Tasler. 11/08: Cresta Deeds, Jerry Downes, Jane Piepgras, Dan Soderberg, Frank Streit, Mark Tasler. 11/15: Doug Pritchard, Mike Quinn, Mark Tasler.

**RISERS:** 10/31: Eric Matteson 10/14: Mark Utz

## REVEREND CARL SCHROEDEL

1935 – 2006

Fellow Rotarian Carl Schroedel passed away at his home on November 10. Carl was well known for his involvement in the community and especially for his love of music. His beautiful singing voice was a gift he shared with all of us. Carl had retired as pastor of Peace United Church of Christ. He had been a member of our club for about a year and was already an active member. We send our deepest sympathy to wife, Carol, and family.

## FRANKLIN S. RUHL

1917 – 2006

Past President Frank Ruhl passed away after a brief illness in St. Paul on November 17. Frank was a member of Rochester Rotary for 43 years and served as president of our club in 1969-70. He was a Paul Harris Fellow. Frank retired as a vice president and operating officer of First National Bank (now US Bank Rochester) in 1982. A most active member, he loved music and played the piano for us for many years. Frank's wife Norma passed away in 2003. We extend our deepest sympathy to his family.

## BIRTHDAYS

HAPPY DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS!

<u>Birthday</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Birthplace</u>
December 4	Marvin Ramsay	LaCrosse, WI
December 7	Dan Kelly	Rapid City, SD
December 10	Jenny Hosfeld	Minneapolis, MN
December 13	Jim Wiekamp	Hull, IA
December 14	Dave Oeth	Dubuque, IA
December 15	Mike Mahrer	Grafton, ND
	Barrie Pedersen	Edina, MN
December 16	Mike Bue	Annaston, AL
December 17	George Waters	Minneapolis, MN
December 19	Mary Jo Kelly	Aberdeen, SD
December 20	Franklyn Knox	Rochester, NY
December 25	Christine Cross	New Kensington, PA
	Douglas Pritchard	Keewane, IL
	David Tines	Chicago, IL
December 27	Cynthia Daube	Detroit, MI
	Sara Gilliland	Lawrence, KS
December 28	Steve Sperling	St Paul, MN
December 29	Glenn Miller	Mount Palatine, IL

## HOLIDAY LUNCHEON – DECEMBER 14

You should all have received an invitation to our annual holiday luncheon. Please note you must send or turn in your reservation and check by December 11. This year the luncheon will be at the Marriott – second floor – in the ballroom.

Come early, socialize, have some egg nog and visit with your fellow Rotarians. Guests are welcome.



# ROTARY NEWS

- Our youth exchange student, Livi, from New Zealand will be leaving the first week in January. If you haven't had a chance to invite her to meet your family or include her in some events, now is the time. Livi is staying with Hilla Ferguson and her family.
- Betsy Friesen, a frequent Rotary visitor from Fairbury, NE, has named her doctor, Dr. Steve Textor, a Paul Harris Fellow for his excellent care of her over the years. Steve is a former member of our club and his daughter was our recent outbound Rotary student. What a great way to say thanks!
- Thanks to all that helped with the December meetings. Invocations: **Chris Bedney, Stan Cram, Stacey VandenHeuvel, John Brockman.** Introduction of Visitors: **Mike O'Fallon, Leigh Johnson, Phil Karsell.** Visitors Desk: **Bill Wiktor, Lance Papenfuss.** Greeters: **Carla Nelson, Chris Rustad, Judith O'Fallon.** Cashier: **James Gibson.** Four Way Test: **John Hunziker, David Tines, Beth Warren, Todd Cordes, Janice Farris.** Music: **Jane Belau, Ann Beatty, Matt Camrud.**
- Win a candy bar! President Nominee **Doug Rovang** will be checking if you are reading the Rotarian magazine. Watch for his questions at upcoming meetings.
- President Elect **Kim Adams** is keeping us aware of the need for new members. Once a month she reads some open classifications. She puts the name of every member who proposed a member into a hat. At the end of the year there will be a drawing and the winner will get a Paul Harris Fellowship for himself or for anyone they wish to name.

## ROTARY DISTRICT SIMPLIFIED GRANT PROGRAM

The three Rochester Rotary Clubs are working together to offer grant opportunities to local non-profits who work with recent immigrants, through the Rotary District Simplified Grant Program. We are looking for local non-profits to submit proposals for projects that benefit recent immigrants in the Rochester area. Proposals for sustainable projects that directly benefit immigrant groups in Rochester or the surrounding communities will be considered. We will fund approved projects between \$500 to \$4000. We will work with selected organizations to write the project grant according Rotary International Guidelines. Please contact Bill Sullivan of Greater Rochester Rotary for more info, at [sullivan.william@mayo.edu](mailto:sullivan.william@mayo.edu) or phone 284-3073.

## DECEMBER ROTARY CALENDAR

<b>December 7</b>	<b>Kahler Hotel - Heritage Hall</b> Ron Axel, 5950 Past District Governor. "Your Rotary International Foundation"
<b>December 14</b>	<b>Marriott Hotel</b> Rotary Holiday Luncheon - invitations have been sent. Must make reservations! We will start serving egg nog at 11:30 a.m.
<b>December 21</b>	<b>Kahler Hotel - Heritage Hall</b> Our youth exchange student Olivia Kowalewski from New Zealand.
<b>December 28</b>	<b>No meeting</b>

## OTHER MEETINGS AND EVENTS

<b>December 11</b>	Rotary US Bank Holiday Classic committee - 12 Noon @ UCR
<b>December 13</b>	World Community Service Committee Meeting - 7 a.m. - Rochester Area Y
<b>December 14</b>	Rotary Board of Directors Meeting 7 a.m. - Mayo Brothers Room, Kahler Hotel
<b>December 20</b>	Rotary Information Meeting 12 Noon, Mayo Brothers Room, Kahler Hotel
<b>December 26-28</b>	Rotary US Bank Holiday Classic Basketball Tournament
<b>Dec. 2, 9, 16, 23</b>	Bell Ringing, Salvation Army

## STRIVE MEETINGS

<b>December 12</b>	John Marshall High School - 8:30-9:15 a.m.
<b>December 13</b>	Mayo High School - 9:35-10:25 a.m.
<b>December 14</b>	Century High School - 9:40-10:30 a.m.

## ROTARY US BANK HOLIDAY CLASSIC

December 26, 27 and 28, 2006

This is the 19<sup>th</sup> year of the tournament. At this time we have contributed over one-half million dollars to the youth of our community. Please check our Web site to sign-up to work at the tournament. Look at the history of our tournament - this is a fundraiser we can all be proud of.

## DUES STATEMENTS ARE COMING - TWO BASKETBALL TICKETS INCLUDED



A word about the basketball tickets. You are responsible for paying the \$38 for these. It is part of the budget for the tournament. You can sell the tickets if you wish or buy them and give them away. You have one more choice, turn the tickets in with your check and we

will see they go to one of several places such as Boys and Girls Club.

## DISTRICT GOVERNOR DIANNE NESVIG RESIGNS

It is with great sadness, heavy hearts, long discussion, and very difficult decision making that the Governor's Planning Council of District 5960 has accepted a resignation notice from District Governor Dianne Nesvig.



Dianne has been a tireless advocate for young people from around the world through our Youth Exchange program and has helped shape our current training

programs through her 2 year term as District Trainer. She has attended

many international conventions and had the opportunity to travel to Haiti and Africa to perform Rotary service. She spent many hours planning and working toward her year in leadership.

Dianne will be sorely missed as District Governor with her enthusiasm, passion, knowledge and drive. We look forward to her return to Club and District activities.

The Governor's Planning Council is sure that Dianne would appreciate any cards or notes that would be sent to her.

In the interim, while waiting for Rotary International President William Boyd to make an appointment to fill the District Governor vacancy per Rotary International Bylaws, the Governor's Planning Council (GPC) and other Past District Governors will continue to support and serve our Rotary clubs, district leadership and district committees. PDG Lee Finholm will act as the Interim Governor with the approval of the GPC. Our clubs and the district are strong. We will have a good and successful year in "Leading the Way" and "Touching Hearts" making a difference in our community, the world at large and in our own lives.



## NEW MEMBERS



Pictured L-R: New member Gail Sauter, University of Minnesota Rochester, sponsor Marie Maher, new member LuAnn Hiniker, University of Minnesota Rochester who was also sponsored by Marie Maher, new member Jeff Kiger, Post-Bulletin, and sponsor Laurel Schacht.



Member Stacy Vanden Heuvel (center) sponsored new members Roy Yawn, Olmsted Medical Center (left) and Tim Weir, Olmsted Medical Center.

## BELL RINGING – SALVATION ARMY

Be sure to sign-up for bell ringing. Invite your children, friends, and neighbors to join you. The sign-ups are posted on the Web site each week. Check your calendar, then call the office or sign-up at an upcoming meeting.



An extra perk – this counts as a makeup and also gives points to members with red badges.

### December 2

WalMart North - East Entry 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.  
Hy-Vee Barlow - Main Entry 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

### December 9

Hy-Vee North Main Entry 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.  
WalMart North West Entry 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

### December 16

12/16 WalMart North West Entry 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.  
12/16 Hy-Vee Barlow Main Entry 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

### December 23

12/23 Shopko South Both Entries 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

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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?

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**PRESIDENT:** Rick Lien

**PRESIDENT -ELECT:** Kim Adams

**PRESIDENT NOMINEE:** Doug Rovang

**SECRETARY:** Steve Sponsel

**TREASURER:** Sara Gilliland

**PAST PRESIDENT:** Mike O’Fallon

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

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**ROTARY DISTRICT 5960 GOVERNOR**

Dianne Nesvig, Owatonna

**ASSISTANT GOVERNOR**

Wade Davick, Assistant Governor, Winona

**WEB SITES**

Rochester Rotary Club: [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: [rotary.org](http://rotary.org)

**ACTIVE COMMITTEES**

Four Avenues of Service  
Club, Vocational, Community, International

**CLUB SERVICE I**

Linda Rings, Director

Greeters ..... *Michelle Mikkalson*  
 Membership Development ..... *Kim Adams*  
 Visitors Desk ..... *Cindy Sharp*  
 Sergeant-at-Arms ..... *John Woodruff*  
 Mentors .....

**CLUB SERVICE II**

Brian Murphy, Director

Club Bulletin ..... *Lorie Luedke, Lois Nietz*  
 Club Web Site ..... *Lorie Luedke*  
 Invocations ..... *Mark Cairns*  
 Programs ..... *Phil Karsell*  
 Public Relations ..... *Doug Rovang*

**CLUB SERVICE III**

Mark Dripps, Director

Bell Ringing - Salvation Army ..... *Fred Suhler*  
 Golf Day ..... *Mark Dripps, Dana Funk*  
 Music ..... *Jane Belau*  
 Rotary Information ..... *Leigh Johnson*

**VOCATIONAL SERVICE**

Laurel Schacht, Director

Rotation Day ..... *Laurel Schacht*  
 STRIVE ..... *Vicki Allen*  
 Vocational Talks ..... *Rachel Hurt*  
 Auction 2008 ..... *Bill Nietz*

**COMMUNITY SERVICE**

Karen Ricklefs, Director

Library Host ..... *Allan Sessler*  
 Rotary US Bank Holiday Classic ..... *Paul Barton*  
 Quarry Hill Fall Festival ..... *Laurel Schacht*  
 Rotary Reading Project ..... *Cris Fischer*  
 Service Above Self Awards ..... *Marie Maher*  
 Student Guests ..... *Keri Smith*  
 Camp RYLA ..... *Glen VanLaningham*  
 White Oaks Park ..... *Stacy Sinner*

**INTERNATIONAL SERVICE**

Stacey Vanden Heuvel, Director

Foundational Scholarships ..... *Dave Moertel*  
 Group Study Exchange Team ..... *Gilda Banfield*  
 Rotary International Foundation ..... *Mike O’Fallon*  
 Youth Exchange ..... *Karmen Reid, Hilla Ferguson*  
 Gift of Life ..... *Mary Jo Kelly*  
 World Community Service ..... *Glenn VanLaningham*