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VITAL STATISTICS

MEMBERSHIP: 259

AMBASSADORS: Pat Carlson, Sarah Burrington, eClubone; Rick Lien, Judith and Mike O'Fallon, Doug Rovang, District Foundation Dinner.

GREATER ROCHESTER ROTARY: 10/31: Kim Adams, Jerry Downes, Lois Nietz, Steve Rossello. 11/14: Lynn Clarey, Mac Hamilton, Mike Quinn.

ROCHESTER ROTARY RISERS: 10/30: Melissa Brinkman, Rachel Hurt, Leigh Johnson, Ashleigh Rosson-Hoffman 11/20 Dave Colville.

BIRTHDAYS

HAPPY DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS!

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

HOLIDAY CLASSIC BASKETBALL PASSES



All members will receive two tournament passes for the Rotary US Bank Holiday Classic. You pay only \$38 for the two tickets – cost is \$40 for two at the gate.

Please help us – our club is responsible for paying the tournament for these tickets. You can do a couple of things:

- 1) pay for the tickets – give them to someone
- 2) sell them to someone
- 3) turn in the tickets (with a check) and we will get them to a group such as Boys and Girls Club.



ROTARY HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

Thursday, December 20

Kahler Hotel - Heritage Hall

Egg nog reception at 11 a.m.

Sit-down lunch and program at 11:45 a.m.

Entertainment by

Cynthia Dario Good and Raul Jalmasco, Vocalists
Jane Belau, Pianist

Guests are welcome.

Make reservations by December 17

ROTARY US BANK HOLIDAY CLASSIC

December 27, 28 and 29, 2007

This is the 20th year of the tournament. At this time we have contributed more than one-half million dollars to the youth of our community. Please check our Web site to sign-up to work at the tournament. There is a brief history of the tournament on page three of this issue of the Moccasin Flower.

ROTARY NEWS

- We welcomed new members, **David Doty**, Lourdes High School; **Tom Donlon**, Rochester Catholic Schools; **Tim Miller**, RSP Architects; **Heidi Mestad**; Rochester Downtown Alliance; **Steve Lehmkuhle**, University of Minnesota. Proposers were Denny Nigon, Doug Rovang, Audrey Betcher and Marilyn Stewart. (Pictures will be in the next bulletin).
- **Past President Al DeBoer** presented a Paul Harris award to **David Young**. David is employed by Benike and lives in Mantorville. The award was from his sister Maureen Starmack who lives out of state. She had some great things to say. "Dave is not and never has been a member of a Rotary club, but he is a Rotarian. Without knowing what it is, Dave lives his life by our Four Way Test. He is a man of integrity in both his personal and professional life. I would like to honor him for being a positive role model and example of Rotarian ideals to his family, his children and all those he meets". What a wonderful tribute from a sister to her brother.
- Boxes are being filled with holiday goods and other items for the flood victims in Stockton. We thank **Judy and Jim Sloan** who donated \$1,000 which will be used to purchase cash cards for the boxes. We will keep you updated on this. We hope to have some members help with distribution. Our next project will be helping with a park in the spring. According to chair **Dan Kelly**, the people are very pleasantly surprised that the big town of Rochester is helping a small town.
- We have received and accepted with regrets a letter of resignation from **Sheila Unni**. Sheila and her husband will be moving to Milwaukee, Wisconsin.
- Thanks to all who helped with the October meetings: Invocations: **Doug Rovang, Jim Wiekamp, George Allen**. Introduce Visitors: **Phil Karsell, Leigh Johnson, Hilla Ferguson**. Visitors Desk: **Al Fritsche, Leon Clark**. Greeters: **Michelle Mikkalson, Karmen Reid, Chuck Springer, Lorie Swancutt, Mark Dripps, Michael Homan, Angie Rustad**. 4 Way Test: **Fred Suhler, Dan Kelly**.
- Congratulations to our fellow Rotarians who received awards lately. Dan Kelly received the **2007 Award for Outstanding Volunteer for his** compassion and commitment to the children and families at the Ronald McDonald House in Rochester. As an ambassador for the organization, Dan has helped the house become stronger financially. **Judy and Jim Sloan** also were honored with the Award for Outstanding Philanthropists.

DECEMBER ROTARY CALENDAR

December 6	Kahler Hotel – Heritage Hall – Former Mayor Chuck Hazama, "Reminisces – My Years as Mayor"
December 13	Kahler Hotel – Elizabethan Room – Rotarian Ray Johnson, "China – 5000 Years in 30 Minutes or Less"
December 20	Kahler Hotel – Heritage Hall – Holiday Luncheon - An invitation was sent to your home. Regular meeting time - we will begin socializing with egg nog starting at 11 a.m. Sit-down dinner and program 11:45 a.m. – 1:30 pm. Come by yourself or bring a guest/ guests. Reservations required.
December 27	No Meeting
December 27-29	Rotary US Bank Holiday Classic Basketball Tournament
January 3	No Meeting

OTHER MEETINGS AND EVENTS

December 13	Rotary Board of Directors Meeting 7 a.m., Directors Room, Kahler Hotel
December 18	Rotary Basketball Steering Committee 12 noon, US Bank
December 19	Rotary Information Meeting 12 noon, Mayo Brothers Room, Kahler Hotel

The couple was recognized for giving their time and talent to help dozens of human services, health care, education and arts organizations.

- Thanks to all who helped with November meetings. Invocations: **Hilla Ferguson, Carla Nelson, Allie Good and Janice Farris**. Introduce Visitors: **Mike O'Fallon, Leigh Johnson, Keri Smith-Norman**. Desk: **Jon Ewing, Chris Fagens, Jim Carter**. Greeters: **Al Fritsche, Monte Ball, Bari Amadio, Dan Kelly, Ray Johnson, Leon Clark, Tim Weir, Bill Wiktor**. 4 Way Test: **Mary Jo Kelly, Monte Ball, Mark Neville**.



ROTARY U.S. BANK HOLIDAY CLASSIC

December 27, 28, 29, 2007

Q. How many years have we held the tournament?

A. This will be the 20th tournament.

Q. How many teams participate?

A. Eight boys and eight girls teams – both varsity and B-squad

Q. Where are the games played?

A. Varsity games will be played at Mayo Civic Auditorium and Regional Sports Center. B-squad games will be played at the Regional Sports Center.

Q. What does it cost the teams to play in the tournament?

A. Nothing, we do not have a registration fee and the Kahler Grand Hotel provides hotel rooms at a low cost, which we pay. We have a dance for the teams the second night of the tournament with food and lots of door prizes.



Q. Has U.S. Bank always been a sponsor?

A. Yes, their continued financial and staff support has been an important part of the success of the tournament.

Q. Who are the teams playing in the tournament this year?

A. Girls teams are Albany, Century, De LaSalle, John Marshall, Lakeville, Lourdes, Mayo, Park. Boys teams are Apple Valley, Century, John Marshall, Lourdes, Mayo, Northfield, Plainview Elgin Millville, Stillwater.

Q. How many Rotarians work on this tournament?

A. Almost 200 members help in one way or another. All three Rochester Rotary Clubs participate in this tournament. These clubs have about 400 members.

Q. What are the ticket prices?

A. Adult Tournament Pass (all games at all sites) \$20
 Student Tournament Pass (all games at all sites) \$10
 (Complimentary program with each pass)
 Single Session Tickets: Adults \$7.00
 Students \$4.00

Programs are \$1.00

Q. How much was raised from last year's tourney?

A. \$40,000

Q. What is the Rotary Web site?

A. www.rochesterrotaryclubs.org Click on the basketball tournament link.

Q. How much money has been raised the past 19 years of the tournament?

A. The 19-year total awarded is \$543,000

108 Scholarships awarded	\$ 186,750
Outward Bound Scholarships	3,600
160 Grants awarded	213,150
Impact Grant – Fuad Mansour Field	10,000
Athletic Departments of Rochester High Schools	25,500
Youth Exchange	6,500
Impact Grant – Good Samaritan Dental Clinic	10,000
STRIVE Program	37,500
Impact Grant – Rotary US Bank Holiday Classic Skate Park	30,000
Impact Grant – Rochester Art Center	<u>20,000</u>
	\$ 543,000



BELL RINGING – SALVATION ARMY

Bell Ringing with the Salvation Army is right around the corner! Sign-ups are available on our Rotary Web site or at a Rotary meeting. This is one of our most rewarding projects. Family and friends are always welcome to participate.

Each shift is two hours:

- 10 a.m. to noon
- 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.
- 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.
- 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.



December 8

Hy-Vee North - Inside - Main Entry
 WalMart North - Outside - West Entry

December 15

WalMart North - Outside - West Entry
 Hy-Vee Barlow - Outside - Main Entry

December 22

WalMart South - Outside - North Entry
 WalMart South - Outside - South Entry

ROTARY AREAS OF SERVICE: INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

Karmen Reid, Director

The International Service committees have been very busy. Below is an update of some of their recent activities:

Group Study Exchange – Gilda Banfield, Coordinator

Hosting a Group Study Exchange (GSE) team from another country is a wonderful Rotary experience. Four to five young professionals and their Rotarian leader come to the USA to learn about the cultural and business environment in our part of the country. Four clubs in each Rotary district are selected to host the team for three to five days and provide meaningful experiences for them. When our club is selected to be one of the hosts, host families are recruited and a daily itinerary is arranged that maximizes the team's time with us as well as giving them time to relax. We also recruit drivers to get them to and from their destinations. While this sometimes involves a bit of juggling, I can always count on Rochester's Rotarians to step up to the plate so all runs smoothly. All too soon, the team is off to the next Rotary club but not before exchanging business cards and initiating new friendships. Our club will be hosting a team from Peru in April 2008. Look forward to hearing more about their arrival and about volunteer opportunities related to their visit.

World Community Service – Judith O'Fallon, Coordinator

The Rochester World Community Service Committee was formed in July 2006 by the three Rochester Rotary clubs to develop a common approach for World Community Service. Previously, each of the clubs initiated matching grant projects independently but asked the other Rochester clubs to help fund them. While this process built good will and better friendships, it seemed that a more integrated approach might be more efficient. Key activities include:

- Solicited project proposals from Rochester non-profit organizations working with recent immigrants in order to identify projects addressing special needs of the area's immigrant population. Five local organizations submitted proposals. We chose to seek appropriate funding for two of them.
- Obtained a District Simplified Grant to fund the local Intercultural Mutual Assistance Association (IMAA) request for \$8,000 to furnish a new adult classroom with audiovisual equipment and chairs for the IMAA job readiness and drivers' education classes. Project team leader was Glenn VanLaningham, then our club's WCS Chair.
- Obtained Rochester Rotary Basketball Tournament funding of \$2,000 for a children's dental health project.
- Obtained a District Matching Grant to fund an international project, "Computers for Students in Estonia," proposed by our club member Ingrid Neel. Worked with a team of Rotarians in Estonia to prepare

the complex grant application and solicit contributions from other Rotary clubs in District 5960. A total of \$28,681 was obtained. Matching Grant implementation, including signing legal documents and collecting contributions pledged by five district clubs, is underway.

- Preparing an application for a District Matching Grant to fund an international project, "Kitchen Equipment for the Croatia Outward Bound Center." Total cost of \$25,000 requires \$7,000 in contributions from district clubs. You will hear more about this soon.

Youth Exchange – Hilla Ferguson, Coordinator

The club recently heard presentations from two returning high school Youth Exchange students who spent their last school year abroad: Reed Langton-Yanovich in Argentina and Trisha Anklan in Chile. Both students had wonderful experiences and shared their interesting stories with our club. Tanya Hahn recently left for a year in Argentina. She has already corresponded with us and promises to keep us informed of her activities throughout the year.

This year our club will be taking a hiatus from the Rotary International Youth Exchange program in order to pilot a new program called YouthLINC. This program, headquartered in Utah, has been in existence since 1999 and partners closely with the Rotary clubs in Utah. President Kim Adams first learned of the program at the 2007 Rotary International conference in Salt Lake City and after sharing the program with Board members, the Board of Directors unanimously supported a pilot of the program in our own community.

The mission of YouthLINC is to "create humanitarians for life." The youth program combines local community service with an international humanitarian service trip to a third world/developing country. Students in high school and college "earn" their international service trip by completing up to 100 hours of community service. Here is what one of last year's students from Utah had to say: *"Community service is powerful. For the large majority of people who live in their own worlds, experiencing first hand the needs in one's own community and in the rest of the planet is awakening. Because of the YouthLINC program, I have become more grateful for what I have, I consciously strive to expect less material things for myself, and I look to make a difference — because I can!"*

We have recruited two high-school students for the 2007-2008 pilot. Each student will complete 100 hours of community service and will have the opportunity to travel to a remote part of Kenya to participate in a two-week humanitarian service project. The local community service

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ROTARY AREAS OF SERVICE: CLUB SERVICE II

Dan O'Neil, director, provides an overview of the areas of services under Club Service II

Club Bulletin - Lorie Luedke, Lois Nietz

The Moccasin Flower , our club newsletter, is a primary source for information regarding Rochester Rotary. Lorie and Lois publish information each month about upcoming programs and activities, important messages from leadership and interesting news. Members are encouraged to submit stories and photos showcasing the spirit of Rotary.

Club Web Site - Lorie Luedke

We can all be proud of our Web presence that is updated with the latest news, calendar items, photos and opportunities for Rotary members. The club Web site also provides Rotarians the capability of signing-up for many Rotary volunteer activities on-line. There is also a secure members-only section with a photo and biographical information on each member. Members can easily update their own information right on the site.

Invocations - Carla Nelson

Carla leads the way in coordinating volunteers to maintain this important Rotary tradition. We start each of our meetings with this centering process. Our intent is to bring focus and set the tone for those present. It can be a prayer, poem, or words of reflection that help to pause for a moment and think outside of ourselves. Carla welcomes new volunteers to provide bold, brief (2 minute) invocations.

Programs - Phil Karsell

Phil leads a large group of volunteers in the seeking, selecting and scheduling of our programs. Club members have come to expect high quality programs and this team delivers. The committee maintains a list of potential programs and designates one member to schedule the speaker. In collaboration with Lois and the Kahler, the committee member helps ensure that AV requirements are met and the speaker is effectively introduced.

Public Relations - Dana Funk

As president-elect, Dana is also our representative in a joint membership/PR committee which was formed with the three Rochester Rotary clubs. This group has been very successful in promoting Rotary in Rochester. We have been featured on Minnesota Public Radio (with very generous in-kind contributions from MPR) and placed advertisements in *Rochester Magazine* and the local paper promoting the fact that there are three Rotary clubs in Rochester. In addition, the group developed attractive window clings promoting Rotary in Rochester that can be displayed proudly on your vehicles. Stop by the back table at our next meeting and get yours.

Four Way Test - Ann Beatty

Ann is the "go to" person when you wish to lead our membership in the Four Way Test following the invocations at our weekly meetings. She (and Lois) keep a calendar of volunteers who kindly take a turn and lead us as we recite these important membership values. Worried about having it memorized? No problem, Lois provides us with a written copy to guide us at the podium. Please feel free to contact her by phone or email (abeatty@choralartsensemble.org) when you are ready to take the lead in this easy task that keeps us focused and unified.

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hours must be with a local agency that serves underprivileged members of our community, as the goal is that the youths develop awareness, skills, and sensitivities that will be valuable for their service in Kenya. Rotary will provide a \$1,000 sponsorship for each student, and the students will be responsible for earning or raising the remaining cost of the international trip (about \$3,000 per student).

Rotarians Kim Adams and Hilla Ferguson, who are leading the pilot program this year, will be very involved with the students throughout the coming year and will also be going on the trip to Kenya. (Our club is not providing sponsorships for adults, just for students.) We have several Club members who will also be involved with the pilot this year, and we thank them for their interest and support!

Gift of Life – Betty Devine and Brenda Walker, Coordinators

We have had three Gift of Life patients in the past five years from Belgium, Dominican Republic and El Salvador. The Gift of Life Foundation coordinates the patient visit through Mayo Clinic, and our Rotary Club handles housing and other arrangements. Former program coordinator Mary Jo Kelly facilitated a patient care visit for Josselyn Vivas from El Salvador earlier this year. Josselyn attended one of our meetings and dazzled members with her cute personality. After a serious surgery and a quick recovery, she unfortunately developed complications. After several weeks of stabilization she went back home. The Gift of Life Foundation recently let Lois know that she is doing well.

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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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WEB SITES

Rochester Rotary Club: 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

Linda Rings, Director

Greeters *Bill Wiktor*
 Membership Development *Doug Rovang*
 Visitors Desk *Cindy Sharp*
 Sergeant-at-Arms *John Woodruff*
 Mentors *Mark Neville*

CLUB SERVICE II

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CLUB SERVICE III

Mark Dripps, Director

Bell Ringing - Salvation Army *Paul Bleimeyer,*
Mark Neville
 Golf Day *Mike Schnell*
 Music *Jane Belau*
 Rotary Information *Leigh Johnson*

VOCATIONAL SERVICE

Linda Bonow, Director

Rotation Day *Linda Bonow*
 STRIVE *Audrey Betcher*
 Vocational Talks *Rachel Hurt*
 Auction 2008 *Bill Nietz*

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Karen Ricklefs, Director

Library Host *Allan Sessler*
 Rotary US Bank Holiday Classic *Paul Barton,*
Laurel Schacht
 Quarry Hill Fall Festival *Carla Nelson*
 Rotary Reading Project *Cris Fischer*
 Service Above Self Awards *Mark St. Peter*
 Student Guests *Lance Papenfuss*
 Camp RYLA *Glen VanLaningham, Peg Winters*
 White Oaks Park *Ashok Patel, Stacy Sinner*

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

Karmen Reid, Director

Foundational Scholarships *Dave Moertel*
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