

"A Local Service Club with a Global Impact - Offering Leadership and Support to our Community and Beyond"



# Moccasin Flower

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## VITAL STATISTICS

MEMBERSHIP: 250

**AMBASSADORS:** Fred Banfield, New Richmond, WI; Maria Brown, Caledonia MN; Borge M. Christensen, Blair NE; Judith O'Fallon, District WCS Meeting; Aliza Rongstad, Winona MN X2; Jim Wiekamp, Vancouver, Canada; Mark Breneman, Nicole Pierson, Cynthia Shaffer, eClubOne. Dana Funk, Judy & Mike O'Fallon, Doug Rovang, District Foundation Dinner.

**GREATER ROCHESTER ROTARY:** 11/05/08: Tom Bruckman, Ingrid Neel; 11/12/08: Frank Streit; 11/19/08: Melissa Brinkman

**ROCHESTER ROTARY RISERS:** 10/28: Charlie Fish

## BIRTHDAYS

HAPPY NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS!

<u>Birthday</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Birthplace</u>
December 4	Marvin Ramsay	LaCrosse, WI
December 7	Dan Kelly	Rapid City, SD
December 9	Michael Grinnell	Crookston, MN
December 13	Jim Wiekamp	Hull, IA
	Paul Tieskoetter	Decorah, IA
December 14	Dave Oeth	Dubuque, IA
December 15	Mike Mahrer	Grafton, ND
	Barrie Pedersen	Edina, MN
	Todd Villeneuve	Wilmar, MN
	Linda Oelke	Albany OR
December 17	George Waters	Minneapolis, MN
December 19	Mary Jo Kelly	Aberdeen, SD
December 20	Franklyn Knox	Rochester, NY
December 21	Cynthia Shaffer	Spruce Pine, NC
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

## SIGN-UP TO RING BELLS

Please consider signing up for a two hour shift to ring bells at WalMart South on December 20. Check the Rotary Web site for available times or sign-up at the weekly Rotary meeting. Two hours shifts begin at 8 a.m. and end at 8 p.m.



**December 20 - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

WalMart South – Outside South and North Entry



## ROTARY HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

Thursday, December 18  
Kahler Hotel - Heritage Hall

Egg nog reception at 11 a.m.

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

Entertainment by

Showstoppers - Rochester Civic Theatre

Guests are welcome.

Make reservations by December 12

\$12/person

## Rotary US Bank Holiday Classic December 29, 30, 31, 2008

This is the 21<sup>st</sup> 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. Check out some questions and answers about the tournament in this Moccasin Flower.

# ROTARY NEWS

- Busy, busy time for all of us! A time to be with family and to think of others that are less fortunate. Thanks to all of you who do so much for our community both with Rotary projects and with other things in our community.
- It's a small world category! We had Past District Governor **Tom Thorfinnson** as our speaker. Tom is a RI Director Elect for Rotary International 2008-09. Tom did a great job speaking about the Rotary International Foundation. Attending our meeting for a makeup was **Dr. Fred Hahn** from Independence Missouri who is also a RI Director Elect for Rotary International 2008-09.
- Thanks to everyone who helped with the meetings last month: Invocations: **Janice Farris, Sarah Burrington, Glenn Lyden**. Introductions of Visitors: **Phil Karsell, Leigh Johnson, Keri Smith-Norman**. Visitors Desk: **Cynthia Shaffer, Mary Jo Kelly, Aliza Rongstad**. Greeters: **Jim Frye, Tim Shea, Jim Frye, Aliza Rongstad**. 4 Way Test: **Mark Neville, Linda Herrick, George Allen**. Vocational Talk: **Warren Harmon and Lance Pappenfuss**. Music: **Jane Belau**

## 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.



Foundation Chair **Kim Adams**, **Tom Thorfinnson**, Director Elect of Rotary International Board of Directors, President **Doug Rovang**.

## DECEMBER ROTARY CALENDAR

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|--------------------|---|
| <b>December 4</b>  | <b>Kahler Hotel – Heritage Hall -</b><br>LTC Rock Marconne, “Tank Battalion in Iraq”  |
| <b>December 11</b> | <b>Kahler Hotel – Elizabethan Room</b><br>Michael Sinner, “Rotarians in the Wilderness”   |
| <b>December 18</b> | <b>Kahler Hotel - Heritage Hall -</b><br>Luncheon will start at 11:45 a.m. – come early for eggnog.<br>Reservations and prepayment (checks to Rochester Rotary) \$12/person by December 12. |
| <b>December 25</b> | <b>Christmas -</b> No meeting - enjoy time with family and friends.   |

## OTHER MEETINGS AND EVENTS

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|------------------------|---|
| <b>December 1</b>      | <b>Channel One Volunteer Night -</b><br>6-8 p.m. – Mike O’Fallon, chair.                    |
| <b>December 2</b>      | <b>Rotary US Bank Holiday Classic Steering Committee Meeting</b><br>12 Noon – Post Bulletin |
| <b>Dec. 4, 11, 18</b>  | <b>Evening at Rochester Public Library</b> 6-9 p.m.   |
| <b>December 8</b>      | <b>Rochester Rotary Clubs Leadership Meeting -</b> 4 p.m., US Bank Downtown                 |
| <b>December 10</b>     | <b>Community Food Response -</b><br>Contact Glenn VanLaningham.                             |
| <b>December 11</b>     | <b>Rotary Board of Directors Meeting</b><br>7 a.m., Directors Room, Kahler Hotel.           |
| <b>Dec. 29, 30, 31</b> | <b>Rotary US Bank Holiday Classic</b>   |

## THINGS TO DO NOW . . .

- Sign up to Ring Bells for the Salvation Army – Openings on December 20. Sign up at a Thursday meeting or on the Web site.
- Sign up to work at the Rotary US Bank Holiday Classic – Sign-up sheets are available at our Thursday meetings and on the Web site.
- Dues notices and basketball tickets will be out soon. We hope you will take care of this promptly.
- Respond to your letter for Rotary International Foundation contributions.

# NEW MEMBERS



Bill Nietz and new member Erika Trempe, Country Inn & Suites South.



Proposer Dianna Parks and new member Charlie Moore, Mayo Foundation-Development



Proposer Stacy Sinner and new member Christine Beech, Booz Allen Hamilton.



Past President Rick Lien and his decorated milk bottles. Members can purchase these for \$10 and then collect all of their change for the Rotary International Foundation.

# Paul Harris Fellowships



George Waters recently presented his wife, Jean, with a Paul Harris award. (Photo from 2007 Holiday Luncheon).



Foundation Chair Kim Adams present a surprise Paul Harris award to Nancy Brubaker. Husband Richard Brubaker submitted Nancy's name for the club-awarded Paul Harris.

# ROTARY U.S. BANK HOLIDAY CLASSIC

December 29, 30, 31, 2008

**Q. How many years have we had the tournament?**

A. This will be the 21st tournament.

**Q. How many teams participate?**

A. 8 boys and 8 girls teams – both varsity and B squad.

**Q. Where are the games played this year?**

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, Bloomington Kennedy, Century, 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

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**Q. How much money has been raised in the 20 years?**

A. 20 Year Total - \$589,000

108 Scholarships awarded.....	\$ 186,750
Outward Bound Scholarships .....	\$ 3,600
160 Grants awarded .....	\$ 240,050
Impact Grant – Fuad Mansour Field .....	\$ 10,000
Athletic Departments of Rochester High Schools .....	\$ 27,500
Youth Exchange .....	\$ 6,500
Impact Grant – Good Samaritan Dental Clinic	\$ 10,000
STRIVE program .....	\$ 45,000
Impact Grant – Rotary US Bank Holiday Classic - Skate Park.....	\$ 30,000
Impact Grant – Rochester Art Center .....	\$ 30,000
Total .....	\$589,000

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

A. \$46,000

**Q. What is the Rotary Web site?**

A. [www.rochesterrotaryclubs.org](http://www.rochesterrotaryclubs.org)



2007  
Rotary US Bank  
Holiday Classic  
Champions!





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**Holiday Classic 2008**

**BOYS VARSITY**

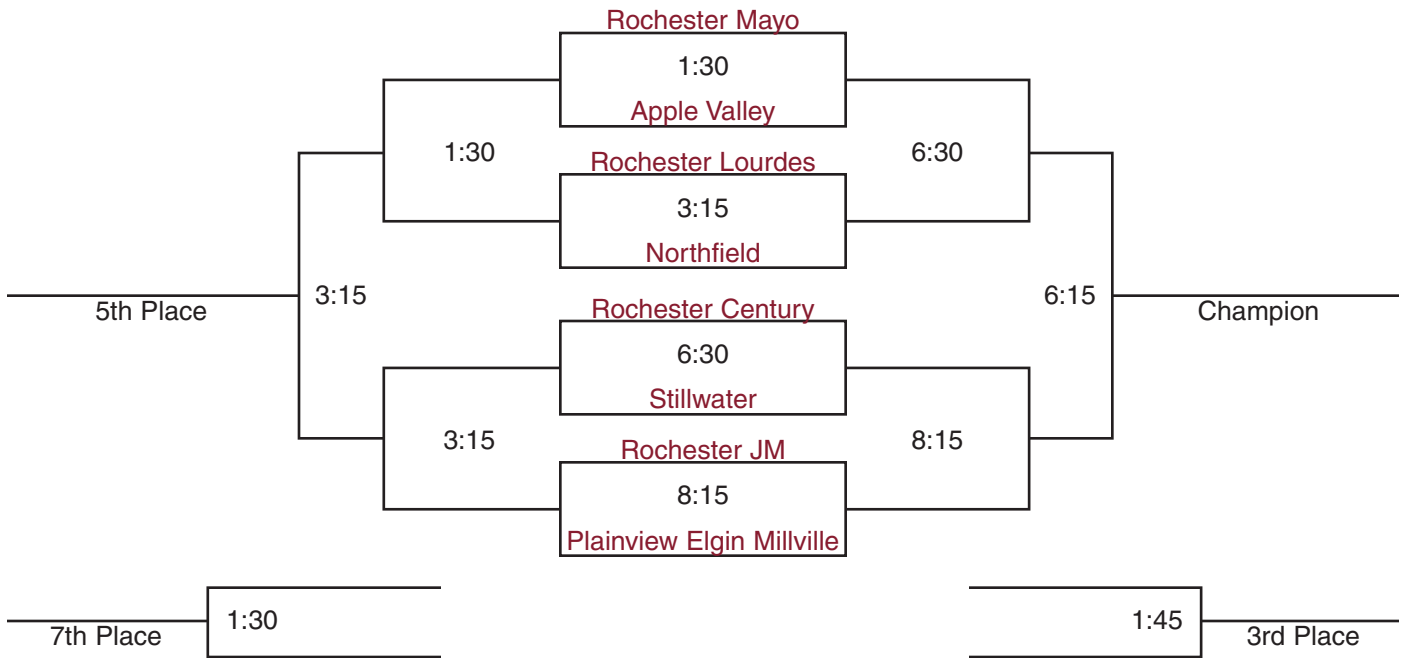
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**BOYS B**

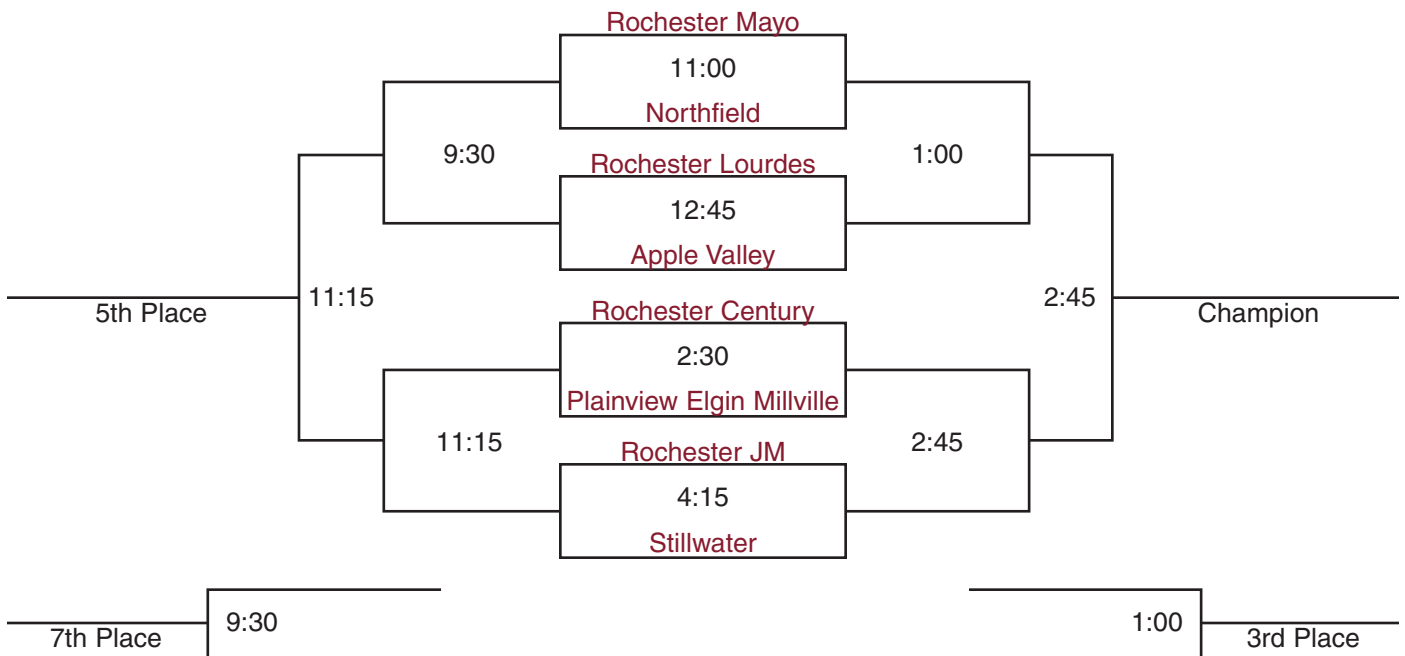
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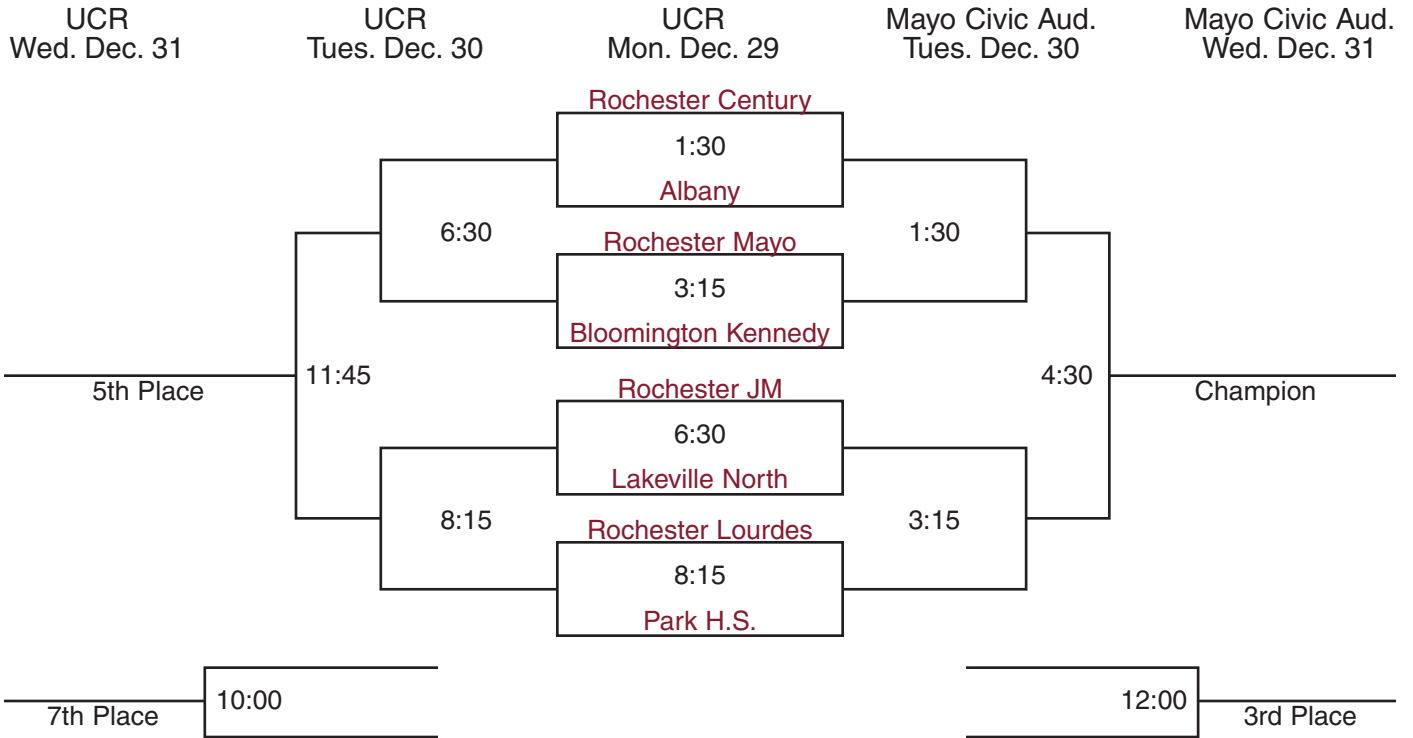




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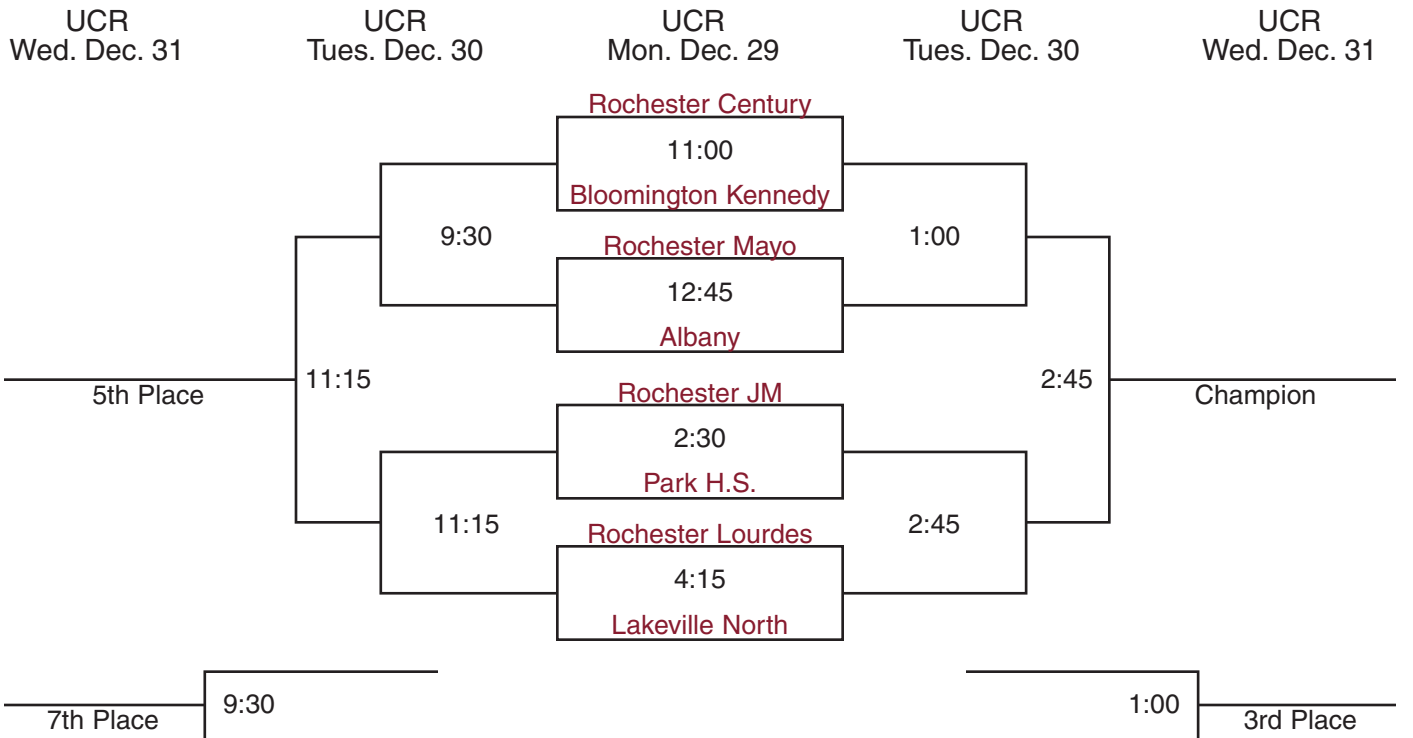
**GIRLS VARSITY**



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**GIRLS B**



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**ROTARY CLUB OF ROCHESTER**

Rochester, Minnesota

*Organized June 12, 1925*

Club No. 2047 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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**PRESIDENT:** Doug Rovang

**PRESIDENT -ELECT:** Dana Funk

**PRESIDENT NOMINEE:** Karel Weigel

**SECRETARY:** Jerry Williams

**TREASURER:** Mary Jo Kelly

**PAST PRESIDENT:** Kim Adams

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

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**ROTARY DISTRICT 5960 GOVERNOR**

Roy Sjoberg, Hudson Daybreak

**ASSISTANT GOVERNOR**

Vicki Decker, 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**

Audrey Betcher, Director

Greeters ..... *Steve Rossello*  
 Membership Development ..... *Dana Funk*  
 Visitors Desk ..... *Dianna Parks*  
 Sergeant-at-Arms ..... *John Woodruff*  
 Mentors ..... *Bill Wiktor*

**CLUB SERVICE II**

Dan O’Neil, Director

Club Bulletin ..... *Lorie Luedke, Lois Nietz*  
 Club Web Site ..... *Lorie Luedke*  
 Invocations ..... *Ann Berberich*  
 Programs ..... *Warren Harmon*  
 Public Relations ..... *Karel Weigel*  
 Four-Way Test ..... *Jerry Lobland*

**CLUB SERVICE III**

Ann Beatty, Director

Bell Ringing - Salvation Army .... *Paul Bleimeyer, Fred Suhler*  
 Golf Day ..... *Mark Dripps*  
 Music ..... *Jane Belau*  
 Rotary Information ..... *Leigh Johnson*  
 Progressive Dinner ..... *Karen Ricklefs, Marilyn Stewart*

**VOCATIONAL SERVICE**

Linda Bonow, Director

Rotation Day ..... *Linda Bonow*  
 STRIVE ..... *Linda Herrick*  
 Vocational Talks ..... *Fred Banfield*  
 Auction 2010 ..... *Lorie Luedke*

**COMMUNITY SERVICE**

Stacy Sinner, Director

Library Host ..... *Allan Sessler*  
 Rotary US Bank Holiday Classic ..... *Laurel Schacht*  
 Quarry Hill Fall Festival ..... *Carla Nelson*  
 Rotary Reading Project ..... *Cris Fischer*  
 Rotary Summer Reading Project ..... *Cris Fischer*  
 Service Above Self Awards ..... *Cresta Deeds*  
 Student Guests ..... *Allie Good*  
 Camp RYLA ..... *Jay Toogood*  
 White Oaks Park ..... *Ashok Patel*  
 Community Food Response ..... *Glenn VanLaningham*  
 Rotary Flood Project ..... *Dan Kelly*  
 Channel One ..... *Mike O’Fallon*

**INTERNATIONAL SERVICE**

Karmen Reid, Director

Foundational Scholarships ..... *Dave Moertel*  
 Group Study Exchange Team ..... *Gilda Banfield*  
 Rotary International Foundation ..... *Kim Adams*  
 YouthLINC ..... *Vicki Allen*  
 Rotary Gift of Life ..... *Betty Devine, Brenda Walker*  
 World Community Service ..... *Judith O’Fallon*