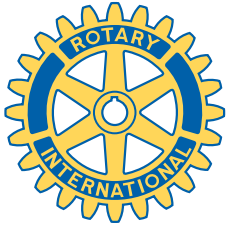


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VITAL STATISTICS

MEMBERSHIP: 244

GREATER ROCHESTER ROTARY: Bob Priem, Cynthia Shaffer, Lynn Clarey, Melissa Brinkman

RISERS: John Woodruff

ECLUB: Arthur Raak, Nicole Pierson

RESIGNATIONS: Frank Iossi, Fran Kornblum

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
	Gerald Mahon	Rochester, MN
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	Frank Knox	Rochester, NY
December 21	Cynthia Shaffer	Spruce Pine, NC
December 25	Chris Cross	New Kensington, PA
	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



ROTARY HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

Thursday, December 17
Kahler Hotel - Heritage Hall

Egg nog reception at 11 a.m.

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

Entertainment by
Commonweal Theatre 1940's Radio Show

Party like it's 1942!

"On a snowy December evening in 1942 the cast and crew of the Mutual Manhattan Variety Cavalcade are doing their best to get their show on the air in spite of a flurry of mishaps. Full of music of the season, plus hits from the top 40 hit parade, this delightful musical comedy is fun for young — and young at heart. A Walton Jones' holiday hit!"



Guests are welcome.

Make reservations by December 14
\$12/person

Invitations were sent the first week of December.
Your prompt RSVP will help with the planning process. If you have not received your invitation, please contact Peggy.

Rotary US Bank Holiday Classic

December 28, 29, 30, 2009

This is the 22nd year of the tournament. Through the years, we have contributed more than \$600,000 to the youth of our community. Please check the Rotary Club's Web site to sign-up to work at the tournament.

ROTARY NEWS

- Thanks for your assistance at the November meetings -
 Invocations: **Jerry Mahon, Merlin Ricklefs, George Allen**; Introduction of Visitors: **Phil Karsell, Leigh Johnson, Rick Lien**; Visitor's Desk: **Sue Dripps, Steve Rossello**; Greeters: **Roberta Tolan, Mary Jo Kelly, Ray and Sue Johnson**; 4 Way Test: **Steve Rossello, Jeff Amundson, Bill Wiktor**; Cashier: **Jim Gibson**; A/V Equipment Set-up: **Dan Skinner, Steve Rossello**; Music: **Ann Beatty, Linda Herrick**.

Congratulations Rochester Athletic Club!

The Better Business Bureau named the Rochester Athletic Club their 2009 Integrity Award winner in a ceremony on October 28th. The Rochester Athletic Club won for the large employer category –companies with 100 employees or more. The Better Business Bureau represents the state of Minnesota and North Dakota.



100% CLUB

The following 73 members had 100% attendance for the month of November:

Kim Adams, George Allen, Jeff Amundson, Caroline Baihly, Gilda Banfield, Barb Banner, Paul Barton, Ann Beatty, Christine Beech, Jane Belau, Audrey Betcher, John Brandrup, John Brockman, Tom Bruckman, Sarah Burrington, Borge M. Christensen, Lynn Clarey, Stan Cram, Cynthia Daube, Cresta Deeds, Betty Devine, Suzanne Dinusson, Ruth Dolan, Jerry Downes, Mark Dripps, Sue Dripps, John Edmonson, Cris Fischer, James Frye, Dana Funk, Alison Good, Margaret Hinz, Diane Ilstrup, Leigh Johnson, Sue Johnson, Dan Kelly, Mary Jo Kelly, Frank Knox, Kathy Lessard, Rick Lien, Jerry Lobland, Lorie Luedke, James Lundgren, Walter Menning, David Moertel, Tom Moyer, Mark Neville, Lois Nietz, Bill Nietz, Judith O'Fallon, Mike O'Fallon, Mark Ostrem, Jane Piepgras, Bob Priem, Michael Quinn, Arthur Raak, Karen Ricklefs, Merlin Ricklefs, Steve Rossello, Doug Rovang, Angie Rustad, Chris Rustad, Ron Salazar, Stacy Sinner, Jim Sloan, Ralph Spiekerman, Fred Suhler, Lorrie Swancutt, Lance Thorkelson, Paul Tieskoetter, Glenn VanLaningham, Karel Weigel, Angie Welchert, Jerry Williams, John Woodruff.

(If your name is not listed and you think it should be, please contact Peggy so that our attendance records can be corrected).

DECEMBER ROTARY CALENDAR

- December 3** **Kahler Hotel - Heritage Hall** - Father Nick Mezzacapa - Changing Minds
- December 10** **Kahler Hotel - Heritage Hall** - John Wolters, Rochester Public Utilities - What's Going On With Electric Cars
- December 17** **Kahler Hotel - Heritage Hall** - Holiday Luncheon - Commonwealth Theatre - 1940's Radio Show
- December 24** **Merry Christmas** - No Rotary meeting
- December 31** **Happy New Year** - No Rotary meeting

OTHER MEETINGS AND EVENTS

- December 1** **Rotary/US Bank Holiday Classic Steering Committee Meeting** - Noon - US Bank third floor
- December 7** **Channel One** - 6:00-8:00 p.m.
- December 9** **Community Food Response** - Contact Glenn VanLaningham or Paul Bleimeyer
- December 10** **Rotary Board of Directors Meeting** 7:00 a.m., Directors Room, Kahler Hotel
- December 16** **Rotary Information Meeting** - Noon - Directors Room, Kahler Hotel
- December 28-30** **Rotary/US Bank Holiday Classic Basketball Tournament** - Mayo Civic Auditorium and RCTC Fieldhouse

Rotary Anniversaries

Glenn Lyden	2 years
Nicole Pierson	2 years
Mark Neville	6 years
Alan Sessler	9 years
Dana Funk	10 years
Jerry Downes	12 years
Bill Nietz	18 years
Marilyn Stewart	22 years
Fred Suhler	26 years



Thank you for your continued service to Rotary and to our Club. You are appreciated!

World Community Service

The Rochester Rotary Clubs have a strong tradition of International Service. Our World Community Service committee, headed by Judith O'Fallon, is no exception. Since 2006 it has grown to a collaboration of Rotary clubs representing the Rochester area (Rochester, the Risers and Greater Rochester), Zumbrota, and other clubs within the District 5960. The mandate to this group is to select the **"best of the best"** projects available, for consideration to be a WCS grants. The committee's job is to not only select and propose the projects, but to follow-up, and to handle the paper work details that are part of the process. Spanning 2 to 3 years, the committee has attracted many good proposals and has turned them into successfully completed projects. The group is very experienced. Two of these members have served, or currently are serving on the District 5960 Grants Committee (**Bill Sullivan and Judith O'Fallon**). Other members of the committee are **Rick Lien, Mike Grinnell, Borge M. Christensen, Alan Hansen, Mary Doucette, Eric Matteson, Ingrid Neel and Dan Hayes**. Next time you hear the words "World Community Service," remember this is a group of your peers that is working hard to see that this local tradition of quality International Service remains unbroken.



Rotary World Community Service committee

Rotary Information Meeting

Our next Information Meeting will be Wednesday, December 16, at noon in the Director's Room of the Kahler Hotel. Information Meetings are designed to acquaint potential new members with all aspects of Rotary. If you know someone who is interested in learning more about Rotary or about joining our club, please contact Peggy. Lunch is provided.



Summary of November Rotary Board Meeting



Board Meeting Minutes

Your Board of Directors met on Thursday, November 12. The following is a summary of what was discussed and decisions that were made:

1. New Member Proposals:
 - Milt Tostrud – Sales & Marketing/Management – Proposed by John Woodruff
 - Brian Jett – Federal Medical Center – Proposed by Tom Moyer
 - Kelly Cutsforth – V.P. Wells Fargo – Proposed by Lois Nietz
2. Membership Committee Report
 - Criteria for Honorary Memberships being developed by the Committee.
 - Admission Fee (changed to Administrative Fee) will not be charged to previous members or members transferring from another Rochester Club.
 - The Committee recommended that we have "breakout sessions" at one of our Thursday meetings. The first session is scheduled for Thursday, December 3. Tables will be set up for each of our service areas – members will choose an area that they would like to learn more about – someone representing each area will be at the tables to provide more information and members will have an opportunity to ask questions and indicate if they are interested in participating.
3. A detailed report of the Club's investments with Rochester Area Foundation was distributed and reviewed.
4. The St. Paul Club will be having a 100 Year Celebration in February. Rotary International President John Kenny is expected to be at the celebration. This will be a great opportunity for all Rotarians in our District.
5. The Survey and Fundraising committees have met and are developing goals and strategies to achieve those goals. Further reports will be given at future Board Meetings.
6. Current membership is 245. Our goal is 246.

A message from John Kenny, Rotary International President



The idea of the family of Rotary is a simple one, and one that we celebrate every December during Family Month. Every Rotarian is part of the Rotary family – but our family is much larger than just our 1.2 million members. The family of Rotary includes every one of the men, women, and children who are involved in our work: the spouses and children of our members, our Rotary Foundation program participants and alumni, and all of those who are part of our programs, in the tens of thousands of Rotary communities around the world.

The youngest generation of the Rotary family is composed of our Rotaract clubs and Interact clubs, the participants in our Rotary Youth Leadership Awards program, our Ambassadorial Scholars, and our more than 8,000 Rotary Youth Exchange students every year. As in any family, our youth are our brightest promise for the future. Of course, it is my sincere wish that many of these young people go on to become Rotarians in good time. But Rotary is a part of them even today – and they are a part of us.

My wife, June, and I have been married for over 40 years, and I have been a Rotarian for nearly as long. Although women were not eligible for Rotary club membership at that time, June has been a part of the Rotary family from the day I first entered the Rotary Club of Grangemouth. There is no question that my Rotary service has demanded a great deal of both of us since then – but there can be no question that we have both reaped more than we have sown.

I believe that Rotary club membership can and should enhance our home lives and family interactions. As we work to attract more and younger qualified members, we would do well to remember that today's young professionals are often balancing work and family responsibilities. Adding in a commitment to Rotary service should complement, never compete with, those responsibilities. By scheduling meetings outside of the workday, planning activities that involve family members, and welcoming family members whenever possible, we help to ensure that every Rotary family will feel a true part of the greater Rotary family.

Every club should strive to achieve a balanced interaction between Rotarians and their families – and the family of Rotary. Only by working together, as a family, can we ensure that the Rotary of today grows into an even stronger Rotary of tomorrow.

It's not too late to sign-up for Salvation Army Bell Ringing!

There are still openings on December 5, 12 and 19 to ring bells for the Salvation Army. This is a great opportunity to help the Salvation Army AND spend time with Rotary friends (old and new). If you haven't tried it before, try it this year! If you've done it in years past but haven't done it this year, sign-up today! Invite a new member or your friends and family. You can sign up at our Thursday meetings or online at <http://rochesterrotaryclubs.org/trcr/>.



Holiday Classic Basketball Passes



The first week in December we will be handing out two passes for the basketball tournament to each member.

When this tournament was set up, it was suggested that members should be selling tickets, an idea that was quickly decided against – instead, the idea was raised and accepted that each member would get two passes. You can sell them or give them away. Our club is responsible for paying for these so if you don't purchase the tickets, our club has to pick up this responsibility to the tournament.

Some of you wish to donate these tickets to various groups in town and if you wish to do this, just return the tickets with a check to Lois Nietz and we will see that they get to groups such as Boys and Girls Club etc.

Thanks for your support.

Remember . . .



ROTARY U.S. BANK HOLIDAY CLASSIC

December 28, 29, 30, 2009

Q. How many years have we had the tournament?

A. This will be the 22nd tournament.

Q. How many teams participate?

A. 8 boys and 8 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, Bloomington Kennedy, Century, John Marshall, Lakeville North, Lourdes, Mayo, New Life Academy. Boys teams are Apple Valley, Century, John Marshall, Lourdes, Mayo, Monticello, 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
 Programs are \$1

Q. How much was raised from the 2008 tourney?

A. \$36,000

Q. What is the Rotary Web site?

A. www.rochesterrotaryclubs.org

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

A. 21 Year Total - \$625,400

108 Scholarships awarded	186,750
Outward Bound Scholarships	3,600
182 Grants awarded	240,050
Impact Grant – Fuad Mansour Field	10,000
Athletic Depts. of Rochester High Schools	35,500
Youth Exchange	6,500
Impact Grant – Good Samaritan Dental Clinic ..	10,000
STRIVE program	52,500
Impact Grant – Rotary US Bank Holiday Classic Skate Park.....	30,000
Impact Grant – Rochester Art Center	30,000
Total	\$ 625,400

2008 Rotary US Bank Holiday Classic Champions!



Bloomington Kennedy

Plainview Elgin Millville



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ROTARY CLUB OF ROCHESTER

Rochester, Minnesota

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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: Dana Funk

PRESIDENT -ELECT: Karel Weigel

PRESIDENT NOMINEE: Mark Dripps

SECRETARY: Jim Wiekamp

TREASURER: Paul Barton

PAST PRESIDENT: Doug Rovang

ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTOR

Peggy Schroeder - 252-0085

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Newell Krogmann, LeSueur Rotary

ASSISTANT GOVERNOR

Mike O'Fallon, Rochester Rotary

WEB SITES

Rochester Rotary: 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

Audrey Betcher, Director

Greeters *Paul Tieskoetter*
 Membership Development *Karel Weigel*
 Visitors Desk *Christine Beech*
 Sergeant-at-Arms *John Woodruff*
 Mentors *Bill Wiktor*

CLUB SERVICE II

Steve Rossello, Director

Club Bulletin *Lorie Luedke, Peggy Schroeder*
 Club Web Site *Mike Grinnell, Lorie Luedke*
 Invocations *Anne Berberich*
 Programs *Rick Lien*
 Public Relations *Mark Dripps*
 Four-Way Test *Tom Bruckman*

CLUB SERVICE III

Ann Beatty, Director

Bell Ringing - Salvation Army *Richard Brubaker*
 Golf Day *Joe McBride*
 Music *Jane Belau*
 Rotary Information *Leigh Johnson*

VOCATIONAL SERVICE

Suzanne Dinusson, Director

Rotation Day *Suzanne Dinusson*
 STRIVE *Linda Herrick*
 Vocational Talks *Fred Banfield*
 Auction 2010 *Lorie Luedke, Laurel Schacht*

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Stacy Sinner, Director

Library Host *Allan Sessler, Tom Behrenbeck*
 Rotary US Bank Holiday Classic *Paul Barton, Lorie Luedke, Mike Quinn, Doug Rovang, Laurel Schacht*
 Quarry Hill Fall Festival *Carla Nelson, Brenda Walker*
 Rotary Reading Project *Cris Fischer, Christian Milaster*
 Service Above Self Awards *Cresta Deeds, Linda Hillenbrand*
 Student Guests *Allie Good, Barbara Porter*
 Camp RYLA *Steve Rossello, Ashleigh Rosson*
 White Oaks Park *Ashok Patel, Mike Mahrer*
 Community Food Response *Glenn VanLaningham, Paul Bleimeyer*
 Channel One *Mike O'Fallon, Tom Moyer*

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

Dave Moertel, Director

Foundational Scholarships *Steve Sponsel*
 Group Study Exchange Team *Gilda Banfield*
 Rotary International Foundation *Doug Rovang*
 YouthLINC & Youth Exchange *Vicki Allen*
 Rotary Gift of Life *Betty Devine*
 World Community Service *Judith O'Fallon*