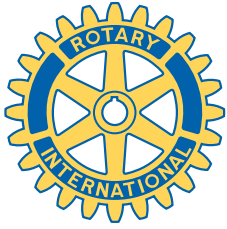


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VITAL STATISTICS

MEMBERSHIP: 239

GREATER ROCHESTER ROTARY: Mike O'Fallon, Judy O'Fallon, George Allen, Lynn Clarey, Tank Sholem, Mark Cairns, Walter Menning, John Woodruff, Frank Streit

eCLUB ONE: John Woodruff, Jeffery Amundson

MEMBERS ON LEAVE: Barbara Hight-Randall, Tim Sitzer, Brian Younge

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

<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 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
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
	David Tines	Chicago, IL
December 27	Cynthia Daube	Detroit, MI
	Sara Gilliland	Lawrence, KS
December 28	Thomas Shives	Newton, IA
	Steve Sperling	St Paul, MN
December 29	Glenn Miller	Mount Palatine, IL

Rotary US Bank Holiday Classic Basketball Tournament

Looking for something fun to do with family and friends? Why not enjoy the 24th Annual Rotary US Bank Holiday Classic Basketball Tournament taking place December 27, 28, and 29 at the Mayo Civic Center? All games will be played under one roof at the Mayo Civic Center.

Rotarians from the Rochester Rotary Clubs work together to host this prestigious Minnesota tournament. Volunteers are needed to sell tickets, welcome fans, chaperone the dance, and handle other details related to making the event a success. Sign-up to volunteer at: www.rochesterrotaryclubs.org/trcr



Each Rotarian will be given two tournament passes, at a discounted rate, which you are asked to purchase as your donation to the tournament. If you can't use the passes yourself, consider giving them to a friend or neighbor as a gift or donate them back to Rotary. Donated tickets are given to area organizations with homes hosting families who might not otherwise be able to attend.

Proceeds from the Holiday Classic support youth-oriented organizations and programs through grants distributed after the event. \$700,040 has been given the past 23 years.

Thank you, in advance, for being a participant in this long-time Rochester Rotary fundraising tradition.

Paul Harris Fellowships awarded



Bari Amadio



Jane Belau

Bari Amadio and Jane Belau recently received Paul Harris Fellowships. Bari is a PHF +2 and Jane is a PHF +5. Thank you both for your on-going contributions to Rotary.

ROTARY NEWS

- Thanks to all who helped with the November meetings:
Greeters: **Danae Ostern, Cris Fischer, Paul Tieskoetter, Christine Beech, George Allen, and Bill Nietz.**
Invocations: **Karel Weigel, Doug Rovang, and Bill Wiktor.** Introduction of Visitors: **Phil Karsell, Rick Lien, and Vicki Allen.** Four Way Test: **George Allen, Joanne Martin, and Mary Jo Kelly.** Visitors Desk: **Steve Rossello, Tom Bruckman, and Danae Ostern.** Cashier: **Tank Sholem, Dana Funk, and Sue Dripps.**

New email scams target Rotarians

Rotary International News - October 2011

Rotary International has received numerous complaints of email scams targeting Rotarians. Please be aware of the following scams:

- An email scam targeting Rotarians and Rotaractors claims the recipient has won hundreds of thousands of euros through an international promotional program conducted by the "Euro-Millones Lottery." Attached to the e-mail is a PDF letter signed by "Luis Alberto, Vice President" with a photo of Past RI President Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar.
- An email scam with the subject line "Dear Award Beneficiary!!!" has targeted Rotarians claiming the recipient has won US\$500,000 and two HP laptops from RI. The email asks for contact information and is signed by "Mrs. Sarah Olic, Programme Co-ordinator, Rotary International."

Rotary International does not solicit funds through e-mail, nor does it ask that personal information be updated by e-mail or other electronic means. RI encourages Rotarians and Rotary clubs to avoid becoming victims of such scams by deleting any e-mail that appears suspicious.

December Rotary Anniversaries

Milt Tostrud	2 years
Nicole Pierson	4 years
Mark Neville	8 years +
Alan Sessler	11 years
Dana Funk	12 years
Jerry Downes	14 years
Brad Lohrbach	16 years
Bill Nietz	20 years
Marilyn Stewart	24 years
Frederick Suhler	28 years



DECEMBER ROTARY CALENDAR

- December 1 Kahler Hotel - Heritage Hall -**
"Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation: Celebrating 25 Years,"
Tim Penny, speaker
- December 8 Kahler Hotel - Heritage Hall -**
"Challenges, Achievements, and Effects on Rochester of the 2011 MN Legislative Session," Carla Nelson, speaker
- December 15 Kahler Hotel - Heritage Hall -**
Holiday Luncheon. Reservations and payment must be received by December 8
- December 22 No Meeting - Happy Holidays!**
- December 29 No Meeting - Rotary US Bank Holiday Classic Basketball Tournament - Mayo Civic Center**

OTHER MEETINGS AND EVENTS

- December 5 Channel One - 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. -**
Channel One Building. Contact Tom Moyer or Phet Saysomphou
- December 12 Holiday Classic Committee Meeting -**
noon-1:00 p.m. - Stifel Nicolaus
- December 14 Rotary Board of Directors' Meeting -**
7:00 -8:00 a.m. , Karsell home
- December 14 Community Food Response -**
1:15-6:45 p.m. , Bethel Lutheran Church - Contact Glen VanLanningham or Phil Karsell
- December 21 Rotary Information Meeting - 4:30-5:30 p.m. -**
Custom Alarm
- December 26 Salvation Army Dinner - 5:45-7:00 p.m. -**
Salvation Army Building
- December 27-29 Rotary US Bank Holiday Classic -**
Mayo Civic Center



Meet Dan Kelly, 2011-2012 Treasurer

I was born and raised in Rapid City, South Dakota. Following high school, I enrolled at the University of South Dakota at Vermillion to get my education and play basketball. I received my degree in economics from the University's School of Business. While attending a fraternity/sorority exchange party on the banks of the Missouri River, I met my future wife Mary Jo (Dunker) Kelly.



Following graduation and a job offer from Lehigh Portland Cement, we moved to Minneapolis for training then on to Fargo, North Dakota for a sales assignment. Lehigh moved us to Rochester in 1968. In the mid-70's I joined North Star Concrete (Romac) as sales manager. 1987 brought another change when I joined Rochester Ready

Mix as Vice President and a stockholder. Our organization grew to 17 plants in Minnesota and Wisconsin before we downsized to concentrate on our Minnesota holdings. The Gonda Building was our largest project requiring some 5,000 loads of concrete.

In 1985 I was asked by Jack Van Straaten to join Rochester Rotary II (GRR) and served on the organizing and first steering committee for the then Rotary/1st Bank Holiday Classic. I served as President of RRII in 1993-94. Al DeBoer asked me to be one of his Assistant Governors, and I also served in this capacity for GD Doug Johnson from Mankato. I am a Paul Harris Fellow, and Mary Jo and I are members of the Bequest Society.

Today, in retirement, I remain an active volunteer at my church, Salvation Army Advisory Board, USD Foundation Executive Committee, Ronald McDonald House and Rotary. I enjoy spending time at the lake, traveling, reading and golf.

ROTARIANS and FRIENDS RING BELLS FOR SALVATION ARMY

There are still shifts to fill on December 3 and December 17 as The Rotary Club of Rochester rings bells for the Salvation Army red kettle drive. Please take a look at the sign-up pages on the home page of our club's Web site (www.rochesterrotaryclubs.org/trcr) and reserve your spot to ring bells with a fellow Rotarian, a family member, or a friend, as we work to raise money for the Salvation Army to use for our community in need throughout the year.





Rochester Rotary Club

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

Our pride in being Rotarians is acknowledged each week as we recite the 4-way test, but being a Rotarian means extending the simple “build good will and better friendship” to the work of Rotary International’s wider mission, “Involve Rotarians to advance world understanding and peace through improvements in health, support of education and alleviation of poverty.”

Rochester Rotary Club responds to Rotary’s mission through volunteer commitments in a variety of service projects: Strive, Rotary Mentors, Quarry Hill, and Salvation Army bell ringing and programs that feed the hungry, such as Community Food Response, Channel One, and Salvation Army dinner program. All of these meet local needs in our community. The annual Rotary US Bank Holiday Classic Basketball Tournament, along with our biennial auction, help raise dollars in support of both local projects **and** Rotary’s wider mission in international programs.

Our most recent World Community Service projects include: Computers for Estonia, Kitchen Equipment for Croatia Outbound Center, the Baraka Clinic in Nairobi, Sanitation projects in Cambodia and the water project in Sri Lanka, to improve health, support education, and alleviate poverty. Rotary International projects which build community capacity and infrastructure are joined by those that advance world understanding and peace. Fellowships for graduate study under Rotary Scholarship programs, Group Study Exchange Programs, Vocational Training Teams, and Youth Exchange programs are just a few of the programs our club has supported financially through our contribution to RI Foundation and as a host club for in bound youth exchange students, as well as GSE and VTT teams.

Our club has a proud history of generosity in support of RI Foundation. By the numbers we represent:

231 donors

104 Paul Harris Fellows (donations totaling at least \$1,000)

Six Bequest society members (Rotarians who have included Rotary in their estate plans)

Three Major Donors (donations reaching a total \$10,000 or more)

Please consider adding to your past commitment to Rotary International Foundation or starting to make this one of your annual giving priorities. Your help will extend Rotary’s work world wide, providing greater opportunity for the tomorrows of this and successive generations.

Karel M. Weigel

Past President and Chair, RI Foundation Rotary Club of Rochester

Dear Rotarians,

On behalf of the Rochester Public School Foundation, I thank you for your generous donation of \$150.00 in support of our school’s involvement in the eagerly anticipated Haunted Hallways!



We appreciate donations from local service organizations, because it further enables the foundation to offer support to the students in our public school district.

Thank you so much for your support of our students!

On behalf of the Rochester Public School Foundation,
Amanda Mallinger Reinartz

Important Reminders from Rotary District 5960

December 1, is the deadline to take advantage of the low \$160.00 registration fee for the Rotary International Convention in Bangkok, Thailand, May 6-9, 2012. Our own Karen and Merlin Ricklefs will present a breakout session on literacy.



Mark **Saturday, January 14**, on your calendar. That is the date for the 2011-2012 Midterm. It will be held at the Boy Scout Base Camp at Fort Snelling. Midterm includes PETS 1 and the Leadership Academy. ALL current and future club leadership should attend as well as any Rotarian interested in learning about Rotary at the next level. Registration is on the District Web site NOW. Go to www.rotary5960.org



*You are cordially invited to
The Rotary Club of Rochester Holiday Luncheon*

*Thursday, December 15, 2011
Heritage Hall, Kahler Hotel*

*11:00 a.m. Eggnog Reception
11:45 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Plated Lunch and Program*

*Entertainment:
"Holiday Classics with Joanne Martin and Tom Hildebrandt"*

*\$12.00 per person
Reservations and payment due by December 8
(Sorry, no refunds after this date)*

*Please clip reservation form below
and return it with your check to:
TRCR, PO Box 7566, Rochester, MN 55903-7566*

*Rotary Holiday Luncheon
Please reserve _____ places for:*

*Name(s) _____
_____*

*Enclosed is check for \$ _____
Please make checks payable to "TRCR"*

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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-ELECT: Lorie Luedke

PRESIDENT NOMINEE: Vicki Allen

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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

ROTARY COMMITTEES

CLUB SERVICE I

Christine Beech, Director

Greeters *Paul Tieskoetter*
 Membership Development *Lorie Luedke*
 Rotary Information Officer *Leigh Johnson*
 Visitors Desk *Kathy Lessard*
 Sergeant-at-Arms *John Woodruff*
 Mentors *Milt Tostrud*

CLUB SERVICE II

Bill Wiktor, Director

Club Bulletin *Elizabeth Karsell, Lorie Luedke*
 Club Web Site *Elizabeth Karsell*
 Invocations *Bill Wiktor*
 Programs *Maria Brown, Dana Funk*
 Public Relations *Vicki Allen*
 Four-Way Test *Chris Holloway*

CLUB SERVICE III

Margaret Hinz, Director

Biennial Auction *Lorie Luedke, Laurel Schacht*
 Golf Day *Rick Lien*
 Music *Jane Belau*
 Social Events *Jim Wiekamp*

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

Cris Fischer, Director

Foundational Scholarships *Steve Sponsel*
 Group Study Exchange Team *Gilda Banfield*
 Rotary International Foundation *Karel Weigel*
 YouthLINC *Nickie Froiland*
 Youth Exchange *Cris Fischer*
 Rotary Gift of Life *Betty Devine*
 World Community Service *Judith O'Fallon*

VOCATIONAL SERVICE

Linda Herrick, Director

Camp RYLA *Steve Rossello*
 Rotary Literacy Coordinator *Stacy Sinner*
 Rotary Riverside Mentors *Cris Fischer*
 Rotation Day *Danae Ostern*
 STRIVE *Linda Herrick*
 Vocational Talks *Fred Banfield*
 Youth Protection Officer *Kim Adams, Aaron Johnson*

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Lorrie Swancutt, Director

Channel One *Tom Moyer, Phet Saysomphou*
 Community Food Response *Phil Karsell, Glenn VanLaningham*
 Library Hosts *Mary Jo Kelly*
 Quarry Hill Fall Festival *Barbara Porter*
 Rotary Bell Ringing for Salvation Army *Fred Suhler*
 Rotary US Bank Holiday Classic *Lynn Clarey, Lorie Luedke, Lois Nietz, Mike Quinn, Doug Rovang, Laurel Schacht*
 Service Above Self Awards *Cresta Valentine*
 Student Guests *Sara Gilliland*
 White Oaks Park *Ashok Patel, Mike Mahrer*