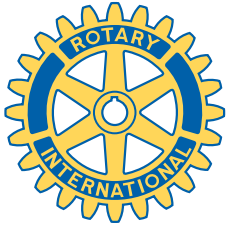


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VITAL STATISTICS

MEMBERSHIP: 210

OCTOBER ATTENDANCE: 48.52%

AMBASSADORS (Meetings outside of Rochester):
None

GREATER ROCHESTER ROTARY: None

ROTARY RISERS: None

eCLUB: **Borge Christensen**

MEMBERS ON LEAVE: **Gilda Banfield, Pam Meyer, Marilyn Stewart**

RESIGNATIONS: **James Lundgren**

DEATH: **Phil Henoeh**

NEW MEMBERS: **Brian Childs, David Herder**

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 11	Sandra Barlett	St. Paul, MN
December 13	Paul Tieskoetter	Decorah, IA
December 14	Dave Oeth	Dubuque, IA
December 15	Mike Mahrer	Grafton, ND
	Todd Villeneuve	Wilmar, MN
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
	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

If we have missed your birthday, please let us know.



VOLUNTEERS WANTED

Who: ALL Rochester Rotarians

What: Rotary US Bank Holiday Classic volunteers needed to sell tickets, take tickets, staff the information desk, set up for the dance, serve food at the dance, and more.

Where: Mayo Civic Center

When: December 27, 28, and 29

Why: It's Rotary service, it's Rotary fellowship, and it's Rochester Rotary Clubs' largest fundraiser of the year!



Congratulations and thank you to Paul Harris Fellow recipient **Judith O'Fallon** with **Mike O'Fallon**.

ROTARY NEWS

- Thanks to all who helped with the November meetings:
Greeters: **Mary Jo Kelly, Susan Ahlquist, Teresa Blythe, Christine Beech, Sue Johnson, Mark Dripps, Sue Dripps**; Cashier: **Jeff Allman, Dana Funk, Janice Domke, George Allen**; Visitors Desk: **Tank Sholem, Kathy Lessard, Teresa Blythe, Gail Sauter**; Music: **Maury Hagen, Ann Beatty**; Invocations: **Colin Aldis, Jim Sloan, Steve Courts, Phil Karsell**; Four Way Test: **Linda Bonow, Dan O'Neil, Denny Nigon, Ashok Patel**; Introduction of Visitors: **Leigh Johnson, Jerry Downes, Phil Karsell, Rick Lien**; Presenters: **Rod Anderson, Ross Leuning, Pete Orput, Steve Sperling, Bill Wiktor**.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



Proposer Phil Karsell and new Rotarian Brian Childs.



New Rotarian Dave Herder with proposer Stacey Vanden Heuvel.

DECEMBER ROTARY CALENDAR

- December 6** **Marriott Hotel - Ballroom** - 11:30 am - 1 pm, "Election Update," Chris Worthington, Managing Director MPR News. Chris will talk about how news organizations are adapting to new technologies and fragmenting audiences.
- December 13** **Kahler Hotel - Heritage Hall** - 11:00 am - 1:00 pm, "Identity Theft," Darrel Hildebrandt, Crime Prevention Specialist, Rochester Police Department. Darrel will talk about the varied ways that fraud, scams and ID theft occur during the holidays.
- December 20** **Kahler Hotel - Heritage Hall** - 11:30 am - 1:00 pm, "Holiday Luncheon," Musical entertainment: "Parks & Kleist: Holiday Favorites and other Classics."
- December 27** **No Rotary Meeting** - Rotarians are asked to participate in the Rotary US Bank Holiday Classic.

OTHER MEETINGS AND EVENTS

- December 3** **Holiday Classic Steering Committee Meeting**, 11:30 a.m., Stifel Nicolaus
- December 3** **Channel One Service**, 6:00-8:00 p.m., Channel One Building
- December 6** **STRIVE, Century High School**, 8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.
- December 10** **Salvation Army Dinner Service**, 5:45-7:00 p.m., Salvation Army Building
- December 11** **STRIVE, John Marshall High School**, 8:10 a.m. - 9:10 a.m.
- December 12** **Board of Directors Meeting** - 7:00-8:00 a.m., Karsell home
- December 12** **STRIVE, Mayo High School**, 8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.
- December 12** **Community Food Response** - 1:15-6:45 p.m., Bethel Lutheran Church
- Dec 27-29** **Rotary US Bank Holiday Classic**, Mayo Civic Center

SALVATION ARMY BELL RINGING

Rotarians from The Rotary Club of Rochester will continue ringing bells at red kettles for Salvation Army on December 1, 8, and 15. This important community service raises money for those in need in our community. Sign-up online now at the link on the TRCR Web site's home page or at a Thursday meeting to volunteer for an open slot. For more information about Salvation Army's bell ringing program, contact Rotarian Fred Suhler.



Pictured are a few of the many Rotarians, family, and friends who rang bells in November.

Upper Left: Russ and **Margaret Hinz**

Upper Right: **Aynsley Smith** family

Center Left: **Fred Suhler**

Lower Left: **Brian Welke** and **Frank Streit**

Lower Right: **Stacey VandenHeuvel**, **Rashid Kadir**, **Dana Funk** and **Mark Dripps**



OKTOBERFEST 2012

Rotarians and guests from all three Rochester clubs enjoyed German food, beverage, music and fun at this year's Oktoberfest held November 2 at Johnny Mango's Event Center. Thank you to the following committee members: Vicki Allen, Paul Barton, Steve Courts, Mark Dripps, Lorie Luedke, Bill Nietz, Laurel Schacht, Karel Weigel; Riser's members Debbie Christianson, Ari Kolas, Joanne Rosener; Greater Rochester member Mike Becker. A percentage of the cash bar proceeds were designated toward Polio Plus.



Left: **Borge Christianson** and his friend, **Connie Merete-Pode**, and **Judith O'Fallon**.

Right: **Judith and Mike O'Fallon** and **Eric and Herta Matteson** dance the night away.



Above Center: **Mike O'Fallon** and **Margaret Hinz**.

Left: **Herta and Eric Matteson**.

Right: **Bill Nietz and Lois Nietz**.



The Rotary Club of Rochester 2012-13 Club Progress to Goals

CATEGORY	2012-13 GOALS	As of November 2012
Membership (<i>Began Rotary year with 215</i>)	240	210
Rotary Foundation - Annual Program Fund	\$12,000	\$2,606.64 (22% of goal)
Every Rotarian Every Year (EREY)	100%	10%
Polio Plus (<i>from Auction proceeds</i>)	\$2,500	\$2,500
District 5960 Fast for Hope Project (<i>from Auction proceeds</i>)	\$1,000	\$1,000

ROTARY DISTRICT 5960 OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR

From PDG Craig Leiser

This announcement is directed specifically to Rotary Clubs and Rotarians who may know someone with the qualifications and interest necessary to fulfill this position and its demanding expectations.

We are now entering the application and resume phase of selecting a qualified successor to our current District Executive Administrator, Jingle Mahan. If you are personally interested or know someone who is both interested and qualified, please submit an inquiry directly to me, Craig Leiser, PDG, at craig@rotarycraig5960.com after December, 1, 2012. I will then provide an electronic form for an applicant to fill out and submit with their personal resume for consideration by the Selection Committee.

Summary of position: The Office Administrator position is responsible for all Administrative functions necessary to support District 5960 as a Rotary International District. This position operates and facilitates both maintenance and replacement of the equipment and software provided by the District to fulfill required job duties and services. The Office Administrator position is responsible to the District Governor (DG) through the District Office



Committee (DOC), not the Council of Governors (COG) nor Board of Directors (BOD), which oversees the operations of the District Office. Rotary District 5960 is a member based organization and as such there is always an expectation that the Office Administrator is serving the best interests of that clientele. The Office Administrator coordinates with the District Treasurer and then performs the timely entry and analysis of financial transactions relative to the District 5960 accounting system. The position also attends specified meetings and facilitates the coordination of announcements, notices, documentation, financial entry and other tasks related to such meetings.

It is our intent to review submittals and select candidates in January 2013 to come in for a personal interview with the Selection Committee, approximately Jan. 28-30, 2013. We plan both a personal interview and a Practical Evaluation test to verify qualifications in the presence of District Leaders in the final selection of a candidate.

For a more complete job description, please email Elizabeth at the Rotary Club of Rochester office.

2013 ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

Source: Gary Campbell, 2013-2014 District Governor, Rotary District 5960



This year the Rotary International Convention is in Lisbon, Portugal. What an opportunity to travel to Europe, meet your International Rotary friends and become inspired by amazing speakers. To get the best registration rate, you must register before **December 15th**. Also, many

other events, as part of the convention, fill quickly.

So, take action and get registered. There are already several people in the District registered and this will be great fun. The dates are June 23-26, 2013, and you can visit the Web site at www.riconvention.org. While at the Web site, check out the **Plan Your Visit** page for helpful hints on getting to and staying in Lisbon. You must be registered through "member access" at www.rotary.org to register for the convention.

Hope to have a great gathering of District 5960 Rotarians to celebrate our Rotary successes.

ROTARY eCLUB ONE
www.rotaryclubone.org/

November Rotary Anniversaries

Pamela Meyer	1 year
Mike Munoz	1 year
Jennifer Woodford	1 year
Milt Tostrud	3 years
Dana Funk	13 years
Jerry Downes	15 years
Bill Nietz	21 years
Marilyn Stewart	25 years
Frederick Suhler	29 years



DECEMBER 1 - WORLD AIDS DAY



MERCY'S VILLAGE PROVIDES AN EDUCATION TO ORPHANS OF WAR, AIDS IN UGANDA

Source: Brad Webber, The Rotarian — November 2012
Additional reporting by Sallyann Price

Jeami Duncan first heard about the atrocities in Uganda from a friend who had served on a mission there.

"The stories were unbelievable," says Duncan, who was working in human resources at an information technology firm at the time, in the mid-2000s. Her friend recounted the plight of tens of thousands of children conscripted and brainwashed by a maniacal rebel leader who forced them to carry out heinous acts, including orders to murder their siblings and drink blood from their victims' crushed skulls.



Jeami Duncan with Mercy, the child who inspired her to start the school.

"She told me about the night commuters, who would walk miles into town to find a safe place to sleep to avoid being abducted or murdered by the rebels" – that is, by the cultish Lord's Resistance Army, led by Joseph Kony, whose actions displaced millions of people in Uganda and neighboring countries. "I thought it was crazy. It was a huge human migration that happened on a nightly basis."

Duncan decided to go to Uganda herself. "She is one of those people who, when a commercial comes on about Africa or sponsoring children, won't look away," says her husband, Paul.

When Duncan made her first trip, in 2006, Kony's forces were omnipresent in Gulu, the northern city where she stayed. (Kony remains at large and is wanted by the International Criminal Court on charges of crimes against humanity.)

"I signed up with Life Connections International for the trip. Nobody else signed up," Duncan says. "I never thought about how dangerous it was. When I got there, I stayed with a missionary couple. They had to check on the conditions of the only road into Gulu. The rebels ambushed cars, blew them up, and burned the occupants alive."

On her first day, she went to a camp for 20,000 displaced persons. "I was the naive American," says Duncan, who brought a suitcase full of candy, clothes, and other goods donated by her church. "Within five minutes, I was completely overwhelmed. As I was handing out clothes, mothers were handing me naked babies.

"The children were so malnourished," she recalls. "They are lucky to get one meal in three days. Every night I heard personal stories about the war, and every story was a brutal murder story. There was no hope in people's eyes," she says. "I came home devastated. Those images kept running through my head. I asked a lot of questions. What can one person do?"

Duncan, now 31 and a member of the Rotary Club of El Segundo, California, USA, spent five years planning and fundraising. Today, 136 children – most of them orphaned by war or AIDS – are receiving an education through Mercy's Village International primary school. The school, which opened in 2011,

has students ages five to nine in the first, second, and third grades and aims to add a grade each year, through grade seven. An individual recently donated \$10,000 to construct a kitchen, and the school is raising money for a building to use as a dining hall and as a space for after-school and adult



literacy programs. Eventually, Duncan says, "we would love to have a computer lab and electricity."

The idea for a school came from the villagers themselves. In 2007, Duncan returned to Uganda and consulted with elders in Gulu about the best way to help. "They humbled me," she says. "They told me that a lot of aid organizations or Westerners come in and do what they want to do." The villagers advised her to focus on education. Though primary education is officially free in Uganda, fees for uniforms and supplies are overwhelming for many families.

Joe Harding, a member of the El Segundo club, plans to visit the school with several other Rotarians. When he first met Duncan, he was impressed. "Having been to Uganda in 1998, I knew firsthand all the things she was talking about," Harding says. "I was inspired by her. I felt she had to become a Rotarian. She doesn't just talk about it. You can see the long-range plan and the energy she puts into it. Mercy's Village is a part of her, and she has a way of making it a part of you."

ROTARY US BANK HOLIDAY CLASSIC BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

Source: *Holiday Classic Web site*

The Rochester Rotary Clubs and US Bank will host the 25th Anniversary Rotary US Bank Holiday Classic basketball tournament December 27, 28, and 29. The genesis of the tournament lies in the motto of Rotary, "Service Above Self." With a look to creating a fund raising project to allow Rochester Rotarians to continue and increase their tradition of giving, a group was formed some two years before the first tournament to explore the idea of promoting a holiday basketball tournament. The idea had surfaced at a Fireside Meeting some six months previously.

The idea was brainstormed and then discussions ensued with the Rochester Mayo boys' basketball coach Wally Brunswold and then Rochester John Marshall boys' basketball coach Al Wold. Recently retired Rochester Public School Athletic Director Kerwin Engelhart, who was to become the Mayo Civic Auditorium site manager, also joined in the early discussions. Numerous ideas were reviewed, and with the support of Mayo and JM coaches, contact was made with other schools (Hastings, Red Wing, Lake City, Winona, Rochester, Lourdes, and Waseca). By late 1987, plans were underway to hold a tournament on December 28-30, 1988. Since students were our medium to raise funds, it was thought essential that all net proceeds be returned to young people in some form.

To make the tournament a success, a number of criteria were developed. In order to create a first class tournament (an unyielding assumption), a number of factors needed to be in place. They included:

- Out of town teams would be housed as a tournament expense.
- There would be no team entry fees.
- Mayo Civic Auditorium needed to be the venue. It was a neutral site and was equated with tournament basketball.
- B teams should be included even though they would not be a revenue generator.
- Each team would play three games; there would be a "consolation" as well as championship bracket.
- A "tournament" type atmosphere would be created.
- Trophies and individual medallions should be awarded.
- Special commemorative programs would be marketed and sold to fans.
- A dance for all participants should be held on the second night of the tournament with all the free food they can eat.

As a fundraiser, it was essential that we have the support of Rotarians who would do the work of running the tournament, and corporate sponsorship to help underwrite much of the cost of sponsoring and promoting a holiday basketball tournament. Fortunately, the Rotarians responded enthusiastically. First Bank Rochester (now U.S. Bank) came forward as the tournament sponsor/underwriter, KTTC-TV along with other Rochester media provided substantial support in publicizing and promoting the tournament, and the Kahler Hotel provided generous discounts and excellent accommodations to house all of the out-of-town teams and many of their fans.



Numerous committees were organized under the umbrella of a Steering Committee. The original committee consisted of Dan Kelly and Jack Van Straaten (Rochester Rotary II); Tom Moon (Rochester Rotary Risers); and Stu Olson, Richard Hurt and Al DeBoer (Rochester Rotary Club). Wednesday, December 28, 1988 finally arrived. With considerable apprehension, there was relief when the teams actually arrived, and fans filled the stands! There were many outstanding players and teams. Friday evening, December 30th, we crowned our first champion, Winona. We had arrived! \$6,522 was left over after all expenses to contribute to scholarships for Rochester high school students. The idea of a holiday tournament seemed to be viable. In 1989, the number of teams was doubled by adding a girls' tournament. It meant about twice as much work, but resulted in a least twice as much fun!

Each year had its own uniqueness, to say nothing of some truly outstanding teams and individuals who have showcased their talents. It has been a labor of love for Rotarians working in and on the tournament. Through 24 years the Rotary Clubs of Rochester have been able to contribute over \$739,540 in scholarships to youth-related organizations and groups in Rochester. This is a credit to area sponsors, participating teams, their coaches, and the wonderful basketball fans of the Rochester area.

How many more tournaments will there be? As long as Rochester teams remain interested, fans and community members continue to support this tournament, a corporate sponsor such as US Bank is involved to help underwrite tournament costs, and Rotarians sustain their enthusiasm, it can be indefinite. That is a history that remains to be written.



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

*Thursday, December 20, 2012
Heritage Hall, Kahler Hotel*

*11:00 a.m. Eggnog Reception
11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Plated Lunch and Program
Musical Entertainment: "Parks & Kleist: Holiday Favorites and other Classics"*

*\$14.00 per person
Reservations and payment due by December 13
(Sorry, no late reservations and no refunds after this date)*

*Please clip the 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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- 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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District 5960: www.rotary5960.org

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