

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



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VITAL STATISTICS

MEMBERSHIP: 198

OCTOBER ATTENDANCE: 39.0%

ROCHESTER ROTARY RISERS: Paul Tieskoetter

GREATER ROCHESTER ROTARY: Bari Amadio, Lynn Clarey, Tank Sholem, Corey Simonson, JoAnn Stormer

ROTARY eCLUB ONE: none

MEMBERS ON LEAVE: none

RESIGNATIONS: Marv Ramsay

NEW MEMBERS: Sarah Miller, Douglas Porter, Jennifer Teske

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

<u>Birthday</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Birthplace</u>
December 7	Dan Kelly	Rapid City, SD
	Gerald Mahon	Rochester, MN
December 13	Paul Tieskoetter	Decorah, IA
December 14	Dave Oeth	Dubuque, IA
December 15	Mike Mahrer	Grafton, ND
December 17	George Waters	Minneapolis, MN
December 19	Mary Jo Kelly	Aberdeen, SD
December 25	Chris 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
	Nels Pierson	Mountain Lake, MN

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

SALVATION ARMY BELL RINGING

Rotarians will continue to ring bells at various locations throughout Rochester upcoming Saturdays through December 20. Many thanks to those who have already rung! You may register to ring with another Rotarian or with a friend or family member. This community service opportunity offers a great opportunity to serve both Rotary and the Salvation Army, to greet community members, and to help raise funds for those in need in our area. [Sign-up on our Club Web site](#) now to serve one or more shifts.



Thanks to all who helped with the November meetings:

Greeters: Sue Robb, Kristine Ihrke, Fred Suhler, Pam Meyer, Mark Dripps, Cashier: Mary Jo Kelly, Amy Holtz, Dana Funk, Sergeant-at-Arms: John Woodruff, Visitors Desk: Dana Funk, Christine Beech, Invocations: Jerry Mahon, Denny Nigon, Kristine Ihrke, Four Way Test: Mark Dripps, Lynn Clarey, Vicki Allen, Introduction of Visitors: Jerry Downes, Phil Karsell, Jim Sloan, Presenters: Michael Stuart, Tim Hosier, JoAnn Stormer

DECEMBER CALENDAR

Weekly Meetings

- December 4** Heritage Hall, The Kahler Grand Hotel, 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., “2014-16 Expansion of The Hormel Institute, University of Minnesota ‘Cutting Edge Cancer Research’” presented by Director of Development and Public Relations Gail Dennison,
- December 11** Windsor Hall, The Kahler Grand Hotel, 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., “Minnesota High Speed Rail Commission” presented by Community Liaison Jerry Miller
- December 18** Heritage Hall, The Kahler Grand Hotel, 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., Reservations required by December 11. The Rotary Club of Rochester Holiday Luncheon, Entertainment provided by Lourdes’ Center Street Singers
- December 25** No Thursday meeting due to Christmas holiday

Other Meetings & Events

- December 1** NO Channel One Service this month
- December 2** Rotary Club of Rochester Programs Committee meeting, Custom Alarm, 4:45-5:45 p.m.
- December 8** Salvation Army Dinner Service, Salvation Army Bldg, 5:30-7 p.m.
- December 9** STRIVE at John Marshall, Rocket Center, 8:10-9:10 a.m.
- December 10** Rotary Club of Rochester Board Meeting, OMC Foundation Offices, 7:00 a.m.
- December 10** STRIVE at Mayo HS, Spartan Room 2-254, 8:30-9:30 a.m.
- December 10** SE-MN World Community Service Committee Meeting, Nietz & Eversman Offices (2212 2nd St SW), 7:00 a.m.
- December 10** Community Food Response Service, Bethel Lutheran, 1:15-6:45 p.m.
- December 11** STRIVE at Century, The Forum, 8:30-9:30 a.m.
- December 16** Holiday Classic Steering Committee, Aspen Suites Conference Room (1211 2nd St. SW), 11:30 a.m.
- December 29** Rotary US Bank Holiday Classic, Mayo Civic Center, 10:30 a.m.–10:30 p.m.
- December 30** Rotary US Bank Holiday Classic, Mayo Civic Center, 10:30 a.m.–10:30 p.m.

December Rotary Anniversaries

Mike Muñoz		3 years
Pamela Meyer		3 years
Jennifer Woodford		3 years
Milt Tostrud		5 years
Dana Funk		15 years
Jerry Downes		17 years
Bill Nietz		23 years
Marilyn Stewart		27 years
Frederick Suhler		31 years

KWIK TRIP SCRIP CARDS



The Kwik Trip Scrip Gift Card Program allows The Rotary Club of Rochester to keep 10% of the face value of each card. Scrip cards are available for purchase at the weekly Club meetings.



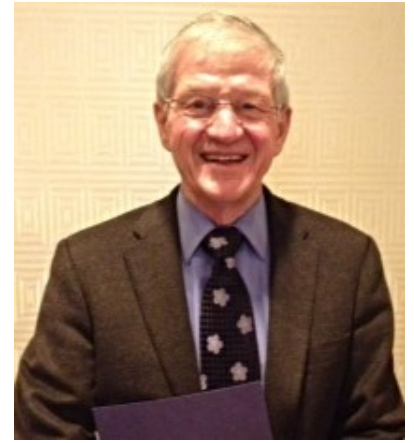
“LIKE” THE ROTARY CLUB OF ROCHESTER



Congratulations to our Club's newest Paul Harris Fellows



Left: Susan Ahlquist
Right: Jane Piepgras and Dave Piepgras



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!



UPPER LEFT: New Rotarian Douglas Porter with proposer Sarah Burrington



UPPER RIGHT: Proposer Kristine Stensland with new Rotarian Jennifer Teske



RIGHT: Proposer Heather Holmes with new Rotarian Sarah Miller

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE 2014 ROTARY US BANK HOLIDAY CLASSIC

The three Rochester Rotary clubs will host 32 varsity basketball teams for the Rotary US Bank Holiday Classic at Mayo Civic Center on Monday, December 29 and Tuesday, December 30. More than 78 Rotary volunteers will be needed each day to run a successful event. Volunteer shifts have been shortened this year to help accommodate busy schedules, but we ask that all available Rotarians consider serving at least one shift during the two days and more if you are willing. Both Rotarians and friends of Rotary are encouraged to sign up. STRIVE mentors might enjoy spending time with your student at this event, as you both may know many of those in attendance and will also have time to get to know each other better during your shift. Volunteers will be assigned upon arrival to help at the Information Desk, to place wristbands on attendees' wrists, to check wristbands at the doors to games, or to serve as floaters. It is strongly suggested that all volunteers arrive with something to do (i.e. a book to read) in case your shift becomes "quiet." Volunteer signup can be found now both on the shared Rochester Rotary main page and under ["What's New" on our club's website](#). Thank you in advance for your continued support of this successful fundraiser. You won't want to miss this year's event, as it will be the first year Classic teams will play on the new Rotary court in the MCC Auditorium!



A MESSAGE FROM OUR 2014-15 ROTARY INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION CHAIR VICKI ALLEN

Dear Fellow Rotarian,

It can be hard to put the impact of Rotary into words — so I want to share some of the good works being supported through the Rotary International Foundation:

- A digital learning room became a reality for one school on Taveuni Island, Fiji. Our RI grant empowered this community, so that they can create their own positive change for the future.
- Marta Lopez bakes up to 100 items a day in a small clay oven. Higinia Reyes owns a corn mill. Remigia Dominguez is the head of a weaving co-op. All of these women live in rural Honduras and run their own businesses with the support of loans provided by Rotary International.
- A Rotary International grant provided cataract surgery to 400 blind residents in a rural area of China.
- When Rotary set out to end polio more than 25 years ago, there were over 350,000 cases of this crippling disease every year. Children in 125 countries lost their ability to run, walk, and play -- forever. Since then, we've eradicated 99 percent of this devastating disease. The end is so close we can see it.



Projects like these are made possible only with the generous contributions of Rotary members and friends, like you. If you've made a gift during the month of November, which is Rotary Foundation Month, I want to thank you for your continued support. If not, please considering doing so. With your help, The Rotary Foundation can continue to deliver life-changing opportunities in our community and communities around the world.

Thank you for your consideration and for being a Rotarian.

Sincerely,

Vicki Allen
Past President and Club Director for The Rotary International Foundation

GIVE NOW

THE ROTARY FOUNDATION RISES ON EXPERT LIST OF TOP NONPROFITS

Arnold R. Grahl, Rotary News, 26-Nov-2014

<https://www.rotary.org/en/news-features/news/rotary-foundation-rises-expert-list-top-nonprofits>

The Rotary Foundation has continued its steady growth, moving up 35 spots to 85th in The Chronicle of Philanthropy's [annual ranking](#) of the top 400 nonprofit organizations in the United States. The ranking is based on monetary contributions from private sources and reflects the increasing generosity of those who support Rotary's mission.

According to The Chronicle of Philanthropy, The Rotary Foundation received \$239,576,000 in 2013, a 32.4 percent increase from the previous year.

"This clearly shows our members recognize the unparalleled value of giving to their Foundation," says John Hewko, Rotary's general secretary. "They know that by giving to the Foundation their dollars have a much greater impact. And friends of Rotary respect that the Foundation puts their gift to great use."

The Foundation recently earned a [4-star rating](#) from [Charity Navigator](#), the largest and most prestigious independent evaluator of nonprofits in the United States. In the 2013-14 Rotary year, 92 percent of the Foundation's expenditures were applied to programs, with only 6 percent spent on fundraising and 2 percent on administrative expenses. The Foundation funded \$23.5 million in district grants and \$47.3 million in global grants. These grants support local and international humanitarian projects as well as scholarships.

Together with its partners in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, Rotary has led the effort to eradicate polio, contributing more than \$1.3 billion to the initiative since its outset. When an outbreak of polio threatened the Horn of Africa and the Middle East in 2013, Rotary provided emergency funds, including a \$500,000 rapid-response grant for Somalia and a \$500,000 grant to the World Health Organization (WHO) to cover operational costs in the Middle East. As a result, the outbreak in the Horn of Africa slowed, and Syria reported only one case of polio in the first half of 2014.

Rotary is also at the forefront of efforts to fight other diseases. According to WHO, indoor air pollution causes 4.3 million deaths per year worldwide. To combat it, members of the Rotary Club of Taos-Milagro, New Mexico, USA, mobilized Rotary clubs in several countries to support the Himalayan Stove Project, which has installed more than 3,000 clean-burning stoves in Nepal.

In Tamil Nadu, India, Rotary clubs partnered with clubs in Maryland, USA, to use a Foundation global grant to purchase a large van and outfit it with X-ray equipment to screen women for breast cancer in hard-to-reach communities. The "mammobus" has conducted more than 2,500 free breast cancer screenings and detected and treated early-stage cancer in six women. Rotary members in Malindi, Kenya, teamed up with members in Maryland and Idaho, USA, to work with the Genesis World Mission in creating a rainwater catchment system to provide clean drinking water, irrigate crops, and establish fish farms in Burangi, Kenya.

In Seattle, Washington, USA, Rotary members are diverting millions of pounds of fruit and vegetables from the waste stream and into the hands of those who need it through Rotary First Harvest, a program of District 5030.

THE ROTARY FOUNDATION'S EXPENDITURES GO TO ...





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

*Thursday, December 18, 2014
Heritage Hall, Kahler Hotel*

*11:00 a.m. Eggnog Reception
11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Plated Lunch and Program
Entertainment by Lourdes' Center Street Singers*

*\$14.00 per person
Reservations and payment due by December 11
(Sorry, no late reservations and 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"*





1 REGISTER NOW

REGISTER BY 15 DECEMBER TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF EARLY-REGISTRATION PRICING.

Decide whether to register as a group or as an individual.
Rotarians, Rotaractors, and club and district employees can register themselves and up to six guests, including non-Rotarians, online. To register more than six guests, download a form at www.riconvention.org. If you have a group of 25 or more, contact rl.registration@rotary.org for additional information.

Choose your travel dates.
Check the preliminary schedule at www.riconvention.org and select the activities you wish to attend before, during, and after the convention. It's best to determine travel dates before you start the registration process.

2 PURCHASE

Purchase tickets for host events.
Local Rotarians on the Host Organization Committee have arranged excursions and hospitality events to help visiting Rotary members enjoy their stay in São Paulo. For details and to purchase host-ticketed events and tours, go to the HOC website www.rotary2015saopaulo.org.br.

Purchase airline tickets.
Discounts are available on select airlines for Rotarians traveling to São Paulo for the convention. Find information and discount codes at www.riconvention.org.

3 RESERVE

Hotel reservations are available beginning 31 May 2014.
Rotary International has partnered with onPeak to provide hotel options for your trip. onPeak is able to offer you the competitive nightly rates at favorable hotels throughout the city, and will strive to make the reservation process smooth and effortless. Reservations are on a first-come, first-served basis, so be sure to book early to secure your preferred accommodations. For more details, see www.onpeak.co/rotary.

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AN INVITATION FROM 2014-15 ROTARY INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT

Taken from <https://www.rotary.org/document/139681>

Dear fellow Rotarians:

Bem-vindo ao Brasil! Welcome to São Paulo, the site of the 106th Rotary International Convention, which will be held 6-9 June 2015. Corinna and I hope you will join us so we can celebrate together the light your service has brought to the world this year, and for the future, as we make the commitment to Light Up Rotary.

São Paulo is the perfect venue for a Rotary convention because Brazil, like Rotary, reflects many different cultures and peoples who have made the country their home. The financial and creative hub of Brazil, this sprawling city boasts many expanses of parks and gardens, including the immense Parque Ibirapuera. The best way to experience São Paulo is to explore its diverse neighborhoods, from Vila Madalena, where you will find galleries, bookstores, and nonstop nightlife, to Higienópolis, known for its international cuisine.

São Paulo's churrascarias, pizzarias, bakeries, and ethnic restaurants make the city the gastronomic capital of Brazil. Visit the indoor Mercado Municipal to sample tropical fruits and enjoy a freshly made mortadella sandwich or pastel de bacalhau, a deep fried cod fish turnover. Museums such as Museu de Arte de São Paulo (MASP), shopping centers such as Iguatemi and Morumbi, and the city's architecture and public art will excite your mind and senses.

With so much to do in São Paulo, you might forget that pristine beaches, such as Maresias and the island of Ilhabela, are just a few hours away. Adventure farther to visit breathtaking Rio de Janeiro and Iguazu Falls, historic Salvador and the Northeast, Minas Gerais, Brasilia, Amazonas, and much more.

Come for the fellowship, come to learn and be inspired, and come to meet and share ideas with Rotary members and their guests. And you're sure to experience samba, the Afro-Brazilian musical form that best defines Brazilian culture. So bring your dancing shoes and prepare to join in a very special carnival celebration!

Sincerely,

Gary C.K. Huang
Rotary International President, 2014-15

NOTABLE ROTARIANS Taken from <https://www.rotary.org/en/about-rotary/history>

Rotarians are your neighbors, your community leaders, and some of the world's greatest history-makers:

- Warren G. Harding, U.S. president
- Jean Sibelius, Finnish composer
- Dr. Charles H. Mayo, co-founder of Mayo Clinic
- Guglielmo Marconi, Italian inventor of the wireless radio and Nobel laureate
- Thomas Mann, German novelist and Nobel laureate
- Friedrich Bergius, German chemist and Nobel laureate
- Admiral Richard E. Byrd, American explorer
- Jan Masaryk, foreign minister of Czechoslovakia
- H.E. Soleiman Frangieh, president of Lebanon
- Dianne Feinstein, U.S. senator
- Manny Pacquiao, Filipino world-champion boxer and congressman
- Richard Lugar, U.S. senator
- Frank Borman, American astronaut
- Edgar A. Guest, American poet and journalist
- Sir Harry Lauder, Scottish entertainer
- Franz Lehar, Austrian composer
- Lennart Nilsson, Swedish photographer
- James Cash Penney, founder of JC Penney Co.
- Carlos Romulo, UN General Assembly president
- Sigmund Sternberg, English businessman and philanthropist

The Rotary Club of Rochester 2014-15 Club Progress to Goals		
CATEGORY	2014-15 GOALS	As of December 1, 2014
Membership <i>(Began Rotary year with 203)</i>	205	198
Rotary International Foundation Annual Program Fund	\$10,000	\$1,627 (16% of goal)
Every Rotarian Every Year (EREY)	100%	5%
Polio Plus <i>(from Auction proceeds)</i>	\$2,500	\$2,500 (100% of goal)
District 5960 Fast for Hope Project <i>(from Auction proceeds)</i>	\$1,000	\$0 (0% of goal)



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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: www.rochesterrotaryclubs.org
 Links to STRIVE – Rotary US Bank Holiday Classic
 District 5960: www.rotary5960.org
 Rotary International: www.rotary.org

ROTARY COMMITTEES

CLUB SERVICE I

Colin Aldis, Director

Greeters..... *Colin Aldis*
 Membership Development..... *Bill Wiktor*
 Rotary Information Officer *Leigh J. Johnson*
 Visitors Desk *Kathy Lessard*
 Sergeant-at-Arms..... *John Woodruff*
 Mentors *Milt Tostrud*

CLUB SERVICE II

Brian Welke, Director

Club Bulletin *Elizabeth Karsell, Lorie Luedke*
 Club Web Site & Social Networking *Heather Holmes, Elizabeth Karsell, Brian Welke*
 Invocations *Bill Wiktor*
 Programs *David Harbert, Leigh Johnson*
 Public Relations *Stacey Vanden Huevel*
 Four-Way Test *Steve Sponsel*

CLUB SERVICE III

Kathy Lessard, Director

Biennial Auction *Heather Holmes, Brian Welke*
 Golf Day *Fred Suhler*
 Music *Ann Beaty*
 Social Events

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

Steve Courts, Director

Rotary Scholarships *Steve Courts*
 Group Study Exchange Team *Steve Courts*
 Rotary International Foundation *Vicki Allen*
 Youth Exchange *Cris Fischer*
 Rotary Gift of Life *Betty Devine*
 World Community Service *Judith O'Fallon*

VOCATIONAL SERVICE

Fred Suhler, Director

Camp RYLA *Dana Funk, Diane Ilstrup*
 Rotary Literacy Coordinator *Stacy Sinner*
 Rotation Day *Danae Gaio*
 STRIVE *Mark Dripps, Diane Ilstrup*
 Vocational Talks *Alison Good*
 Youth Protection Officer

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Bari Amadio, Director

Channel One..... *Mike O'Fallon*
 Community Food Response *Kelly Engler, Phil Karsell*
 Quarry Hill Fall Festival *Steve Sponsel*
 Rotary Bell Ringing - Salvation Army *Mark Neville, Fred Suhler*
 Rotary US Bank Holiday Classic *Michael Brennan, Lynn Clarey, Janice Domke, Elizabeth Karsell, Lorie Luedke, Bill Nietz, Laurel Schacht, Steve Stenhaus, Lorrie Swancutt, Jen Woodford*
 Salvation Army Dinners *Heather Holmes Sue F. Johnson*
 Service Above Self Awards *Cresta Valentine*
 Student Guests *Sue M. Johnson*
 White Oaks Park *Ashok Patel, Mike Mahrer*