

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



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VITAL STATISTICS

MEMBERSHIP: 182

NOVEMBER ATTENDANCE: 43%

ROCHESTER ROTARY RISERS: none reported

GREATER ROCHESTER ROTARY: none reported

AMBASSADORS: Rotary Club of Wautoma, WI:
Bill Hendee

ROTARY eCLUB ONE: **Borge M. Christensen**

MEMBERS ON LEAVE: **Robert Olson**

RESIGNATIONS: **Nels Pierson, Sue Robb**

ROTARIANS' SUPPORT OF THE 2015 ROTARY US BANK HOLIDAY CLASSIC

All Rochester Rotarians are asked to support the youth of our community through financial and volunteer support of the Rotary US Bank Holiday Classic. More than \$840,900 has been raised and distributed to youth programs in our community over the last 27 years of the Classic. The event would not be successful without the help of Rotarians and friends, participating teams and fans, and sponsors and advertisers. A special thank you to US Bank, our Platinum Sponsor through the years.

All Rotarians received an invoice via email as a reminder to make their financial contribution. The tear off portion of the invoice may be used as a tax receipt for a tax deductible donation. Or, the tear off portion may be signed by the Rotarian and turned in by the Rotarian, or someone of their choosing, at the Classic ticket counter in exchange for two passes.



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

<u>Birthday</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Birthplace</u>
December 7	Dan Kelly	Rapid City, SD
	Gerald Mahon	Rochester, MN
December 8	Ashok Patel	Kampala, Uganda
December 13	Paul Tieskoetter	Decorah, IA
December 14	Dave Oeth	Dubuque, IA
December 15	Mike Mahrer	Grafton, ND
December 19	Mary Jo Kelly	Aberdeen, SD
December 27	Cynthia Daube	Detroit, MI
	Sara Gilliland	Lawrence, KS
December 28	Steve Sperling	St Paul, MN
December 29	Glenn Miller	Mount Palatine, IL

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

All Rotarians are also asked to consider volunteering at the event Tuesday, December 29 and Wednesday, December 30. Shifts of two or two and one half hours begin each day at 10:30 am and end at 9:30 pm. Volunteers will be assigned to one of the following tasks upon arrival at their shift:

- **Wristband Placers** will be located next to the ticket sellers in the North Lobby to help place purchased wristbands on all attendees.
- **Information Desk Volunteers** will be located by the Board Room in the North Lobby to welcome Holiday Classic teams, participants, volunteers, and half time entertainers, distribute information, direct attendees and volunteers to their appropriate locations, and assist as needed.

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DECEMBER CALENDAR

Weekly Meetings

- December 3** "Survivor of Polio" by Harley Flathers, 11:30 a.m. –1:00 p.m. **Holiday Inn Plaza Room**
- December 10** "A Breath of Hope – Hope Lung Foundation" by Jill Tigner, 11:30 a.m. –1:00 p.m. **Holiday Inn Plaza Room**
- December 17** Rotary Holiday Luncheon with entertainment by Arioso Choir, directed by Suzy Johnson, 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. **Mayo Civic Center's Exhibit Hall**
- December 24** No meeting due to Christmas holiday
- December 31** No meeting due to New Years holiday

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Rotarians' support of the 2015 Rotary US Bank Holiday Classic

- **Center Street Door Monitor** will be located by the Center Street doors in the North Lobby to provide teams entrance and direct other attendees to the doors located on Civic Center Drive.
- **Exhibit Hall Volunteer** will be located at the west entrance to Exhibit Hall to greet attendees, sweep one court during halftimes, and assist as needed.
- **Auditorium Stage Volunteer** will be located at the east steps of the stage to direct attendees to Taylor arena, sweep the court during halftimes, and assist as needed.

Taylor Arena Volunteer will be located at the south door to check incoming attendees for wristbands, direct attendees, sweep the court during halftimes, and assist as needed.

Volunteers are asked to sign up for at least one shift and two if you are able. Volunteers serving a second shift may be moved to a different task if desired. There is a service opportunity for everyone during this three-club fundraiser. **All volunteers are asked to arrive with something to occupy their time if their shift becomes "quiet."** There is a Hospitality Room for volunteers. Thank you for your willingness to serve!

[Sign-up online](#) now for your volunteer shift.

Other Meetings & Events

- December 1** **Rotary Club of Rochester Board Meeting**, OMC SE Clinic Conference Room 4-2 (210 9th St SE), 7 a.m.
- December 7** **Channel One Service**, Channel One Building (131 35th St SE) 6-8 p.m.
- December 9** **Southeast World Community Service Meeting**, Nietz & Eversman (2212 2nd St. SW), 7 a.m.
- December 9** **Community Food Response**, Bethel Lutheran Church (810 3rd Ave SE), 1:15-6:45 p.m.
- December 14** **Salvation Army Dinner Service**, Salvation Army Building, 5:30-7 p.m.
- December 15** **Holiday Classic Steering Committee Meeting**, Aspen Suites Conference Room, (1211 2nd St. SW), 11:30 a.m.
- December 21** **PURR Meeting**, Twigs, 12:00 p.m.
- December 29** **Rotary US Bank Holiday Classic**, Mayo Civic Center
- December 30** **Rotary US Bank Holiday Classic**, Mayo Civic Center



"LIKE" THE ROTARY
CLUB OF ROCHESTER

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ROTARY RINGS BELLS FOR SALVATION ARMY

Thank you to all those Rotarians and friends of Rotary who have already signed up to ring this season! There are still a few volunteer shifts left to fill on December 12 and 19. Please check your calendars and [sign-up online](#) now.

The Salvation Army shares with us these "important things to remember:"

1. First time ringing? Old pro? Amaze your friends by knowing EVERYTHING about bell ringing! Visit our FAQ's page and watch this video: http://youtu.be/lln0D_f1WGM
2. Make your own sign! Visit our special download page, RIGHT-CLICK the file link "2014 Download Sign" (it's the same sign to use for 2015!) to Save Link As to your desktop or laptop, update with your group name and PRINT in COLOR. This will fit into the kettle stand sign holder and proudly signify your group name for the hours you ring.
3. Please re-check your scheduled time and LOCATION to verify your commitment. As an example, if you are at Walmart or Shopko locations you will find the potential to be at NORTH or SOUTH stores, and possibly at a Pharmacy, Non-Pharmacy, Home or Market door. Please help us avoid confusion.
4. A bell (and most have two bells) should be waiting for you at the kettle. If there is a problem, call the Rochester Red Kettle phone: 507-244-0173.
5. After your shift, place the bell(s) on the kettle stand for the next ringer.
6. If you are the last ringer simply leave everything at the kettle stand. Everything important is locked down and we will take care of the kettle, bells and signs.
7. You are free to leave, even if you have the final shift of the day. THANK YOU!"



Rotarian Samantha Rother with Alec.

DO YOUR HOLIDAY SHOPPING AT ROTARY! BUY 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.



The Rotary Club of Rochester 2015-16 Club Progress to Goals

CATEGORY	2015-16 GOALS	As of November 30, 2015
Membership <i>(Began Rotary year with 185)</i>	200	182
Rotary International Foundation Annual Program Fund	\$10,000	\$3,100 (31% of goal)
Every Rotarian Every Year (EREY)	100%	5%
PolioPlus	\$2,500	\$175 (7% of goal)
District 5960 Fast for Hope Project	\$1,000	\$0 (0% of goal)



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

*Thursday, December 17, 2015
Exhibit Hall 1, Mayo Civic Center*

*11:00 a.m. Eggnog Reception
11:30 a.m. Plated Luncheon with Dessert
12:30 Entertainment by Arioso Choir, directed by Suzy Johnson*

*\$20.00 per person
Reservations and payment due by December 10
(Sorry, no late reservations and no refunds after this date)*

*Please detach 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 \$ _____ made payable to "TRCR"

GREATER ROCHESTER ROTARY'S MIKE BECKER SELECTED AS DISTRICT 5960 GOVERNOR 2018-19

Taken from <http://www.rotary5960.org/showDoc.cfm?pMenuTop=2&pObject=593>

Mike was born in Rochester, Minnesota and attended from John Marshall High School and Rochester Community College.



Mike joined Greater Rochester Rotary in 2001. He has served the club on every board position with the exception of Secretary/Treasurer and was club president 2010-2011. Currently he is the Tech Team Chairperson for District 5960, STRIVE Co-Chair for the Rochester clubs, Vocational co-chair of Greater Rochester, member of the District 5960 Visioning Training Team, Technical Chair for NCPETS.

Mike and Nancy have been foster parents for over twenty years and have been “foster parents” to 82 children. In 2005 they were awarded the honor of Foster Parents of the Year by Olmsted County. Mike and Nancy have served on the Parents board for the Foster Care Association and have been invited speakers to the International Shaken Baby Conference. Mike has served on his church’s Board of Directors for seven years and is a past Chairperson of that committee.

Currently he is the owner of Becker Appraisals, a real estate appraisal firm since 2005. Has owned another appraisal firm and has been in the same business since 1991. He is an affiliated member of the Appraisal Institute and is a classroom instructor in the field. He currently serves as a board member of the Southeast Minnesota Association of Realtors MLS board. Mike is an ongoing student of the profession and has logged over 1,000 hours of education time and credits.

Mike has been married to his lovely wife Nancy for 40 years and has always resided in Rochester. They have five children, Beth, Robin, Marc, Brian and Nykkole. They have nine grandchildren all under the age of seven.

DECEMBER IS ROTARY'S DISEASE PREVENTION AND TREATMENT MONTH

Taken from: <https://www.rotary.org/en/learning-reference/about-rotary/areas-focus>

“More than 100 million people are pushed into poverty each year because of medical costs. We aim to improve and expand access to low-cost and free health care in underdeveloped areas. Our members educate and mobilize communities to help prevent the spread of major diseases such as polio, HIV/AIDS, and malaria. Many of our projects ensure that medical training facilities are located where the workforce lives.



DISEASE PREVENTION AND TREATMENT

[See how Rotary projects provide low-cost health care”](https://www.rotary.org/en/learning-reference/about-rotary/areas-focus)

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Congratulations Don and Jim!



Paul Harris Fellow recipients Don Scholz and Jim Sloan

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION



TOP 5 REASONS TO JOIN US

Taken from: <http://www.riconvention.org/en/seoul/top-5-reasons-join-us-seoul>

1. Connect with thought leaders

Hear from [exceptional speakers](#) including RI President K.R. Ravindran and other Rotary senior leaders, who will educate and inspire you.

2. Connect with new ideas

Get into the nuts and bolts of Rotary with [breakout sessions](#) run by your Rotary peers, Rotary International staff, and experts in project planning, grant funding, and social media.

3. Connect with new friends

Meet people who share your hobbies, your profession, or your humanitarian interests in the [House of Friendship](#). Be inspired by the descriptions of service projects and expand your horizons with networking opportunities beyond your club. You will also have the opportunity to sample Korean food, learn about Korean traditions, and check out the latest technology at booths sponsored by Korean Rotarians as well as Korea's leading corporations.

4. Connect with old friends

Catch up with friends you made on a Group Study Exchange, meet with a student you hosted for a Rotary Youth Exchange, or visit with Rotarians from a sister club. You never know who you may run into at the convention.

5. Connect with culture

Explore the [impressive sites of Seoul](#) as well as landmarks around the country on one of the many tours planned by the Host Organization Committee. Or spend time getting to know other attendees in a more intimate setting during [Host Hospitality Night](#).

Register to attend the 2016 RI Convention in Seoul, South Korea

Taken from: <http://www.riconvention.org/en/seoul/register>

Rotary members, Rotaract members, and club and district employees can [register for the convention online](#).

[Learn how](#)

[Register online](#)

[Register by fax or mail](#)

[Edit existing registration](#)

An email confirmation is sent for all registrations, including faxed and mailed registrations. If a letter of invitation is required for your visa application, you will receive it with your confirmation.

Important deadlines

15 December 2015: Early-registration discount ends

31 March 2016: Preregistration discount ends

30 April 2016: Registration/ticket cancellation deadline

1 June 2016: Online registration ends; deadline for cancellations due to visa denial

Registration fees

Register early to take advantage of discounted rates! [View registration fees](#).

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Group registration

Rotary members, Rotaractors, and club and district employees may register as a group of 25 or more. All fees must be submitted in full in one payment using a credit card or check (drawn from U.S. bank only), or through an international office or fiscal agent.

[Review the group registration guidelines](#) and [download the group registration form](#).

After 31 March, additional group members can only be added on-site at the convention.

What your convention registration fee includes:

- Inspiring and entertaining speakers, including top leaders in our organization
- Informative breakout sessions to help you build your communication, leadership, and project management skills
- Opportunities to network and exchange ideas while browsing the project and fellowship booths in the House of Friendship

Entertainment provided by local artists and musicians in the House of Friendship and the general sessions.

Preconvention events, Rotary and HOC-ticketed events, accommodations, and meals are not included in your registration fee.

Community service at Salvation Army



David Harbert



Gary Harmon



Tank Sholem

December Rotary Anniversaries

Mike Muñoz	4 years	Milt Tostrud	6 years	Marilyn Stewart	28 years
Pamela Meyer	4 years	Dana Funk	16 years	Frederick Suhler	32 years
Jennifer Woodford	4 years	Jerry Downes	18 years		
Milt Tostrud	6 years	Bill Nietz	24 years		



Dear fellow Rotarians,

Welcome to Seoul, the site of the 107th Rotary International Convention. Celebrate with us the joy of bringing the work of Rotary into our communities to *Be a Gift to the World*.

The convention is a great way to experience what it truly means to be a part of Rotary. You will not only be inspired by fascinating speakers and productive breakout sessions, but also have an excellent opportunity to meet fellow Rotarians from around the world. You will experience *firsthand* the vibrant city of Seoul, as well as exchange ideas, build your skill set, and have fun. The House of Friendship also provides a space where you can connect with different cultures and clubs.

As a city with a long, rich history and the latest amenities, Seoul is the ideal location for a Rotary convention and a delightful travel destination to explore. It is both the capital and largest metropolis in Korea as well as home to an expansive number of parks, museums, shopping centers, and restaurants that showcase Korea's rich culinary tradition.

Stop by any street vendor throughout the city to try traditional snacks like *tteokbokki*, *gimbap*, or Korean barbeque. Visit the now-famous Gangnam district, made popular by K-pop recording artist Psy. Explore COEX Mall, one of the largest underground shopping malls in Asia, filled with everything from trinkets to high-tech devices. Visit Dongdaemun Market, open 24 hours a day, for a wide variety of goods, including silks and fabrics.

While the convention will offer its own social activities and events, be sure to visit Lotte World Adventure, an entertainment complex that is home to the world's second-largest indoor theme park and an outdoor amusement park. Both feature family-friendly stage shows and attractions. Shopping malls, movie theaters, and the Korean Folk Museum can be found a short monorail ride away, making it a wonderful family vacation experience.

Before becoming president of Rotary International, I had the pleasure to attend 25 Rotary conventions. Each convention has its own flavor and has always been an enriching experience. I took advantage of the ability to meet and get to know my fellow Rotarians. I recall having conversations with club members from all over the world, on the buses and trains, in the House of Friendship, and in the main meeting halls. These are folks who I otherwise never would have had the chance to meet. In fact, while in Seoul, I will look forward to meeting you as well.

Vanathy and I invite you to join us and your fellow Rotarians as we see the sights, discover what it's like to be a citizen of the world, and learn how we can continue to *Be a Gift to the World*.

Sincerely,



K.R. Ravindran
Rotary International President, 2015-16

www.riconvention.org



