

# Moccasin Flower

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## VITAL STATISTICS

**MEMBERSHIP:** 258

**AVERAGE DECEMBER ATTENDANCE:** 74.69%

**AMBASSADORS:** Mary Jo Kelly, Puerto Vallarta, Mexico; **Carla Johnson**, Cannon Falls, MN; **Frank Knox**, Sun City, AZ X2; **Karen & Merlin Ricklefs**, **Bill Nietz**, **Mike O'Fallon**, **Gilda Banfield**, **Lois Nietz**, Midterm Meeting, Stillwater.

**GREATER ROCHESTER:** 1/05/05: **Anne Berberich**, **Richard Good**, **Mac Hamilton**, **Denny Nigon**, **Dave Oeth**, **Jim Orke**, **Maggie Schoepski**, **Alan Sessler**. 1/12/05: **Mike Busch**, **Lynn Clarey**, **Richard Hurt**, **Jane Piepgras**, **Chris Price**, **Jerry Schliep**, **Chuck Springer** 1/19/05: **Caroline Bailey**, **Chris Price**, **Jim Orke**, **Jane Piepgras**, **Bob MacCarty**.

**ROCHESTER ROTARY RISERS:** 1/04/05: **Dave Colville**, **Alan Sessler**, **Mark Utz** 1/11/05: **John Brandrup**, **Alan Sessler**, **Denise Sorom** 1/18/05: **Dave Colville**, **Alan Sessler**.

## BIRTHDAYS

HAPPY FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS!

<u>Birthday</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Birthplace</u>
Feb. 3	<b>Michelle Pyfferoen</b>	Weisbaden, Germany
Feb. 6	<b>Danae Ostern</b>	Rochester, MN
	<b>Joe Gibilisco</b>	Omaha, NE
Feb. 9	<b>Ken Berge</b>	Wahkon, MN
Feb. 10	<b>Bob Fontana</b>	St Louis, MN
	<b>Doug Rovang</b>	Eldora, IA
Feb. 12	<b>Karen Ricklefs</b>	Elmore, MN
	<b>Jerry Schliep</b>	Ladysmith, MN
Feb. 20	<b>Margaret Reiner</b>	Luverne, MN
Feb. 22	<b>Dick Edwards</b>	Rochester, MN
	<b>Anne Berberich</b>	Rake, IA
	<b>Bob Dyrden</b>	Dickinson, ND
Feb. 23	<b>Ginny Bartleson</b>	Chicago, IL
	<b>Don Benson</b>	Rochester, MN
	<b>Nate Johnson</b>	Rochester, MN
Feb. 28	<b>Barbara Callaway</b>	South Bend, IN
	<b>Joe McBride</b>	Butte, MT
Feb. 29	<b>Roger Kempers</b>	Puebla, Mexico

## TSUNAMI RELIEF PROJECTS AND ROTARY

Several years ago, the Rotary Foundation stopped collecting money for immediate relief projects in areas devastated by natural disasters. They felt that other

organizations such as Red Cross, etc., were better equipped to deal with the immediate aftermath of such events and that was a better use of Rotarian dollars. After this last disaster, they still feel that immediate relief is best dealt with by other organizations.

However, realizing the scope of the Tsunami disaster is such that longer-term efforts will be needed, the Rotary Foundation has set up a fund to assist Rotarians in supporting longer-term recovery efforts. The Rotary Foundation will now accept contributions earmarked for "Solidarity in South Asia." These contributions will not receive credit towards Paul Harris awards.

### \$\$\$ FINANCES \$\$\$

All dues should be paid by January 31, 2005!

Basketball tickets should also be paid by now!

The club has to assume responsibility if you do not pay.

## ROTARY NEWS

- Congratulations to Rotarian Karen and David Erlenbusch who are the parents of a new baby – Emma Rose who was born on December 19<sup>th</sup>.
- The second quarter attendance trophy goes to Greater Rochester.
- Attendance was 76.87% for Greater Rochester, 73.74% for the Risers and 69.01% for our club.
- Congratulations to Marie Maher who was an Extraordinary Rochester Women Award Winner.
- We were reminded that our hope for “Every Member Every Year” will be true in our club. Please make a contribution or pledge to the Rotary International Foundation by February 12. After that date you will be receiving a phone call.
- Don't forget to think about getting things ready for the STRIVE Goody Bags for our students at the STRIVE Banquet.
- Thanks to everyone who helped with the January meetings: Greeters: **Jay Toogood, Cindy Sharp & Dan O'Neil**. Visitors Desk: **Jim Sloan & Beth Warren**. Invocations: **Ann Beatty, Barbara Porter, Allie Good**. Introduction of Visitors: **Mike O'Fallon, Leigh Johnson, Jerry Downes**.

## TURKISH ROTARY CLUBS OFFER GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The Rotary Districts of Turkey have a Scholarship Program, which will provide a year's study in Turkey in either English or Turkish. This program is open to all, including relatives of Rotarians. Operating since 1995 under Rotary International's recognition, its aim is to provide better understanding of Turkey and its people and culture. The scholarships are competitive. They accept applications from all over the world. Applications can be obtained from the Rotary office and are due March 31, 2005 in Turkey for the 2005-06 school year. This would be a wonderful opportunity for anyone interested in learning about what makes Turkey unique.

## FEBRUARY ROTARY CALENDAR

- Feb. 3** **Kahler Hotel, Heritage Hall,**  
Terry Ryan, general manager, Minnesota Twins, “Twins Update”
- Feb. 10** **Kahler Hotel, Heritage Hall,**  
John Wade, president, Rochester Area Chamber of Commerce and Gary Smith, executive director, Rochester Area Economic Development, Inc. “Rochester and Surrounding Area Economic Update”
- Feb. 17** **Kahler Hotel, Heritage Hall,**  
Al DeBoer, Chair, GRAUC Taskforce on Higher Education, “Rochester Higher Education Update”
- Feb. 24** **Kahler Hotel, Elizabethan Room,**  
John Kvasnicka, wildlife consultant, “White Tail Deer of SE Minnesota”

## OTHER MEETINGS AND EVENTS

- Feb. 10** Board of Directors Meeting - 7 a.m. - Charter House
- Feb. 16** Rotary Information Meeting - 12 noon - Kahler Hotel, Directors Room
- Feb. 26** 100th Rotary International Birthday Bash 3-8 p.m. Heintz Center  
Get your tickets now!



## FUNDING AVAILABLE

The Rochester Rotary Clubs are seeking requests for grants from the proceeds of the basketball tournament.

Grants requests should be:

- Youth Related
- Education orientated
- Rochester based
- Have a demonstrated need

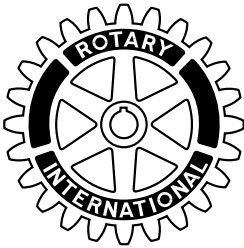
Requests should be sent to Rochester Rotary Clubs, 1112 11<sup>th</sup> Ave NE, Rochester MN 55906. Deadline is **February 12, 2005**.

## NEWSFLASH!

In conjunction with our Centennial Birthday Bash, there will be raffle tickets available at our meetings for a 1/3 carat diamond pendant donated by Hight Randall. Tickets will be \$10 each or 6 for \$50. Drawing will be at the birthday party but you do not have to be present to win. All proceeds will go to Polio Eradication.

## WAY TO GO ROCHESTER ROTARY SALVATION ARMY BELL RINGERS!

Ninety Rochester Rotary members plus family members, friends and one dog dressed in a Santa costume gave of their time in the cold to help the program of the Salvation Army. A total of \$14,000 was collected by you with an average of \$147 per hour. (I'm sure in some instances the singing helped). Thanks so much to all of you and a special thank you to **Rick Lien** who coordinated everything!



## THANKS TO ROTATION DAY HOSTS

Thanks to the following who hosted for Rotation Day:

Blades to Ballet: **Chris Fischer**

Boys and Girls Club: **Larry Kent**

Child Care Resource & Referral Inc.: **Patrick Gannon & Teresa Thompson**

Home Federal: **Danae Ostern & Jim Wiekamp**

Knutson Construction: **Trevor Westrom**

Mark it advertising : **Nickie Froiland**

Mayo Sports Medicine: **Aynsley Smith**

Olmsted County Health Department: **Mary Wellik**

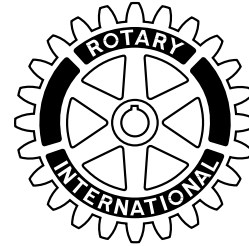
Olmsted Medical Center: **Kevin Pitzer & Stacey Vanden Heuvel**

Ramada Hotel & Conference Center: **Dwayne Osterhout**

RCTC: **Suzanne Dinnuson**

Rochester Art Center: **Denise Sorom**

Yaggy Colby: **Chris Colby**



## 2006-2007 ROTARY FOUNDATION AMBASSADORIAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE

Applications for the 2006-07 Ambassadorial Scholarships are available. For information and to print an application, go to The Rotary Foundation (Foundation Educational Grants) section at <http://www.rotary.org/foundation/programs.html> (click on Ambassadorial Scholarships, application in download).

The scholarships, which are designed to further international understanding and goodwill, provide for study abroad for one year in one of the 162 countries and 35 geographical regions where Rotary clubs are located. Some 1,200 scholarships will be available from clubs worldwide.

Academic-Year Ambassadorial Scholarships are for one academic year abroad and provide funding for round-trip transportation, tuition and fees, room, board, necessary educational supplies, and language training (if necessary) up to a maximum award of \$25,000 or its equivalent.

During the studies abroad, Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholars act as "ambassadors of goodwill." Through appearances before Rotary clubs and districts, schools, civic organizations, and other forums, the scholars represent their homelands and work to further international understanding.

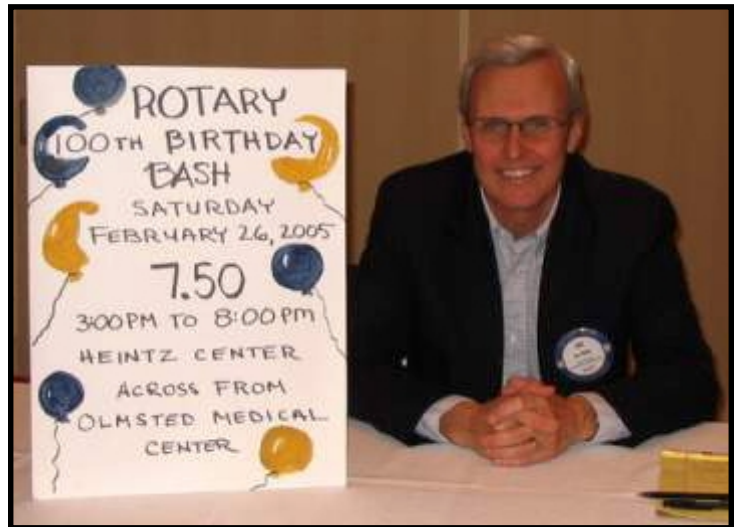
The Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholarships Program is the world's largest privately sponsored international scholarship program. Some \$320 million has been spent on 30,000 international scholarships since the program began.

**Applications should be sent to the Rotary office by April 1, 2005. Required interviews will be Saturday, May 21, 2005 in Red Wing.**

# ROTARY PHOTO GALLERY



Jim Sloan welcomes guests at a recent meeting.



Les Stolte is busy selling Rotary's 100th Birthday Bash tickets.



Rotarian Mike Quinn with new member Frank Streit.



Rotarian Paul Barton with new Rotarian Nick Kolas.

# Save the Date for Rotary's 100th Birthday Bash!

A fun day has been planned for you, your family and friends. The battle of bands including the Turkey River All Stars playing Dixie and the Notochords playing Big Band Swing will kickoff the afternoon. Simultaneously, adults and children can play games for prizes, enjoy a sleigh/hay ride, view Rotary exhibits and be entertained by a magician. Eat your fill at the chili/pizza/salad bar, win door prizes and then sit back and enjoy the headliner...

**ELVIS!**

The three Rochester Rotary Clubs  
are celebrating in a BIG way on  
February 26, 2005      3-8pm

Tickets are available at your club meeting for only \$7.50. Take advantage of this bargain to treat your family and introduce Rotary to your friends. Commit the date, buy your tickets and  
**CELEBRATE ROTARY!**

**ROCHESTER ROTARY CLUB**

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**ROTARY CLUB OF ROCHESTER**

Rochester, Minnesota

*Organized June 12, 1925*

Club No. 2047 District No. 5960

**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 Club: [www.rochesterrotaryclubs.org](http://www.rochesterrotaryclubs.org)

Links to STRIVE – Rotary US Bank Holiday Classic

District 5960: [www.rotary5960.org](http://www.rotary5960.org)

Rotary International: [rotary.org](http://rotary.org)

**ACTIVE COMMITTEES**

Four Avenues of Service  
 Club, Vocational, Community International

**CLUB SERVICE I**

Warren Harmon, Director - 538-1236

Classification ..... *Lynn Clarey*  
 Greeters ..... *Rich Good*  
 Membership Development ..... *Mike O'Fallon*  
 Visitors Desk ..... *Bari Amadio*  
 Sergeant-at-Arms ..... *John Woodruff*

**CLUB SERVICE II**

Chris Cross, Director - 282-0910

Club Bulletin ..... *Lorie Luedke, Lois Nietz*  
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**CLUB SERVICE III**

Dana Funk, Director - 282-9468

Bell Ringing - Salvation Army ..... *Rick Lien*  
 Golf Day ..... *Rick Lien*  
 Music ..... *Ann Beatty, Jane Belau, Linda Herrick*  
 Rotary Information ..... *Leigh Johnson*

**VOCATIONAL SERVICE**

Kim Adams, Director - 285-1026

Rotation Day ..... *Kim Adams*  
 STRIVE ..... *Audrey Betcher, John Brockman*  
 Vocational Talks ..... *Kim Adams*  
 Auction 2006 ..... *Vicki Dearth*

**COMMUNITY SERVICE**

Vicki Dearth, Director - 287-7100

Library Host ..... *Allan Sessler*  
 Rotary US Bank Holiday Classic ... *Paul Barton/Lynn Clarey/*  
 ..... *Cal Guyer/Cris Fischer/Al DeBoer/Mark Tasler/*  
 ..... *Nate Johnson/Mike Quinn/Doug Rovang*  
 Quarry Hill Fall Festival ..... *Laurel Schacht*  
 Rotary Reading Project ..... *Norman Hepper*  
 Service Above Self Awards ..... *Marie Maher*  
 Student Guests ..... *Keri Smith*  
 Camp RYLA ..... *Doug Rovang*

**INTERNATIONAL SERVICE**

Bob Cline, Director - 282-3603

Foundational Scholarships ..... *Linda Rings*  
 Group Study Exchange Team ..... *Gilda Banfield*  
 Rotary International Foundation ..... *Dick Edwards*  
 Youth Exchange ..... *Mike Busch*  
 Gift of Life ..... *Mary Jo Kelly*  
 World Community Service ..... *Glenn VanLaningham*