



# Moccasin Flower

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## VITAL STATISTICS

**MEMBERSHIP:** 246

**AVERAGE DECEMBER ATTENDANCE:** 74.29%

**AMBASSADORS:** **Mark Carins**, Linda Bonow, eClub One; **Bob Priem**, Gulf Shores; **Marsha Redalen**, LaCrosse, WI; **Truda Tyce**, Fountain City, AZ; **Rick Lien**, Lois Nietz, **Judith O'Fallon**, **Mike O'Fallon**, **Glenn VanLaningham**, District Mid-term Meeting, Stillwater, MN.

**GREATER ROCHESTER:** 1/11/06: **Rick Lien**, **Michelle Pyfferoen** 1/18/06: **Frank Sharbrough**.

**RISERS:** 1/10/06: **Jay Toogood** 1/17/06: **Valerie Pace**, **Mark Utz**, **John Woodruff**.

## BIRTHDAYS

HAPPY FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS!

| <u>Birthday</u> | <u>Name</u>               | <u>Birthplace</u>  |
|-----------------|---------------------------|--------------------|
| February 3      | <b>Michelle Pyfferoen</b> | Weisbaden, Germany |
| February 6      | <b>Danae Ostern</b>       | Rochester, MN      |
|                 | <b>Joe Gibilisco</b>      | Omaha, NE          |
| February 9      | <b>Ken Berge</b>          | Wahkon, MN         |
| February 10     | <b>Bob Fontana</b>        | St Louis, MN       |
|                 | <b>Doug Rovang</b>        | Eldora, IA         |
| February 12     | <b>Karen Ricklefs</b>     | Elmore, MN         |
|                 | <b>Jerry Schliep</b>      | Ladysmith, WI      |
| February 17     | <b>Michael Seifert</b>    | Pepin, WI          |
| February 20     | <b>Margaret Reiner</b>    | Luverne, MN        |
| February 22     | <b>Dick Edwards</b>       | Rochester, MN      |
|                 | <b>Anne Berberich</b>     | Rake, IA           |
| February 23     | <b>Nate Johnson</b>       | Rochester, MN      |
| February 28     | <b>Barbara Callaway</b>   | South Bend, IN     |
|                 | <b>Joe McBride</b>        | Butte, MT          |
| February 29     | <b>Roger Kempers</b>      | Puebla, Mexico     |

## BOARD AGREES TO CHARTER PROVISIONAL CHINA CLUBS

The RI Board of Directors voted at its November 2005 meeting to charter the Beijing and Shanghai provisional Rotary clubs, paving the way for a growing Rotary presence in China.

Acting on the Board's request to appoint a special representative to China, RI President Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar selected Christopher Bo Bramsen, a member of the Rotary Club of Kobenhavn. "Bramsen is well-qualified for the position," says Stenhammar. "He served as Consul General of Denmark in Shanghai, 1994-95, and in 1995-2001, he was the Ambassador of Denmark to China, Mongolia, and North Korea."

During a three-year term, Bramsen will pursue official registration of Rotary clubs with the Chinese government, provide guidance to clubs and assist neighboring RI District 3450 with training club leaders, and help the Secretariat coordinate service projects. In 2001, the Board granted Beijing and Shanghai Rotarians provisional club status and permission to participate in the Rotary Foundation's Humanitarian Grants Program.

## HELP NEEDED

Do you have an hour or so to spare? We can use some assistance in the Riverside Reading program. Some of our volunteers are gone for the winter or on vacations. If you can take time to listen to children read to you, it would be appreciated and in addition you will have a good time. (Also counts as a makeup)

## ROTARY NEWS

- Congratulations to **Lynn Clarey** who became a first time grandfather when his daughter Michaun gave birth to the first baby of the new year.
- An addition to the O'Neil family. Parents **Amy and Dan O'Neil** welcomed son Landon O'Neil on December 1. Congratulations to all!
- Thanks to all who helped with the January meetings:  
Invocations: **Doug Sparks, Jim Sloan, Rachel Hurt.**  
Visitors Desk: **Sue Dripps, Allie Good, Don Sudor, Bari Amadio.** Greeters: **Judith O'Fallon, Brad Jones, Paul Olberding.** Introduce guests: **Jim Wicamp, Phil Karsell, Leigh Johnson.** Music: **Ann Beatty.**

## GOVERNOR TIM PAWLENTY – SPEAKER ON FEBRUARY 9

Please email, phone or sign-up if you are going to be attendance on February 9. You should also let us know if you are bringing guests. If you have the names of your guests, we will have name tags ready for them. If you have 8-10 guests, we will reserve a table for you, but otherwise there will be no reserved seating.

Lunch will be \$9.50 and you can sign your Kahler charge or pay at the desk upon arrival.

## ROTARY US BANK HOLIDAY CLASSIC GRANTS

We are now accepting grant applications for the proceeds from the Rotary US Bank Holiday Classic basketball tournament.

Criteria are:

- 1) youth related or
- 2) education oriented
- 3) Rochester based
- 4) having a demonstrated need

A blank electronic copy of the Community Grant Proposal Form, in Microsoft Word, can be found at the Rochester Rotary Web site. [www.rochesterrotaryclubs.org](http://www.rochesterrotaryclubs.org)

Deadline is February 17, 2006. Call 252-0085 or email [romnrotary@charter.net](mailto:romnrotary@charter.net) if you have questions.

### ELECTRONIC MAKE-UPS

Can't make it to Rotary? There is an electronic makeup opportunity at [www.rotaryclubone.org](http://www.rotaryclubone.org). Follow the directions found there, read some Rotary information, then fill out an electronic makeup card and turn it in to the Rotary Office or forward it to us.

## FEBRUARY ROTARY CALENDAR

|             |   |
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| February 2  | <b>Kahler Hotel - Heritage Hall</b><br>Dr. Steve Altchuler, "So What DOES an Aerospace Psychiatrist Do?"  |
| February 9  | <b>Kahler Hotel - Heritage Hall</b><br>Minnesota State Governor<br>Tim Pawlenty   |
| February 16 | <b>Kahler Hotel - Heritage Hall</b><br>Alice Seagren, Commissioner of Education, "Education in Minnesota"   |
| February 23 | <b>Kahler Hotel - Heritage Hall</b><br>"Advance Minnesota" the Rochester Higher Education Development Committee Report, Marilyn D. Stewart, Chair |

### OTHER MEETINGS AND EVENTS

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|-------------|--|
| February 16 | Rotary Board of Directors Meeting<br>7 a.m. - Charter House                    |
| February 22 | Rotary Information Meeting<br>12 Noon, Directors Room,<br>Kahler Hotel         |
| April 21-23 | District 5960 District Conference<br>- Treasure Island Casino,<br>Red Wing, MN |

### STRIVE MEETINGS

|             |                                 |
|-------------|---------------------------------|
| February 21 | John Marshall - 9:25-10:15 a.m. |
| February 22 | Mayo HS - 9:38-10:30 a.m.       |
| February 23 | Century HS - 9:32-10:17 a.m.    |

### ROCHESTER ROTARY CLUBS MEETING PLACES

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| <b>Rochester Rotary Risers</b> - 7 a.m. - Tuesday - Hilton Garden Inn               |
| <b>Greater Rochester</b> - 12 Noon - Wednesday - Ramada Hotel and Conference Center |

### TENTATIVE FUTURE RI CONVENTIONS

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| 2007 | Salt Lake City<br>(originally scheduled for New Orleans) |
| 2008 | Los Angeles  |
| 2009 | Seoul, Korea   |
| 2010 | Montreal, Canada   |
| 2011 | New Orleans  |

## STRIVE REQUEST – MATCHING OPPORTUNITY/GOODY BAG

The STRIVE Committee has been presented with a great fundraising opportunity – an anonymous donor has offered a matching challenge where any donations from Rotarians to STRIVE during the first two Rotary meetings in February (2006) will be matched dollar for dollar up to a total of \$2,000. This matching offer extends to all three Rotary clubs and expires at the end of the day on Tuesday, February 14, 2006.

Since 1999, the STRIVE program has had a positive effect on the students and mentors who have participated. The increase in the student GPA's is unbelievable, and they take pride in their progress as well as the friendships they establish with their mentor. Students who never thought they were college material have received scholarships and attended higher education institutions. Your contributions will help to continue this worthwhile mentorship program.

Please consider a monetary donation during this period of time so we can maximize the leverage of this donation. Contributions can be made during the Rotary meetings or can be sent to:

Rochester Rotary Foundation – STRIVE  
1112 11<sup>th</sup> Ave NE  
Rochester MN 55906  
(507) 252-0085 – [romnrotary@charter.net](mailto:romnrotary@charter.net)

Also, we are looking to fill the STRIVE goodie bags – bags handed to students during the year-end banquet. Possible items include: Pens, clips, notepads, water bottles, and/or any business paraphernalia you think high school seniors would like. If you have questions or would like to donate goodie bag items, please contact Laurel Schacht 285-7646 or [lschacht@postbulletin.com](mailto:lschacht@postbulletin.com)

Thank you for your consideration to these requests.

## ROTARY BENEFIT AUCTION

It's back and sure to be better than ever!

Mark your calendar now for the 2006 Rochester Rotary Club Benefit Auction.

Silent and Live Auction  
Thursday, May 4, 2006  
6:00 –10:00 p.m. (replaces noon meetings)  
Ramada Hotel & Conference Center (1517 16<sup>th</sup> St SW)

We will ask that each member donate an item valued at \$50+ to be auctioned. Donation forms will be available at Rotary meetings or by calling Kim Adams at 285-1026. Forms should be submitted by April 7. Donations can be dropped off at Rotary meetings, SNG Research or PossAbilities (details on forms) by April 21.

## WORLD COMMUNITY SERVICE GRANTS

The world community service grant procedure has changed in the past few years. Matched grants continue but in different ways.

Now clubs are setting up a project and seeking “partners” to fund these projects. Last year Greater Rochester partnered with us by giving \$1,000 to our Cochabamba orphanage project.

This year we are partnering with them by donating \$2,000 for the project they are working on to fund a sanitary water project for three villages in rural Manabi province, Ecuador.

In addition we are partnering with Roseville Rotary by donating \$1,000 for a multiple –club World Community Service project grant in the city of Quito, Ecuador. The Rotary Club of Quito Valley Ineroceanica will receive grant money for the purchase of medical equipment for the new medical clinic built in the city of Quito by the Rotary Club to serve the poor.

In the Roseville project there are 14 clubs involved (12 from Minnesota and two from Colorado). In addition District 5960 and 5470 are involved. When all the matches are done, the club contributions of \$12,000 will end up with \$41,600.



New member Linda Oelke, Radisson Plaza Hotel, with sponsor Brad Jones and sponsor Warren Harmon with new member Mark Westerman, Farmers Insurance.



New member Carrie Farrow, Rochester Public Library, with sponsor Audrey Betcher.

