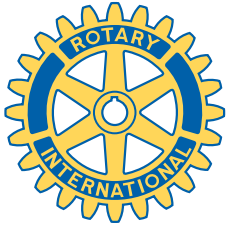


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VITAL STATISTICS

MEMBERSHIP: 241

GREATER ROCHESTER ROTARY: Joe McBride, Judith O'Fallon, Mike O'Fallon, Linda Bonow

RISERS: Mike O'Fallon, Bill Wiktor

AMBASSADORS: Sue and Ray Johnson - San Diego Breakfast and San Diego Club; George Allen - Rampart Range Club (Colorado Springs), North Colorado Springs Club; Bob Priem - Robertsdale, AL, Gulf Shores, AL x4

ECLUB: Mark Cairns, Janice Farris, Angie Welchert

RESIGNATIONS: Sheryl Barlow, Jim Carver, Keri Smith-Norman, Dan Borgmeier, Chris Bedney, Linda Klovstad

Host Family Opportunities

The District is still in need of host families for the International Youth Exchange Program. Host families are needed for a three month period starting in September of 2010 or January of 2011 depending on the country the student is coming from. We need three families to make a three month commitment. All families are welcome, you do not need to have a teenager of your own! Please contact Vicki Allen if you would like more information on serving as a host family: 507-990-6517 or vallen@possabilities.org

Celebrating STRIVE!

Before we know it, another STRIVE year will be completed, and we'll be celebrating at the year-end banquet on April 28. Rotary gives each student who completes the program a book bag filled with various items that will be useful to a young adult just graduating from high school. We're looking for donations of these items; examples of past donations include pens, pencils, notepads or note cards, CDs, gift cards, calculators, T-shirts, water bottles, etc. We need 75 of any donated items. Monetary donations to help cover the cost of purchasing the bags and printing the Rotary/STRIVE logo on them are also gladly accepted. Contact Kim Adams by April 1 for more information or to arrange a drop-off or pick-up of your donation - kadams@sngresearch.com or 424-3174.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Birthday	Name	Birthplace
February 6	Danae Ostern	Rochester, MN
	Joe Gibilisco	Omaha, NE
February 10	Bob Fontana	St Louis, MN
	Doug Rovang	Eldora, IA
February 11	Larry Kent	Minot, ND
February 12	Karen Ricklefs	Elmore, MN
	Jerry Schliep	Ladysmith, WI
February 13	Richard Brubaker	Macon, GA
	Jay Wangen	Spring Grove, MN
February 22	Anne Berberich	Rake, IA
February 28	Barbara Callaway	South Bend, IN
	Joe McBride	Butte, MT
February 29	Roger Kempers	Puebla, Mexico

2010 ROCHESTER ROTARY CLUB BENEFIT AUCTION

It's back and we promise it will be a good time!

Mark your calendar now for the 2010 Rochester Rotary Club Benefit Auction.



Silent and Live Auction

Thursday, April 29, 2010

6:00 -10:00 p.m. (replaces noon meeting)

Rochester International Event Center

(7333 Airport View Dr.)

We ask that each member donate an item valued at \$50 or more to be auctioned.

Donation forms will be available at Rotary meetings and on the web site soon. Forms should be submitted by March 26. Donations can be dropped off at Rotary meetings or at Tile Superstore (details on forms) by April 16.

ROTARY NEWS

- **Thanks for your assistance at the January meetings –** Invocations: **Karen Erlenbusch, Sarah Burrington, Hilla Ferguson, Linda Herrick**; Introduction of Visitors: **Jerry Downes, Jim Wiekamp, Leigh Johnson, Rick Lien**; Visitor's Desk: **Susan Ahlquist, David Oeth, Cynthia Daube**; Greeters: **Tom Bruckman, Jim Wiekamp, Borge M. Christensen, Mary Jo Kelly**; 4 Way Test: **Paul Tieskoetter, Ann Beatty, John Edmonson, Cynthia Shaffer**; Cashier: **Jim Gibson**; A/V Equipment Set-up: **Rick Lien, Steve Rossello, Dan Skinner, Josef Chlachula**; Music: **Ann Beatty, Linda Herrick**
- **Caroline Baihly** shared her Vocational Talk with us – thank you!

100% CLUB

The following 66 members had 100% attendance for the month of January:

Kim Adams, Susan Ahlquist, George Allen, Vicki Allen, Jeff Amundson, Caroline Baihly, Fred Banfield, Gilda Banfield, Barb Banner, Christine Beech, John Brandrup, Maria Brown, Sarah Burrington, Josef Chlachula, Borge M. Christensen, Jim Clausen, Chris Colby, Stan Cram, Cynthia Daube, Betty Devine, Jerry Downes, Mark Dripps, Cris Fischer, Dana Funk, James Gibson, Leigh Johnson, Phil Karsell, Dan Kelly, Mary Jo Kelly, Larry Koshire, Rick Lien, Jerry Lobland, Lorie Luedke, James Lundgren, Eric Matteson, Joe McBride, Walter Menning, David Moertel, Lois Nietz, Denny Nigon, Judith O'Fallon, Mike O'Fallon, Mark Ostrem, Ashok Patel, Bob Priem, Karmen Reid, Karen Ricklefs, Merlin Ricklefs, Steve Rossello, Doug Rovang, Ron Salazar, Laurel Schacht, Stacy Sinner, Dan Skinner, Jim Sloan, Ralph Spiekerman, Marilyn Stewart, Fred Suhler, Lorrie Swancutt, George Thompson, Milt Tostrud, Glenn VanLaningham, Karel Weigel, Jim Wiekamp, Jerry Williams, John Woodruff, Brian Younge!

(If your name is not listed and you think it should be, please contact Peggy so that our attendance records can be corrected).



FEBRUARY ROTARY CALENDAR	
February 4	Kahler Hotel - Heritage Hall - Mayor Ardell Brede, "China Partner City"
February 11	Kahler Hotel - Heritage Hall - Consul General Loken of Canada
February 18	Kahler Hotel - Heritage Hall - Jim Walters, RPU - Electric Cars
February 25	Kahler Hotel - Heritage Hall - Liz Banfield, "The Merits of Film in the Digital Era"

OTHER MEETINGS AND EVENTS	
February 1	Channel One - 6:00-8:00 p.m.
February 10	Community Food Response - Contact Glenn VanLaningham or Paul Bleimeyer
February 11	Rotary Board of Directors Meeting 7:00 a.m., Directors Room, Kahler Hotel
February 16	Rotary Information Meeting - Noon - Directors Room, Kahler Hotel

Welcome to our newest member



Phet (pronounced Pet) Saysomphou was inducted into membership in January. She is employed at Mayo Medical Laboratories as a Lab Assistant. Phet was proposed by Mark Dripps.

Salvation Army Bell Ringing Award!

At the Salvation Army Bell Ringing Thank You event, our Club received an award for ringing the most hours of any service group. Major Frye presented a plaque to us at our January 17th meeting. Thank you to all of our bell ringers for providing SERVICE ABOVE SELF – you are appreciated!

Your contributions to The Rotary Foundation

At our meeting on January 7, fellow Rotarian Rick Lien gave an informative, meaningful program about his trip to Ghana last summer. It is important that you know that your contributions to the **Rotary Foundation** are for the conduct of international projects like the shipment of the medical equipment to Ghana that Rick described.

The money needed to conduct our Ghana and Estonia projects came from three funding sources:

- 1) contributions from the **club budgets** of our club and the other clubs that partnered with us on specific projects;
- 2) matching funds from the District Grants Subcommittee's **District Designated Funds** (DDF); and
- 3) matching funds from **The Rotary Foundation's matching grants budget**.

All matching funds ~ both The Rotary Foundation's matching grants and District 5960's District Designated Funds ~ come from our contributions to **The Rotary Foundation's Annual Programs Fund**. **Not a dime is financed by our Rotary club dues**. The portion of our dues that we send to Rotary International is used for administrative purposes, not for programs or projects.

Our contributions to The Rotary Foundation's Annual Programs Fund each year are invested for three years to gain interest. Then The Rotary Foundation uses half to support Rotary International programs and projects such as the Group Study Exchange program, Ambassadorial Scholars, local projects, and Humanitarian Grants. The other half The Rotary Foundation returns to the District as District Designated Funds, which the District 5960 leaders

then use to fund District projects and programs including matching grants.

In particular, the matching funds that Rick obtained from the District Grants Subcommittee last February to ship medical equipment to Ghana last summer came from the contributions that District 5960 Rotarians made to The Rotary Foundation's Annual Programs Fund three years earlier, i.e. in 2006.

To date, 35 percent of our club members have made a contribution to The Rotary Foundation; their contributions total \$9,500. At this rate, the funding for Rotary humanitarian activities like our Ghana and Estonia projects three years from now will be seriously limited.

**EVERY
ROTARIAN
EVERY
YEAR**

If every one of the 1.2 million Rotarians contributed just **\$2 a week**, in one year the Foundation could raise almost \$125 million.

That's money that goes back to Rotarians in the form of scholarships and grants for projects that bring hope and make a difference in the lives of countless people. Rotarians have used grant money to bring sight to those blinded by cataracts, bought wheelchairs for those who could not use their legs, gave clean water to those made sick by contaminated water, and opened up new worlds by helping people learn to read.

Be a part of changing the world and help The Rotary Foundation exceed its goals.

From the District Office

1. The latest issue of the District Newsletter is online at: http://www.rotary5960.org/Newsletter/Newsletter_2010-01.pdf

2. We are ready to launch our third Four-Way Test Ethics Essay Contest for high school students in the 10th thru 12th grades. This year our district is sponsoring the contest with the help of the Center for Ethical Cultures (CEBC) from St. Thomas University. Unlike in years past, Rotary District 5950 will not be a co-sponsor. The prizes this year are as follows; 1st \$1,000, 2nd \$500, 3rd and 4th \$250. The authors of the prize-winning essays and their sponsoring clubs will be recognized at the District Conference in April 2010.

You can find everything you need at this site. <http://www.cebcglobal.org/index.php?/programs/ethics-essay-competition/>

Be aware that essays are ONLY accepted via email. If you have questions or would like further information, please contact:

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Rotary District 5960
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A message from John Kenny, Rotary International President



Each of us has, at one time or another, been asked the question, what is Rotary? There are many ways to answer, depending on the questioner, the context, and the time available. The shortest and simplest answer is that Rotary is the world's oldest service club organization. This is, of course, an accurate but necessarily incomplete response, for any true understanding of Rotary must include an explanation of how we in Rotary strive through our service to achieve more than the goal of each individual project. By working together in our clubs, our districts, and internationally, we strive to establish the simple foundations of a better society: friendship, trust, honesty, and hope.

The structure of Rotary, along with our international club projects, helps make friendly connections between Rotarians in different countries. Our emphasis on ethical and honest behavior works to build strong and open relationships between people and nations. Our service projects in water, health and hunger, and literacy help eliminate many of the practical obstacles to peace. And our Rotary Foundation and Rotary Youth Exchange programs go a step beyond by training the leaders of tomorrow to be active builders of a more peaceful world.

These programs help shape responsible citizens of better communities — people who will have a broad and nuanced perspective, enhanced by opened eyes and open minds. They will be indelibly marked by their experiences, and throughout their lives — both now and in their later careers — they will not keep the benefits of these experiences to themselves. These are the people who will help build the kind of future that we as Rotarians strive to create through our every action.

What is Rotary? It is a network of people who care — people who are both realists and optimists. We recognize the challenges before us and our own limitations; we also recognize our abilities and our responsibility to use them to the fullest. If we are ever to realize Paul Harris' vision for Rotary as an organization that promotes goodwill among nations, then, as he wrote, "the hearts of men must be so touched and molded that mutual understanding and goodwill will take the place of fear and hatred." In this, World Understanding Month, we do well to remember these words — and to remember as well that in all of our service, we reach for the larger goal of fellowship, understanding, and peace.

Membership

To be effective and relevant to a community, a Rotary club needs members. A club's ability to serve the community is directly related to the strength and size of a club's membership base.

It's the responsibility of current Rotary club members to invite other qualified individuals to join Rotary. New members bring important benefits to the club, including an increased capacity to serve the community, future leadership, diversity, and fresh ideas, interests, and energy.

We encourage you to invite a guest to one of our weekly meetings or a monthly Information Meeting for prospective new members

How to make up a missed meeting

A club member must attend or make up at least 50 percent of regular club meetings in each half of the year (though some clubs may have more stringent requirements). Any missed meetings must be made up within 14 days of a regular meeting. If traveling, club members are encouraged to visit clubs in the new area to make up a missed meeting. Check the *Official Online Directory* or use the [Club Locator](#) to get meeting and contact information. Be sure to call or e-mail before you show up for a meeting.

Don't forget Eclub! If you haven't tried it yet and you need a make-up, please visit our website and click on Eclub — it's an informative and easy way to make-up right from your own computer.

Remember - anytime you attend a committee meeting or participate in one of our many volunteer opportunities, you get a make-up credit.

Rotarians often wonder what to do if there's not a club where they travel or if an emergency causes them to miss a meeting. One option is to attend a regular meeting of a local [Rotaract club](#), [Interact club](#), [Rotary Community Corps](#) or [Rotary Fellowship](#). Attending one of these meetings also counts as a make-up.

The New Rotary International Theme for 2010-2011 is



February is Fast for Hope Month

February is Rotary's Peace and World Understanding month when our district conducts Fast for Hope (FFH), our annual international project. Fast for Hope is a program unique to District 5960, although many districts undertake similar efforts. In the early days of the program, District Rotarians were asked to skip the meal during their Rotary meeting one day per year and to instead donate the cost of the meal to a district international service project, hence the name "Fast for Hope."

Over the years, our district has raised significant sums of money, which have been used to fund projects throughout the world. In 2003-2004, our district began a three-year collaboration with District 5950 on the Haiti Safe Water Plus project, which also involves Haiti Outreach and World Vision as co-participants. We extended our commitment for a fourth year which concluded during the 2006-2007 Rotary year. During this four year effort we raised over \$135,000, bought a new well drilling rig to replace one that was lost in a hurricane, built over 60 new wells, repaired 10 damaged wells and built over 200 latrines.

After significant Task Force review, Nicaragua was initially selected. During 2007, four delegations of Rotarians from



our district have traveled to Nicaragua in order to further determine if (1) Nicaragua met the selection criteria of the task force, (ii) to begin to learn about the history and culture of

Nicaragua, (iii) to learn about sustainable economic community development and (iv) to develop a relationship with the Masaya Rotary Club.

In Nicaragua:

- 47% of the population lives in extreme poverty (\$1/day or less)
- 82.3 % of the population lives on less than \$2 a day.
- Illiteracy rate is 34 %
- Second poorest country in the Western Hemisphere
- Experienced numerous natural disasters including hurricanes, earthquakes, volcanoes and torrential rains
- Generations of poverty have created a culture of dependency

After visiting a variety of opportunities, our District initially selected the Masaya Rotary Club and the village of Las

Cortezas with whom to work. Masaya is about 30 miles from Managua and Las Cortezas is a village of about 1,225 residents, most of whom live in extreme poverty.

There are several ways you can help in this effort.

1. By donating \$10 or more as part of your club's Fast for Hope fund drive. The goal is for every Rotarian in our district to contribute \$10.



2. Volunteer for one of the subcommittees that are part of the Fast For Hope effort. If you are interested in participating please let this year's Fast for Hope Chair, Dave Newman know of your interest.

3. Attend one of the training sessions that the FFH committee will be conducting. Announcements of future training sessions will be posted on this web page. If you want an email announcement of these sessions, provide your contact information Dave Newman. His contact information is available on the District website.

4. Consider being a member of a future delegation to Nicaragua.

Rotary Anniversaries

Josef Chlachula	1 year
Roberta Tolan	1 year
James Frye	2 years
Barbara Porter	2 years
Jason Boynton	3 years
Arthur Raak	3 years
Jeff Amundson	4 years
Kay Hocker	4 years
Carla Nelson	5 years
Audrey Betcher	9 years
John Brockman	9 years
Tom Sitzer	10 years
Nancy Brataas	11 years
Alison Good	13 years



Thank you for your continued service to Rotary and to our Club. You are appreciated!

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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: rotary.org

ACTIVE COMMITTEES

Four Avenues of Service
Club, Vocational, Community, International

CLUB SERVICE I

Audrey Betcher, Director

Greeters *Paul Tieskoetter*
 Membership Development *Karel Weigel*
 Visitors Desk *Christine Beech*
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CLUB SERVICE II

Steve Rossello, Director

Club Bulletin *Lorie Luedke, Peggy Schroeder*
 Club Web Site *Mike Grinnell, Lorie Luedke*
 Invocations *Anne Berberich*
 Programs *Rick Lien*
 Public Relations *Mark Dripps*
 Four-Way Test *Tom Bruckman*

CLUB SERVICE III

Ann Beatty, Director

Bell Ringing - Salvation Army *Paul Bleimeyer,*
Mark Neveille
 Golf Day *Joe McBride*
 Music *Jane Belau*
 Rotary Information *Leigh Johnson*

VOCATIONAL SERVICE

Suzanne Dinusson, Director

Rotation Day *Suzanne Dinusson*
 STRIVE *Linda Herrick*
 Vocational Talks *Fred Banfield*
 Auction 2010 *Lorie Luedke, Laurel Schacht*

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Stacy Sinner, Director

Library Host *Allan Sessler, Tom Behrenbeck*
 Rotary US Bank Holiday Classic *Paul Barton,*
Lorie Luedke, Mike Quinn, Doug Rovang, Laurel Schacht
 Quarry Hill Fall Festival *Carla Nelson, Brenda Walker*
 Rotary Reading Project *Cris Fischer, Christian Milaster*
 Service Above Self Awards *Cresta Deeds,*
Linda Hillenbrand
 Student Guests *Allie Good, Barbara Porter*
 Camp RYLA *Steve Rossello, Ashleigh Rosson*
 White Oaks Park *Ashok Patel, Mike Mahrer*
 Community Food Response *Glenn VanLaningham,*
Paul Bleimeyer
 Channel One *Mike O'Fallon, Tom Moyer*

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

Dave Moertel, Director

Foundational Scholarships *Steve Sponsel*
 Group Study Exchange Team *Gilda Banfield*
 Rotary International Foundation *Doug Rovang*
 YouthLINC & Youth Exchange *Vicki Allen*
 Rotary Gift of Life *Betty Devine*
 World Community Service *Judith O'Fallon*