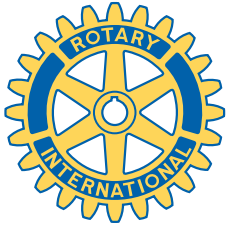


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VITAL STATISTICS

MEMBERSHIP: 233

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GREATER ROCHESTER ROTARY: Chris Cross and Mark Utz

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

<u>Birthday</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Birthplace</u>
February 1	Armin Budimlic	Bosnia
	Mike Kilgallin	Mt. Vernon, OH
February 3	Teresa Blythe	Urbana, IL
	Milt Tostrud	Albert Lea, MN
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
February 22	Anne Berberich	Rake, IA
February 29	Roger Kempers	Puebla, Mexico

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

Congratulations Rotarian Tank Sholem for 50 years of service!

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

Ray Klingensmith
President, 2010-11
Spouse: Judie



20 January 2011

Mr. Stanford Sholem
Member, Rotary Club of Rochester, Minnesota, USA
211 2nd Street NW
Rochester, MN 55901

Re: 50 Years in Rotary

Dear Tank,

I have been advised that you have achieved the major milestone of 50 years as a Rotary club member, and I wish to offer my congratulations!

I will reach the same milestone in November of 2011, and I think you will agree that we have witnessed many changes in Rotary – and in society – since we first became Rotarians. Despite the changes, Rotary has maintained its core values of fellowship, service, integrity, diversity, and leadership, and it is now recognized as a world leader! Together, we can take great pride in being long term members of such an outstanding organization.

You deserve to be feted and felicitated by the members of your Rotary club, and I am confident they will recognize and appreciate your lengthy record of service to Rotary. I join them in extending my genuine appreciation for your long tenure as a Rotarian!

Please accept my best wishes as you complete a half century of Rotary membership and now undertake still another decade of service. Both of us have been Rotary members for nearly one-half of the 100 years since the first 16 Rotary clubs held their inaugural convention in August of 1910. Now let's try to make it 60 years of Rotary for both of us!

Best regards,

Ray
Ray Klingensmith



Picture is of 50-year Rotarian **Tank Sholem**, member of Urbana, IL, Rotary (will be joining our club shortly), **President Karel** and **Susan Sholem**. Tank and Susan recently moved to Charter House. A copy of a letter from RI President Klingensmith to Hank is shown above. Thanks, Tank for your 50 years of service to Rotary.

ROTARY NEWS

- Thanks to all who helped with the January meetings. Invocations: **Steve Courts, Joanne Martin, Barb Porter, Phil Karsell**. Introduction of Visitors: **Leigh Johnson, Phil Karsell**. 4 Way Test: **Denny Nigon, Steve Rossello, Linda Bonow, Steve Courts**. Greeters: **Fred Suhler, Aaron Johnson, Paul Tieskoetter, Vicki Allen, Terry Sorenson**. AV Setup: **Steve Rossello, Dan Skinner**. Visitors Desk: **Steve Rossello, Jane Piepgras, Tim Geisler**. Cashiers: **Jim Gibson, Chris Cross, Jerry Williams, Janice Farris**. Vocational Talk: **Susan Ahlquist**
- We extend our sympathy to **Cynthia Shaffer** whose brother passed away recently.
- Thanks to all of you for your patience during this transition of the office. It is appreciated! The club will be taking applications for the administrative director until February 15. If you know someone who might be interested, please have them check our website for information.



Rick Lien in his dancing Santa cap – recognition for his work with Salvation Army bellringing. Thanks to Rick and co-chair **Paul Bleimeyer** and **Mark Neville** for their service. Also a big thank you to Rotarians and family members who filled 120 bellringing slots, mostly outside and even in a snow storm. Great Job!!

FEBRUARY ROTARY CALENDAR

- February 3** **Doubletree Hotel** - "Austin Community Wellness," Adam Rees, Chief Administrative Officer, Mayo Health System, Austin Medical Center
- February 10** **Kahler Hotel - Windsor Hall** - "The Fatal Link, Fetal Alcohol Syndrome," Jody Allen Crowe, Executive Director of Studio Academy Charter High School, volunteer Executive Director of Healthy Brains for Children
- February 17** **Kahler Hotel - Windsor Hall** "Becoming an American and Combating Radicalism with Education In Pakistan," Naeem Qureshi, President, Progressive Consulting Engineers, Brooklyn Center, Minnesota
- February 24** **Kahler Hotel - Heritage Hall** - "Project Get Outdoors," Sara Grover, Project Get Outdoors Coordination, Headquartered at Whitewater State Park

OTHER MEETINGS AND EVENTS

- February 2** **Rotary Board of Directors Meeting** - 7:00 a.m., Directors Room, Kahler Hotel
- February 9** **Community Food Response** - Contact Glenn VanLaningham or Paul Bleimeyer
- February 23** **Rotary Information Meeting** - Noon at Kahler Hotel, Viking Room

No **Channel One** is scheduled in February for Rotary.

Rotary Anniversaries

Roberta Tolan	2 years
Josef Chlachula	2 years
James Frye	3 years
Barbara Porter	3 years
Jason Boynton	4 years
Art Raak	4 years
Jeff Amundson	5 years
Kay Hocker	5 years
Carla Nelson	6 years
Audrey Betcher	10 years
John Brockman	10 years
Nancy Braatas	12 years
Tom Sitzer	11 years
Allie Good	14 years



Thank you for your continued service to our Club.



Borge Christensen enjoying a World Community Service meeting.

From the desk of [Karel Weigel](#), Rochester Rotary President



As we pass the midpoint of the Rotary year, we put in motion the plans for the coming year. This is but one of the reasons why Rotary has such a solid reputation for accomplishment. Early planning for transition in leadership allows ongoing projects to continue without interruption and new initiatives to receive the benefit of thoughtful planning.

January's calendar has Rotary District midterms, also known as Pre-PETS (President-Elect Training Seminar), where Presidents-elect begin to lay the ground work for their leadership in the upcoming year. On January 8, Mark Dripps, Lorie Luedke, Dana Funk, Mike and Judy O' Fallon and I attended that session. There are always valuable breakout sessions to attend, but equally important is the time for good conversation between present, past and future leadership as we consider our current challenges in attracting and retaining new members, in evaluating current programs, and sharing experiences with the leadership from other clubs in the district. The wisdom of our leadership succession plan is demonstrated in the continuity of our programs and in their impact in our community and through Rotary International, in our world. (See also an article elsewhere in this Moccasin Flower about the Computers for a school in Estonia). President-elect, Mark Dripps and his colleagues began to work with District Governor-Elect Judy Freund and President-elect nominee Lorie Luedke begins the process of observation and pre-planning by working with the District Governor-elect Nominee, Joe Kovarik. Building and sustaining these relationships is key to leadership development throughout Rotary leadership service.

The mid-term event also gives the District Governor the opportunity to discuss progress on goals for the district during this Rotary year and to recognize individual and collective efforts of clubs throughout the district. Craig Leiser gave special recognition to our the area 2 Assistant Governor, our own Mike O' Fallon for his leadership and assistance to the Clubs he supports. He also gratefully acknowledged the warm "orange" welcome he received at the Rochester Rotary Club. He enjoyed the personalized pumpkins and thanks to everyone who attended the day of his visit and participated in the orange ribbon campaign. He was truly pleased by his visit and the chance to meet so many Rotarians from the District's largest Club.

One final note, we are making progress on our search for a new Administrative Director. Word of mouth plus the ad placed in the Post Bulletin have resulted in a good group of resumes. The committee is in the process of reviewing and evaluating those.

Thank you again, Lois, for stepping in as Interim Administrative Director.



Welcome New Members



Proposer **Paul Tieskoetter** and new member **Steve Stenhaus**, Medical Treasury Services, Mayo Clinic.



Proposer **Phil Karsell** and new member **Herbert Reiman, MD**, retired pathologist.

Computers for Estonian Students

As with many projects, both local and international, the interest of a Rotarian can trigger a project- development process that will make a real difference for others. Several years ago, Rochester Rotarian Ingrid Neel returned from a trip to Estonia with a request for Rotary to help fund computers for a commons room in the Technical College that would be used to help students navigate the Internet and gain fluency in English.

The request was given to Rochester's joint World Community Service Committee (WCS) comprised of members of all three clubs in Rochester. The WCS members worked with the Saaremaa Rotary Club in Estonia and teachers at three major educational institutions in Saaremaa to develop a feasible project proposal, solicit contributions from other clubs in District 5960, and write a grant application for matching funds from Rotary International.

Five District 5960 clubs, including the three Rochester Clubs, contributed a total of **\$8,166** to fund the project. The District 5960 Grants Committee contributed an equal amount, and Rotary International contributed **\$12,249**, making a total award of **\$28,681**.

Recently, Ingrid Neel received an e-note from current Saaremaa Rotary Club President Igor Leemet with three attachments:

1. a photo that shows the Rotary plaque in the computer lab at the Technical College,
2. a certificate of appreciation and the Technical College Headmaster,
3. a letter of appreciation, written in English, from one of the students. It said (verbatim):

“ Thanks to computer students can make school work and spend free time.

If sometime we don't have internet in our rooms there is the computer we can always use for internet. Boys often can play their games, and everyone can communicate with friends who doesn't live in Saaremaa.

21. century peole, especially young peole can not imagine life without computers. Thanks to thee good peole of Rotary Club, all students live a full life here.

If someone would take the computer away students would probably be very upset because the everyday use has been a good habit..

Thank you Rotary Club.

Gerli Martson, third year cookery student”



Rotary and Rotarians do make a difference!



ROCHESTER ROTARY CLUB PAUL HARRIS FELLOWS

Thanks to all of you who have been named or have named Paul Harris Fellows in our club. The contributions that have been given to the Rotary International Foundation are changing lives of children, young people, and adults through a legacy of hope. A contribution of any amount will work to the goal of international understanding and peace.

Len Aaro*
 Kim Adams
 George Allen
 Margery Allen*
 Vicki Allen
 Jeff Allman
 Bari Amadio
 Howard Anderson
 George Annis*
 David Bach*
 Eleanor Bach*
 John Bach*
 Klare Bachman
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 John Bakke
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 Fred Banfield (Chatfield)
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 Gilda Banfield
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 Paul Belau
 Steven Paul Belau
 Kristen Ricklefs Bennett
 Ken Berge
 Grant Bergsland*
 Tom Bergsland
 Carrie Bernhardt
 Norval Bernhardt
 Dolph Bezoier
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 Bomber Bryan

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 David Cairns
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 Richard Edwards
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 Hilla Ferguson
 Jeanne Ferris
 Alia Marie Fischer
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 Dane Fischer

Norbert Fitzpatrick
 Harley Flathers
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 Philip Halverson
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 Barbara Hight-Randall
 Louise Hill
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 Rollie Hirman
 Fred Hirsekorn
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 Thomas Holets
 Paul Horgen
 Arvid Houglum
 Graham Howard
 C. Leroy Hoyt*
 Chet Huggett*
 Mary Hurt
 Richard Hurt
 Nathaniel Hynson
 Diane Ilstrup
 Frank Iossi
 Wilbert Iwen*
 Jean Jensch
 Ted Johansen*
 Carla Johnson
 Carl Johnson



Paul Harris circa 1915.

E.W. Johnson, Jr*
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 Heather Novelle Johnson
 James William Johnson
 Judy Johnson
 Leigh Johnson
 Nell Johnson
 Nicole S. Johnson
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Ed Lufkin	Mark Neville	E.H. Schlitgus*	Glen Waters*
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Agnes Lumenta	Sandy Nietz	Neal Schwartau*	Val Webb
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Mary Ellen Malkasian	Dennis Nigon	Sheldon Sheps	Art Wilber
Gerald Mahon	Harrison Oehler	Robert Sheridan	Jerry Williams
Catherine Lee Karsell	David Oeth	Sara DeBoer Silburn	Robert Williams
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Joseph McBride, Sr	Jeanne Parker	Beverly Spittell	George Zeigler*
Joseph Patrick McBride*	Robert Parkhill*	John Spittell	
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- 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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