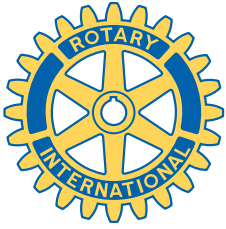


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VITAL STATISTICS

MEMBERSHIP: 237

AMBASSADORS: District 5960: **Lorie Luedke, Karen Rickelfs, and Merlin Rickelfs**

GREATER ROCHESTER ROTARY: **Lynn Clarey**

ROTARY RISERS: **Mark Dripps**

MEMBERS ON LEAVE: **Brian Younge and Marilyn Stewart**

RESIGNATIONS: **Mark Cairns, Brian Jett, Shannon Knoepke, Marie Maher, and Beth Warren**

NEW MEMBERS: **Colin Aldis, Maury Hagen, and Mark Noble**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

<u>Birthday</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Birthplace</u>
February 1	Armin Budimlic	Bosnia
	Mike Kilgallin	Mt. Vernon, OH
	Joe Messick	Wilmington, DE
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 12	Karen Rickelfs	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.

FEBRUARY: ROTARY'S WORLD UNDERSTANDING MONTH

"The spirit of Rotary is not exclusive; it expands. It is not local, it is universal. And so the wish to understand and to be understood, the wish to see the virtues rather than the faults in others, the longing to find out what we have in common rather than what divides us — these can be widely shared."

— Gian Paolo Lang, 1956-57 RI president, address to 1957 convention.

Welcome New Members



New member Colin Aldis proposed by Bill Wiktor.



New member Mark Noble proposed by Carla Nelson and presented by Lorie Luedke.



Rotarian Merlin Rickelfs and new member Maury Hagen at January 26 induction ceremony.

ROTARY NEWS

• Thanks to all who helped with the January meetings:
Greeters: **Paul Tieskoetter, Christine Beech, Kelly Engler, Audrey Betcher, Lorrie Swancutt, Armin Budimlic, Bari Amadio, and Harriet Hodgson.**
Invocations: Cris Fischer, Doug Rovang, Phil Karsell and **Karel Weigel.** Introduction of Visitors: **Tom Moyer, Phil Karsell and Leigh Johnson.** Four Way Test: **Caroline Baihly, Fred Suhler, Steve Rossello and Linda Bonow.**
Visitors Desk: **Kelly Engler, Michon Rogers, Anne Berberich and Borge M. Christensen.** Cashier: **Janice Farris, Dana Funk and Jennifer Woodford.** Presenters: Stephen Kopecky, Pat Stallman, Paul Labovitz, and Cynthia Cycon.

Congratulations and thank you to our most recent Paul Harris Fellows



New Paul Harris Fellows: Rotarians Bill Wiktor and Linda Herrick.



Rotarians Merlin and Karen Ricklefs receive Paul Harris recognition.

FEBRUARY ROTARY CALENDAR

- February 2 Kahler Hotel - Heritage Hall -**
11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.* "Zumbro Watershed Partnership – Three Things Everyone Can Do to Help Clean the Zumbro and Prevent Floods "by Kevin Strauss
- February 9 Kahler Hotel – Heritage Hall -**
11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.* "Minnesota Reading Corps" by Alice Seagren
- February 16 Kahler Hotel - Heritage Hall -**
11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.* "Rochester's Hospitality Industry" by Rotarian Brad Jones
- February 23 Kahler Hotel - Heritage Hall -**
11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.* "Mayo Clinic's Intellectual Property-Based Business Activities" by Steve Van Nurden

* Please note meeting time change.

OTHER MEETINGS AND EVENTS

- February 6 Channel One, Channel One Building, 6:00-8:00 p.m.**
- February 8 Rotary Board of Directors' Meeting -**
7:00 -8:00 a.m., The Kahler Grand Hotel, Directors Room
- February 8 Community Food Response -**
1:15-6:45 p.m ., Bethel Lutheran Church - Contact Glen VanLanningham or Phil Karsell
- February 13 Holiday Classic Steering Committee Meeting -** 6:00 p.m. - Berg home
- February 15 Rotary Information Meeting -** 4:30-6:00 p.m. - Custom Alarm Conference Room
- February 20 Rochester Rotary Foundation Meeting -** 4:30 p.m. - Eastwood Bank Northwest
- February 27 Salvation Army Dinner -**
5:45-7:00 p.m. - Salvation Army Building

MEET JANICE FARRIS, 2011-2012 CLUB SECRETARY

I was born in Ephrata, Washington, and lived there until moving to Rochester when I was three (you'll have to guess what year that was!). I remember as a young girl, hanging out at the Rochester State Hospital as my mom volunteered there and it's probably my earliest memory of someone in my family volunteering.



As the fourth child in a family of five kids, growing up in Rochester was fun and interesting – there was always someone at home to play with or bug me. We spent summers riding bikes and two weeks in August in northern Wisconsin, camping and canoeing. At the ripe old age of 14, my parents bought a hobby farm outside of Hammond, MN, and we lived there for four years. Thus began my connection to the river town.

At age 19, I moved to the Minneapolis and started working in the financial planning industry, starting my “career” at IDS. From there, I moved to another financial planning firm where I stayed for nine years, left for one year, and went back for four more years before relocating back to Hammond. In the meantime, I was a Minneapolis Aqua Jester for four years and quit just before having my first child. As an Aqua Jester, I did lots of volunteer work, including spending a day at the Minneapolis Zoo (when it

was pretty new) helping handicap kids on and off the tram. Being a clown gives you a unique perspective on people – some LOVE you, others FEAR you – even adults! Ask me sometime about this, I have a funny story to tell!

In 1999, I returned to my “roots” and moved back to Hammond to live with my now-fiancé, Randy. In 2004, I joined Eastwood Insurance Agency and part of my duties as an officer of the company was to join a service organization. Having worked with former Rotarian, Mike Lee, for several years and hearing his stories about the great programs, it was my chance to ask to join a great group of people! I have enjoyed so much meeting everyone in Rotary and getting to know such wonderful people.

As a recent (16 months and counting) flood survivor, the support and aid I've received personally and as a Council Person for Hammond from Rotary and other organizations is very humbling. I guess you never know how much people care about you until something catastrophic happens and I am even more grateful now for my Rotary friends. I've enjoyed being part of the Board and learning the inner-workings for our Rotary Club. It has given me renewed respect for all of the hard working, dedicated members that we have in our club. I hope to be a Rotarian for a long, long time and look forward to continuing to provide “Service Above Self”! You are all a great example and role model for me!

TEN WAYS TO CELEBRATE ROTARY'S 106TH BIRTHDAY ON FEB. 23

1. Attend the birthday celebration at The Rotary Club of Rochester's February 23, Thursday meeting.
2. Create Rotary greeting cards with key Rotary events, projects, and people on them and give them as gifts.
3. Highlight Rotary Day by displaying a Rotary poster or Rotary emblem in your store or office. Visit www.rotary.org and print a poster from their media center.
4. Promote Rotary's effort to raise funds through text messages for the End Polio Now campaign.
5. Spend Rotary Day volunteering at a local food pantry or soup kitchen.
6. Use the Rotary emblem on promotional items, and distribute them in your community.
7. Host a Rotary Day wine and cheese tasting event. Offer vintages from various Rotary years, and share project highlights from the corresponding year when introducing a new bottle for tasting.
8. Create a special page on your website to celebrate Rotary Day and the history of Rotary in the area. Link to the history section of the RI Web site.
9. Write a letter to the editor or an opinion piece in honor of Rotary Day on reasons to volunteer.
10. Create an e-mail chain (not a fundraiser) sharing Rotary opportunities in your community, including Ambassadorial Scholarships and Rotary Peace Fellowships. .



A COLLECTION OF FACTS AND FIRSTS TO EXPAND YOUR KNOWLEDGE OF ROTARY

Did you know that Rotary founder Paul Harris wasn't the first president of a Rotary club?

That distinction is actually held by Harris's friend Silvester Schiele, who served as the first president of the Rotary Club of Chicago. Harris deferred his club leadership duties until February 1907, when he was elected the third president of the Chicago club.

Club firsts

On 23 February 1905, Paul P. Harris, Gustavus Loehr, Silvester Schiele, and Hiram E. Shorey gathered in Chicago for what would become known as the first Rotary club meeting. A second club was formed in San Francisco in 1908, and soon after, clubs began to pop up across North America. On 1 August 1912, the Rotary Club of London became the first club chartered outside of North America. The Rotary Club of Dublin, Ireland, had been organized earlier, but didn't receive its charter until 1 May 1913.

Presidential firsts

Paul Harris was elected as first president of the National Association of Rotary Clubs (which later became Rotary International) in 1910, and is the only president to have served two terms.

Other firsts

Canadian E. Leslie Pidgeon (1917-18) was the first Rotary president from outside the United States, Sydney W. Pascall (1931-32) was the first from Great Britain, and Maurice Duperrey (1937-38) was the first from continental Europe.

Foundation firsts

In 1929, The Rotary Foundation gave its first gift, US\$500, to the International Society for Crippled Children (later Easter Seals), which was founded in 1921 by Rotarian Edgar F. Allen, of the Rotary Club of Elyria, Ohio, USA.

Paul Harris Fellow recognition was established in 1957 to show appreciation for contributions, and to encourage substantial ones, to what was then the Foundation's only program: Rotary Foundation Fellowships for Advanced Study, the precursor to Ambassadorial Scholarships. Today, the recognition acknowledges individuals who contribute, or who have contributions made in their name, \$1,000 to The Rotary Foundation.

Convention facts

Edinburgh, Scotland, hosted the first convention outside North America in June 1921. Rotary's first convention in Asia was held in Tokyo in 1961. Among the record-setting 23,366 paid and unpaid registrants was the emperor of Japan.

The largest convention to date, based on the number of paid registrants, was the Rotary centennial convention, held in Chicago in 2005.

Remember: our Thursday meeting time has changed

In response to the preference of the majority of member interest survey respondents, the Thursday meeting time of The Rotary Club of Rochester changed beginning Thursday, January 12, 2012. The buffet lunch begins at 11:30 a.m., lunch continues and the business meeting takes place 12:00 to 12:30 p.m., and the program is presented 12:30 to 1:00 p.m. The board of directors hopes this change will allow more members to attend meetings and benefit from our quality programs.



A couple reminders . . . ROTARY ATTENDANCE

Rotary International asks that every Rotarian attend 50% of weekly meetings. To ensure you receive attendance credit, please make sure you sign in at our Thursday meetings and turn in makeup cards from other Rotary meetings. If you are unable to attend on Thursdays, you can attend another club's Rotary meeting or receive credit for other Rotary service you give throughout the month. If you attend a service event, please ask the coordinator to report attendance to the Rotary office, and report individual acts of service yourself. Additional attendance information can be found on our club's Web site: www.rochesterrotaryclubs.org/trcr. Click on Club Member Information at the top and then click on attendance to the left.

2012 ROCHESTER ROTARY CLUB BENEFIT AUCTION

The 6th Biennial Rotary Auction Fundraiser will be held:

Saturday, April 21

6:00 –10:00 p.m.

(The auction replaces our club's Thursday noon meeting on April 19)

Rochester International Event Center
(7333 Airport View Dr.)



Come and join a casual evening of fun which includes:

- Social Hour Cash Bar
- Silent Auction
- Dinner and Brief Rotary Meeting
- Live Auction

We ask members to 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.

Save the date and watch for details on how you can be a part of the evening! This is technically the only "fundraiser" our club does, and it is held every other year. We have been proud to donate proceeds to our own STRIVE Youth Mentorship Program, International Rotary Projects, Polio Plus and more. Plan ahead to come and join the fun!

February Rotary Anniversaries

Lisa Baldus	1 year
John Hodgson	1 year
Karen Nelson	1 year
Michon Rogers	1 year
Tank Sholem	1 year
Josef Chlachula	3 years
James Frye	4 years
Barbara Porter	4 years
Jason Boynton	5 years
Jeff Amundson	6 years
Kay Hocker	6 years
Carla Nelson	7 years
Audrey Betcher	11 years
Nancy Braatas	13 years
Tom Sitzer	12 years
Allie Good	15 years



ROTARY FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM OFFERS MASTER'S IN PEACE STUDIES FOR 2013-2015

Applicants are now being sought for scholarships to earn a two-year, masters-level degree in international studies, and peace and conflict resolution. Rotary International will award 60 such scholarships to six universities worldwide later this year. Nominees will be forwarded from District #5960 to Rotary International through a selection process set to begin immediately. Awards will be for the 2013-15 term.

The Rotary Centers for International Studies in peace and conflict resolution is a major educational priority of The Rotary Foundation. The Foundation has established partnerships with universities in Japan, Sweden, England, Australia, Thailand and North Carolina in the United States. Rotary's goal is to provide educational opportunities to a group of World Peace Fellows in order to advance knowledge and world understanding among future world leaders. The centers will also advance research, teaching publication and knowledge of issues of peace, goodwill and causes of conflict.

Applicants must have earned an undergraduate degree and be proficient in a second language. Please pass this information on to those you think would be interested. Rotarians, spouses, lineal descendants are ineligible to apply. For more information and to print an application, visit the Rotary International Web site at www.rotary.org and click on "Students and Youth, then Rotary Peace Centers" or contact Jingle Mahan at jingle@rotary5960.org.

Applications are due to local Rotary Clubs by April 6, 2012 . Endorsements by local clubs will then be sent to the district level by April 20, 2012. In-person interviews for district finalists will be conducted June 2, 2012 in Minneapolis/St. Paul metro area (candidates must be present to interview in-person) with the nominee's name forwarded to the international office by June 15, 2012. Awards will be announced by Rotary International in Fall 2012.

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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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Links to STRIVE – Rotary US Bank Holiday Classic

District 5960: www.rotary5960.org

Rotary International: rotary.org

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 Golf Day *Rick Lien*
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 Quarry Hill Fall Festival *Barbara Porter*
 Rotary Bell Ringing for Salvation Army *Fred Suhler*
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 Student Guests *Sara Gilliland*
 White Oaks Park *Ashok Patel, Mike Mahrer*