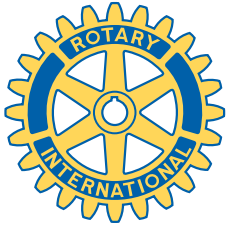


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## VITAL STATISTICS

MEMBERSHIP: 208

DECEMBER ATTENDANCE: 59.67%

AMBASSADORS (Meetings outside of Rochester):  
Rotary Club of Nogales, AZ: **David Colville**;  
Rotary Club of Rio Rico, AZ: **David Colville**

GREATER ROCHESTER ROTARY: **Lynn Clarey,**  
**Walt Menning**

eCLUB: **John Woodruff**

MEMBERS ON LEAVE: **Gilda Banfield, Cris Fischer, Ray Johnson, Sue Johnson, Carla Nelson, Marilyn Stewart**

RESIGNATIONS: **Sandra Bartlett**

NEW MEMBERS: **Michael Brennan**

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

<u>Birthday</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Birthplace</u>
February 1	Armin Budimlic	Bosnia
	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 8	Phet Saysomphou	Laos
February 10	Bob Fontana	St Louis, MN
	Doug Rovang	Eldora, IA
February 12	Karen Ricklefs	Elmore, MN
	Jerry Schliep	Ladysmith, WI
February 13	Richard Brubaker	Macon, GA
February 22	Anne Berberich	Rake, IA
February 23	Diane Ilstrup	Carroll, IA
February 29	Roger Kempers	Puebla, Mexico

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

## WELCOME MICHAEL BRENNAN!



Rotarian Dennis Nigon with new member Michael Brennan, Director, Rochester Catholic Schools.



HAPPY 108<sup>th</sup>  
BIRTHDAY  
ROTARY!  
FEBRUARY 23

# ROTARY NEWS

• Thanks to all who helped with the January meetings:  
 Greeters: **Tom Bruckman, Jeff Allman, John Brandrup, Jerry Downes, Karel Weigel, Tank Sholem, Pamela Meyer**; Cashier: **Janice Domke, Milt Tostrud, Jen Woodford**; Visitors Desk: **Linda Bonow, Dennis Nigon, Bari Amadio, Dan Kelly**; Music: **Maury Hagen, Ann Beatty**; Invocations: **Brian Childs, Bill Wiktor, Mike O'Fallon, Jerry Mahon, Colin Aldis**; Four Way Test: **Joanne Martin, Tank Sholem, Dennis Nigon, Judy O'Fallon**; Introduction of Visitors: **Thomas Moyer, Leigh Johnson, Phil Karsell**; Presenters: Dick Edwards, Sena Ehrhardt, Ken Brown, Joanne Rosener, and Lori Halvorson - Wente

## THURSDAY MEETING CHANGES

Due to increases in recent years to the club for the cost of our Thursday meetings, beginning February 7, Rotarians who eat lunch will pay \$13. In effort to be fair to all concerned, non-eating members will pay \$5. The monies collected over the cost of food will help cover facility charges each week for services, taxes, gratuity, and audio visual.

## February Rotary Anniversaries

John Hodgson	2 years
Karen Nelson	2 years
Michon Rogers	2 years
Tank Sholem	2 years
Josef Chlachula	4 years
James Frye	5 years
Jason Boynton	6 years
Jeff Amundson	7 years
Kay Hocker	7 years
Carla Nelson	8 years
Audrey Betcher	12 years
Tom Sitzer	13 years
Allie Good	16 years



## FEBRUARY ROTARY CALENDAR

- February 7** **Kahler Hotel - Heritage Hall** - 11:30 am - 1 pm, "A Behind the Scenes Look at Crafting the Nightly Local News," Betsy Singer & David Springer.
- February 14** **Kahler Hotel - Heritage Hall** - 11:30 am - 1:00 pm, ""The Complete History of the World and Why Comic Books Forged Civilization- in 30 minutes," Bill Willingham.
- February 21** **Kahler Hotel - Heritage Hall** - 11:30 am -1:00 pm, ""Mission 21," Kimberly Schletty.
- February 28** **Kahler Hotel - Windsor Hall** - "Leadership Greater Rochester: Kitchen & Community Room at Channel One," Speaker TBD.

## OTHER MEETINGS AND EVENTS

- February 4** **Channel One Service**, Channel One Building, 6:00-8:00 p.m.
- February 11** **Salvation Army Dinner Service**, 5:45-7:00 p.m.; Salvation Army Building
- February 12** **STRIVE, John Marshall High School**, 8:10 a.m. - 9:10 a.m.
- February 13** **Board of Directors Meeting** - 7:00-8:00 a.m., Kahler Grand Hotel
- February 13** **STRIVE, Mayo High School**, 8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.
- February 13** **Community Food Response**, 1:15-6:45 p.m., Bethel Lutheran Church
- February 14** **STRIVE, Century High School**, 8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.
- February 25** **Salvation Army Dinner Service**, 5:45-7:00 p.m., Salvation Army Building
- February 27** **Rotary Information Meeting**, 12:00-1:30 p.m., Kahler Directors' Room
- Feb 28-Mar 2** **North Central Presidents-Elect Training**, Des Moines, IA

## The Rotary Club of Rochester 2012-13 Club Progress to Goals

CATEGORY	2012-13 GOALS	As of January 2013
<b>Membership</b> <i>(Began Rotary year with 215)</i>	240	208
<b>Rotary Foundation - Annual Program Fund</b>	\$12,000	\$6,482.45 (54% of goal)
<b>Every Rotarian Every Year (EREY)</b>	100%	20.38%
<b>Polio Plus</b> <i>(from Auction proceeds and individual contributions)</i>	\$2,500	\$2,800
<b>District 5960 Fast for Hope Project</b> <i>(from Auction proceeds)</i>	\$1,000	\$1,000

### THE ROTARY CLUB OF ROCHESTER HAS A FACEBOOK PAGE!



A visit, then a letter, then a phone call, then an email, and now a post – it is the evolution of how we “check up” on one another. The Rotary Club of Rochester has recently created a Facebook page as a means of communication with our members. If you are a Facebook user, please visit our page and “like” us. There is a link on our website under “What’s New” and on the shared Rochester Rotary main page under “Related Links.”

As an organization, rather than an individual, it would be helpful to have a group of members maintain our page. If you are interested, please contact Elizabeth at the Rotary Office or Rotarian Brian Welke.

### ROTARY SERVICE AT THE ROCHESTER PUBLIC LIBRARY

Do you like to read? If so, you might consider providing Rotary Community Service with a visit to the Rochester Library. Library staff appreciates the extra set of “eyes.” By having extra adults present, behavioral issues have been kept to a minimum. Any issues that may arise are not for the Rotarian to handle, but the Rotarian notifies a Library staff member who will take care of the situation. You may also help people with self-checkouts. The “How to Do” is quickly taught by a Library staff member. Volunteers are requested every Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 6pm – 9pm, September to June. If you are interested in this service, please sign up online at [www.rochesterrotaryclubs.org/trcr](http://www.rochesterrotaryclubs.org/trcr) or contact Mary Jo Kelly.

### 2013 ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

This year the Rotary International Convention is in Lisbon, Portugal. What an opportunity to travel to Europe, meet your International Rotary friends and become inspired by amazing speakers.



The time is now to register. There are already several people in the District registered and this will be great fun. The dates are June 23-26, 2013, and you can visit the Web site at [www.riconvention.org](http://www.riconvention.org). While at the Web site, check out the **Plan Your Visit** page for helpful hints on getting to and staying in Lisbon. You must be registered through “member access” at [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org) to register for the convention.

Hope to have a great gathering of District 5960 Rotarians to celebrate our Rotary successes.



### FEBRUARY IS WORLD UNDERSTANDING MONTH

In a message to the 1928 Pacific Rotary Conference in Tokyo, Japan, Rotary’s Founder, Paul Harris said, “The best antidote for international fear is international understanding; the best way to cultivate international understanding is through business and social intercourse.”

# WHAT DOES ROTARY MEAN TO ME?

*Written by Rotarian James Sloan*

I came to town as an IBMer. My wife and I were raising kids and I was working lots of hours. I didn't think I'd have much time for anything like Rotary and really didn't know what it was.

When I retired, I started a business and was still working lots of hours. Still not much time for anything like Rotary or so I thought. Then the business got going and I had some extra time.

My wife and I sing for Retirement Homes and other groups. One time we got invited to sing for a Kiwanis group. It looked like a good group, but I hardly knew anyone there. Still, I thought that would be a good thing for me to get involved in one day.

When my business started making money, we were donating to places like the Ronald McDonald House...[Rotarians involved with RMH]...invited me to a Rotary meeting. I recognized several people I knew and several I recognized and had great respect for. I thought this looks like a better place. Well, it has turned out to be a very good thing for me.

I am still working at my business, but not as hard. It's good for me to get out of the house and away from the computer screen. I've been a Rotarian for 7 years. I've listened to a lot of presentations and learned a lot more about my community and the world. I like that aspect.

But the thing I enjoy the most are the members. Not only are they good people, but they are the kind of people that get involved in the community. When we go to events around town, we see Rotary people. We see them as Board Members, volunteers, on the list of donators, or just attending an event.

When I was with IBM, I worked with a lot of smart and dedicated people. I still know a lot of them, but I don't see many of them getting involved with the community. We don't see them at community events as much as we see Rotary people. My wife says I seem to know everyone in town, but that is mostly because we see Rotary people when we go out.

Why is that? What is it about Rotary that attracts people that want to serve their community and get involved?

I try to volunteer a couple of times a month for Rotary. This month I was at Channel One. There were 15 or 20 of us including a few spouses and a grandson. We worked hard for two hours. There is no specific benefit such as the thank you get while serving dinner at Salvation Army from the people coming through the line. At Channel One, you just work hard for 2 hours. Why would a bunch of people put themselves out like that?

membership  
moment

What is it that makes Rotarians want to do that? I think a lot of has to do with comradeship. It's fun to work with people you know and get to know them better.

I also think that many Rotarians have led successful lives and they want to give back. I certainly realize that much of my success has to do with my parents and the start they gave me in life. But much of what I am now is how I have been influenced by those around me. I see role models whether or not I consider them as such. In many ways, your friends and associates play a very important part in the making of who you are.

I like the international aspect of Rotary. I'm proud to read the Rotary magazine and see what work is going on in the world to help others lead a decent life. It's a constant reminder of how lucky we are.

How about 'service above self'? I'm not a big believer in that motto. I really don't know anyone that spends their life placing service above themselves. I still spend most of my life working, satisfying myself and family, and trying to follow various Doctor's and Dentist's orders about how to maintain myself. If I really believed in 'service above self', I probably couldn't afford to be a member, much less take the time to go to meetings.

The motto is a good goal and helps us keep our eye on a good thing. When I worked for IBM, the motto was 'Excellence', but too often funding and schedules got in the way. It's tough to live up to any good motto.

And so what do I really like about Rotary? I think it makes me a better person. It enriches my life with friends, knowledge of what's going on around me, a sense of community, and I feel good about the volunteering and the places we financially support. I hope to be here quite awhile.

ROTARY eCLUB ONE  
[www.rotaryclubone.org/](http://www.rotaryclubone.org/)



# 'ENGAGE ROTARY, CHANGE LIVES' IS 2013-14 RI THEME

By Daniela Garcia, Rotary News, January 14, 2013

RI President-elect Ron Burton will ask Rotarians to *Engage Rotary, Change Lives* in 2013-14.

He unveiled the RI theme during the opening plenary session of the 2013 International Assembly in San Diego, California, USA, the annual training event for incoming district governors.

"If we really want to take Rotary service forward, then we must make sure that every single Rotarian has the same feeling about Rotary that each one of us here has today," Burton said. "We need to make sure that every Rotarian has a meaningful role to play, that they're all making a contribution, and that their contribution is valued."

Burton said the July launch of The Rotary Foundation's new grant model, Future Vision, makes it an exciting time to be a Rotarian. He said the new grant model, which has been used by about 100 pilot districts since 2010, represents a new era for the Foundation, and will help Rotarians get excited about Rotary's ability to change lives.

"It takes everything that is wonderful about Rotary and raises it to a new level — by encouraging bigger, more sustainable projects while providing increased flexibility for local projects, both of which address the needs of the community being served," he said.

Burton asked the incoming district governors to take the lead in helping their clubs through the transition, with the assistance of their district Rotary Foundation chairs, who also attended the assembly this year. The training sessions are focusing heavily on equipping these leaders to go back to their districts as experts on the new grant model.

Before the assembly, Burton asked each of the incoming governors to make a donation in their name to The Rotary Foundation in order to demonstrate leadership by example. At the assembly, he announced that all 537 governors-elect had complied; along with donations from all RI Board members and Foundation Trustees, the contributions totaled US\$675,412.

"Now, I have to believe that some of this is money that The Rotary Foundation probably would not have received had I not asked. And I think that this is an important lesson" he said. "If you want somebody else to do something, you can just sit around and wait for them to get the idea, or you can ask."

Burton applied that lesson also to membership development, which he insisted is the responsibility of every Rotarian. He told the audience that although he had been an active member of the Key Club, a youth program of Kiwanis International, he went on to join Rotary simply because the Rotary Club of Norman, Oklahoma, invited him to.

"You have to ask," he said.

But Burton emphasized that the job doesn't end when a new member joins: "It's not done until that new member is engaged in Rotary, inspired by Rotary, and uses the power of Rotary service to change lives."



## The First Four Rotarians



On February 23, 1905, Paul P. Harris, Gustavus Loehr, Silvester Schiele, and Hiram E. Shorey gathered in Loehr's office for what would become known as the first Rotary club meeting.

Harris's desire for camaraderie among business associates brought together these four men and eventually led to an international organization of service and fellowship.

Rotary's founder, Harris, was born in Wisconsin on April 19, 1868. He was Rotary president from 1910 to 1912 and a member of the Rotary Club of Chicago until his death on January 27, 1947.

Loehr, a mining engineer, was born on October 18, 1864, in Carlinville, Illinois. Shorey served as recording secretary during the club's first year. He was born in Maine in August 1862. Schiele, a coal dealer, served as the Chicago club's first president in 1905 and Rotary International's third treasurer in 1945.

## A MESSAGE FROM RI PRESIDENT SAKUJI TANAKA

“Dear fellow Rotarians,

In December, I spoke at the first of the three Rotary Global Peace Forums we have planned for this Rotary year. This first event, with the theme “Peace Without Borders,” was held in Berlin, the home of the Berlin Peace Clock. The clock, intended as a piece of art, is 3 meters high and weighs over 2 tons. On its side are inscribed the words, *Time bursts all walls asunder*.

The clock was unveiled on 9 November 1989. That was the day the Berlin Wall fell. It was a wonderful coincidence that the moment the hands on the clock began to move, the orders were given to open the border to West Berlin. The words written on the side of the clock had come true.

In Rotary, we do not divide our work by nation, culture, or language. It does not matter what is printed in your passport. What matters is that you believe in Service Above Self. But even in Rotary, it is easy to think in terms of countries or communities. This project may help someone in my own community, or that project may help someone from Germany, or Kenya, or South Africa. Sometimes we think of different types of borders. This project, we think, helps the young. This helps the elderly. This helps people who are hungry, poor, or sick, or who have disabilities.

The truth is that Service Above Self does not know such borders. When we serve, the impact is not limited

to our community, or the community we are helping. We are not only helping the young, or the elderly, or this school, or that orphanage. When we serve, we are helping all of humanity. The effects of what we do go on and on.

When we put Service Above Self, we are making a choice. We are choosing to put other people’s needs ahead of our own desires. We are saying, “Your problems are my problems, and I care enough to help you.”

Rotary brings peace by addressing the needs that cause conflict: the need for clean water, for nutrition, sanitation, and health care. When these needs are met, there is opportunity. And there is hope. Hope has no borders. It is the garden from which peace can grow.

*Peace Through Service* brings out the best in us. It makes us aware of the borders we set up around ourselves – and it helps us tear them down.”



## Rotary 5960 District Conference

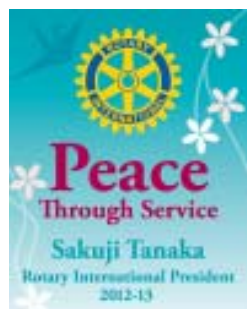
April 18-20, 2013

Holiday Inn East, St. Paul

Visit [www.rotary5960.org](http://www.rotary5960.org)

Click on [What’s New?](#)

Registration deadline is April 11



Holiday Inn East \$99/night  
Jingle’s Retirement Party \$10  
Friday Lunch \$30  
Friday Dinner/Social \$50  
Saturday Breakfast \$15  
Feed My Starving Children \$5  
Saturday Youth Exchange Buffet \$30

### Thursday, April 18

Grant Management Seminar  
Jingle Mahan Retirement Party

### Friday, April 19

District Assembly - training for 2013-14 officers  
Annual Business Meeting  
Opportunity Cafe  
Breakout Sessions  
Lunch Keynote - Lynn Casey, CEO, Padilla, Speer, Beardsley  
Dinner Keynote - RI PDG Christine Etienne “Working for Peace Through Service”  
Rotarian Ron Reynolds Sings Frank Sinatra

### Saturday, April 20

Service - Feed My Starving Children  
Country Fair with Youth Exchange students  
Youth Exchange Buffet Luncheon - Marilyn Fitzgerald, PhD.

