

"A Local Service Club with a Global Impact - Offering Leadership and Support to our Community and Beyond"



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VITAL STATISTICS

MEMBERSHIP: 194

NOVEMBER ATTENDANCE: 45.0%

AMBASSADORS: Rotary Club of East Nassau: **Bari Amadio**; Rotary Club of Kaulia- Kona: **Diane Ilstrup**

ROCHESTER ROTARY RISERS: none

GREATER ROCHESTER ROTARY: **Joel Haak, John Woodruff**

ROTARY eCLUB ONE: none

MEMBERS ON LEAVE: none

RESIGNATIONS: **Betty Hutchins, David Westgard, Roy Yawn**

NEW MEMBERS: **Bryan Bachman, Bill Hendee, Tom Truszinski**

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

<u>Birthday</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Birthplace</u>
February 1	Armin Budimlic	Bosnia
	Joe Messick	Wilmington, DE
February 3	Wendy Shannon	Grand Rapids, MN
	Milt Tostrud	Albert Lea, MN
February 6	Danae Gaio	Rochester, MN
February 10	Bob Fontana	St Louis, MN
	Christopher Ness	Litchfield, MN
	Doug Rovang	Eldora, IA
February 12	Karen Ricklefs	Elmore, MN
	Jerry Schliep	Ladysmith, WI
February 13	Richard Brubaker	Macon, GA
February 23	Diane Ilstrup	Carroll, IA
February 29	Roger Kempers	Puebla, Mexico

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

FEBRUARY IS ROTARY WORLD UNDERSTANDING MONTH

"Rotary believes that the citizen who best serves his country is the one who wishes to know the truth about his neighbors, and who desires to replace hatred between nations with friendship."
- RI President George C. Hager, 1938-39



After a holiday hiatus, Wine Down Wednesday will be "wine-ing" up starting in February. A few changes are in store

for this year. Instead of the last Wednesday of the month, WDW will be the fourth Wednesday of the month. And, in response to several requests, WDW will not rotate to a different venue each month. Each quarter, a venue will be selected so over the course of the year, we'll be at four different locations. There will be two WDWs in first quarter: February 25 and March 25 at 5:00 p.m. They will be held at Half Barrel (formerly Bilotti's). Come for the wine; stay for the fellowship! We hope to see you there!

SUMBMITTED BY JOANNE ROSENER, 29-JAN-2015

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE AT CHANNEL ONE



The first Monday of each month, 6:00-8:00 p.m., Rotary Club of Rochester volunteers meet at Channel One to sort and shelve the donations.

Channel One is located at 131 35th Street SE. Contact Mike O'Fallon if you'd like volunteer.



FEBRUARY CALENDAR

Weekly Meetings

- February 5** "Children's Museum Rochester" presented by Dawn Devine, 11:30 a.m.–1:00 p.m.
Holiday Inn Plaza Banquet Room
- February 12** "Beer Making in a Nutshell" presented by Ann Fahy-Gust and a Vocational Talk presented by Mark Neville; 11:30 a.m.–1:00 p.m.
Holiday Inn Plaza Banquet Room
- February 19** "Southeastern Minnesota SCORE" presented by Don Borcharding 11:30 a.m.–1:00 p.m.
Holiday Inn Plaza Banquet Room
- February 26** Program TBD, 11:30 a.m.–1:00 p.m.
Holiday Inn Plaza Banquet Room

February Rotary Anniversaries

Martha Cashman	1 year
Dave Piegras	2 years
Hugh Smith	2 years
Tank Sholem	4 years +
Josef Chlachula	6 years
James Frye	7 years
Jeff Amundson	9 years
Kay Hocker	9 years
Carla Nelson	10 years
Audrey Betcher	14 years
Tom Sitzer	15 years +
Allie Good	18 years



KWIK TRIP SCRIP CARDS



The Kwik Trip Scrip Gift Card Program allows The Rotary Club of Rochester to keep 10% of the face value of each card. Scrip cards are available for purchase at the weekly Club meetings.

Other Meetings & Events

- February 2** **Channel One Service**, Channel One Building (131 35 St SE), 6-8 p.m.
- February 9** **Salvation Army Dinner Service**, Salvation Army Bldg, 5:30-7 p.m.
- February 10** **STRIVE at John Marshall**, Rocket Center, 8:10-9:10 a.m.
- February 10** **Rotary Community Grants Committee Meeting**, Aspen Suites Conference Room (1211 2nd St SW), 11 a.m.
- February 11** **Rotary Club of Rochester Board Meeting**, OMC Foundation Offices, 7 a.m.
- February 11** **SE-MN World Community Service Committee Meeting**, Nietz & Eversman (2212 2nd St SW), 7 a.m.
- February 11** **STRIVE at Mayo HS**, Spartan Room 2-254, 8:30-9:30 a.m.
- February 11** **Community Food Response Service**, Bethel Lutheran, 1:15-6:45 p.m.
- February 11** **Holiday Classic Steering Committee meeting**, Bill Nietz home, 6 p.m.
- February 12** **STRIVE at Century**, The Forum, 8:30-9:30 a.m.
- February 18** **Rotary Information Meeting**, Custom Alarm Conference Room (1661 Greeview Dr SW) 4:30-6 p.m.
- February 25** **Wine Down Wednesday**, Half Barrel (formerly Bilotti's) 5 p.m.

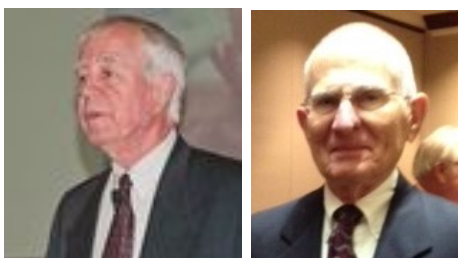
Thanks to all who helped with the January meetings:

Greeters: **Mark Ostrem, Colin Aldis, Kelly Engler, Jim Frye, Mike O'Fallon**, Cashier: **Sue M. Johnson, Dana Funk, Janice Domke, Jen Woodford**, Sergeant-at-Arms: **John Woodruff**, Visitors Desk: **Bari Amadio, Samantha Rother, Dan O'Neil, Kathy Lessard**, Invocations: **Samatha Rother, Bill Wiktor, Joel Haak**, Four Way Test: **Mark Neville, Audrey Betcher, Steve Sponsel, Ashok Patel**, Introduction of Visitors: **Rick Lien, Leigh Johnson, Jim Sloan, Phil Karsell**, Presenters: **Bill Rapp, Abdul Bengali, Ellen Case, Arne Graff, Leigh Johnson**

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!



Proposer David Harbert with new Rotarian Tom Truszinski



New Rotarian Bill Hendee, proposed by Chuck Steidinger



District Governor Karel Weigel with new Rotarian Bryan Bachman and proposer Heather Holmes

ROTARY DISTRICT 5960 FAST FOR HOPE MONTH

Taken from <http://rotary5960.org/showDoc.cfm?pMenuTop=60&pObject=52>

"The Fast for Hope Initiative is based on the belief that while [p]roject based funding is critical to address immediate needs in developing parts of the world, a new model needs to be created in order to more effectively address the problem of systemic poverty in the world. This new model is based on a belief that the local community knows best what they need and that the community must take ownership of any solution in order for it to be successful. Finally instead of doing a [p]roject in multiple communities, this is intended to be a multifaceted effort simultaneously addressing the myriad of needs that are interconnected and which cause the residents of one or two particular communities to live in extreme poverty....

If you want to learn more about the philosophy behind this initiative, you may find some of the books below of interest:

[The End of Poverty](#) by Jeffrey Sachs

[The Blue Sweater](#) by Jacqueline Novogratz

[Three Cups of Tea](#) by Greg Mortenson

[A Country under My Skin](#) by Gioconda Belli

[Bridging the Class Divide](#) by Linda Stout

[Outliers](#) by Malcolm Gladwell

[Stones into Schools](#) by Greg Mortenson

[Collective Visioning](#) by Linda Stout

[Poor Economics](#) by Abhijit Banerjee

[Blood of Brothers](#) by Stephen Kinzer

[Culture Matter: How Values Shape Human Progress](#) by Lawrence E. Harrison

[If I Had A Water Buffalo](#) by Marilyn Fitzgerald



INVITATION TO ATTEND THE GATEWAY SCIENCE FAIR

SUBMITTED BY DEE VOLDAL, GATEWAY SCIENCE FAIR PLANNING TEAM, 29-JAN-2015

Thank you so much for the Rotary Clubs of Rochester's support of the GATEway Science Fair. We would like to extend an invitation to members of Rochester Rotary Risers, Greater Rochester Rotary and The Rotary Club of Rochester to attend the Science Fair on Saturday, February 21st, 2015. The Fair will be in the Landow Atrium in the Mayo Clinic's Gonda Building. Projects will be on display from 1:30 to 4:30 pm. In addition, the Science Museum of Minnesota will have presentations at 1:30 and 3:00 pm. At this time, we are pleased to report we have over 230 students enrolled.

When you come, parking is free in the Damon Ramp (3rd Ave. SW). You will need to pull a ticket to enter but there will be no charge at the exit. Take the elevator to the subway level to enter the Science Fair. Please note that during most of the afternoon the street level Gonda Building doors will be locked so the Damon subway will be the only reliable entrance.

Please stop at the door greeter's table to check in and allow the greeter to page a member of our team so they can escort you around the fair. We would love to see you at the Science Fair and show you what your financial support means to this community!



SAVE THE DATES FOR THE ROTARY DISTRICT 5960 CONFERENCE

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APRIL 30
- MAY 2
THE KAHLER GRAND HOTEL
ROCHESTER, MINNESOTA

EXPLORE THE ROAD TO ROTARY OPPORTUNITIES
ROTARY DISTRICT 5960 | 2014-2015 DISTRICT CONFERENCE

TOP 10 REASONS TO GIVE SERVICE

TAKEN IN PART FROM <https://students.ucsd.edu/student-life/involvement/community/reasons.html>

#10: It's good for you.

Volunteering provides physical and mental rewards. It:

- Reduces stress: Experts report that when you focus on someone other than yourself, it interrupts usual tension-producing patterns.
- Makes you healthier: Moods and emotions, like optimism, joy, and control over one's fate, strengthen the immune system.

#9: It saves resources.

Volunteering provides valuable community services so more money can be spent on local improvements. The estimated value of a volunteer's time is \$15.39 per hour.

#8: Volunteers gain professional experience.

You can test out a career.

#7: It brings people together.

As a volunteer you assist in:

- Uniting people from diverse backgrounds to work toward a common goal
- Building camaraderie and teamwork

#6: It promotes personal growth and self esteem.

Understanding community needs helps foster empathy and self-efficacy.

#5: Volunteering strengthens your community.

As a volunteer you help:

- Support families (daycare and eldercare)
- Improve schools (tutoring, literacy)
- Support youth (mentoring and after-school programs)
- Beautify the community (beach and park cleanups)

#4: You learn a lot.

Volunteers learn things like these:

- Self: Volunteers discover hidden talents that may change your view on your self worth.
- Government: Through working with local non-profit agencies, volunteers learn about the functions and operation of our government.
- Community: Volunteers gain knowledge of local resources available to solve community needs.

#3: You get a chance to give back.

People like to support community resources that they use themselves or that benefit people they care about.

#2: Volunteering encourages civic responsibility.

Community service and volunteerism are an investment in our community and the people who live in it.

#1: You make a difference.

Every person counts!



“LIKE” THE ROTARY CLUB OF ROCHESTER

PRESIDENT-ELECT URGES ROTARY MEMBERS TO 'BE A GIFT TO THE WORLD'

BY RYAN HYLAND, ROTARY NEWS, 18-JAN-2015

Rotary International President-elect K.R. "Ravi" Ravindran announces his presidential theme 'Be a Gift to the World.'

Using their talents, expertise, and leadership, Rotary members worldwide are asked to be gifts to the world this upcoming 2015-16 Rotary year.

Rotary International President-elect K.R. "Ravi" Ravindran called Sunday's address to incoming district governors the "most significant moment of my life."

"All of you have been given so many gifts. And you have now been given this great gift: one year to take all your talents, all your gifts, everything that you are and can become -- and Be a Gift to the World," said Ravindran, revealing his presidential theme at the annual five-day training meeting in San Diego, California, USA. "You have one year to take that potential and turn it into reality. One year to lead the clubs in your district and transform the lives of others. The time is so short, yet there is so much to be done."

Highlighting Rotary's biggest challenge, the eradication of polio, Ravindran said, "A future without polio is a gift that we have promised to the children of the world. And indeed it is a gift that we will give."

Ravindran, a member of the Rotary Club of Colombo, Sri Lanka, used Rotary's successes in the fight to eradicate the disease as an illustration of the impact Rotary members can have in the world. When Rotary set a goal of eradicating polio 25 years ago, it was endemic in 125 countries, and more than 1,000 children were becoming paralyzed each day. Today, polio remains endemic in just three countries, Afghanistan, Nigeria,

and Pakistan. And in all of 2014, only 333 cases were reported. "We will battle on. We will prevail," he said.

Ravindran discussed some of Rotary's other challenges, including membership.

"We have to find a way to bring back the fundamentals that built our organization: the emphasis on high ethical standards in all aspects of our lives, and the classification system that encourages a diversity of expertise in each club," he said. "Too often these ideas are viewed as little more than inconvenient obstacles to increasing our membership. But they have been essential to Rotary's success, and we ignore them at our own peril."

Ravindran told attendees that the focus on branding is essential to helping Rotary grow. "We need to reposition our image, which we recognize has faded in many parts of the world," he said.

Rotary also needs to continue to raise funds for The Rotary Foundation, attract new members, and encourage greater participation from current members, he added.

"There are no easy answers to any of these questions. And yet the answers must somehow be found. We are the ones who must find them," said Ravindran.

The president-elect closed his speech emphasizing that now is the time to make real change.

"You have one year to build monuments that will endure forever, not carved in granite or marble, but in the lives and hearts of generations. This is our time. It will not come again. Let us grasp it," he said.



The Rotary Club of Rochester 2014-15 Club Progress to Goals		
CATEGORY	2014-15 GOALS	As of February 1, 2015
Membership <i>(Began Rotary year with 203)</i>	205	194
Rotary International Foundation Annual Program Fund	\$10,000	\$14,747 (147% of goal)
Every Rotarian Every Year (EREY)	100%	14%
Polio Plus <i>(from Auction proceeds)</i>	\$2,500	\$2,750 (125% of goal)
District 5960 Fast for Hope Project <i>(from Auction proceeds)</i>	\$1,000	\$0 (0% of goal)

ROTARY OFFERS 2016-17 GLOBAL GRANT FELLOWSHIP FOR INTERNATIONAL GRADUATE-LEVEL STUDIES

KATHY HUGHITT, DISTRICT 5960 OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR

Applicants are now being sought for the new global grant fellowship from Rotary District 5960. Worth \$30,000 annually, this exclusive scholarship will help fund a graduate-level student from southeastern Minnesota, the St. Paul area, or western Wisconsin to pursue educational and service dreams generating impact in the areas of Rotary's new future vision focus: Peace and conflict prevention/resolution, Disease prevention, and treatment, Water and sanitation, Maternal and child health, Basic education and literacy, and Economic and community development.



Applications are now available at www.rotary5960.org (click on Foundation tab). Qualified candidates must submit completed application for review and support by their local Rotary Club by March 20, 2015. Submit application to "Rochester Rotary, P.O. Box 7566, Rochester, MN 55903-7566". Call 507-252-0085 for questions.

Candidates supported by their local Rotary Club need to submit their final application via email to Ed Jones by April 24, 2015. Interviews for district finalists will be conducted on May 9, 2015 in the Twin Cities. Fellowship recipient will

then be able to study at an international university starting fall 2016. For more information about eligibility, visit www.rotary5960.org (click on Foundation tab), or email romnrotary@charter.net.



Why attend?

The annual Rotary International Convention offers you the perfect opportunity to connect with leaders from around the world and celebrate your shared passion for taking action in communities at home and abroad.

You'll hear from some of the world's leading experts on topics such as water, polio, and social media. Through workshops and breakout sessions, you'll develop leadership skills and share your recreational, professional, and humanitarian interests. As you browse the project booths in the House of Friendship, you'll discover new ideas for service, and perhaps a new partner for creating change.

[São Paulo is an ideal destination](#) for an unforgettable vacation. Whether you're interested in gourmet food, music, shopping, or soccer, you'll find all this and more in Brazil's largest city.

Important deadlines

- [Start your online registration now](#); you will be prompted to sign-in to Rotary.org
- **31 March 2015:** Preregistration discount ends
- **30 April 2015:** Registration/ticket cancellation deadline
- **9 June 2015:** Online registration ends

Announced and approved by the membership of The Rotary Club of Rochester, congratulations to our **2015-16 Board of Directors:**

President Elect Nominee: Janice Domke
Treasurer: Josef Chlachula
Secretary: Lois Nietz
Club Service II: Heather Holmes
International Service: Alison Good
Vocational Service: Larry Koshire

Continuing their terms on the Board in 2015-16:

Past President: Paul Tieskoetter
President: Bill Wiktor
President-elect: Stacey Vanden Heuvel
Club Service I: Colin Aldis
Club Service III: Kathy Lessard
Community Service: Bari Amadio

Your 2015-16 Rotary Club of Rochester Foundation Board of Directors:

Mark Noble (new board member)	Danae Ostern
Josef Chlachula	Phil Karsell
Maurice Reiner	Lorie Luedke
Paul Tieskoetter	Bill Nietz
Stacey Vanden Heuvel	Denny Nigon
Bill Wiktor	

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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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PRESIDENT: Paul Tieskoetter
PRESIDENT-ELECT: Bill Wiktor
PRESIDENT NOMINEE: Stacey Vanden Heuvel
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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: www.rotary.org

ROTARY COMMITTEES

CLUB SERVICE I

Colin Aldis, Director

Greeters..... *Colin Aldis*
 Membership Development..... *Bill Wiktor*
 Rotary Information Officer *Leigh J. Johnson*
 Visitors Desk *Kathy Lessard*
 Sergeant-at-Arms..... *John Woodruff*
 Mentors *Milt Tostrud*

CLUB SERVICE II

Brian Welke, Director

Club Bulletin *Elizabeth Karsell, Lorie Luedke*
 Club Web Site & Social Networking *Heather Holmes, Elizabeth Karsell, Brian Welke*
 Invocations *Bill Wiktor*
 Programs *David Harbert, Leigh Johnson*
 Public Relations *Stacey Vanden Huevel*
 Four-Way Test *Steve Sponsel*

CLUB SERVICE III

Kathy Lessard, Director

Biennial Auction *Heather Holmes, Brian Welke*
 Golf Day *Fred Suhler*
 Music *Ann Beaty*
 Social Events

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

Steve Courts, Director

Rotary Scholarships *Steve Courts*
 Group Study Exchange Team *Steve Courts*
 Rotary International Foundation *Vicki Allen*
 Youth Exchange *Cris Fischer*
 Rotary Gift of Life *Betty Devine*
 World Community Service *Judith O’Fallon*

VOCATIONAL SERVICE

Fred Suhler, Director

Camp RYLA *Dana Funk, Diane Ilstrup*
 Rotary Literacy Coordinator
 Rotation Day *Danae Gaio*
 STRIVE *Mark Dripps, Diane Ilstrup*
 Vocational Talks *Alison Good*
 Youth Protection Officer

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Bari Amadio, Director

Channel One..... *Mike O’Fallon*
 Community Food Response *Kelly Engler, Phil Karsell*
 Quarry Hill Fall Festival *Steve Sponsel*
 Rotary Bell Ringing - Salvation Army *Mark Neville, Fred Suhler*
 Rotary US Bank Holiday Classic *Michael Brennan, Lynn Clarey, Janice Domke, Elizabeth Karsell, Lorie Luedke, Bill Nietz, Laurel Schacht, Steve Stenhaus, Lorrie Swancutt, Jen Woodford*
 Salvation Army Dinners *Heather Holmes Sue F. Johnson*
 Service Above Self Awards

Student Guests *Sue M. Johnson*
 White Oaks Park *Ashok Patel, Mike Mahrer*