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VITAL STATISTICS

MEMBERSHIP: 183

DECEMBER ATTENDANCE: 75%

ROCHESTER ROTARY RISERS: none reported

GREATER ROCHESTER ROTARY: none reported

AMBASSADORS: Rotary Club of Paris: **Bari Amadio**

ROTARY eCLUB ONE: **Borge M. Christensen**

NEW MEMBERS: **April Dahl, Jim Gross, Matt Morehead**

MEMBERS ON LEAVE: **Robert Olson, Dennis Nigon**

RESIGNATIONS: **Brian Childs**

ROCHESTER ROTARY RISERS' MY BOOK DAY

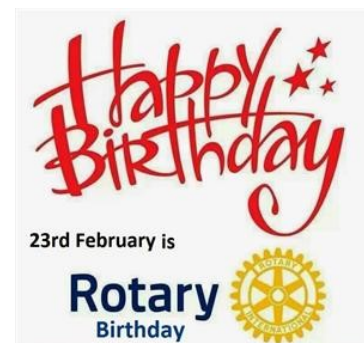
May 6, 2016 marks the third annual My Book Day literacy event. More than 500 first-graders will receive a hardcover book thanks to the collaboration of the Rochester Rotary Risers, Rochester School District and the Rochester Public Library. Many of you have volunteered in years past. If you would be interested in participating as either a Celebrity Reader or a General Volunteer please contact Tom Fleming (tfleming@rochesterrestaurantsupply.com) or Joanne Rosener (joanne.rosener@gmail.com) to get on the list. The event is on May 6th. There will be two hour shifts from starting at approximately 9:30 am and finishing around 1:30 pm. The event will be held at the Rochester Public Library. Details about shifts will be available in March.



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	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

CELEBRATE ROTARY'S BIRTHDAY IN FEBRUARY



Rotary's birthday is February 23, and The Rotary Club of Rochester will celebrate at our February 18 meeting. Members are encouraged to celebrate by wearing Rotary logo apparel. If you don't yet own any, you can [purchase items online](#).

FEBRUARY CALENDAR

Weekly Meetings

- February 4** "Major Taylor, The Greatest Legend America Ever Forgot" presented by Terry Kerber, 11:30 am -1 pm, McDonnell Suite, **Mayo Civic Center**
- February 11** Senior Tsunami" presented by April Sutor, 11:30 am -1 pm, Legion Suite, **Mayo Civic Center**
- February 18** "The Rotary Club of Rochester 90th Birthday Celebration" presented by President Bill Wiktor and other club leadership, 11:30 am -1 pm, River-view Suites C&D, **Mayo Civic Center**
- February 25** "Rochester Public Library" presented by Audrey Betcher, 11:30 am -1 pm,

Other Meetings & Events

- February 1** **Channel One Service**, Channel One Building (131 35 St SE), 6-8 pm
- February 2** **Rotary Club of Rochester Board**, OMC SE Clinic Conference Room 4-2 (210 9th St. SE), 7 am
- February 8** **Salvation Army Dinner Service**, Salvation Army Building, 5:30-7 pm
- February 10** **Southeast World Community Service Meeting**, Edina Realty Conference Room (1301 Salem Rd SW) 7 am
- February 10** **Community Food Response**, Bethel Lutheran Church (810 3rd Ave SE), 1:15-6:45 pm
- February 11** **Around the World Benefit Committee Meeting**, MCC Legion Suite, 10:45 – 11:30 am
- February 17** **Rotary Information Meeting**, Aspen Suites Conf. Room, 12-1:30 pm
- February 24** **Wine Down Wednesday**, Forager Brewing Company (1005 6th St NW), 4 pm

February Rotary Anniversaries

Dave Piepgras	3 years
Hugh Smith	3 years
Tank Sholem	5 years +
Josef Chlachula	7 years
James Frye	8 years
Jeff Amundson	10 years
Kay Hocker	10 years
Carla Nelson	11 years
Audrey Betcher	15 years
Tom Sitzer	16 years +
Allie Good	19 years



FUEL YOUR CAR AND RAISE FUNDS FOR THE ROTARY CLUB OF ROCHESTER FOUNDATION

The Kwik Trip Scrip Gift Card Program allows The Rotary Club of Rochester Foundation to keep 5% of the face value of each card on fuel purchases and 10% on other purchases. Scrip cards are available for purchase at the weekly club meetings.



Thanks to all who helped with the January meetings:

Thanks to all who helped with the January meetings: Greeters: **Corey Jordan, Melanie Tschida, Mike Mahrer, Bruce Rohde, Mark Noble, Chuck Steidinger, Mark Kotschevar, Doug Porter**; Cashier: **Josef Chlachula, Caroline Baihly, Jen Woodford**; Sergeant-at-Arms: **John Woodruff**; Visitors Desk: **Bari Amadio, Suzanne Dinusson**; Music: **Mark Neville, Judy O'Fallon**; Reflections: **Paul Tieskoetter, Denny Nigon, Lorie Luedke, Karel Weigel**; Four Way Test: **Ryan Backus, Dana Funk, John Brandrup**; Introduction of Visitors: **Wes Duellman, Jim Sloan, Phil Karsell, Leigh Johnson**; Presenters: **Brandon Sampson, Barb and John Meyer, Brad**

Welcome New Members



New members
April Dahl,
Professional
Dancer at Beyond
Ballroom Dance
Company and
Owner at Dahl
Dance Inc.,
sponsored by Bill
Wiktor and Matt
Morehead,
Integrated Wealth
Advisor at Carlson
Capital
Management,
sponsored by
Richard Brubaker



New member Jim Gross,
Associate Provost for
Academic Innovation and
Strategic Initiatives at
Augsburg College,
sponsored by Jim Sloan

FEBRUARY IS ROTARY PEACE AND CONFLICT RESOLUTION/ PREVENTION MONTH

Taken from <https://www.rotary.org/myrotary/en/learning-reference/about-rotary/peace-and-conflict-prevention-resolution>

Sixty million people are displaced by armed conflict or persecution, and 90 percent of armed-conflict casualties are civilians, half of them children. Through service projects, fellowships, and other Rotary-sponsored campaigns, members train adults and young leaders to prevent and mediate conflict, and aid refugees who have fled dangerous areas. Members also pursue projects to address the underlying structural causes of conflict, including poverty, inequality, ethnic tension, lack of access to education, and unequal distribution of resources.

Read news about Rotary peace initiatives:

[Peace Corps and Rotary kick off historic collaboration](#)

[New funding goal set for Rotary Peace Centers](#)

[Peace fellow Ali Reza Eshraghi on today's Iran](#)

[Political strife, protecting U.S. diplomats are part of the job](#)



SEEKING APPLICANTS FOR ROTARY'S GLOBAL GRANT FELLOWSHIP AND THE INTERNATIONAL PEACE FELLOWSHIPS

2017 Global Grant Fellowship for International Graduate-Level Studies

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 Rotary's areas of 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, 2016. 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, 2016. Interviews for district finalists will be conducted on May 9, 2016 in the Twin Cities. Fellowship recipient will then be able to study at an international university starting fall 2017. For eligibility information, visit www.rotary5960.org (click on Foundation tab), or email Steve Courts at stevec@rochfamilyy.org.

Rotary International Peace Fellowships

Rotary International Peace Fellowships are given annually for up to 100 individuals from around the world to receive fully funded academic fellowships at one of 5 Rotary International Peace Centers located around the globe. These fellowships cover tuition and fees, room and board, round-trip transportation, and all internship and field study expenses.

In just over a decade, the Rotary Peace Centers have trained more than 900 fellows for careers in peace building. Many of them go on to serve as leaders in national governments, NGO's, the military, law enforcement, and international organizations like the United Nations and the World Bank.



Applicants can become Peace Fellows in one of two ways. Rotary International offers:

- Master's degree fellowships at premier universities in fields related to peace and conflict prevention and resolution. Programs last 15-24 months and require a practical internship of two to three months during the academic break.
- Professional development certificate for experienced professionals working in peace-related fields who want to enhance their professional skills. This three month program in peace and conflict prevention and resolution is offered at Chulalongkorn University in Thailand. This program incorporates 2 to 3 weeks of field study.

Applications for the 2017-2018 Peace Fellowship Programs are now available at <https://www.rotary.org/en/get-involved/exchange-ideas/peace-fellowships>. Candidates have until May 31, 2016, to submit applications to: Rotary District 5960, 2233 Hamline Avenue North, Suite 620, Roseville, MN 55113. Call 800-636-9054 for questions.

The Rotary Club of Rochester 2015-16 Club Progress to Goals

CATEGORY	2015-16 GOALS	As of January 31, 2016
Membership (<i>Began Rotary year with 185</i>)	200	183
Rotary International Foundation Annual Program Fund	\$10,000	\$6,075 (61% of goal)
Every Rotarian Every Year (EREY)	100%	10%
PolioPlus	\$2,500	\$300 (12% of goal)
District 5960 Fast for Hope Project	\$1,000	\$0 (0% of goal)

Congratulations Paul Harris Fellows and thank you!



The Rotary Club of Rochester's newest Paul Harris Fellow recipients:

Judith O'Fallon,
Fred Suhler, Stacey
Vanden Heuvel.

GERM REVEALS 'ROTARY SERVING HUMANITY' AS 2016-17 PRESIDENTIAL THEME

By Ryan Hyland, [Rotary News, 18-Jan-2016](#).

Rotary's founder, Paul Harris, believed that serving humanity is "the most worthwhile thing a person can do," RI President-elect John F. Germ said, and that being a part of Rotary is a "great opportunity" to make that happen.



Germ unveiled the 2016-17 presidential theme, Rotary Serving Humanity, to incoming district governors on 18 January at the International Assembly in San Diego, California, USA.

"I believe everyone recognizes the opportunity to serve Rotary for what it truly is: not a small opportunity, but a great one; an opportunity of a lifetime to change the world for the better, forever through Rotary's service to humanity," said Germ.

Rotary members around the globe are serving humanity by providing clean water to underdeveloped communities, promoting peace in conflict areas, and strengthening communities through basic education and literacy. But none more important than our work to eradicate polio worldwide, he said.

After a historic year in which transmission of the wild poliovirus was stopped in Nigeria and all of Africa, Germ said we are closer than ever to ending polio.

"We are at a crossroads in Rotary," he added. "We are looking ahead at a year that may one day be known as the greatest year in Rotary's history: the year that sees the world's last case of polio."

Last year's milestones leave just two countries, Afghanistan and Pakistan, where the virus still circulates. Polio would be only the second human disease ever to be eradicated.

When that moment arrives, it's "tremendously important" that Rotary is ready for it, said Germ. "We need to be sure that we are recognized for that success, and leverage that success into more partnerships, greater growth, and even more ambitious service in the decades to come."

Germ, a member of the Rotary Club of Chattanooga, Tennessee, USA, encouraged attendees to return to their clubs and communities and spread the word about Rotary's role in the fight for a polio-free world.

"People who want to do good will see that Rotary is a place where they can change the world. Every Rotary club needs to be ready to give them that opportunity," Germ said.

Enhancing Rotary's image isn't the only way to boost membership. "We need clubs that are flexible, so our service will be more attractive to younger members, recent retirees, and working people."

He added: "We need more willing hands, more caring hearts, and more bright minds to move our work forward."

ROTARY GIVES \$35 MILLION TO END POLIO WORLDWIDE

13-Jan-2016, <https://www.rotary.org/en/rotary-gives-us35-million-end-polio-worldwide>

Rotary announces \$35 million in grants to support the global effort to end polio. In 2015, the world saw historic progress against the paralyzing disease, with just two countries – Afghanistan and Pakistan – reporting a single strain of the wild virus. If the current momentum is strengthened, this year may mark the last case of wild poliovirus.

"We are closer than ever to achieving a polio-free world," said Michael K. McGovern, chair of Rotary's International PolioPlus Committee. "To ensure that no child ever again suffer the devastating effects of this disease, we must all ensure that the necessary funds and political will are firmly in place in 2016."

2015 Milestones

Nigeria – the last polio-endemic country in Africa – was removed from the World Health Organization's list of endemic countries in September, following one year without a new case of the wild virus. The last wild polio case anywhere on the African continent was in August 2014.

In September 2015, one of the three strains of the wild poliovirus – Type 2 – was certified as eradicated, with no cases since 1999. Type 3 has not been seen anywhere in the world since November 2012.

Pakistan, which continues to report the majority of the world's polio cases, reduced its caseload by 82 percent in 2015 over the previous year.

Funds Needed

To sustain this progress, and protect all children from polio, experts say \$1.5 billion is urgently needed. Without full funding and political commitment, the disease could return to previously polio-free countries, putting children everywhere at risk.

Rotary's funds will support efforts to end polio in Pakistan (\$11.4 million) and Afghanistan (\$6 million).

Additional funds will support efforts to keep other at-risk countries polio-free: Nigeria (\$5.5), Cameroon (\$1.6 million), Chad (\$2 million); Ethiopia (\$4.1 million), Somalia (\$1.8 million), Iraq (\$1.6 million) and India (\$618,000). Finally, \$355,000 in funds will be dedicated to polio research.

Rotary launched its polio immunization program PolioPlus in 1985 and in 1988 became a spearheading partner in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative with the WHO, UNICEF, and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, which was later joined by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. Since the initiative launched, the incidence of polio has plummeted by more than 99.9 percent, from about 350,000 cases a year to 70 confirmed to date in 2015.

Rotary has contributed more than \$1.5 billion and countless volunteer hours to fight polio. Through 2018, every dollar Rotary commits to polio eradication will be matched two-to-one by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation up to \$35 million a year.

Thank you so much for The Rotary Club of Rochester's support of the GATEway Science Fair. We are grateful to have received a Rotary grant in March of last year which we are applying to this year's fair. We would like to extend an invitation to you and the Rotary Club members to attend the Science Fair on Saturday, February 20 2016. The Fair will be in the Landow Atrium in the Mayo Clinic's Gonda Building. Projects will be on display from 1:30- 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 252 students enrolled and over 200 projects to see!

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. See the attached file for more detail about the day's events and where to park. Please stop at the door greeter's table to get a name badge and wait for an escort. The greeter will page a member of our team so they can show 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!

Contact: Dee Voldal (285-1658), gatewaysciencefair@gmail.com
GATEway Science Fair Planning Team





OUR 2016-17 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Community Service: Kelly Engler

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A LETTER FROM MEMBERSHIP CHAIR AND PRESIDENT ELECT STACEY VANDEN HEUVEL

Dear Fellow Rotarian:

Happy 2016! We are well into January now, and I realize that we are halfway through our Rotary year, as well. In my year as President Elect, I am championing our membership activities, and I have been wanting to reach out to all of our members this year. I realize that reaching out as I intended at regular weekly meetings is a challenge for me because of how much I end up visiting with individual people at each encounter. It is fun though, and I have enjoyed sitting with different people every week to get to know our members better. I'm reverting back to the days of when I first joined Rotary: using meeting time to connect with members I don't know yet or well. To date, if I've missed you, I am sorry.

I also want to communicate that I realize how busy everyone is. One of the things I appreciate about Rotary is that it is a service club that recognizes that people are busy and they have different things to contribute at different times for different reasons.

At a recent Rotary board meeting we discussed attendance and participation. As I've mentioned to the club in the past, when you attend our weekly meetings, you benefit from Rotary so much more. However, we also recognize that, as a service club, we want our members to engage beyond weekly meetings, at our various volunteer opportunities and through our financial contributions to the club foundation and our international foundation.

You'll note some revised language on our website about attendance and participation. If you have been missing some Rotary weekly meetings, please know that we miss you and hope you can return soon. If there are some extenuating circumstances preventing you from attending meetings recently, please reach out and let me or Elizabeth know. We miss you. If you need some help reconnecting to Rotary after a bit of an absence, I'd love to help you do so. I've been there myself in the past, and I completely understand. And if there are times when you cannot be with us at meetings or participating in activities, we do appreciate your financial support for the club through your membership and your gifts to The Rotary Club of Rochester Foundation. Even then you will further our work.

I hope to see you at an upcoming weekly meeting. If there is any input you have for me on how you or any of our members can engage more in their club membership, please let me know.

In the meantime, please consider how you can serve through Rotary opportunities (visit our website for more information) or in other areas with your Rotarian heart as we begin this new year. We have much to be hopeful for in 2016, and I hope you will join me in a volunteer or giving opportunity of your choice.

Best to you,
Stacey Vanden Heuvel, President Elect

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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: www.rotary.org

ROTARY COMMITTEES

CLUB SERVICE I

Colin Aldis, Director

Greeters..... *Colin Aldis*
Membership Development..... *Stacey Vanden Heuvel*
Rotary Information Officer *Leigh J. Johnson*
Visitors Desk *Suzanne Dinusson*
Sergeant-at-Arms..... *John Woodruff*
Sponsors / Mentors *Milt Tostrud*

CLUB SERVICE II

Heather Holmes, Director

Club Bulletin *Elizabeth Karsell, Lorie Luedke*
Club Web Site & Social Networking *Samantha Rother, Elizabeth Karsell*
Reflections *Heather Holmes, Kelly Engler*
Programs *Wes Duellman*
Public Relations *Janice Domke*
Four-Way Test *Mark Dripps*

CLUB SERVICE III

Kathy Lessard, Director

Biennial Auction *Heather Holmes, Kristine Ihrke*
Golf Day *Kathy Lessard, Fred Suhler*
Music *Ann Beatty*
Social Events *Kathy Lessard*

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

Alison Good, Director

Rotary Scholarships *Steve Courts*
Group Study Exchange Team *Alison Good*
Rotary International Foundation *Paul Tieskoetter*
Youth Exchange *Samantha Rother*
Rotary Gift of Life *Betty Devine*
World Community Service *Judith O'Fallon*

VOCATIONAL SERVICE

Larry Koshire, Director

Camp RYLA *Dana Funk, Diane Ilstrup*
Rotary Literacy Coordinator *Jes Johnston*
Rotation Day *Danae Gaio*
STRIVE *Mark Dripps, Diane Ilstrup*
Vocational Talks *Walt Menning*
Youth Protection Officer *Diane Ilstrup*

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*
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