



# Moccasin Flower

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## VITAL STATISTICS

**MEMBERSHIP:** 190

**DECEMBER ATTENDANCE:** 48%

**ROCHESTER ROTARY RISERS:** none reported

**GREATER ROCHESTER ROTARY:** none reported

**ROTARY eCLUB ONE:** none reported

**OTHER CLUBS:** Joel Haak, Anna Maria Island

**MEMBERS ON LEAVE:** Robert Olson, Mark Noble, Gary Harmon, Dennis Nigon

**NEW MEMBERS:** Frank Allen, Jerome Ferson, Martine Haglund, Mariah Mihm

**RESIGNATIONS:** Kris Peterson

## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

<u>Birthday</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Birthplace</u>
February 1	Joe Messick	Wilmington, DE
	Chuck Steidinger	Cissna Park, IL
February 3	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
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.*



## OUR 2017-18 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- President: Janice Domke
- President Elect: Sara Gilliland
- President Elect Nominee: Colin Aldis
- Past President: Stacey Vanden Heuvel
- Secretary: Jeff Allman
- Treasurer: Terry Sorenson
- Meeting Activities: Joel Haak
- Communications: Wes Duellman
- Club Activities: Jen Woodford
- Community Service: Kelly Engler
- International Service: Jeanine Gangeness
- Vocational Service: Sinéad Chick

## District 5960 One Rotary Summit



Rochester Rotarians at District 5960 One Rotary Summit: Heather Holmes (5960 PR Director), Mark Dripps (5960 AG 2016-17), Sara Gilliland (TRCR PEN), Janice Domke (TRCR PE), Karel Weigel (5960 PDG), and Mike Becker (5690 DGEN)

# FEBRUARY CALENDAR

## Weekly Meetings

- February 2** Service Day, **Rochester Public Library**, 11:00 am – 1:00 pm
- February 9** Rotation Day, various Rotarians' place of vocation, 11:30 am -1:00 pm
- February 16** 1905 Meetings, Express Employment Professionals, Olmsted History Center, Rochester Area Chamber of Commerce, Trinity Lutheran Church, 11:30 am – 1:00 pm
- February 23** "Going for the Gold" presented by Hanna Hughes, **Riverview Suites C&D, Mayo Civic Center**, 11:30 am - 1:00 pm

## February Rotary Anniversaries

Tamsen Leimer	1 year
Tony Enquist	2 years
Paul Richardson	2 years
Dave Piepgras	4 years
Tank Sholem	6 years +
Josef Chlachula	8 years
James Frye	9 years
Kay Hocker	11 years
Carla Nelson	12 years
Audrey Betcher	16 years
Allie Good	20 years



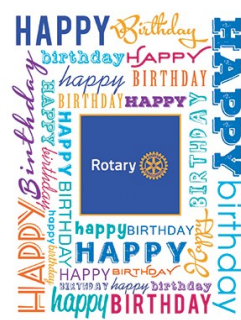
## Other Meetings & Events

- February 6** **Channel One Service**, 6-8 pm, Channel One Building (131 35th St. SE)
- February 6** **Rotary Ethics Program Adult Table Leader Training**, 5-5:45 pm, Founders Room, OMC Hospital (1650 4th St. SE)
- February 6** **Rotary Ethics Program Student Leader Training**, 7-7:45 pm, Lourdes High School (2800 19th St. NW)
- February 7** **Rotary Ethics Workshop**, 7:20 am - 3:00 pm, Cascade Meadow Wetlands and Environmental Science Center (2900 19th St. NW)
- February 8** **Rotary Clubs of Rochester World Community Service Meeting**, Edina Realty Conference Room (1301 Salem Rd SW) 7 am
- February 13** **Salvation Army Dinner Service**, Salvation Army Building, 5:30-7 pm
- February 13** **Rotary Club of Rochester Foundation Board Meeting**, Bremer Bank (45 28 St. SE), 4:30 –6 pm
- February 14** **Rotary Club of Rochester Board**, OMC SE Clinic Conference, Room 4-2 (210 9th St. SE), 7 am
- February 15** **Rotary Information Meeting**, location TBD, 12-1:30 pm
- February 22** **Wine Down Wednesday**, Crooked Pint 4 pm

## Thanks to all who helped with January meetings

Greeters: **Ryan Backus, Melody Trimble**; Cashier: **Jen Woodford, Caroline Baihly**; Sergeant-at-Arms: **John Woodruff**; Visitors Desk: **Suzanne Dinusson, Bari Amadio**; Music: **Jim Sloan**; Reflections: **Paul Richardson, Jeanine Gangeness**; Four Way Test: **Ingrid Neel, Vicki Allen**; Introduction of Visitors: **Phil Karsell, Dennis Nigon**; Presenters: **Erin Broviak, Emilie Wapnick, Doug Schommer**

## FEBRUARY 23<sup>RD</sup> IS ROTARY'S BIRTHDAY



Rotary will celebrate its 112<sup>th</sup> birthday on February 23. We will enjoy a birthday treat at our traditional meeting that day, and Rotarians are encouraged to wear Rotary logo apparel in celebration of the event. If you don't have anything already, there's still time to purchase something [online](#).



# JANUARY 1905 MEETINGS

*From President Stacey Vanden Heuvel*

Thank you to those who joined us...for our first 1905 Meeting day. We had 61 Rotarians at our four locations, plus 13 club members watching on Facebook live. And then, from our recorded live video posted on Facebook, we had 23 likes, 31 comments, and 5 shares which yielded 566 views of our posted video. So besides saving our club and our members \$1065 last week in club meeting expenses, we reached more people with our online meeting. I received a number of emails from members saying they appreciated the opportunity to just have some meaningful conversation with other Rotarians, so for those that sent me notes, I appreciate those comments. I realize I have some bugs to work out,...but I think it was a great success...thanks for going out on a limb with me to try this. Our conversation in our small group at the chamber location was very worthwhile, and I've heard that was true at all the locations. So bravo to all of you who participated!



**ROTARY:  
MAKING A  
DIFFERENCE**

## 2017-18 RI PRESIDENT IAN H.S. RISELEY ANNOUNCES HIS PRESIDENTIAL THEME, ROTARY: MAKING A DIFFERENCE

*By Ryan Hyland, taken from <https://www.rotary.org/en/2017-18-ri-president-ian-hs-riseley-announces-his-presidential-theme>*

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# Welcome New Members



Josef Chlachula  
with new  
Rotarian  
Martine  
Haglund



Heather Holmes  
with new  
Rotarian Mariah  
Mihm



David Moertel  
with returning  
Rotarian Frank  
Allen



Jennifer Teske  
with new  
Rotarian Jerome  
Ferson

## The Rotary Club of Rochester 2016-17 Club Progress to Goals

CATEGORY	2016-17 GOALS	As of January 31, 2017
Membership <i>(Began Rotary year with 185)</i>	187	190
Rotary International Foundation Annual Program Fund	\$10,000	\$7,864 (79% of goal)
Every Rotarian Every Year (EREY)	100%	13%
PolioPlus	\$2,500	\$4,050 (162% of goal)
District 5960 Fast for Hope Project	\$1,000	\$0 (0% of goal)
Rotary Club of Rochester Foundation	\$10,000	\$5,400 (54% of goal)





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Environmental degradation and global climate change are serious threats to everyone, Riseley said. "They are having a disproportionate impact on those who are most vulnerable, those to whom Rotary has the greatest responsibility. Yet environmental issues rarely register on the Rotary agenda," he said.

Environmental degradation is one of the major threats listed by the UN's High-level Panel on Threats, Challenges, and Change.

Riseley added, "The time is long past when environmental sustainability can be dismissed as not Rotary's concern. It is, and must be, everyone's concern."

The president-elect challenged every Rotary club to make a difference by planting a tree for each of its members between the start of the Rotary year on 1 July and Earth Day on 22 April 2018. Trees remove carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases from the air, which slows global warming.

"It is my hope that the result of that effort will be far greater than the environmental benefit that those 1.2 million new trees will bring," Riseley said. "I believe the greater result will be a Rotary that recognizes our responsibility not only to the people on our planet, but to the planet itself."

### **Securing Rotary's future**

In his address to the 2017-18 class of district governors, Riseley also urged clubs to improve their gender balance and lower the average age of their members.

Only 22 percent of Rotary's members are women, up from 13 percent 10 years ago. At that rate, Riseley said, it will take another three decades for Rotary to achieve gender parity.

We know that we can do more together than we could ever hope to do alone.

"Three decades is far too long to wait to achieve a Rotary that reflects the world in which we live. We need to make it a priority now," he said.

Noting that 103 of the 539 incoming governors are women, Riseley said they are the type of women we need in Rotary, "leaders who will help Rotary connect with, and represent, and better serve, all of the members of all our communities."

Riseley also believes it is imperative that clubs find ways to attract and engage younger members. Today only 5 percent of reported members are under 40, and a majority of members are over 60, Riseley told the audience.

"Consider what Rotary stands to look like 10 or 20 years from now if we don't get very serious, very soon, about bringing in younger members," Riseley said.

Clubs will make a difference this year through their own decisions, said Riseley, but it will take teamwork on a global scale to move Rotary forward and secure its future.

"We know that we can do more together than we could ever hope to do alone," he told incoming governors. "I ask you to keep that spirit of teamwork and cooperation always in your minds and to take it back with you to your districts."

### **Congratulations to our newest Paul Harris Fellow**



Paul Harris Fellow  
recipient Samantha  
Rother

# A NOTE FROM PRESIDENT STACEY VANDEN HEUVEL



Happy birthday, Rotary! You are 112 years young. Today you claim 1.2 million members as your own, 190 of those are members of The Rotary Club of Rochester. Collectively, your members have been addressing community problems throughout the world, some close to home, some in the far corners of the Earth. You are ever committed to serving humanity.

Thank you, Paul Harris! You had significant vision forming The Rotary Club of Chicago on February 23, 1905. You had foresight and faith in bringing together people with diverse professions and backgrounds to exchange ideas, to build relationships through fellowship and shared values, and to serve their communities and world.

Paul Harris said, “Whatever Rotary may mean to us, to the world it will be known by the results it achieves.” Rotary International, of course, is proud of Paul Harris as the founder of our organization and boasts three key traits throughout Rotary’s history.

- We are international. We are part of a global service network addressing some of the world’s most challenging problems.
- We persevere in tough times. During wartime, many clubs were forced to disband, but members found a way to continue to meet informally. Following the war, they found a way to rebuild their clubs and their countries. During economic recessions, clubs adjusted how they gathered and served in order to remain relevant to the members and to the communities they served. As communities faced different problems, Rotarians rose to the occasion and stepped up to serve humanity.
- We are committed to service, and we set big goals. The End Polio Now campaign is an example: A project to immunize 6 million children in the Philippines in 1979 turned into a global initiative to eradicate polio everywhere. Today, polio is still found in three countries, but this is down from 125 countries nearly 30 years ago.

As members of The Rotary Club of Rochester, we may think our speaker honorarium weekly doesn’t matter so much. In the name of all our speakers, your club makes a gift to the End Polio Now fund with Rotary International. Three times this Rotary year, a speaker has shared with me how much that gift to eradicate polio means to them. Most recently, a program speaker shared that he himself is a polio survivor and this gift means so much.

If you would like to get an update on Rotary’s global campaign to end polio, please read your July 2016 issue of The Rotarian or check out the Rotary International website for details. (<https://www.rotary.org/en/news-media/what-you-dont-know-about-campaign-end-polio>) It is great information to show how we as individuals can participate in the largest, foremost international network in the fight against polio.

One hundred years ago, the first donation made to The Rotary Foundation was a gift of \$26.50. In those days, \$26.50 was a chunk of change. Today, not so much, but if all of us were to consider a gift of \$26.50 to The Rotary Foundation designated to the End Polio Now fund, think of the difference we could make.

Or allow me to suggest the Rotary Annual SHARE fund. Funds donated here return to our District for distribution back to clubs in our District. Not only would you support a highly rated, effective charity, you would be improving the chances of our club receiving District funds that can funnel back to support our own World Community Service efforts. You may not be aware, but our club’s participation rates in giving to the Rotary Annual SHARE fund factor into whether or not our World Community Service team receives funding for our desired projects.

So, please join me in saying “Happy birthday, Rotary!” and “Thank you, Paul Harris!” by making a gift at [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org). A gift of \$26.50 to match that very first gift to The Rotary Foundation (or more, if you choose) will make a difference for Rotary programs worldwide and for The Rotary Club of Rochester’s participation rate which impacts how our club can earn District grants. Choose the End Polio Now or the Annual SHARE fund to express your gratitude for being part of such an extraordinary organization.

At year end 2016, I made a gift to the End Polio Now fund. Today, I will make a gift to the Rotary Annual SHARE fund. My gift will be made in honor of all of you.



# BECOME A HOST FAMILY FOR THE ROTARY YOUTH EXCHANGE PROGRAM

*From Youth Exchange Officer Samantha Rother*



- Your family will learn about a new culture and phrases in a different language.
- Your family will develop a lasting friendship with this student and his/her family.
- Hosting a student may provide incentive to the children living in the host family to learn a new language or consider being an exchange student themselves.
- Your family may visit sights and events with the student that you may have overlooked if the exchange student hadn't been in the family home.
- Your family will have the support and appreciation of the host Rotary club and district.

Thank you for considering serving as a host family for our Rotary Youth Exchange program! It could not exist without the willingness of families to open their homes to our students. Hosting a Youth Exchange student provides an opportunity to learn from each other's cultures and build lifelong friendships.

Rotary Youth Exchange is a combined effort of the Rotary Club of Rochester, Greater Rochester Rotary and Rochester Rotary Risers. While Rotarians are encouraged to host, host families are not required to be in Rotary. Please extend the invitation to friends, colleagues and family.

## **The Host Family Experience:**

The operative word here is *family*, and we ask you to help your exchange student become a part of your family during the period that he or she lives with you. That means treating this young person as you would your own son or daughter, not as a guest. You'll welcome them and support them as well as exercise parental responsibilities and authorities as you would for your own child. You'll learn from each other, make memories and have a multicultural experience. The opportunity to host a student is open to both families with children as well as those with empty nests. Our local Youth Exchange

Rotarians serve as an additional layer of support for the host family and actively engages the student in the work of the local Rotary club. The Rotary Youth Exchange program sets students up for success and has high expectations for behavior during the experience.

Read more in our [Host Parent Handbook](#)

## **Introducing our 2016 -2017 Youth Exchange Student Hide**

- Home Country: Japan
- 15 1/2 year old Male
- English Proficiency: Good
- Enjoys basketball and swimming; served 2 years as captain of the Judo Club
- He describes himself as optimistic, earnest and positive
- Father is a Rotarian
- Attends Lourdes High School

### **Host Family Commitment –**

2017 Late March to Late June/Early July

### **Questions? Need More Information? Ready to Host?**

Please contact: Samantha Rother,  
Youth Exchange Officer

## **A THANK YOU FROM OUR 2016-17 OUTBOUND ROTARY YOUTH EXCHANGE STUDENT ALEX**

Hi Samantha, I wanted to thank you for everything in regards to accepting me for exchange, and to update you on my life here in Spain!

I am in the Cala de Mijas, near Malaga. My host family has been amazing. They are so kind, and have really made me feel welcome here. They have been generous and have provided tennis and art lessons for me, and have taken me hiking in different parts of Spain. I have been enjoying school so far, and have been learning a lot of Spanish in school! On the weekends I have hung out with kids from school as well as exchange students near me, and explored the different cities in my area on the Costa del Sol. Living here in Spain has been an amazing experience so far!

Thank you for all of your support, I am so grateful to have been given this opportunity and am cherishing every moment so far. This is a once in a lifetime opportunity and I can't thank you enough for giving me a chance!

I was wondering if you could also forward this to Allie Goode and the Rotary Clubs of Rochester as well, because I don't have their emails but would like to thank them also. Thanks again, Alex



# FEBRUARY IS ROTARY'S PEACE AND CONFLICT PREVENTION/RESOLUTION MONTH

*Rotary makes amazing things happen, like:*

**Improving quality of life.** Rotary members founded the People for People Foundation, which has helped 10,000 families afford food, clothing, rent, utilities, medications, and other necessities.

**Raising awareness of bullying.** Rotaract clubs in the Philippines conduct antibullying campaigns in schools to teach children how to handle conflict peacefully from an early age.

**Protecting domestic violence survivors and their families.** The U.S. state of Louisiana has the fourth highest incidence of death caused by domestic violence. Local Rotary members met this issue by helping a shelter provide food, clothing, legal advocacy, and counseling to over 500 women in one year.

100

peace fellowships are offered each year at Rotary Peace Centers around the world

65 mil

people are currently displaced by armed conflict or persecution

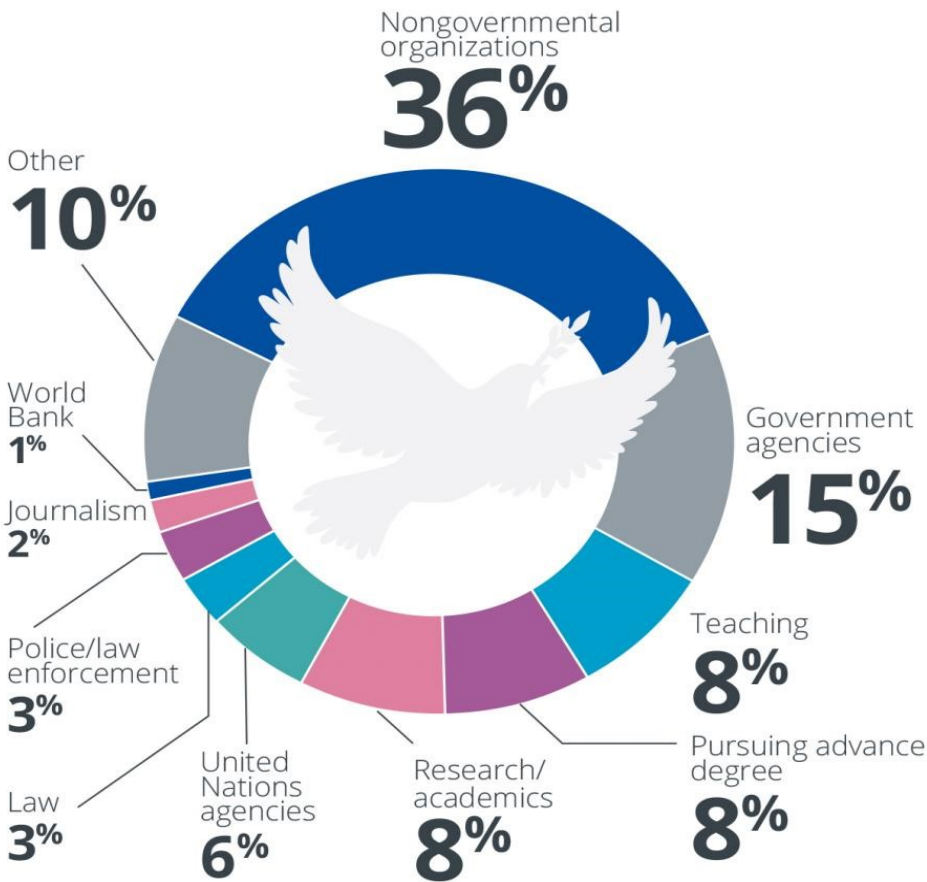
\$142 mil

has been raised by Rotary to support peace

1,000+

students have graduated from Rotary's Peace Centers program

## Where Rotary Peace Center alumni work





## ROCHESTER ROTARY CLUB

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## ROTARY CLUB OF ROCHESTER

Rochester, Minnesota

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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?

### THE MOCCASIN FLOWER

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**PRESIDENT NOMINEE:** Sara Gilliland

**SECRETARY:** Jeff Allman

**TREASURER:** Chris Colby

**PAST PRESIDENT:** Bill Wiktor

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Jim Hunt, White Bear Lake Rotary Club

**ASSISTANT GOVERNOR**

Mark Dripps, Rotary Club of Rochester

### WEB SITES

Rochester Rotary: [www.rochesterrotaryclubs.org](http://www.rochesterrotaryclubs.org)

Links to STRIVE – Rotary US Bank Holiday Classic

District 5960: [www.rotary5960.org](http://www.rotary5960.org)

Rotary International: [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org)

## ROTARY COMMITTEES

### MEETING ACTIVITIES

Joel Haak, Director

Greeters ..... *Joel Haak*

Four-Way Test ..... *Mark Dripps*

Music..... *VACANT*

Reflections ..... *Heather Holmes, Kelly Engler*

Sergeant-at-Arms ..... *John Woodruff*

Programs ..... *Wes Duellman*

Visitors Desk ..... *Suzanne Dinusson*

### CLUB ACTIVITIES

Jen Woodford, Director

Benefit Auction ..... *Heather Holmes, Kristine Ihrke*

Golf Day ..... *Kathy Lessard*

Social Events ..... *Jen Woodford*

### COMMUNICATIONS

Heather Holmes, Director

Moccasin Flower (Newsletter) ..... *Elizabeth Karsell,*

*Lorie Luedke*

Website & Social Media ..... *Samantha Rother,*

*Elizabeth Karsell*

Public Image ..... *Sara Gilliland, Jennifer Teske*

### INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

Alison Good, Director

Rotary Scholarships ..... *VACANT*

Group Study Exchange Team ..... *Alison Good*

Rotary International Foundation ..... *Bill Wiktor*

Youth Exchange ..... *Samantha Rother*

Rotary Gift of Life ..... *Betty Devine*

World Community Service ..... *Borge M. Christensen*

*Peggy Elliott, Rick Lien, Eric Matteson,*

*Judith O'Fallon, Ashok Patel*

### MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

Janice Domke, President Elect

Rotary Information Officer ..... *Leigh J. Johnson*

Sponsors ..... *Milt Tostrud*

### VOCATIONAL SERVICE

Larry Koshire, Director

Camp RYLA ..... *Dana Funk, Diane Ilstrup*

Ethics Program ..... *Stacey Vanden Heuvel,*

*Lorie Luedke*

Rotary Literacy Coordinator ..... *Kay Hocker*

Rotation Day ..... *Danae Gaio*

STRIVE ..... *Mark Dripps, Diane Ilstrup*

Vocational Talks ..... *Walt Menning*

Youth Protection Officer ..... *Diane Ilstrup*

### COMMUNITY SERVICE

Kelly Engler, Director

Channel One ..... *Sinead Chick*

Community Food Response *Kelly Engler, Phil Karsell*

Quarry Hill Fall Festival ..... *Steve Sponsel*

Rotary Bell Ringing - Salvation Army .... *Mark Neville*

Rotary Holiday Classic ..... *Lynn Clarey,*

*Janice Domke, Elizabeth Karsell, Lorie Luedke,*

*Bill Nietz, Steve Stenhaug,*

*Lorrie Swancutt, Jen Woodford*

Salvation Army Dinners ..... *Heather Holmes,*

*JoMarie Morris*

Service Above Self Awards ..... *Diane Ilstrup*

Student Guests ..... *VACANT*

White Oaks Park ..... *Ashok Patel, Mike Mahrer*