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VITAL STATISTICS

MEMBERSHIP: 269

AVERAGE NOVEMBER ATTENDANCE: 67.86%

AMBASSADORS: Steve Altchuler, St. Paul, MN; Suzanne Dinusson, Oxford England; Drew Miller, Naples, FL X4; Fred Suhler, Maui, HI X3; Teresa Thompson, e Club One.

ROCHESTER ROTARY RISERS: 12/2/03: Bill Luce. 12/9/03: Jim Barta. 12/16/03: Bud Baker & Lois Nietz.

GREATER ROCHESTER ROTARY: 12/3/03: Ginny Bartleson, Todd Cordes, Frank Iossi, Jerry Miller, John Rose, Mark Tasler, David Westgard. 12/10/03: Caroline Bailey, Todd Cordes, Suzanne Dinusson, John Edmonson, Mac Hamilton, Frank Iossi, Liz Lopez, Bob MacCarty, Valerie Pace, Frank Sharbrough, Aynsley Smith, Chuck Springer, Valerie Pace. 12/17/03: Denny Nigon, Chris Rustad, Maggie Schoepski.

BIRTHDAYS

HAPPY JANUARY BIRTHDAYS!

Birthday	Name	Birthplace
Jan. 4	Bob Dahlstrom	Grantsburg, WI
Jan. 9	Charlie Fish	Wheatland, WY
	Jerry Thorkelson	Maynard, MN
Jan. 13	Dolph Bezoier	Minneapolis, MN
Jan. 16	Karen Skiba	Rochester, MN
Jan. 18	Rich Good	Everett, WA
Jan. 19	Nancy Brataas	Minneapolis, MN
	Mark Tasler	Windom, MN
Jan. 21	Steve Barna	Binghamton, NY
Jan. 22	Alfred Anderson	Newport News, VA
	Melissa Brinkman	Rochester, MN
Jan. 24	Walt Menning	LaSalle, IL
Jan. 25	Sheldon Sheps	Winnipeg, Canada
Jan. 26	Don Hann	Chicago, IL
	Bill Luce	Tulsa, OK
Jan. 29	Linda Gilsrud	Worthington, MN
Jan. 31	Keri Smith	Morgan, MN

(If we missed your birthday, please call.)

Welcome New Members!



Jerry Balm, retired IBM. Classification: Computer Systems Development. Former member of Rochester Rotary. Proposed by **Lois Nietz**. Proposer **Linda Rings**, new member **Mark Neville**, Mayo Foundation, Classification: Medical Foundation-Development. Former member Decatur and Champaign, IL. New member **Tina Liebling**, Liebling Law Office. Classification; Attorney-Education. Proposed by **Sheldon Sheps**.



Proposer **Phil Henoeh** and new member **Maggie Schoepski**, Ronald McDonald House. Classification: Ronald McDonald House-Development Director.



ROTARY NEWS

- What a big month for service in our club in December! Thanks so much to all of the 67 Rotarians, plus some of their families, who stood out in the cold and rang bells for the Salvation Army over the past few weeks. A lot of you were out at the basketball tournament helping making this another great tournament. These things plus our usual STRIVE, hosting at the library and the Riverside Reading project shows what a great club this is. (All of you were given attendance credit for your community service projects)
- Resignations have been received and accepted with regrets from **Geraldine Sutcliffe, Sandra Kresbach, Paul Groteboer, and Carl Johnson.**
- Our Holiday Luncheon was enjoyed by 250 members, spouses and guests. The entertainment by the Century Holiday Singers was just great. We were entertained with beautiful music before and during dinner from **Linda Herrick, Jane Belau and Cynthia Good.**
- We were able to award several Paul Harris Fellowships at the luncheon. Receiving one as a surprise was **Beverly Spittell**, a gift from her husband Jack. **Joe McBride** finally did his own and also had a surprise memorial Paul Harris fellowship for his wife's sister who passed away recently. Previously he had done Paul Harris awards for many of his family members which takes ten Paul Harris fellowships he has sponsored. **Mark Cairns** and **Betty Devine** received their Paul Harris Fellowships, **Neal Schwartau** accepted the memorial Paul Harris he had done for his wife, and **Phil Karsell** gifted his two daughters with Paul Harris Fellowships. **Leigh Johnson** presented **Kay and Phil** with recognition items naming them Benefactors of the Rotary Foundation. Leigh pointed out that our first Paul Harris fellow was Dr. Ed Banner and his daughter Barbara was with us at the luncheon. (Dr. Banner received this in 1973 and since then we have awarded 286 Paul Harris Awards).
- **Chris Blaine**, our exchange student from South Africa will be leaving soon for his home. We thank the families who hosted him while he was here: **Gilda and Fred Banfield, Libby and Joe McBride and Hilla and Bob Cline.** Our other youth exchange student, **Ana Zambrana** from Bolivia is staying with the **Karmen and George Reid** family. The Reid's daughter is our youth exchange student to Bolivia.
- Thanks to all who helped with the December meetings: Invocations: **Don Hann, Merlin Ricklefs, and Liz Lopez.** Greeters: **Stacey VandenHeuvel and Keri Smith.** George and **Dorothy Allen and Rich and Cynthia Good.** Visitors Desk: **Angie Rustad.** A special thanks to **James Gibson** for collecting money at Charter House and at the Holiday Lunch, **Jerry Balm** helping at the desk at the Holiday Lunch and for staffing the desk at the Kahler while we were out.
- Many packages have been sent to the service persons from our area serving in Iraq. \$808 was given to Rick Lien by you for helping with this project. Great job Rick!

JANUARY ROTARY CALENDAR

- January 8** **Kahler Hotel - Heritage Hall -** Bob Nowicki, Rochester City Council and Sesquicentennial Publicity Chair, and Alan Calvano, President, Sesquicentennial Board. "Celebrate 150 Years of Progress - Rochester's Sesquicentennial"
- January 15** **Kahler Hotel - Heritage Hall -** Dr. Patricia Simmons, Consultant in Pediatric and Adolescent Medicine, Mayo Clinic, Regent, University of Minnesota, "The Road to Regent".
- January 22** **Kahler Hotel - ELIZABETHAN ROOM*** - Dr. Donald Scholz, Mayo Emeritus Staff, "Thanks for the Mayo Memories - 1949-2003"
- January 29** **Kahler Hotel - Heritage Hall -** Mayor Ardell Brede and John Hunziker, City Council President, "The State of the City"

***THE ELIZABETHAN ROOM IS RIGHT OFF THE MAIN LOBBY OF THE KAHLER.**

OTHER MEETINGS AND EVENTS

- January 8** Board of Directors Meeting 7 AM - Charter House
- January 14** Rotary Information Meeting - 12 Noon - Directors Room - Kahler

Web Sites: Rotary International: www.rotary.org
 Rotary District 5960: www.rotary5960.org

Area Rotary Meetings:

- Rochester Rotary Risers - 7:00 AM Tuesday - Hilton Garden Inn
- Greater Rochester Rotary - 12 Noon Wednesday - Radisson (January 21 - meeting at Best Western Apache)
- Chatfield Rotary - 7 AM Wednesday - City Hall, EMS Training Room

- Our district will soon have two new Rotary clubs. Twin City Nights will be chartered on January 22 and Ramsay Rotary on January 29. Twin City Nights meets Tuesday at 7 p.m. at Andy's Garage on Fairview and University and Ramsay meets at Diamonds Sports Bar and Grill on Hwy 10 at 12 Noon on Wednesdays.
- Business move for **Mark Murch, CPA.** Mark is now with Osweiler, Scanlon & Nietz in their Dodge Center Office.

MAKING UP IN WASHINGTON, DC

The charter of the Rotary Club of Capitol Hill during a ceremony at the Russell Senate Office Building in Washington, D.C., on 19 November had a special feel to it. The event brings Rotary's presence in the U.S. capital literally within a walking distance from lawmakers, staff, and the thousands of residents and visitors who come to the city on business and tours each day. Senator Richard G. Lugar, chairman of the U.S. Senate Foreign Relations Committee and a 46-year member of the Rochester Club of Indianapolis, Indiana, was keynote speaker at the ceremony. Lugar is emblematic of the role the Capitol Hill club will serve as host for many members of Congress and their staff members who are Rotarians, as well as visiting Rotarians looking for fellowship and makeup opportunities.

"The charter members of the Rotary Club of Capitol Hills have been working hard over the last few months to make this evening a reality." Says Joan Athen, the club's charter president. "We are now ready to make our mark on Capitol Hill and the world community through our charitable and humanitarian service."

The Rotary Club of Capitol Hill meets each Wednesday at 7:15 a.m. at La Brasserie Restaurant (239 Massachusetts Ave. NE). The 20 charter members of the new club include congressional chiefs of staff, administration appointees, trade association executives, local business owners, bankers, and other members of the Capitol Hill professional community.

LOOKING BACK THROUGH THE MOCASSIN FLOWER

by Clark Nelson - January 5, 1965

(Editors note: Robert Ayot was a student from Kenya who was assisted by our Rotary Club)

My Home in Keyna

"After Dr. John Pearson had told us of the circumstances that led up to Robert Ayot becoming a student at John Marshall, Robert, wearing a ceremonial cap and Waving a farewell wand, enlightened us about his life in Kenya.

His father was a farmer and fisherman, living in Kisil on the shores of Lake Victoria with his 7 wives, 15 sons and several daughters. 800 fish a day were caught, sold to the government, frozen and shipped to larger cities. When his father dies in 1952 the family gave up fishing.

Kisil is a town of 5000, founded in 1914 by a famous chief bearing that name, who was murdered in 1920. There are many elementary schools open to children under 10, but education is not free. One high school can only enroll 60 student a year. There is one hospital with 60 beds. The population includes 2000 of other races than natives, Arabs, Indians, and Europeans. All stores are owned by Indians.

The government of the new nation of Kenya realizes that its education resources are inadequate to train the leaders needed and is trying to encourage other countries to educate potential leaders on a voluntary basis. Family loyalty is very great and great sacrifices are made to enable sons to obtain schooling. Robert's sister was sold into marriage at an early age to furnish funds for education. His brother, Yoshon, working in Nairobi earns \$35 a month, helps support his mother and educate his brothers and borrowed \$480 to pay for Robert's transportation to America."

STUDY OF OPTIMUM SIZE FOR THE ROCHESTER ROTARY CLUB

After hearing comments from a few members regarding the size of the club; some with the view that the club is too large while others feeling that is it too small, Rochester Rotary President Richard Edwards convened a study group to review and discuss the issue of optimal club size. After meeting and sharing their own opinions, the group decided that it would be beneficial to hear from the members of the club. A brief self-administered survey was developed and members were invited to complete the survey during club meetings on October 23 and October 30, 2003. In total 133 members completed the survey (about 50% of the membership).

Key findings from the survey include:

- The majority of club members (72%) feel that the size of the club is 'about right.'

Among those who feel the club is too small (8%), the 'optimal' size suggested ranged from 300-450 members with an average of 326.

Among those who feel the club is too large (17%), the 'optimal' size suggested ranged from 60-200 with an average of 148.

- There were some demographic differences:

Shorter term members (1-2 year) were more likely than longer term members (11+years) to feel the club size is about right while the longer term members were more likely to feel it is too large.

Not surprisingly given the above findings, members age 65+ were more likely than those age 50-64 to feel it is too large.

Males were also slightly more likely to feel the club is too large while females were more likely to feel it's about right.

The board sincerely appreciates the work that went into this report. We will include recommendations, etc in upcoming bulletins.

Thanks to Doug Rovang, Chair; Kim Adams, Chris Bedney, Ed Burke, Hilla Cline, Barbara Hight-Randall, Terry

CONGRATULATIONS TO 2004-05 OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

Elected by the membership to serve during the 2004-2005 Rotary year:

Bill Nietz, elected last year will become president in July 2004

Mike O'Fallon, president elect – will become president in July 2005

Jim Clausen, secretary – one year term

Kevin Pitzer, treasurer – one year term

Warren Harmon, director – club service I – two year term

Dana Funk, director – club service III – two year term

Vicki Dearth, director – community service – two year term

Remaining on the board for their second year:

Chris Cross, director – club service II

Kim Adams, director – vocational service

Bob Cline, director – international service

Also remaining on the board will be **Dick Edwards**

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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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ACTIVE COMMITTEES

Four Avenues of Service
 Club, Vocational, Community, International

CLUB SERVICE I

Mark Breneman, Director - 280-4322

Attendance Christopher Davis
 Classification Lynn Clarey
 Greeter Rich Good
 Membership Development Bill Nietz
 Visitors Desk Eric Matteson/Bob Priem
 Sergeant-at-Arms John Woodruff

CLUB SERVICE II

Chris Cross, Director - 282-0910

Club Bulletin Lois Nietz
 Historian Clark Nelson
 Invocations Chris Bedney
 Programs Karen Ricklefs
 Public Relations Jane Belau

CLUB SERVICE III

Rick Lien, Director - 288-1084

Bell Ringing - Salvation Army Dana Funk
 Golf Day Dana Funk/Mark Dripps
 Music Jane Belau/Linda Herrick
 Rotary Information Leigh Johnson

VOCATIONAL SERVICE

Kim Adams, Director - 285-1026

Rotation Day Kim Adams
 STRIVE Nick Ibarra/John Brockman
 Vocational Talk Linda Bonow

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Lorie Luedke, Director - 253-0028

Library Host Suzanne Dinusson
 Rotary US Bank Holiday Classic Paul Barton/Lynn Clarey/
 Cris Fischer/Al DeBoer/Joe Gibilisco/
 Nate Johnson/Mike Quinn/Doug Rovang
 Quarry Hill Fall Festival Laurel Schacht
 Rotary Reading Project Norman Hepper
 Service Above Self Awards Betty Devine/Marie Maher
 Student Guests Geraldine Sutcliffe
 Camp RYLA Doug Rovang

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

Bob Cline, Director - 282-3603

Foundation Scholarships and Scholars Linda Rings
 Group Study Exchange Team Gilda Banfield
 Rotary International Foundation Phil Karsell
 Youth Exchange Mike Busch/Steve Sperling
 Gift of Life Mary Jo Kelly
 World Community Service Glenn VanLaningham
 Polio Eradication Dale Rings