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VITAL STATISTICS

MEMBERSHIP: 254

AVERAGE NOVEMBER ATTENDANCE: 63.91%

AMBASSADORS: Sarah Burrington, Melissa Brinkman, Todd Cordes, Stan Cram, Jim Wiekamp, Nick Ibarra, eClubOne; Eric Matteson, San Ignacio, Belize; Jim Sloan, Grand Cayman Islands.

GREATER ROCHESTER: 11/23/05: Lynn Clarey, Michelle Pyfferoen. 12/7/05: Mike Quinn, Tina Liebling, Bill Ryan, Peg Winters. 12/21/05: George Allen, Mark Utz.

ROCHESTER ROTARY RISERS: 11/22/05: George Allen, Alan Sessler. 11/29/05: George Allen, Alan Sessler, Mark Utz 12/06/05: Mike Quinn, Marcia Redalen, Alan Sessler, John Woodruff.

CONGRATULATIONS AND THANKS FOR SERVING

The nominating committee which consisted of Mike O'Fallon, Bill Nietz, Rick Lien, Marilyn Stewart, Dick Edwards, Leigh Johnson presented their slate of candidates to the membership and an election took place.

Rick Lien was elected last year and will become president on July 1, 2006.

Kim Adams, President Elect, will take office in 2007.

Doug Rovang, President Nominee, will take office in 2008.

Steve Sponsel, Secretary

Sara Gilliland, Treasurer

Linda Rings, Club Service I Director

Mark Dripps, Club Service III Director

Karen Ricklefs, Community Director

Previously elected and remaining on the board for one year:

Brian Murphy, Club Service II Director

Laurel Schacht, Vocational Director

Stacey VandenHeuvel, International Service

BIRTHDAYS

HAPPY JANUARY BIRTHDAYS!

<u>Birthday</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Birthplace</u>
January 4	Bob Dahlstrom	Grantsburg, WI
January 7	Margaret Hinz	Rochester, MN
January 8	Douglas Sparks	St Louis, MO
January 9	Charlie Fish	Wheatland, WY
	Rod Anderson	Breckenridge, MN
January 16	Karen Skiba	Rochester, MN
January 18	Rich Good	Everett, WA
January 19	Nancy Brataas	Minneapolis, MN
	Mark Tasler	Windom, MN
January 22	Alfred Anderson	Newport News, VA
	Melissa Brinkman	Rochester, MN
January 24	Walt Menning	LaSalle, IL
January 25	Sheldon Sheps	Winnipeg, Canada
January 26	Bill Luce	Tulsa, OK
January 30	Tom McComb	Springfield, IL
January 31	Keri Smith	Morgan, MN
	Rick Sheldon	Rockford, IL

GERALD FRANKLIN THORKELSON 1913 – 2005

Jerry Thorkelson passed away December 19, 2005. He was a member of Rochester Rotary Club for 61 years and a Paul Harris Fellow. In his lifetime Jerry was a very active member of our club and was a dedicated Rotarian. We send our sympathy to his wife Margaret and children including Lance who is a member of our club.

ROTARY NEWS

- We received a letter from **Greg Munson**, Quarry Hill Nature Center, thanking Rochester Rotary for their assistance with the food wagon. This year they raised over \$20,000 to provide quality environmental education programs throughout the coming year. Over 5000 people attended the event. He sent special thanks to **Laurel Schacht** for her organizing the volunteer sign-up.
- **Dave Colville** has been working in an Indian Reservation Clinic in Popular, Montana. Prior to that he was in Arizona for Native Americans at Parker, AZ Health Center and also in Supai, AZ Clinic at the base of Grand Canyon. He says this has been a great experience.
- Resignations have been received and accepted with regrets from **Bob Cline, Steve Barna, Teresa Thompson** and **Dwayne Osterhout**. Dwayne will be joining Greater Rochester shortly.
- Thanks to **John Woodruff** for putting a new light in our podium – also attached a power strip inside of it. Really a great improvement!
- Congratulations to **Gilda and Fred Banfield**, who with their family, rang bells for the Salvation Army to celebrate their 45th wedding anniversary. **Vi and Clyde Culp** recently celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary with a donation to the RI Foundation.
- Over 240 Rotarians enjoyed the Holiday Luncheon with the wonderful entertainment from the Rochester Choral Arts Ensemble.
- Two new Paul Harris Fellowships were awarded at our Holiday Luncheon. Both were surprises which is always fun. **Jan Pritchard** gave a Paul Harris Fellowship to her husband **Doug Pritchard** who celebrates his birthday on December 25. **Jack Spittell** presented his daughter **Barbara Spittell Lehman** with a surprise Paul Harris Fellowship.
- Thanks to all who helped at the December meetings: Introduction of Visitors: **Les Stolte, Phil Karsell, Leigh Johnson**. Registration Desk: **Doug Pritchard, Betty Devine**. Invocations: **Doug Rovang, Nickie Froiland, Vicki Allen**. Greeters: **Ann Beatty, Janice Farris**. Special thanks to **Jim Gibson** for helping with the Holiday Party.

JANUARY ROTARY CALENDAR

January 5	Kahler Hotel - Heritage Hall Greg Sauv�, "Business Resources at the Rochester Public Library"
January 12	Kahler Hotel - Heritage Hall Jeanne Huddleston, "Minnesota Lifeline: Katrina Relief Effort"
January 19	Kahler Hotel - Windsor Hall Kevin Kastler, "Steeplechase: Building a Snowboard Area"
January 26	Kahler Hotel - Heritage Hall Bob Morale, "Medical Illustration at Mayo Clinic"

OTHER MEETINGS AND EVENTS

January 12	Rotary Board of Directors Meeting 7 a.m. - Charter House
January 14	District Midterm Meeting - Stillwater, MN (officers, directors, key chairs)
January 24	Rotary Information Meeting 12 Noon, Directors Room, Kahler Hotel

STRIVE MEETINGS

January 10	John Marshall - 9:25-10:15 a.m.
January 11	Mayo HS - 9:38-10:30 a.m.
January 12	Century HS - 9:32-10:17 a.m.

BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL MOVES

- **Todd Cordes** is now executive director of the Rochester Civic Theatre.
- **Past President Bill Nietz** has announced that **Mark Murch** (also a Rochester Rotarian) has become a partner in their accounting firm. The new name of the firm is Scanlon, Nietz and Murch, LLC. **Tim Scanlon** is a member of Wabasha Rotary.
- **Mike Lee** has purchased commercial accounts from Hirman Insurors and started G & L Insurance Group. **Sarah Burrington** has also joined this group.
- **Mike Busch** announced that the name of his company is now Paragon Property Management replacing the name of Weis Management Corporation.

RI SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

2007-08 Ambassadorial Scholarships

The Ambassadorial Scholarship is designed to further international understanding and goodwill by providing study abroad for one year in one of the 162 countries and 35 geographical regions where Rotary clubs are located.

Academic-Year Ambassadorial Scholarships are for one academic year abroad and provide funding for round-trip transportation, tuition and fees, room, board, necessary education supplies, and language training (if necessary) up to a maximum award of US \$26,000 or its equivalent.

During their studies abroad, Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholars act as "ambassadors of goodwill." Through appearances before Rotary clubs and districts, schools, civic organizations, and other forums, the scholars represent their homelands and work to further international understanding.

Applicants must have completed at least two years of college-level course work or equivalent professional experience before commencing their scholarship studies.

Applications must be made initially through our Rotary club, then to the district. One scholarship will be awarded in our district. Candidates cannot be Rotarians, spouses or children of Rotarians.

Deadline to Rochester Rotary is March 22, 2006.

For more information and applications see the RI Web site – www.rotary.org or our district Web site – www.rotary5960.org

GOVERNOR TIM PAWLENTY – SPEAKER ON FEBRUARY 9

You will be receiving more information on this but just so you can get it on your calendar, we will be having Governor Pawlenty as our speaker on February 9.

We will be meeting in Heritage Hall at the Kahler Hotel.

I will be taking reservations for this meeting – we will start sign-ups in a couple of weeks. You will be welcome to bring guests but we do need sign-ups. You can pay as usual – at the door or sign a Kahler charge.

GREATER ROCHESTER MOVES

This month GRR moved to the Ramada Conference Center (1517 16th St SW – formerly Best Western Apache) They will continue to meet at 12 Noon on Wednesday. A shuttle will be available for those who work downtown. Pick up (11:50 a.m.) and drop off (1:30 p.m.) are at the west side of the Gonda Building.

2007-2009 PEACE SCHOLARSHIPS

Applicants are now being sought for scholarships to earn a two year, masters-level degree in international studies, and peace and conflict resolution. Rotary International will award 70 such scholarships to eight universities worldwide later this year.

This program termed "The Rotary Centers for International Studies in peace and conflict resolution," is a major educational priority of The Rotary Foundation. The Foundation has established partnerships with universities in Japan, France, Argentina, England and Australia as well as North Carolina and California.

Deadline to Rochester Rotary is March 22, 2006

Although similar to the Ambassadorial Scholarship program the peace scholarships differ in availability, selection criteria and process, application materials and funding.

Contact the following Web site for more information and applications: www.rotary.org and www.rotary5960.org.



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