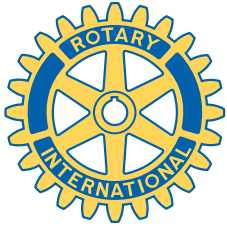


"A Local Service Club with a Global Impact - Offering Leadership and Support to our Community and Beyond"



Moccasin Flower

Official Publication of the Rotary Club of Rochester, Minnesota
Organized June 12, 1925

Club No. 2164

District No. 5960

Volume 83

January 2011

Number 7

VITAL STATISTICS

MEMBERSHIP: 239

RESIGNATIONS: Joe McBride, Chris Rustad

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

| <u>Birthday</u> | <u>Name</u> | <u>Birthplace</u> |
|-----------------|-------------------------|-------------------|
| January 4 | Bob Dahlstrom | Grantsburg, WI |
| January 5 | Jerry Lobland | Preston, MN |
| January 7 | Margaret Hinz | Rochester, MN |
| January 10 | Steve Courts | Minneapolis, MN |
| January 11 | Rod Anderson | Breckenridge, MN |
| January 19 | Nancy Brataas | Minneapolis, MN |
| | Mark Tasler | Windom, MN |
| January 20 | Cresta Valentine | Colorado |
| January 24 | Walt Menning | LaSalle, IL |
| January 25 | Sheldon Sheps | Winnipeg, Canada |
| January 27 | Susan Stauder | Milwaukee, WI |
| January 31 | Rick Sheldon | Rockford, IL |

ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL ROTARY U.S. BANK HOLIDAY CLASSIC!

Grant applications are being accepted now.

The 23rd basketball tournament was again a success. Final figures are being tallied. To date (not including this year's tournament) we have awarded \$672,400. Thanks to everyone who volunteered during the tournament! The youth of Rochester will be the real winners.



Grant applications are on our Web site – www.rochesterrotaryclubs.org If you know of a group or organization that would be interested in applying for a grant, please get in touch with them.

Criteria for grants:

- 1) youth-related or
- 2) education-oriented
- 3) Rochester-based
- 4) have a demonstrated need



The grant selection committee consists of two members from the basketball steering committee and the community service directors from each of the Rochester Rotary clubs.

The grant application deadline is January 28, 2011.

January is Rotary Awareness Month

2011-2012 Board Of Directors

- President – Mark Dripps
- President-elect – Lorie Luedke
- President-elect Nominee – Vicki Allen
- Secretary – Janice Farris
- Treasurer – Dan Kelly
- Community Service – Lorrie Swancutt
- Vocational Service – Linda Herrick
- International Service – Cris Fischer
- Club Service I – Christine Beech
- Club Service II – Bill Wiktor
- Club Service III – Margaret Hinz



ROTARY NEWS

- **Thanks for your assistance at the December meetings -** Invocations: **Steve Sperling, Anne Berberich, Jerry Mahon**; Introduction of Visitors: **Leigh Johnson, Phil Karsell**; Visitors Desk: **Kathy Lessard**; Greeters: **Jerry Mahon, George Allen, Kathy Lessard, Jim Sloan**; 4-Way Test: **Tom Bruckman, Jerry Mahon, Mark Dripps**; Cashier; **James Gibson**; Music: **Linda Herrick, Ann Beatty**.
- **Jeff Amundson and Milt Tostrud** shared their Vocational Talks with us – thank you!
- Our sympathy to the family and friends of fellow Rotarians **Anne Berberich** on the death of her father and **Stan Cram** on the death of his son.
- More than 180 Rotarians and their guests attended our annual Holiday Luncheon on December 16. The beautiful snowy day was full of fellowship, great food, and a terrific performance by the Rochester Male Chorus.

Rotary Anniversaries

| | |
|------------------|----------|
| Susan Ahlquist | 2 years |
| Bob Bock | 2 years |
| Cynthia Shaffer | 3 years |
| Tim Sitzer | 3 years |
| Greg Stavrou | 3 years |
| Richard Brubaker | 4 years |
| Todd Villeneuve | 4 years |
| Nick Kolas | 6 years |
| Caroline Baihly | 10 years |
| Karmen Reid | 10 years |
| Lorie Luedke | 14 years |
| Lyman Grieve | 14 years |
| Mike Homan | 15 years |
| Mark Cairns | 16 years |
| Mike O'Fallon | 18 years |
| Cynthia Daube | 19 years |
| Judith Taylor | 23 years |
| Lynn Clarey | 30 years |
| Bob Dahlstrom | 33 years |
| Paul Olander | 35 years |
| Bob Priem | 36 years |
| Jim Woodruff | 36 years |
| John Woodruff | 36 years |



Thank you for your continued service to our Club.

JANUARY ROTARY CALENDAR

| | |
|------------|---|
| January 6 | Kahler Hotel - Heritage Hall - "Tee it Up for the Troops," James Ball |
| January 13 | Kahler Hotel - Heritage Hall - "Sudan and Elections 2011 - State of Nation and Hope for a Better Future," Father John Lashuba |
| January 20 | Kahler Hotel - Windsor Hall "Intelligence Led Policing," Roger Peterson |
| January 27 | Double Tree Inn - "Curriculum Integration in Higher Education," Robb Dunbar, Rajeev Muthyala, Molly Dingel |

OTHER MEETINGS AND EVENTS

| | |
|------------|--|
| January 3 | Channel One - 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. |
| January 5 | Rotary Board of Directors Meeting - 7:00 a.m., President's Board Room, Marriott Hotel |
| January 12 | Community Food Response - Contact Glenn VanLaningham or Paul Bleimeyer |
| January 26 | Rotary Information Meeting - Noon at Custom Alarm |

Thank you to all of the Salvation Army Bell Ringers!

Rotarians from our Club braved the Minnesota cold to ring bells for the Salvation Army for four Saturdays in November and December. Thanks to everyone who volunteered their time to help our community - another great example of Service Above Self!



Note our Club's new mailing address:

ROCHESTER ROTARY CLUB

P.O. Box 7566

Rochester, MN 55903-7566

Phone number and email address remain unchanged:

Phone: 507-252-0085

Email: romnrotary@charter.net

From the desk of [Karel Weigel](#), Rochester Rotary president



As is true each year, 2010 activities gave Rochester Rotary Club much to build upon as we greet 2011. Although the faces of Rotary leadership world wide change in July, the initiatives and good works are ongoing. During this last calendar year for example the Rochester Rotary Club continued to do well by doing good, in:

Our community:

- Channel One
- Community Food Response
- Quarry Hill Nature Center
- Salvation Army Bell ringing
- Rochester Public Library hosts
- White Oaks Park clean up
- Response to floods in Southeast Minnesota

Youth-related projects:

- Literacy
- STRIVE
- Rotary Readers
- Camp RYLA
- Youth Exchange
- Youth Linc trip to Mexico
- Welcome of inbound youth exchange student Camilla Kjiergaard from Denmark

Our world:

- Response to Haiti earth quake through Shelter Boxes
- Significant contributions to Polio Plus
- Fast for Hope

- Rotary International Annual Programs Fund
- Growth in designation of Paul Harris Fellows
- World Community Service Projects
- Sri Lanka-water reservoir project
- Global Grant-Medical equipment in Argentina
- Croatia-kitchen equipment in outward bound center
- And, of course, the good works of countless individual Rotarians that are simply accomplished in quiet ways.

Two very successful fund raisers were held:

- Rotary Auction in April
- Rotary US Bank Holiday Classic Basketball Tournament

The plaque in Dr. Charlie Mayo's office proclaims, "There is no fun like work" and we are grateful for the hard work of the committees who organized and executed both events and for the generous support of Rotarians. Together these efforts result in the funds to support community and international projects that touch many lives.

We did have fun with three events at which all Rotary Clubs collaborated:

1. The Rotary Birthday party in February
2. The commissioning of the new Rochester Rotaract Club in May
3. Oktoberfest in October (what else?) which is destined to become an annual event.

Typically, January is looked upon as a time for everything new. This January we welcome not a new face, but a very familiar one, Lois Nietz has graciously agreed to step in as Interim Administrative Director while we pursue a search to fill the position permanently. Thank you Lois!

THANK YOU TO THE ROTARY U.S. BANK HOLIDAY CLASSIC SPONSORS!

Primary Sponsor

U.S. Bank

Gold Sponsor

KTTC
Olmsted Medical Center
RCTC

Silver Sponsor

Davies Printing
Express Employment Professionals
John Hardy BBQ
Judy and Jim Sloan Foundation
Kahler Grand Hotel

Stifel Nicolaus VanStraaten Wealth Management Group

Bronze

Clements Chevrolet Cadillac
Dunlap and Seeger
Edina Realty Home Services
Home Federal Savings Bank
Olmsted County Deputy Sheriff's Association
Park Place Motor Cars
Rochester Convention & Visitor's Bureau
Think Mutual Bank
Greater Rochester Rotary
Rochester Rotary Club
Rochester Rotary Risers

THANKS TO ALL WHO PLACED ADS IN OUR HOLIDAY CLASSIC PROGRAM

The support of these businesses is appreciated!

Advanced Financial Consultants
Anderson, Rodney
Baker Law Offices
Becker Appraisals
Benike Construction
Beyond Kitchens
Brothers Bar & Grill
Canadian Honker
Clarey's Safety Equipment
Cold Stone Creamery
Commercial Leasing
Custom Alarm
Dick Thomsen State Farm
Dunn Brothers Coffee
Eastwood Insurance Agency
Family Eye Clinic
Fire Safety USA
Gander Plumbing & Heating
George Restovich & Associates

Heartman Insurance
Holiday Inn South
Home Federal Investment Services
Kirgis, Grant
Kleis, Bill
Madonna Living Community
Marco
McGhie & Betts, Inc
Med City Dental
Michael Quinn
Minnesota Energy Resources
Noodles and Company
Pendle, Hansen, Bagne
Peoples State Bank, Elgin
Perkins
Perry, Jerome
Post Bulletin
Premier Bank
Retirement Investigator

Rochester Amateur Sports
Commission
Rochester Area Officials
Rochester Mayor, Ardell Brede
Rochester Public Utilities
Royals Baseball
RSM McGladrey
RWJ and Associates
Ryan Windows & Siding
Scanlon, Nietz and Murch
Suhler, Fred
Tile Superstore
Tyrol Ski & Sports
University of Minnesota
Virgil's
Wendland, Utz, Stahl, & Mintz
Wiekamp Financial
Wolter & Raak
Woodruff Company

You are appreciated!

A big thank you to all of the volunteers from our Club that helped make the Rotary US Bank Holiday Classic a success. Whether you worked four hours or 40 hours we appreciate your participation in this great event.



ROTARY TRAVEL OPPORTUNITY!

Escape the winter cold and visit captivating Nicaragua March 17-27, 2011. Learn about its rich history, culture and traditions. Explore the varied scenery from mountain top coffee plantations to sandy beaches on the Pacific Ocean. The total cost is approximately \$1,500 per person, all inclusive including airfare.

Rotary District 5960 is sponsoring its fourth cultural exchange. More than 30 Rotarians from our district have visited Nicaragua in the past three years as part of the Fast for Hope Initiative. Participation is open to all Rotarians in District 5960, their spouses, significant others or other adult relative.

For more information and an application form, visit the District Web site: <http://www.rotary5960.org/>



ROCHESTER ROTARY CLUB

P.O. Box 7566
Rochester, MN 55903-7566
Phone: 507-252-0085

ROTARY CLUB OF ROCHESTER

Rochester, Minnesota

Organized June 12, 1925

Club No. 2047 District No. 5960

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

OFFICIAL PUBLICATION OF THE
ROTARY CLUB OF ROCHESTER

PRESIDENT: Karel Weigel

PRESIDENT-ELECT: Mark Dripps

PRESIDENT NOMINEE: Lorie Luedke

SECRETARY: Richard Brubaker

TREASURER: Paul Tieskoetter

PAST PRESIDENT: Dana Funk

INTERIM ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTOR

Lois Nietz - 507-252-0085

E-mail: romnrotary@charter.net

ROTARY DISTRICT 5960 GOVERNOR

Craig Leiser, Stillwater Sunrise Rotary

ASSISTANT GOVERNOR

Mike O'Fallon, Rochester Rotary

WEB SITES

Rochester Rotary: www.rochesterrotaryclubs.org

Links to STRIVE – Rotary US Bank Holiday Classic

District 5960: www.rotary5960.org

Rotary International: rotary.org

ACTIVE COMMITTEES

Four Avenues of Service: Club, International, Vocational, Community

CLUB SERVICE I

Christine Beech, Director

Greeters *Paul Tieskoetter*
 Membership Development *Mark Dripps*
 Rotary Information Officer *Leigh Johnson*
 Visitors Desk *Kathy Lessard*
 Sergeant-at-Arms *John Woodruff*
 Mentors *Bill Wiktor*

CLUB SERVICE II

Steve Rossello, Director

Club Bulletin *Lorie Luedke, Lois Nietz*
 Club Web Site *Lorie Luedke*
 Invocations *Phil Karsell*
 Programs *Stacy Sinner*
 Public Relations *Lorie Luedke*
 Four-Way Test *Chris Holloway*

CLUB SERVICE III

Margaret Hinz, Director

Biennial Auction *Lorie Luedke, Laurel Schacht*
 Golf Day *Rick Lien*
 Music *Jane Belau*
 Social Events *Jim Wiekamp*

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

Dave Moertel, Director

Foundational Scholarships *Steve Sponsel*
 Group Study Exchange Team *Gilda Banfield*
 Rotary International Foundation *Dana Funk*
 YouthLINC & Youth Exchange *Vicki Allen*
 Rotary Gift of Life *Betty Devine*
 World Community Service *Judith O'Fallon*

VOCATIONAL SERVICE

Suzanne Dinusson, Director

Camp RYLA *Steve Rossello*
 Rotary Literacy Coordinator *Stacy Sinner*
 Rotary Readers Project *Cris Fischer*
 Rotation Day *Danae Ostern*
 STRIVE *Linda Herrick*
 Vocational Talks *Fred Banfield*
 Youth Protection Officer *Kim Adams, Hilla Ferguson*

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Lorrie Swancutt, Director

Channel One *Mike O'Fallon, Tom Moyer*
 Community Food Response *Paul Bleimeyer, Glenn VanLaningham*
 Library Host *Alan Sessler*
 Quarry Hill Fall Festival *Barbara Porter*
 Rotary Bell Ringing for Salvation Army *Paul Bleimeyer, Mark Neville*
 Rotary US Bank Holiday Classic *Lorie Luedke, Mike Quinn, Doug Rovang, Laurel Schacht*
 Service Above Self Awards *Cresta Deeds, Linda Hillenbrand*
 Student Guests *Allie Good*
 White Oaks Park *Ashok Patel, Mike Mahrer*