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VITAL STATISTICS

MEMBERSHIP: 194

NOVEMBER ATTENDANCE: 45.0%

ROCHESTER ROTARY RISERS: none

GREATER ROCHESTER ROTARY: none

ROTARY eCLUB ONE: none

MEMBERS ON LEAVE: none

RESIGNATIONS: Linda Bonow, Christopher Holloway, Stacy Sinner, Cresta Valentine

NEW MEMBERS: none

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

<u>Birthday</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Birthplace</u>
January 4	Wes Duellman	
	Sue M. Johnson	Rochester, MN
January 5	Jerry Lobland	Preston, MN
January 6	Timothy Geisler	
January 7	Margaret Hinz	Rochester, MN
January 9	Mike Muñoz	Lexington, NE
January 10	Steve Courts	Minneapolis, MN
January 11	Rod Anderson	Breckenridge, MN
	Jennifer Teske	Hampton, IA
January 24	Walt Menning	LaSalle, IL
January 25	Kathy Lessard	Osage, IA
	Bert Reiman	Riverside, CA
January 28	Jacque Tummons	Omaha, NE

If we have missed your birthday, please let us know.

ROTARY DUES AND HOLIDAY CLASSIC TOURNAMENT PASSES

Rotarians who have not yet made full payment for 2014-15 dues or their Holiday Classic donation are asked to do so before the end of January. The Rotary Club of Rochester has already made dues payments on behalf of members to Rotary District 5960 and Rotary International, and ALL Rochester



Rotarians are asked to make a \$40 Holiday Classic contribution. Club leadership appreciates your prompt payment to help save club resources and maintain the budget. Payments may be given to Elizabeth at a Rotary meeting or mailed to TRCR, PO Box 7566, Rochester, MN 55903-7566.

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Thanks to all who helped with the December meetings:

Greeters: Eric Matteson, Colin Aldis, Mark Noble, Sue M. Johnson, Jim Sloan, Judith O'Fallon, Cashier: Angie Rustad, Jen Woodford, Sergeant-at-Arms: John Woodruff, Visitors Desk: Jen Woodford, Dan O'Neil, Betty Devine, Invocations: Bruce Rohde, Vicki Allen, Bill Wiktor, Four Way Test: Audrey Betcher, Kelly Engler, Stacey Vanden Heuvel, Introduction of Visitors: Phil Karsell, Leigh Johnson, Presenters: Gail Dennison, Jerry Miller, Lourdes' Center Street Singers

JANUARY CALENDAR

Weekly Meetings

- January 1** No meeting due to New Years Day
- January 8** **Heritage Hall, The Kahler Grand Hotel**, 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., “IBM Update” presented by Bill Rapp
- January 15** **Elizabethan Room, The Kahler Grand Hotel**, 11:30 a.m. –1:00 p.m., Abdul Bengali, retired Mayo CIO
- January 22** **Holiday Inn Downtown**, 11:30 a.m. –1:00 p.m., Mayo Family Advocacy Center” presented by Ellen Case & Dr. Graff
- January 29** **Holiday Inn Downtown**, 11:30 a.m. –1:00 p.m., “Fun Day at Rotary”

January Rotary Anniversaries

Martha Cashman	1 year
Kristine Ihrke	1 year
Mark Neville	1 year +
Michael Brennan	2 years
Colin Aldis	3 years
Maury Hagen	3 years +
Mark Noble	3 years +
Bert Reiman	4 years
Steve Stenhaus	4 years
Susan Ahlquist	5 years +
Tim Sitzer	6 years
Greg Stavrou	6 years
Richard Brubaker	7 years
Nick Kolas	9 years
Caroline Baihly	13 years
Lorie Luedke	18 years
Michael Homan	18 years
Mike O’Fallon	21 years
Cynthia Daube	22 years
Lynn Clarey	33 years
Jim Woodruff	39 years
John Woodruff	39 years



Other Meetings & Events

- January 5** **Channel One Service**, Channel One Building (131 35 St SE), 6-8 p.m.
- January 12** **Salvation Army Dinner Service**, Salvation Army Bldg, 5:30-7 p.m.
- January 13** **STRIVE at John Marshall**, Rocket Center, 8:10-9:10 a.m.
- January 14** **Rotary Club of Rochester Board Meeting**, OMC Foundation Offices, 7 a.m.
- January 14** **SE-MN World Community Service Committee Meeting**, Nietz & Eversman Offices (2212 2nd St SW), 7 a.m.
- January 14** **STRIVE at Mayo HS**, Spartan Room 2-254, 8:30-9:30 a.m.
- January 14** **Community Food Response Service**, Bethel Lutheran, 1:15-6:45 p.m.
- January 15** **STRIVE at Century**, The Forum, 8:30-9:30 a.m.
- January 21** **Rotary Information Meeting**, Aspen Suites Conference Room (1211 2nd St. SW), 12-1:30 p.m.
- January 28** **STRIVE Grub Night**, Quarry Hill Nature Center

KWIK TRIP SCRIP CARDS



The Kwik Trip Scrip Gift Card Program allows The Rotary Club of Rochester to keep 10% of the face value of each card. Scrip cards are available for purchase at the weekly Club meetings.



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2015 ROTARY FRIENDSHIP
EXCHANGE TO BRAZIL 2015

An Exchange with District 4740, Santa
Catarina, Brazil

Outbound to Brazil

June 10 - June 19, 2015

Application is located online at: <http://rotary5960.org/scholars/index.cfm?pScholar=BRZ&pDoc=91>) and deposit due by January 10, 2015.



For eight Rotarians and/or partners - The 3rd Rotary Friendship Exchange (RFE) exchange for District 5960 was with Rotary District 4740 in Santa Catarina, Brazil. This is a District which has a culturally diverse

constituency with influences from Italy, Austria, Germany, and Japan. Small villages founded in the 1920's by immigrants from the aforementioned countries are now thriving cities in the district. Agriculture is an important part of life with major local crops including soy, corn, beans, garlic, apples, grapes, pork, cattle, and poultry. Additionally, natural springs, water parks, hydroelectric and wind plants make up the economy.



THANK YOU TO ALL ROTARIANS, FAMILY, AND FRIENDS FOR RINGING BELLS!



Ray & Sue F. Johnson



Sue M. Johnson and family with Rick Lien



Dave Oeth & family



Mark Neville & John Woodruff



Laurel Schacht with friends and family

MEET SUDIP BHANDARI, DISTRICT 5960 GLOBAL GRANT SCHOLAR 2015-16

Taken from <http://rotary5960.org/showDoc.cfm?pObject=563&pMenuTop=434>

Dear Rotarians, past and future Global Grant scholars, and friends,

I cannot express how deeply honored and privileged I feel to be the Global Grant scholar for 2015-16. Given my unlikely background, I consider myself especially blessed to write to you.

I grew up during a decade long civil war (1996-2006) in Nepal where I became both a witness and victim of violence. As a child, I narrowly escaped death more than once. As a teenager, I became a war refugee when the rebel forces shut down all the local schools in my hometown of Chitwan. My family was forced to move to the safe capital Kathmandu in order to keep my education uninterrupted. Although the Nepalese government publicly declared an end to the civil war in 2006, youth violence continued. The ongoing violence in Nepal motivated me to start rebuilding communities by joining the Rotaract Club of my city, Kathmandu. After high school, I immersed myself in Rotaract's efforts to build peace through youth activism. Because I believed in Rotaract's vision of a just world, I worked to organize free health camps for rural Nepalese, volunteer at local orphanages, and create nation wide awareness about polio.



During my service year with Rotaract, I was fortunate to receive a prestigious international student scholarship from St. Olaf College in Northfield, MN. It allowed me to come to the United States for the first time and receive a world-class education. The opportunities were boundless! I continued taking steps towards creating a peaceful Nepal by starting an educational program called the Anne Frank Project Nepal, or AFPN (www.annefranknepal.org). AFPN's aim is to inculcate values of tolerance and mutual respect among Nepali youth, and to promote sustainable peace through education.

Over two summers I taught over 5,000 students about the importance of upholding human rights by using the story of Anne Frank and the Holocaust, major events of world history missing from Nepali textbooks. I also built the Anne Frank Peace Library for 250 war-affected students enrolled at a school in rural Nepal. However, my endeavors wouldn't have been possible without the support from the Rotaract club I joined in high school. My love and respect for the work that Rotaract and Rotary do is what drove me to apply for this scholarship.

I am delighted to report that this grant will allow me to pursue a Master's in Conflict Resolution and Governance at the University of Amsterdam. Rotary's investment in my higher education will help me expand my peace efforts in Nepal, as I hope to build an AFPN educational institution and museum after my graduate education in Amsterdam. However, as much as Rotary has invested in me, they have also invested in my country. You have created a future Rotarian who truly believes in the cause and mission of Rotary and will work to make a change in the world.

Lastly, I want to share deepest gratitude to the Northfield Rotary Club for its incessant support and guidance. I also want to thank my professor Dr. Kris Thalhammer for mentoring me during application and throughout college. I am grateful to District 5960 on behalf of my family, friends and my country for believing in my dreams and providing me this amazing opportunity. I look forward to learning more, developing meaningful relationships and serving the needy.

Thank you,

Sudip Bhandari



A MAJOR BREAKTHROUGH AGAINST POLIO

By Dan Nixon, Rotary News, 21-Nov-2014

A member of the Rotary Club of Rawalpindi, Punjab, Pakistan, immunizes children against polio at a camp for internally displaced persons in Waziristan. No type 3 polio has been reported in Pakistan -- or anywhere worldwide -- for more than two years. Photo Credit: Courtesy of the Rotary Club of Rawalpindi.

Rotary and its partners in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI) are approaching a significant milestone: the eradication of type 3 wild poliovirus.



The last case of polio caused by the type 3 virus was reported in Yobe, Nigeria, on 10 November 2012.

"We may have eradicated a second of three; that's a major milestone," said Dr. Stephen Cochi, a senior adviser at the Center for Global Health at the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, speaking to the BBC.

Rotary has played an important role in bringing type 3 polio close to extinction. PolioPlus grants have provided key funding for surveillance, operational support, social mobilization, and technical assistance in the fight to eradicate polio, including type 3. And Rotary members have worked to

change the minds of community leaders and parents who once refused to let children be immunized, including in the three remaining polio-endemic countries, Nigeria, Pakistan, and Afghanistan.

The absence of type 3 polio in Nigeria reflects the country's tremendous progress toward becoming polio-free. It has also reduced the number of type 1 cases to just six so far this year, compared with 51 for the same period in 2013.

The breakthrough against type 3 comes as promising news for Pakistan, where type 3 was last reported in April 2012, in Khyber Agency in the Federally Administered Tribal Areas. Pakistan has reported about 85 percent of the world's polio cases this year, 246, compared with 63 for the same period in 2013. Militants halted polio immunization in some areas for about two years, but Pakistan's military operations have made it possible for immunizations to resume. Over 700,000 people, including half a million children, have been vaccinated in the past few months.

Type 2 polio was eradicated in 1999. The elimination of type 3 polio, once confirmed, would leave only type 1 to contend with. However, type 3 causes fewer cases of illness than does type 1, which means the virus can be transmitted more widely and longer without being detected.

Nevertheless, the fact that type 3 polio hasn't been detected globally for more than two years is "extremely encouraging news" and "a reminder that the eradication of polio is achievable," says the GPEI.

"It's been a tough, sometimes uphill climb to get this far in the fight to finish off polio," says Michael McGovern, vice chair of The Rotary Foundation Trustees and chair of the International PolioPlus Committee. "But the tenacity and resources of Rotary and its partners have kept the global effort moving forward. Let's make sure type 3 is down for the count, keep pushing ahead to wipe out type 1, and free the world of this devastating disease forever."

The Rotary Club of Rochester 2014-15 Club Progress to Goals

CATEGORY	2014-15 GOALS	As of January 1, 2015
Membership <i>(Began Rotary year with 203)</i>	205	198
Rotary International Foundation Annual Program Fund	\$10,000	\$2,962 (30% of goal)
Every Rotarian Every Year (EREY)	100%	10%
Polio Plus <i>(from Auction proceeds)</i>	\$2,500	\$2,500 (100% of goal)
District 5960 Fast for Hope Project <i>(from Auction proceeds)</i>	\$1,000	\$0 (0% of goal)

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- 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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