

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



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VITAL STATISTICS

MEMBERSHIP: 183

NOVEMBER ATTENDANCE: 41%

ROCHESTER ROTARY RISERS: none reported

GREATER ROCHESTER ROTARY: none reported

AMBASSADORS: Rotary Club of Wautoma, WI:
Bill Hendee

ROTARY eCLUB ONE: **Borge M. Christensen**

NEW MEMBER: **Kris Petersen**

MEMBERS ON LEAVE: **Robert Olson**

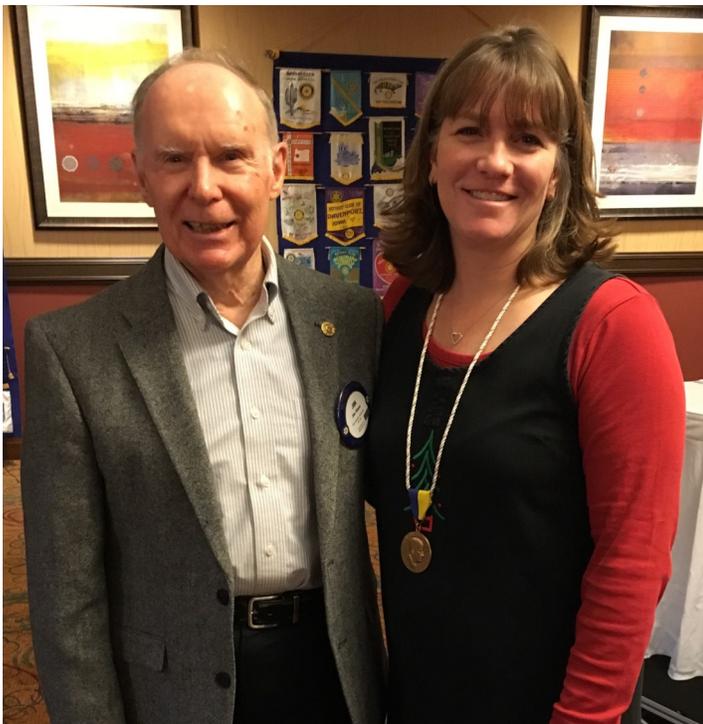
RESIGNATIONS: **Randy Fett, Kristine Stensland**

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

<u>Birthday</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Birthplace</u>
January 1	Bill Hendee	Owosso, MI
January 4	Wes Duellman	
	Sue M. Johnson	Rochester, MN
January 5	Jerry Lobland	Preston, MN
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.

Congratulations Elizabeth!



Paul Harris Fellowship recipient Elizabeth Karsell from Jim Sloan.

New Member



New Rotarian Kris Petersen (center) with Vicki Allen and proposer Laurel Schacht.

JANUARY CALENDAR

Weekly Meetings

- January 7** "Limb Lab" presented by Brandon Sampson, 11:30 am – 1:00 pm, Riverview Suites C&D, **Mayo Civic Center**
- January 14** "Gladiolas" presented by Barb & John Meyer, 11:30 am -1:00 pm, Riverview Suites C&D, **Mayo Civic Center**
- January 21** "Rochester Civic Center Expansion" presented by Brad Jones, 11:30 am - 1:00 pm, Riverview Suites C&D, **Mayo Civic Center**
- January 28** "Minnesota Medical Solutions – Medical Cannabis" presented by Laura Bultman, 11:30 am -1:00 pm, Riverview Suites C&D, **Mayo Civic Center**

Other Meetings & Events

- January 1-10** **Rotary Office is closed**
- January 4** **NO Channel One Service**
- January 5** **Rotary Club of Rochester Board, OMC SE Clinic Conference**
Room 4-2 (210 9th St. SE), 7 am
- January 11** **Salvation Army Dinner Service,**
Salvation Army Building, 5:30-7 pm
- January 13** **Southeast World Community Service Meeting,** 7 am
- January 13** **Community Food Response,** Bethel Lutheran Church (810 3rd Ave SE), 1:15-6:45 pm
- January 20** **Rotary Information Meeting,** Custom Alarm Conference Room, 4:30-6 pm

CELEBRATE ROTARY'S BIRTHDAY IN FEBRUARY

Rotary's birthday is February 23. Rotary Club of Rochester Rotarians are encouraged to celebrate by wearing Rotary logo apparel. If you don't yet own any, you can [purchase items online](#).



January Rotary Anniversaries

Bill Hendee	1 year
Bryan Bachman	2 years
Martha Cashman	2 years
Kristine Ihrke	2 years
Mark Neville	2 years +
Michael Brennan	3 years
Colin Aldis	4 years
Maury Hagen	4 years +
Mark Noble	4 years +
Bert Reiman	5 years
Steve Stenhaus	5 years
Susan Ahlquist	6 years +
Tim Sitzer	7 years
Greg Stavrou	7 years
Richard Brubaker	8 years
Nick Kolas	10 years
Caroline Baihly	14 years
Lorie Luedke	18 years
Mike O'Fallon	22 years
Cynthia Daube	23 years
Lynn Clarey	34 years
John Woodruff	40 years



Thanks to all who helped with the December meetings:

Greeters: Colin Aldis, Mark Dripps, Warren Harmon, Peggy Elliott, Jim Sloan, Kathy Lessard;
Cashier: Caroline Baihly, Amy Holtz; **Sergeant-at-Arms:** John Woodruff; **Visitors Desk:** Suzanne Dinusson, Bari Amadio, Jes Johnston, Betty Devine; **Music:** Mark Neville, Judy O'Fallon; **Reflections:** Kristine Ihrke, Doug Porter, Corey Jordan; **Four Way Test:** Ryan Backus, Dana Funk, John Brandrup; **Introduction of Visitors:** Leigh Johnson, Phil Karsell; **Presenters:** Harley Flathers, Jill Tigner, Suzy Johnson and Arioso Chori

ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL ROTARY US BANK HOLIDAY CLASSIC

Despite the first major snow storm of 2015, all thirty-two teams and a great crowd of fans came together over two days at Rochester's Mayo Civic Center to enjoy great basketball and to raise money for youth in our community. Sincere thanks to the members of the steering committee for their work over one year to plan, organize, and host a well-coordinated event. Thank you to all local businesses and Rotarians for your financial support of the event. Thank you to Rotarians and friends of Rotary for your volunteer time. Your presence helped our attendees feel welcome and comfortable as they navigated the halls of Mayo Civic under construction. Thank you to all who attended the event as supporters of youth and fans of basketball. The Holiday Classic has become a major sporting event in Minnesota, and it wouldn't be possible without the support of those mentioned.

Once again, all proceeds will be given back to the community. A final payment will be made to Mayo Civic Center to assist with the purchase of the Rotary basketball court in the Auditorium. This beautiful court is used throughout the year and displays the Rotary logo. Additionally, monies will be given to each of the four local high schools, Rotary's STRIVE and literacy programs, and numerous nonprofit youth programs and projects in our community.

If you would like to find out if your organization qualifies to apply for grant money, [click on the link](#).



THANK YOU TO OUR 2015 ROTARY US BANK HOLIDAY CLASSIC SPONSORS

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2015 HOLIDAY CLASSIC ADVERTISERS

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Fire Safety USA	People's Energy Cooperative	Townsquare Media
Heartman Insurance	Premier Bank	Tyrol
HIMEC	Restovich Braun & Associates	Virgils
Home Federal Private Banking	Rochester Amateur Sports Commission	Warners' Stellan
Judi Wilson	Rochester Family Eye Clinic	Wendland & Utz
KFAN-AM 1270	Rochester Mayor Ardele Brede	WSB & Associates
Larkin Hoffman Attorneys	Rochester Public Schools	Wyndham Garden
LKPB Engineers, Inc.	RSM	

The Rotary Club of Rochester 2015-16 Club Progress to Goals

CATEGORY	2015-16 GOALS	As of December 31, 2015
Membership <i>(Began Rotary year with 185)</i>	200	183
Rotary International Foundation Annual Program Fund	\$10,000	\$14,262 (143% of goal)
Every Rotarian Every Year (EREY)	100%	21%
PolioPlus	\$2,500	\$250 (10% of goal)
District 5960 Fast for Hope Project	\$1,000	\$0 (0% of goal)

Around The World Benefit

Save the date for the 7th Biennial Fundraiser

WHEN: Thursday, April 21, 2016, 6:00-10:00 pm (replaces Thursday noon meeting)

WHERE: The International Event Center, 7333 Airport View Dr.

WHAT: For nearly fifteen years, our Club has held a biennial benefit to promote the good work supported by the Rotary Club of Rochester Foundation. Our 2016 event will celebrate the diversity and reach of Rotary across the globe with an around the world theme. Another exciting development; we will invite the public to attend and learn about the great work Rotary does locally and globally.



We are asking members to consider donating an item either to the live and/or silent auction. The silent auction items should be \$50 or more value. The live auction items should be \$500 or more value. Sinead Chick will oversee the collection of auction items. If you are interested in donating, please contact Sinead sinead@rochestercivictheatre.org, Heather hholmes@raedi.com, or Kristine kihrke@soldiersfield.com

Through the benefit, we are proud to support numerous programs both locally and internationally such as STRIVE, Youth Exchange, Polio Plus, Fast for Hope and many more. Please help us reach our goal of \$50,000 for the Rotary Club of Rochester Foundation!

JANUARY IS VOCATIONAL SERVICE MONTH

THE CONCEPT OF VOCATIONAL SERVICE

Taken from "An Introduction to Vocational Service – Rotary International"



The Object of Rotary is a philosophical statement of Rotary's purpose and the responsibilities of Rotarians. The concept of vocational service is rooted in the Second Object, which calls on Rotarians to "encourage and foster:"

- High ethical standards in business and professions
- The recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations
- The dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society

As a Rotarian, how can you put these ideals into action?
Consider these suggestions:

- Talk about your vocation in your club, and take time to learn about fellow members' vocations.
- Use your professional skills to serve a community.
- Practice your profession with integrity, and inspire others to behave ethically through your own words and actions.
- Help a young person achieve his or her career aspirations.
- Guide and encourage others in their professional development.

If you do any of these things, you are performing vocational service. And if vocational service motivates and energizes you, then you're in the right place, because vocational service is the very essence of Rotary. It is what sets Rotary apart from other service organizations.



THE FOUR-WAY TEST

of the things we think, say or do

1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

NORTH CENTRAL-PRESIDENT ELECT TRAINING SEMINAR (NC-PETS) VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP AND SCHEDULE

Rochester will serve as the host for NC-PETS March 10-12, 2016. President-Elect Rotarians from across four districts, including our own District 5960, will be coming together for training in preparation for the Rotary year 2016-2017.



Rochester Rotarians are needed to serve as Sergeant of Arms to direct traffic during the event, primarily during meal times on Friday the 11th and Saturday the 12th morning. In addition to meeting Rotarians from our neighboring districts, volunteers will also be able to enjoy a meal following their assignment.

Contact Joanne Rosener by Friday, March 4 at joanne.rosener@gmail.com to sign-up.

Make a New Year's Resolution to Give

Whether you give to Rotary International or our local Rotary Club of Rochester Foundation, you are making a difference. Here are a few ways that your support is helping to change lives all over the world:

Educating children: Rotary members in Maine, USA, and Rajasthan, India, are using a global grant to educate hundreds of children in the city of Bikaner who previously were not attending school, and to provide professional development for their teachers. [Learn more about the project](#), which also provided desks for the students through an earlier grant.

Fighting disease: Rotary members in California, USA, and Sinkor, Monrovia, Liberia, are using Foundation grant money to train health care workers in techniques to prevent mother-to-child transmission of HIV and to improve their ability to diagnose and treat infected women. The success of the project is measured in lives saved. Read more about the [vocational training team's efforts](#).

Growing local economies: In the Esmeraldas Province of Ecuador, Rotary members have teamed up with a microfinance organization to provide small loans to poor women, teaching them to sew and bake so they can start or expand businesses. Global grant funds provide seed money for microloans and buy sewing and baking equipment for a training center where the women learn vocational skills and basic business management. [Learn more about the project](#).



Students sit at new desks that were provided through a grant organized by the Rotary Clubs of Bikaner, Rajasthan, India, and Kennebunk Portside, Maine, USA

Ending polio: In 2015, wild poliovirus transmission declined to its lowest level ever, with fewer cases reported from fewer areas in fewer countries than ever before. As of 15 December, only 66 cases of the disease caused by the wild poliovirus had been reported in the two remaining endemic countries, Afghanistan and Pakistan. Gifts from Rotary members have funded the immunization activities that are helping us reach our goal of a polio-free world. And every dollar that Rotary commits to polio eradication is matched 2-to-1 by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, tripling your impact. Watch our [World Polio Day Livestream update](#).

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

TOP 5 REASONS TO JOIN US

Taken from: <http://www.riconvention.org/en/seoul/top-5-reasons-join-us-seoul>

1. Connect with thought leaders

Hear from [exceptional speakers](#) including RI President K.R. Ravindran and other Rotary senior leaders, who will educate and inspire you.

2. Connect with new ideas

Get into the nuts and bolts of Rotary with [breakout sessions](#) run by your Rotary peers, Rotary International staff, and experts in project planning, grant funding, and social media.

3. Connect with new friends

Meet people who share your hobbies, your profession, or your humanitarian interests in the [House of Friendship](#). Be inspired by the descriptions of service projects and expand your horizons with networking opportunities beyond your club. You will also have the opportunity to sample Korean food, learn about Korean traditions, and check out the latest technology at booths sponsored by Korean Rotarians as well as Korea's leading corporations.

4. Connect with old friends

Catch up with friends you made on a Group Study Exchange, meet with a student you hosted for a Rotary Youth Exchange, or visit with Rotarians from a sister club. You never know who you may run into at the convention.

5. Connect with culture

Explore the [impressive sites of Seoul](#) as well as landmarks around the country on one of the many tours planned by the Host Organization Committee. Or spend time getting to know other attendees in a more intimate setting during [Host Hospitality Night](#).



Register to attend the 2016 RI Convention in Seoul, South Korea

Taken from: <http://www.riconvention.org/en/seoul/register>

Rotary members, Rotaract members, and club and district employees can [register for the convention online](#).
[Learn how](#) [Register online](#) [Register by fax or mail](#) [Edit existing registration](#)

An email confirmation is sent for all registrations, including faxed and mailed registrations. If a letter of invitation is required for your visa application, you will receive it with your confirmation.

Important deadlines:

31 March 2016: Pre-registration discount ends

30 April 2016: Registration/ticket cancellation deadline

1 June 2016: Online registration ends; deadline for cancellations due to visa denial

Registration fees: Register early to take advantage of discounted rates! [View registration fees](#).

What your convention registration fee includes:

- Inspiring and entertaining speakers, including top leaders in our organization
- Informative breakout sessions to help you build your communication, leadership, and project management skills
- Opportunities to network and exchange ideas while browsing the project and fellowship booths in the House of Friendship
- Entertainment provided by local artists and musicians in the House of Friendship and the general sessions.

Preconvention events, Rotary and HOC-ticketed events, accommodations, and meals are not included in your registration fee.

