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MEMBERSHIP: 260

AMBASSADORS: Kim Adams, Dan O'Neil, Judith & Mike O'Fallon, Karen & Merlin Ricklefs, District Conference, Alexandria; Judith O'Fallon, District Grant Committee Meeting X2; Dana Funk, Dan O'Neil, Doug Rovang, Stacy Sinner, Mary Jo Kelly, Jerry Williams, Karmen Reid, Judith O'Fallon, Dan O'Neil, Lois Nietz, District Assembly, Owatonna, MN; LuAnn Hiniker X2, Bari Amadio, Borge Christensen, Mark Breneman, Jeff Allman, eClubOne; Kim Adams, St Paul, MN.

GREATER ROCHESTER ROTARY: 4/23: Charlie Fish, Joe McBride, Mike Podulke. 5/7: Jon Ewing, Bob Priem, Mike Podulke, Andy Thilges. 5/14: Lynn Clarey, Dan Soderberg. 5/21/08: Charlie Fish, Rich Good, Ingrid Neel. 5/28/08: George Allen, Jerry Downes, Dan O'Neil, Bob Priem.

ROTARY CLUBS PROVIDE EMERGENCY SHELTER, AID TO THOUSANDS IN MYANMAR

As the humanitarian crisis worsened in Myanmar's delta region after a powerful Cyclone hit on 3 May, a response team of four specially trained volunteers moved into devastated areas six days later to distribute more than 800 ShelterBox containers.



ShelterBox, a grass-roots disaster relief organization supported by Rotary clubs around the world, was among the first charities to reach cyclone victims.

Desperately needed aid from many other groups had been stalled at the border by Myanmar's military government.

More than one million people have been left homeless by the disaster, and 100,000 are feared dead, the United Nations reports. The team will work in cooperation with local groups in Myanmar to line up transportation and determine where the shelters will do the most good amid the massive devastation.

BIRTHDAYS

HAPPY JUNE BIRTHDAYS!

<u>Birthday</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Birthplace</u>
June 3	Mary Wellik	St Cloud, MN
	Mark Utz	Rochester, MN
	Brenda Walker	Rochester, MN
June 6	Christian Milaster	Hamburg, Germany
June 9	Judith O'Fallon	Fairmont, MN
June 10	Ron Seeger	Prairie Farm, WI
	Ralph Spiekerman	Rockford, IL
June 12	Paul Bleimeyer	Bedford, TX
	Kay Hocker	Ames, Iowa
	Bill Wiktor	Detroit, MI
June 21	O. Russell Olson	Sanish, ND
	Barbara Porter	San Antonio, TX
June 22	Marie Maher	LaCrosse, WI
	Clyde Culp	Tekoa, WA
June 23	Carl Anderson	Winterset, IA
June 24	Ardell Brede	Austin, MN
June 28	Tom Donlon	St Paul, MN
June 29	Gilda Banfield	Phildelphia, PA
	Leon Clark	Chicago, IL

The first deployment of Shelter/Boxes will benefit more the 10,000 survivors. Each container provides a tent, stove, water purification kit, blankets, tools, and other necessities to help a family of 10 survive for six months. Some include two 10-person tents, doubling the usual shelter capacity.

ShelterBox was launched in 2000 as a project of the Helston-Lizard, England Rotary club and quickly garnered support among Rotary clubs worldwide. To date, the nonprofit has raised \$29 million and delivered aid to over 40 countries in response to more than 70 disasters. Each complete ShelterBox costs \$1000 to sponsor, and Rotary clubs provide about half the charity's funding.

ROTARY NEWS

- We extend our deepest sympathy to **Sara Gilliland** and her family. Sara's father passed away in Kansas last week.
- Thanks to all who turned in activity sheets. Our Directors are now making committee assignments.
- Great article in the Post Bulletin on STRIVE. **Lorrie Swancutt** looked great in the picture as did her STRIVE student **Tenzin Chime**. Success stories are always fun. If you haven't mentored a student, please give some thought on becoming part of the program.
- Thanks to **Dan O'Neil** for bringing along West Point cadet **Eric Bernau** with him to our Rotary meeting. Interesting also that Eric was a John Marshall graduate and in 2004 attended Rotary leadership Camp RYLA and visited our club at that time.
- Resignations were received and accepted with regrets from **Beth Busscher, Mark St. Peter and Tim Miller**.
- Help needed: if you can assist in playing the piano at Rotary, please contact Jane Belau.
- If you want another task, we can use someone to collect the small soaps, etc., that we collect each week at Rotary and get them to various sites every couple of months. Ask Lois if you are interested.
- Speaking of the small soaps and shampoos that we collect and take to various sites such as Salvation Army, Women's Shelter, Ronald McDonald House to name a few, please make sure that these are not opened before turning them in. We just have to throw away partially used bottles.
- Thanks to all who assisted with the May meetings:
Greeters: **Vicki Allen, Michael Grinnell, Lynnette Stadtherr, Stacey VandenHeuvel, Borge Christensen, Kristine Stensland, Stacy Sinner, Tim Weir**. Introduce Visitors: **Mike O'Fallon, Leigh Johnson, Keri Smith-Norman**. Visitors Desk: **Chris Fagans, Janice Farris, Steve Rossello**. Invocations: **Keri Smith-Norman, Merlin Ricklefs, Ashleigh Rosson, James Frye, Greg Stavrou**. 4 Way Test: **Marilyn Stewart, Allie Good, Denny Nigon, Judith O'Fallon**. Vocational Talk: **Dana Funk, Janice Farris**.
- Many, many thanks to all of you who made the auction such a big success. A wonderful evening which raised \$39,000.

JUNE ROTARY CALENDAR

June 5	Kahler Hotel - Heritage Hall - Marilyn Hansmann, Randy Nelson, "C-Tech HS"
June 12	Kahler Hotel - Heritage Hall - Suzanne Nordsving "High School Upward Bound Program"
June 19	Kahler Hotel - Heritage Hall - "KMSQ Digital Offerings"
June 26	Kahler Hotel - Heritage Hall - Kari Ann Wiles "Emergency Preparedness the R.A.R.Expo"
July 3	No Meeting

OTHER MEETINGS AND EVENTS

June 12	Rotary Board of Directors Meeting 7 a.m., Kahler Hotel, Directors Room
June 24	Rotary Information Meeting - 12 p.m., Directors Room, Kahler Hotel
June 26	White Oaks Park - 6 p.m. - monthly park clean up

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

July 10	Installation of Officers - Kahler Hotel - Heritage Hall
August 20	Rotary Golf Outing - Willow Creek Golf Course

WHITE OAK PARK CLEAN-UP



May's White Oak Park clean-up crew.

GROUP STUDY EXCHANGE TEAMS

What Is It?

This is a unique cultural and vocational exchange opportunity for young business and professional men and women between the ages of 25 and 40 in the initial years of their professional life. The program provides travel grants for teams of young participants to exchange visits between paired areas in different countries.

For four to six weeks, team members accompanied by a Rotarian team leader study the host country's institutions and ways of life, observe their own vocations as practiced abroad, develop personal and professional relationships, and exchange ideas.

Our district is seeking both a team leader and team members for a group study exchange to India.

Dates

This India team will be gone from December 27, 2008, through January 25, 2009.

Application Dead Lines

Applications must in our office by June 19, 2008.

Requirements

Team leader candidates must be knowledgeable Rotarians, especially in

International Service

Team members should be employed in any recognized business or profession and must have been actively engaged in that area for at least two years at the time of application. Rotary International requires that team member candidates be between the ages of 25-40.

Time Commitment and Expense

Both the team leader and team members must make themselves available for a series of orientation meetings between their selection date and the date of departure. Trip expenses will be minimal since RI provides transportation costs and Rotarians in the hosting district provide meals and lodging.

Wrapping It Up

We have been fortunate to have some of our club members become team leaders – Glenn VanLaningham to Mexico; Al DeBoer to Australia; Dick Edwards to Australia and Frank Iossi to France. Before joining Rotary Karmen Reid was a member of a group study exchange team.

OUR SERVICE ABOVE SELF WINNERS



Service Above Self Students - **Linda Chhieng**, Century HS; **Kelly Sciallis**, Lourdes HS; **Ernesto Llano**, John Marshall HS; **Lindsay Wagar**, Mayo HS.

NEW MEMBERS

New member Maria Brown, University of Minnesota Rochester and proposer Gail Sauter.



Proposer Jim Sloan, new member Bruce Ryan, Ryan Siding and Windows; new member Jim Lundgren, Olmsted History Center, proposer Rick Lien; new member Tom Bruckman, Rochester Area Foundation, proposer Al DeBoer.

ROTARY AUCTION RAISES MORE THAN \$39,000

Thanks to all who contributed to our fourth auction in any way. In 2006, we raised \$28,000, but this year we far surpassed our goal of raising \$30,000 by raising \$39,000!

Funds raised from the auction will benefit the STRIVE program, Youth LINC, World Relief Service and the Southeast Minnesota Flood Relief (park/youth-related).



VISIONING

Thanks to all who participated in the visioning session earlier this year. A special thanks to those who are following up on the information gathered and to President Kim for a great presentation – getting four hours into 30 minutes is not an easy task.

“The Rotary of today is different from the Rotary of yesterday and the Rotary of tomorrow cannot, must not, be the same as the Rotary of today. Rotary will continue to evolve”. Paul Harris

CAMP RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Camp)

Last month we sent four students to Camp RYLA. They were Gretchen **Sitzer**, Lourdes High School; **Joanna Zhang** and **Beverly Lehman**, Mayo HS. Also attending again this year was **Robby McGuire**, John Marshall HS who helped as a counselor. We want to thank **Jay Toogood** who took the students to camp and **President Kim Adams** who picked up the students following a Rotary meeting of St Paul Rotary.



For those of you who aren't familiar with Camp RYLA, here is some information on this great leadership conference:

This conference began in 1947 and was originally called the Saint Paul Young Men's Conference. High School senior boys from

all over the state came to Saint Paul for a weekend stay in Rotarian homes, to visit Saint Paul businesses, and learn about career selections. In 1970 the location was changed to Camp St. Croix in Hudson and high school sophomore and junior boys and girls were now welcome to attend. The name was changed to Saint Paul Rotary Youth Leadership Conference emphasizing the leadership and career counseling given. In 2000 the name was change to Camp RYLA. This leadership conference promotes and teaches leadership skills to America's finest youth. Rotary provides on-site counselors and presenters who are leaders from the community. Rochester Rotary Clubs have sent a student from each of our high schools since the first conference 61 years ago.

Rotarian Jay Toogood drove the students to Camp RYLA, at Camp St. Croix near Hudson, WI. Students were Joanna Zhang, Mayo HS; Bevy Lehman, Mayo HS; Gretchen Sitzer, Lourdes HS. Also attending was Robert McGuire, John Marshall HS who attended camp last year and returned this year as a counselor. President Kim Adams picked the students up in St. Paul following the conference.

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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?

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WEB SITES

Rochester Rotary Club: 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
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CLUB SERVICE III

Mark Dripps, Director

Bell Ringing - Salvation Army *Paul Bleimeyer,*
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 Music *Jane Belau*
 Rotary Information *Leigh Johnson*

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 Auction 2008 *Bill Nietz*

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 Rotary Reading Project *Cris Fischer*
 Service Above Self Awards *Mark St. Peter*
 Student Guests *Lance Papenfuss*
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