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VITAL STATISTICS

MEMBERSHIP: 246

AMBASSADORS: Borge M. Christensen, Blair, NE; Dana Funk, Dave Moertel, Karel Weigel, Steve Rossello, Mark Dripps, District Assembly, Lakeville

GREATER ROCHESTER ROTARY: No report.

ROCHESTER ROTARY RISERS: No report.

ATTENDANCE



WE DON'T PREACH TOO MUCH ABOUT ATTENDANCE BUT IT IS A PART OF YOUR ROTARY OBLIGATION AND LATELY MANY OF YOU ARE NOT FULFILLING THE REQUIREMENTS FOR ATTENDANCE.

WHAT ARE THE RULES OF ATTENDANCE?

- You cannot miss four meetings in a row without making up.
- You must attend or make up 50 percent of club meetings in a six month period.

WHY?

To some individuals, these rules seem unusually rigid. However, being present at club meetings is one of the basic obligations a member accepts upon joining a Rotary club. The constitutional rules merely emphasize that Rotary is a participatory organization that highly values regular attendance. When a member is absent the entire club loses the personal association with that member.

HAVING PROBLEMS?

Don't forget makeups in areas of service such as STRIVE, Bell Ringing, Reading Program, Library Hosts and others that may occur from time to time. We have two other clubs in Rochester to attend for a makeup. If we can assist you, please let us know. On some occasions, you can be excused if you are in a situation where it is impossible for you to attend <u>or</u> make up.

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 8	Teresa Miller	Austin, MN
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
	Barbara Porter	San Antonio, TX
June 21	Marie Maher	LaCrosse, WI
	Clyde Culp	Tekoa, WA
June 22	Carl Anderson	Winterset, IA
June 23	Ardell Brede	Austin, MN
June 27	Sue Johnson	Rochester, MN
June 28	Gilda Banfield	Philadelphia, PA
June 29	Leon Clark	Chicago, IL
June 30	Dan Borgmeier	Mankato, MN

Past Rotary Program Guests

"Ulysses Grant, James Lundgren and Abraham Lincoln at Rotary"



ROTARY NEWS

- We extend our deepest sympathy to Nancy Brataas whose son Mark Gaylord passed away on May 2 in Tacoma, Washington. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family
- We are in a unique group of Rotary clubs. There are 32,000 Rotary clubs in the world with the average size of a club about 35 members. There are only 95 clubs in the world with a membership over 250. Who are the largest clubs? San Antonio (669), Seattle (659), Birmingham (523) Little Rock (503) are at the top.
- Thanks for your patience with our scanning of badges.
 The young lady who set this up for us moved to California and we are moving more slowly than we would like.
 Continue signing the blue card until further notice as we are taking attendance from that and the scanner.
- Get your reservations in for the Rotary Day at the airport.
- Thanks to the chairpersons Cresta Deeds and Allie Good for doing a great job with our Service Above Self Students and our Senior Students.
- Don't forget Rotary tee shirts and polos for sale \$6 for tee shirts and \$14 for polos. Place your order by June 12.
- Thanks for your assistance at the May meetings: Invocations: Sandra Means, Glenn Lyden, Karen Erlenbusch, Steve Courts. Introduction of Visitors: Dave Oeth, Phil Karsell, Mike O'Fallon, Leigh Johnson. Visitor's Desk: Paul Teiskoetter, Josef Chlachula, Roberta Tolan. Greeters: Glenn Lyden, Paul Tieskoetter, Mark Dripps, Mary Jo Kelly. 4 Way Test: John Brockman, Sarah Burrington, Dan Kelly, Tom Bruckman. Vocational Talks: Mike Grinnell, Sandra Means. Cashier: James Gibson.

IT'S ALMOST HERE! Loispalooza A celebration of Lois' service to Rotary

Thursday, July 23, 2009 Kahler Grand Hotel

4:30 – 6:30 p.m. Windsor Hall Social Hour

(cash bar)

6:30 – 8:30 p.m. Heritage Hall Dinner and

Program (this will replace the

noon meeting)

Invitations with more details will be sent in June

IUNE ROTARY CALENDAR

June 4	Kahler Hotel - Heritage Hall - Don Estes, "Paws and Claws"
June 11	Kahler Hotel - Heritage Hall - Denise and Michael White, "D & M Dairy Farm"
June 18	Kahler Hotel – Windsor Hall - Tom DeBoer, "The Future of Electric Generation/Distribution in Southeast Minnesota"
June 25	Rotary Aviation Day – Rochester Airport - Must make reservations.

OTHER MEETINGS AND EVENTS

June 1	Channel One Volunteer Night - 6-8 p.m. – Mike O'Fallon, chair
June 9	Rotary US Bank Holiday Classic - Steering Committee Meeting - 12 Noon - US Bank Downtown
June 10	Community Food Response - Contact Glenn VanLaningham
June 11	Rotary Board of Directors Meeting 7 a.m., Directors Room, Kahler Hotel
June 17	Rotary Information Meeting - 12 Noon, Directors Room, Kahler Hotel
June 18	White Oaks Park Clean-up - 6-7 p.m.

IRAN RELEASES FORMER ROTARY SCHOLAR ROXANA SABERI

The May 11 release of former Rotary Foundation Scholar and U.S. journalist Roxana Saberi, imprisoned in Iran on charges of spying, brought elation and relief to people worldwide, especially to Rotarians of Fargo, North Dakota.



Saberi, a Fargo native, was arrested in January and initially accused or working

with expired press credentials, but authorities later charged her with espionage. Her release came after an Iranian appeals court reduced her eight-year prison sentence to a suspended two-year sentence.

Sponsored by the Rotary Club of Fargo, Saberi was selected as a 1999-2000 Ambassadorial Scholar to attend the University of Cambridge, where she studied journalism.

AVIATION DAY at ROCHESTER ROTARY

June 25, 2009 12 noon - 1:30 p.m.





On June 25, 2009, our regular meeting will be held at the airport - (not the International Airport but up the road one turn further at General Aviation). Brian Younge, our fellow Rotarian, is arranging this program.

We will meet at 12 noon at the airport. You will have the opportunity to see a few Air Force planes and in some cases go inside. Possible aircraft on display include military C130, F16, A10 and Blackhawk helicopter, and Mayo Clinic's fixed wing and helicopter, as well as a Citation V.

We will be ordering box lunches, so you will need to make a reservation and pre-pay for lunch in advance of the June 25 meeting. The cost for the box lunch is \$11.00. Checks payble to Rochester Rotary Club.

Bring your colleagues and family members and bring your camera!

Senior Students - Class of 2009



Senior Students - President Doug Rovang, Maly Schacht (daughter of Laurel Schacht), Bob Mahrer (son of Bob Mahrer) and Katie Frieschmann (granddaughter of Bob Priem).

Every Rotarian, every year. Consider making your annual gift today.

Here are a few of the ways that your contribution can make a difference:

- 100 can buy textbooks for one elementary school in Zambia
- \$5,000 can buy vaccine to immunize 10,000 children against polio
- \$26,000 can buy an academicyear Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholarship
- \$120,000 can buy funding for two Rotary World Peace Fellows to complete a two-year graduate program



Rebuilding of Creekside Park in Rushford











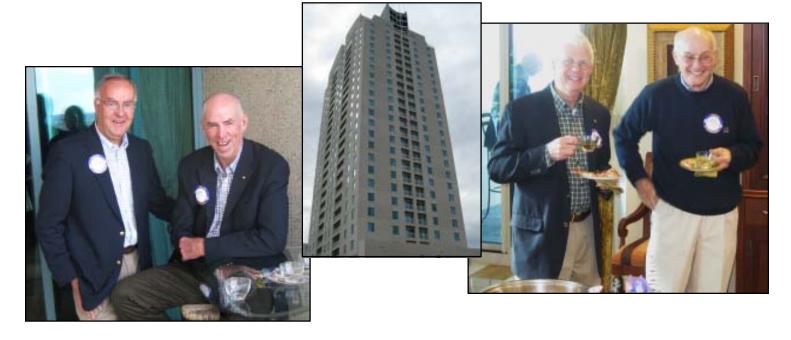




Rotary Progressive Dinner











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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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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 Club, Vocational, Community, International

CLUB SERVICE I

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Rotation Day	Linda Bonow
STRIVE	
Vocational Talks	Fred Banfield
Auction 2010	Lorie Luedke

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Stacy Sinner, Director

Library Host	Allan Sessler
Rotary US Bank Holiday Classic	Laurel Schacht
Quarry Hill Fall Festival	Carla Nelson
Rotary Reading Project	Cris Fischer
Rotary Summer Reading Project	Cris Fischer
Service Above Self Awards	Cresta Deeds
Student Guests	Allie Good
Camp RYLA	Jay Toogood
White Oaks Park	Ashok Patel
Community Food Response	Glenn VanLaningham
Rotary Flood Project	Dan Kelly
Channel One	Mike O'Fallon

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