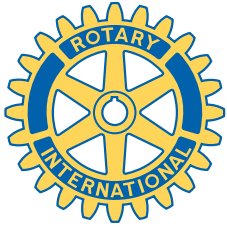


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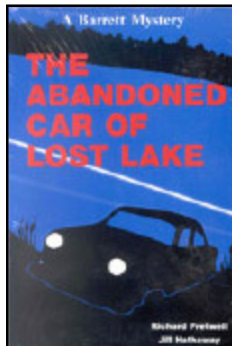
AMBASSADORS: Rotary International Convention: **Mark Dripps**, Winona & Wabasha Rotary Clubs: **Judith O'Fallon, Mike O'Fallon**

Greater Rochester / Rotary Risers: **Peter Carryer, Judith O'Fallon, Mike O'Fallon, Tank Sholem**

eClub One: **Sarah Burrington, Borge Christensen, Nicole Pierson**

Buy a book and support our club's literacy efforts

During Thursday meetings on June 2 and June 9, The Rotary Club of Rochester will be selling copies of the book "The Abandoned Car of Lost Lake" by famous authors Richard Fretwell and Jill Hathaway, also known as Richard Brubaker and his daughter, Jill. "Bru" has generously donated to our literacy efforts more than 300 copies of the book he wrote with Jill! The target audience is middle school students. Books are \$10 each. You can buy one for yourself, one for your children and grandchildren, or you can purchase books to donate. If you buy a book as a donation, we will have you sign a Rotary sticker inside the cover and will find a good home for them at local schools and libraries. The money raised through these book sales will be used to fund a future club literacy project. Thank you for supporting literacy in our community!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Birthday	Name	Birthplace
June 3	Mark Utz	Rochester, MN
	Brenda Walker	Rochester, MN
June 8	Shannon Knoepke	Rochester, 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
	Bill Wiktor	Detroit, MI
	Barbara Porter	San Antonio, TX
June 13	Tank Sholem	Urbana, IL
June 17	Kay Hocker	Ames, Iowa
June 21	Marie Maher	La Crosse, 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

Rotary Aviation Day - Thursday, June 23

Members and their guests are encouraged to attend the Rotary Aviation Day, Thursday, June 23, 12-1:30 pm at the Rochester Airport. This gathering takes place in lieu of our regularly scheduled Thursday meeting. Registration will be required in order to provide lunches for those attending. This is an opportunity to ask questions of pilots and to see aircraft up close.



ROTARY NEWS

- Thanks to all who helped with the meetings in May: Cashiers: **John Woodruff, Janice Farris, and Chris Holloway**, Invocations: **Jerry Mahon, Karen Ricklefs, Sarah Burrington**, Greeters: **Michon Rogers, Mary Jo Kelly, Tim Geisler**, 4 Way Test: **Dan Kelly, Kelly Engler, Father Mahon**, Visitors Desk: **Tank Sholem and Steve Rossello**, Introduction of Visitors: **Phil Karsell and Dennis Nigon**, Presentation of Special Recognitions: **Dana Funk, Linda Hillenbrand, Cresta Valentine, Barbara Porter**.
- Rotarian **Merlin Ricklefs** was recently recognized by President Obama with a Presidential Volunteer Service Award for his volunteerism in education and literacy. The President's Council on Service and Civic Participation created the award program in 2003 as a way to thank and honor Americans, who, by their example, inspire others to engage in volunteer service.
- REMINDER: Effective June 1, 2011, the weekly lunch price at the Kahler will increase to \$12.00.

JUNE ROTARY CALENDAR

- June 2** **Kahler Hotel - Heritage Hall** - Audrey Betcher, "What's New at Your Local Library"
- June 9** **Kahler Hotel – Elizabethan Room** - Walt Ling, IBM Celebrates Its Centennial – 100 Years of Business
- June 16** **Kahler Hotel – Heritage Hall** - Dave Mueller, Olmsted County Sheriff
- June 23** **Rochester Municipal Airport** - Rotary Aviation Day - advance sign-up is required for lunch
- June 30** **Kahler Hotel - Heritage Hall** - DeAnn Spencer and young musicians, Fiddlers and Company

OTHER MEETINGS AND EVENTS

- June 1** **Rotary Board of Directors Meeting** - 7:00 am, Directors Room, Kahler Hotel
- June 6** **Channel One** - contact Tom Moyer
- June 8** **Community Food Response** - contact Paul Bleimeyer or Glen VanLanningham
- June 20** **Salvation Army Dinner** - contact Suzanne Dinusson
- June 22** **Rotary Information Meeting** - noon, Directors Room, Kahler Hotel

LOOKING AHEAD

- July 7** **No Rotary meeting** due to the Fourth of July holiday week

Rotary Anniversaries

Josh Johnson	1 year
Craig Oslund	1 year
Mike Kilgallin	1 year
Brian Jett	1 year
Elif McCain	1 year
Jerry Mahon	2 years
Joseph O'Toole	2 years
Jerry Lobland	3 years
John Edmonson	8 years
Jerry Williams	8 years
Dave Moertel	8 years
Fred Nobrega	10 years
Warren Harmon	10 years
Patrick Gannon	10 years
Truda Tyce	11 years
Frank Knox	12 years
Ingrid Neel	14 years
Eric Matteson	14 years
Angie Rustad	15 years
Robert Fontana	21 years
Carl Anderson	31 years
Donald Scholz	32 years
Mac Hamilton	36 years
Ronald Seeger	36 years
Edmund Burke	43 years



Thank you for your continued service to our Club.

“Getting to know you, getting to know all about you...”

No, this is not a romantic invitation, but an invitation to share with your fellow Rotarians, a glimpse of your professional and personal life by presenting a vocational talk. Fred Banfield has graciously coordinated this effort for several years and is looking for a few good volunteers to say yes to a request, or better yet, to volunteer.

Vocational talks are up to 5 minutes in length and are a highlight to our usual Rotary business meeting. We know each other as friends and these talks enable us to become even better acquainted. Please consider offering to do a talk. If it has been more than 10 years since you have done one, consider doing an update. contact Fred at fredbanfield@charter.net.

From the desk of Karel Weigel, Rochester Rotary President



At a time when some service club organizations struggle to attract and retain members, our Rotary Club continues to grow. Ever wonder why? I am sure there is no single answer, but some important reminders can be found in the text of our new member induction ceremony. . . “Honor the principles

for which Rotary stands, (the 4-way test) the commitment to service above self and the warm welcome from the extended hand of friendship.” In the best sense, we have perfected the ability to combine service opportunity with the warm welcome of friendship. Rotary is the friendship we share with each other and the fellowship we create in our community. It is also important to remember that Rotary is founded on the spirit of service. Our members’ involvement in our community has helped identify needs and suggest ways in which they can be met (among the examples are the Basketball Tournament, STRIVE, Rotary Readers, Channel One, Community Food Response, Ronald McDonald House Dinners). We are also very actively involved in international projects, both with financial support and hands on participation (medical supplies for Ghana, YouthLinc and the youth exchange program). In every one of these examples, people are served and lives are changed.

Each year, the Rotary International President develops a Presidential Award open for application by all clubs. This year’s RI President Ray Klinginsmith based the award criteria on the four avenues of service noting the following: “Club and Vocational service help us enjoy life and be good citizens, in addition, Vocational as well as Community Service help us make our communities better places to live and work. International service permits us

to partner with clubs in other countries and on different continents to make the world a better place to live with improved opportunity for world understanding, good will and peace.” In testament to the ongoing initiatives of the Rotary Club of Rochester to Rotary International’s programs and priorities, we were awarded a Presidential Citation with the special commendation, “With Distinction.” This



TRCR Board of Directors with Rotary Presidential Citation.

award although received in 2011 acknowledges multi-year leadership efforts. Thank you Rotarians for continuing our tradition of making a difference in the lives of others in our community and in our world!

The month of May begins the start of the transition from one Rotary year to the next. Mark Dripps has just returned from the Rotary International meeting in New Orleans as he prepares to assume the leadership of our club for the 2011-2012 year. That tradition of careful planning has assured a smooth transition from one year to the next with appropriate support to ongoing projects while planning for future opportunities. This planning and seamless transition strengthens our club and supports our commitment to service above self.

NEXT CHAPTER MINISTRIES (formerly Locker Room for Life)

Next Chapter Ministries, formerly Locker Room for Life, would like to thank the Rochester Rotary Club for selecting us as the recipient for the 2010-2011 speaker honorarium contributions! Next Chapter Ministries is a local organization committed to building lasting relationships with people in our community who have been impacted by crime, restoring them to God, family, and community with the Gospel of God. Included in this ministry are three homes for men and women who have been incarcerated and programs for at risk children and teenagers.



Your gift will specifically go to support our programs for children and teenagers, in which we seek to build relationships with at risk youth, stopping the vicious cycle of crime that exists in many of their families and neighborhoods before it has a chance to start. Currently, about 25 teenagers and 25 children participate in our weekly activities, which include mentoring, homework help and tutoring, small group lessons, and sharing meals together. One of the most exciting parts of this ministry is watching youth who had once been angry and hostile grow to become leaders who desire to serve other and teach those younger than them.

We are so grateful for your gift! And, we are grateful for the opportunity to partner with you. For more information on Next Chapter Ministries, visit www.nextchapterrochester.org or call (507) 529-5799.

Rochester Rotary in pictures



Member **Lorie Luedke** with a Paul Harris Fellow Award for her grandmother, **Arlene Bartz** (not pictured), **John** and **Janice Wood** with a Paul Harris Fellow Award given by member **Ralph Spiekerman**.



YouthLINC student **Melissa Lam**, member **Vicki Allen**, and YouthLINC student **Montana Filoteo**.



Service Above Self award recipients **Katherine Kelsey**, **Evan Mitchell**, and **John Woog**, and Alice Snyder (not pictured).



Youth Exchange program host mothers **Nickie Froiland**, **Stacey VandenHeuvel**, exchange student **Camilla Kjagaard**, and host mother **Kim Adams**.

A reflection on Camp RYLA

“Coming in to camp RYLA I thought, okay, a bunch of leaders getting together to express all of their ideas at once, that’s not gonna be good. Boy was I wrong. This experience has made such a positive impact on my life. I’ve learned so much, not only about myself, but about others. The teamwork that I encountered taught me to trust others yet be my own person. I think other members of the camp would agree with me when I say that there are no words to describe indefinitely the experience we had. We came into the camp as potential leaders and we came out as a family of leaders.”

Suad – Camp RYLA Student



Welcome New Members!



Proposer **Susan Ahlquist** with new member **Pixy Russell** (Medical Communications, retired).



New member **Tom Claymon**, Olmsted County Sheriff’s Dept., proposer **Cresta Valentine**, and proposer **Paul Bleimeyer** with new member **Robert Bleimeyer**.

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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: 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 *Elizabeth Karsell, Lorie Luedke*
 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, Lois Nietz, 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*