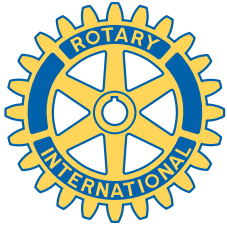


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VITAL STATISTICS

MEMBERSHIP: 232

AMBASSADORS: Redwood Falls Rotary Club: **Lois Nietz**; Wabasha Rotary Club: **Karen Ricklefs, Merlin Ricklefs**; Rotary International Convention, Bangkok, Thailand: **Mark Dripps, Lorie Luedke, Karen Ricklefs, Merlin Ricklefs**

GREATER ROCHESTER ROTARY: **George Allen, Lynn Clarey, Mark Utz**

ROCHESTER ROTARY RISERS: **Mark Utz**

ROTARY eCLUB ONE: **Lois Nietz**

MEMBERS ON LEAVE: **Gilda Banfield**

RESIGNATIONS: **Robert Bleimeyer, Brian Younge**

ATTEND THE INSTALLATION OF ROTARY DISTRICT 5960 GOVERNOR 2012-2013 JOE KOVARIK

Join District 5960 Rotarians for an evening of "dignity and delight" on Tuesday, June 19, at the Minnesota History Center (345 West Kellogg Boulevard) in St. Paul. The theme for the evening is "Together We'll Write History."



The reception will begin at 5 pm, at which time admission to the History Center Museum becomes free and guests are welcome to visit museum exhibits. There will be a cash bar and light appetizers available until the program begins. The program and installation will begin at 7 pm in the first floor auditorium.

Tickets are available for \$35 until June 12. This price includes the reception and program, a small token of remembrance and parking (print your ticket to use for parking in the History Center lot). After June 12, the ticket price will be \$45. Register online at <http://5960dginstallation.eventbrite.com/>.

If you have questions or want additional details, please contact Shelly Rucks, St. Paul Rotary Club at 651-259-3126 or 5960dginstallation@gmail.com

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

<u>Birthday</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Birthplace</u>
June 3	Mark Utz	Rochester, MN
	Brenda Walker	Rochester, MN
June 9	Judith O'Fallon	Fairmont, MN
June 10	Maury Hagen	Duluth, MN
	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	Clyde Culp	Tekoa, WA
	Randy Fett	Minneapolis, MN
	Marie Maher	La Crosse, WI
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

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

2011-2012
Rotary International
Theme



ROTARY NEWS

- Thanks to all who helped with the May meetings:
 Greeters: **Jim Sloan, Colin Aldis, Jeff Allman, Josef Chlachula, Maury Hagen** and **Cris Fischer**; Cashier: **Tim Geisler, Jennifer Woodford, Janice Farris** and **Michon Rogers**; Sergeant-at-Arms: **John Woodruff**; Visitors Desk: **George Allen, Tim Geisler, Kathy Lessard** and **Tank Sholem**; Piano: **Ann Beatty** and **Linda Herrick**; Invocations: **Karel Weigel, Cris Fischer, Bill Wiktor** and **Jim Frye**; Four Way Test: **Judith O'Fallon, Carla Nelson, Jerry Mahon** and **Tom Bruckman**; Introduction of Visitors: **Rick Lien, Leigh Johnson** and **Phil Karsell**
 Presenters: Rotary Youth Exchange Student **Giulia Castangia, Bill Rapp, Kurt Claussen** and **John Wade**.

June Rotary Anniversaries

Joe Messick	1 year
Josh Johnson	2 years
Craig Oslund	2 years
Jerry Mahon	3 years
Joseph O'Toole	3 years
Jerry Lobland	4 years
John Edmonson	9 years
Jerry Williams	9 years
Dave Moertel	9 years
Fred Nobrega	11 years
Warren Harmon	11 years
Patrick Gannon	11 years
Truda Tyce	12 years
Frank Knox	13 years
Ingrid Neel	15 years
Eric Matteson	15 years
Angie Rustad	15 years
Robert Fontana	22 years
Carl Anderson	32 years
Donald Scholz	33 years
Mac Hamilton	37 years
Ronald Seeger	37 years
Edmund Burke	44 years



JUNE ROTARY CALENDAR

- June 7** **Kahler Hotel - Heritage Hall** - "Mayo Electronic Medical Records" by Tim Larson, 11:30 am – 1:00 pm
- June 14** **Kahler Hotel – Heritage Hall** - "Donor Advised Funds" by Al DeBoer and Jim Sloan, 11:30 am - 1:00 pm
- June 21** **Kahler Hotel – Elizabethan Room** - "Rochester Public Schools" by Superintendent Michael Muñoz, 11:30 am – 1:00 pm
- June 28** **Kahler Hotel - Heritage Hall** - "Mayo – Opportunities and Challenges" by Shirley Weis, 11:30 am - 1:00 pm

OTHER MEETINGS AND EVENTS

- June 4** **Channel One Service**, Channel One Building, 6:00-8:00 pm - Contact Phet Saysomphou
- June 13** **Community Food Response** - 1:15-6:45 pm, Bethel Lutheran Church - Contact Glen VanLanningham or Phil Karsell
- June 13** **Rotary Board of Directors' Meeting** - 7:00 -8:00 am, The Kahler Grand Hotel, Directors Room
- June 20** **Rotary Information Meeting** - 4:30 pm - 6:00 pm, Custom Alarm
- June 20** **White Oaks Park Clean-up** - 6:00 pm White Oaks Park
- June 25** **Salvation Army Dinner Service** - 5:45-7:00 pm - Salvation Army Building

THANK YOU FROM SERVICE ABOVE SELF RECIPIENT RACHEL SALTNESS

Just a note of special thanks for honoring me with the service award. Your organization demonstrates how rewarding it is to serve others. You have shown the true value of giving back to the community. I am truly grateful for this award.

Sincerely,
 Rachel Saltness, Lourdes High School

Farewell Message from Rotary Club of Rochester President Mark Dripps



Dear Rotary Friends,

What a year it has been, and where did the time go?

Three years ago when I was asked if I wanted to lead the club in 2011-2012, I was surprised, nervous, and excited. Why me? What did I do to deserve this honor? Today, three years later, it has been an honor, a privilege, and a life changing experience for which I am thankful.

As I reflect on the past year, it was attending the Rotary International Convention in New Orleans that provided me with the excitement and enthusiasm to start the year. I was one of more than 17,000 Rotarians gathered together in one location with the same ideals and core values to help those who are less fortunate at home as well as abroad.

I came away from the convention having learned something new about myself and Rotary that I hadn't before realized. We're an organization of 1.2 million members that do when asked and give when needed. I always felt Rotary was a part of me, but now I know, Rotary is in my life. The stories you hear, the good you feel when you give, and the friends you make are all part of Rotary that can and will keep you forever a Rotarian of the greatest service club we call Rotary. I was hooked and knew I needed to attend another convention, the next one held in Bangkok, Thailand.

"Reach Within to Embrace Humanity" was the Rotary theme for 2011-2012; a theme that RI President Kalyan Banerjee took to heart. Dig deep within you, feel the good you can do, give your service to others that indeed need the help. We all do this just about every day, cleaning parks, serving food, packaging food, being a mentor, greeting, leading the four-way test, shuttling students, and eradicating polio, just to name a few. We help in ways that we don't necessarily know or think about. The Rotary Club of Rochester "Embraces Humanity," and I thank you for that.

Although our membership numbers are down a little, the club had a good year. With our weekly programs to our service opportunities, we are as strong as ever. This past year, our members showed our support to Rotary with 17 Paul Harris awards, a number that reflects your beliefs in Rotary. Our support to eradicating polio was outstanding, from the lighting of "End Polio Now" on the Seibens building to the banners hanging over Broadway during the NCPETS conference, to helping contribute to the \$200,000,000 challenge. The Board did a wonderful job keeping me on task and fulfilling the duties that our membership thrives for. Our administrative director, Elizabeth Karsell, with a full year under her belt, has done a beautiful job. I am so thankful she is with us.



Rotary International Conference 2012, Rotarians gather together to create "Thailand's Smile."

Finally, I did attend the RI Convention in Bangkok, Thailand, with seven other Rotarians from the city. This was truly an international scene, a celebration with more than 35,000 in attendance, fulfilling one of the greatest years I have had, all because you gave me the opportunity. For this, I am truly grateful to be a Rotarian from Rochester, Minnesota. Thank you!

Our Club's newest Paul Harris Fellows



April 5, 2012, Past President Karel Weigel, Paul Harris Fellow Janice Pritchard, and Rotarian Bill Harreld.



May 21, 2012, Paul Harris Fellows Norm Doty, Mike Kreiling, Mark Glahn, and Scott Sodergren (not listed in order) with Rotarian Sheryl Tasler and Mark Tasler.

ROTARY FISCAL YEAR 2012-2013

Members of The Rotary Club of Rochester will soon be asked to pay their 2012-2013 dues. Local dues cover costs paid to Rotary International, Rotary District 5960, club insurance, club service projects, and administrative costs.

Rotary International and Rotary District 5960 require The Rotary Club of Rochester to pay yearly membership dues of \$120.12 per member which includes \$68.12 to Rotary International, covering international membership dues, Rotarian magazine fees, and required Rotary insurance costs and \$52.00 per member will be paid to Rotary District 5960, covering district membership dues. Additionally, our club pays Rotary District 5960 \$325.00

in required training fees to cover the expenses of training our members at district leadership conferences held throughout the year.

Members will be asked to pay their dues in one of three ways. Preferred methods are for members to pay in full or pay by monthly automatic withdrawal. These methods greatly reduce the amount of administrative time being spent on accounts receivables. If you would like to pay by automatic payment, please email Elizabeth at the Rotary office to receive the appropriate paperwork. Alternatively, members may choose to pay half their membership dues in July and half in January.

THANK YOU FROM ROCHESTER PUBLIC LIBRARY

Thank you for your support of the Day of the Dead program at the Rochester Public Library. The Holiday Classic grant will enable us to expand our program and connect with more children and families. Thank you for all of the work that you do for the Rochester community.

Heather Aceno, Head of Children's Services

THANK YOU FROM POSSABILITIES

Thank you for being a supporting partner for PossAbilities of Southern Minnesota through your donation...towards Stepping Out.

Your donation helps us continue our program options of Senior Services, Life Enrichment, Supported Employment and Youth Rec Services.

Your generosity is greatly appreciated and your donation will be used towards ensuring that individuals with developmental disabilities continue to be active community participants.

Sincerely,
John Flanders, Executive Director
Renee Berg, Marketing and Development Director



THANK YOU FROM MINNESOTA CHILDREN'S MUSEUM ROCHESTER

On behalf of the entire Minnesota Children's Museum Rochester staff and board, I would like to thank Rotary Club of Rochester for supporting the children of Minnesota and sparking their learning through play. Your gift...for the new Minnesota Children's Museum of Rochester is a commanding and generous investment in our community's children. Thank you!

Play is simple, but it is also profound. Beneath its shiny, colorful veneer it has powers that are life-changing. Play is a mighty motivator, an earnest educator, a creative catalyst, making learning something that happens naturally here at Minnesota Children's Museum. Play in all its manifestations is an essential ingredient in developing new generations of intellectual explorers. As we move forward to grow Museum programs and impact across the state, your active engagement is a strong foundation for our work and we appreciate this deeply.

The Museum is able to extend opportunities to play and learn because of Rotary Club of Rochester and your generous support. It is an honor to recognize your donation in our annual report, website, and on our donor wall prominently displayed in the Museum lobby.

With gratitude,
Dawn Devine, Director, Minnesota Children's Museum of Rochester

ANNIVERSARY OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF ROCHESTER'S CHARTER

From Moments to Remember, A History of the Rotary Club of Rochester, Minnesota, 2000

"Rochester Rotary Club received its charter Thursday evening, June 11, 1925 at a dinner program held in the Kahler Café. One hundred and fifty visiting Rotarians from neighboring clubs and fifteen out-of-state Rotarians were present when Galen A. Merrill, acting for E.K. Whiting [sic] made the official presentation address. To Rotarian Whiting of Owatonna, who, as the special representative of Rotary International, was appointed

by District Governor Eddie Flynn to further the formation of a Rotary Club of Rochester, goes the credit for the successful establishment of our club and to the members of the Owatonna Club goes our everlasting gratitude. Twenty-four of its members attended the charter presentation. The Austin Club was represented by fifteen, Winona by fourteen, Northfield by fourteen, Faribault by eleven, Stillwater by ten and Minneapolis, St. Paul and Albert Lea by one each. On the night of the charter



Charter Members included: R. C. Beebe, C.W. Blakely, C.A. Chapman, R.W. Chadwick, E.C. Green, A.C. Gooding, H. Harvey, Harry Harwick, Claude Johnson, Starr Judd, Neil Judd, George Knowlton, Dick Manahan, Phil Sheridan, and Roy Watson."

presentation there was a great downpour of rain which caused flood damage within Rochester in the amount of \$200,000 and was reported to be the greatest flood in seventeen years. Several visiting Rotarians had narrow escapes from flooding waters as they attempted to make their way home. Rochester Community Chest was organized with a goal of \$26,000.

Attending Joe Kovarik's DG installation at the Minnesota History Center? Enjoy the exhibits!

We the People - View the first official printing of the U.S. Constitution dated 1787.

1934: A New Deal For Artists - Experience vibrant paintings depicting American drive and determination created under the New Deal's 1934 Public Works of Art Program.

Minnesota's Greatest Generation: the depression, the war, the boom - Features more than 6,000 square feet of artifacts, interactive displays, and innovative multimedia experiences to reveal the lives and stories of the men and women who came of age during the Depression and World War II.

Service Above Self Awards presented to high school seniors



May 17, 2012, Service Above Self Awards, Rotarian Ashok Patel, Rachel Saltness, Rotary President Mark Dripps, Riya Madan, Minjung (Julia) Kim, Rotarian Cresta Valentine, Jayden Schuster.

2012 RI Convention Reflections from Karen & Merlin Ricklefs

Sent from Bangkok, May 13

The 2012 Rotary International Convention was successfully over Wednesday May 9. Many thanks go to the RI staff in Evanston and to the Thai Rotarians who did a tremendous job organizing the events and logistics for 38,000 attendees from 178 countries and geographical regions around the world. The convention center is huge — I think it is the largest open space complex of buildings we have ever seen including the Boeing 747 assembly plant near Seattle, WA.

Although there were many speaker highlights and outstanding entertainment performances, it was the depth and understanding of the hopes, dreams and issues of the world expressed by RI President Kalyan Banerjee that were most profound.



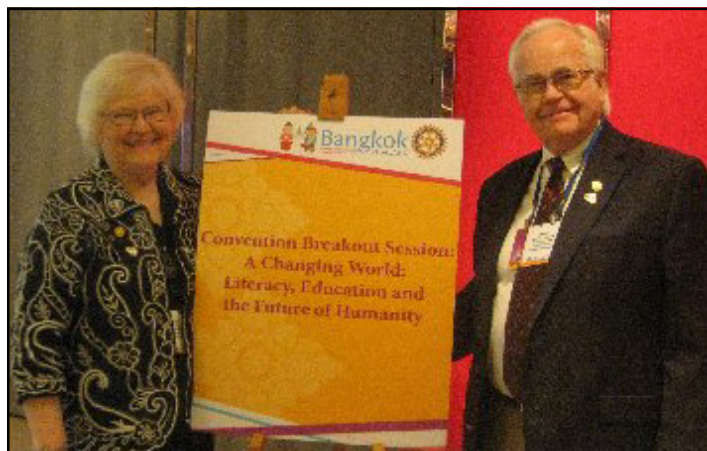
Rotary International Conference 2012, Audience at Ricklefs breakout session.

Our breakout session on Tuesday to over 140 attendees from every continent in the world was extremely rewarding. Our room was filled to capacity with some standing, excellent conversation after the formal presentation, invitations to visit India and Kenya and stay in the homes of attendees and attendees approaching us the following day with additional comments and discussion. Our message continues to be “we live in a dynamic world of expanding capabilities and a world of expanding challenges and demands. The future will be a Different World. The problem: the people of the world are not preparing for the world they face. The opportunities for innovation built on a foundation of education and trust are great but we must grab the opportunity. Rotary can help!” Our message seemed to resonate especially well with representatives from India and Africa

We presented many suggestions for why and how the Clubs can help, how District Leadership can help and a recommendation for how Rotary International can help by establishing a priority GOAL to “ELIMINATE ILLITERACY IN THE WORLD”. A short survey at the end

of our session scored 9.9 on a scale of (1 - not at all) to (10 - excellent idea) for the question “Would it be a good idea for RI to establish a priority goal to eliminate illiteracy in the world?”

In addition to the convention we visited two clubs that we had attended frequently in the past: The First Bangkok Club and Bangkok South Club, visited friends and colleagues at Thai Airways and Chulalongkorn University including



Rotary International Conference 2012, Karen and Merlin Ricklefs with their breakout session sign.

a tour of the new University INNOVATION CENTER and consulted with TRIS (Thai Rating and Information Services — an agency aligned with the Thai Ministry of Finance) that we had worked with in the past. Rotary speaker at The First Bangkok Club was the CEO and General Manager of Mercedes Thailand who shared his personal message on motivation and creativity.

A general observation from our stay in Thailand — the precision of the RI Convention, our many discussions, flying into a completely new airport, riding the SkyTrain again, visiting the expanding University and its INNOVATION CENTER and watching the multitude of construction cranes building new skyscrapers all around us — is that no matter what we may think of the size and leadership role of the US in the world it is becoming clear we are rapidly becoming a minority in a world of many developing nations and cultures. It is clear that it is not a time for complacency or distraction.



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- 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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