

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



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VITAL STATISTICS

MEMBERSHIP: 194

APRIL ATTENDANCE: 46%

AMBASSADORS: Portage Rotary Club: **Chuck Steidinger**; Rotary District 5960: **Ashok Patel**

GREATER ROCHESTER ROTARY: **John Woodruff**

ROCHESTER ROTARY RISERS: **David Colville, Tank Sholem**

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

MEMBERS ON LEAVE: none

RESIGNATIONS: **Mark Barebo, Nickie Froiland**

DEATH: **Edmund Burke**

NEW MEMBERS: none

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

<u>Birthday</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Birthplace</u>
June 3	Mark Utz	Rochester, MN
	Brenda Walker	Rochester, MN
June 9	Kathleen Harrington	Jamaica, NY
	Judith O'Fallon	Fairmont, MN
June 10	Maury Hagen	Duluth, MN
June 12	Kristine Ihrke	Cedar Rapids, IA
	Bill Wiktor	Detroit, MI
June 13	Tank Sholem	Urbana, IL
June 17	Kay Hocker	Ames, Iowa
June 20	Shan Pollitt	Mendota, IL
June 21	Randy Fett	Minneapolis, MN
June 22	Carl Anderson	Winterset, IA
June 23	Ardell Brede	Austin, MN
June 27	Sue F. 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.

Goodbye Takeshi!



Rotary Youth Exchange Student Takeshi says "goodbye" to America (with Steve Courts, International Services Director)

IN MEMORIAM: EDMUND BURKE



Edmund Burke, 95, died peacefully of natural causes on Tuesday, May 13, 2015. Ed is survived by his wife Clarice, a sister, six children, 14 grandchildren, and 13 great-grandchildren. Ed was a member of The Rotary Club of Rochester for nearly 47 years.

JUNE CALENDAR

Weekly Meetings

- June 4** "Regional Transportation in the Rochester Area" presented by Rochester City Lines Commuter Services Division Manager Christian Holter and a Vocational Talk by Rotarian Steve Courts, **Holiday Inn Plaza Banquet Room**, 11:30 a.m.–1:00 p.m.
- June 11** Rotary Aviation Day, Signature Flight Support Hangar C, 11:30 a.m. –1:30 p.m., presentations by Rochester International Airport Director John Reed and Rochester Flying Club President Tim Argo. Airplanes and airport equipment will also be on display.
- June 18** University of Minnesota President Eric Kaler, 11:30 a.m. –1:00 p.m. **Holiday Inn Plaza Banquet Room**
- June 25** "The Vikings Stadium Story" presented by Minnesota Sports Facilities Authority Chair Michele Kelm-Helgen, 11:30 am – 1:00 pm, **Holiday Inn Plaza Banquet Room**

Other Meetings & Events

- June 1** **Channel One Service**, Channel One Building (131 35 St SE), 6-8 p.m.
- June 8** **Salvation Army Dinner Service**, Salvation Army Bldg, 5:30-7 p.m.
- June 9** **Holiday Classic Steering Committee Meeting**, Aspen Suites Conference Room (1211 2nd St. SW), 11:30 a.m.
- June 10** **Rotary Club of Rochester Board Meeting**, OMC Foundation Offices, 7 a.m.
- June 10** **SE-MN World Community Service Committee Meeting**, Nietz & Eversman (2212 2nd St SW), 7 a.m.
- June 10** **Community Food Response Service**, Bethel Lutheran, 1:15-6:45 p.m.
- June 17** **Rotary Information Meeting**, Custom Alarm Conference Room, 4:30 -6 p.m.
- June 17** **White Oaks Park Clean-up**, White Oaks Park (4597 55th St. NW, 6 p.m.
- June 24** **Wine Down Wednesday**, Twigs, 5 p.m.

June Rotary Anniversaries

Cory Simonson	2 years
Joe Messick	4 years
Jerry Mahon	6 years
Jerry Lobland	7 years
Jerry Williams	12 years
Dave Moertel	12 years
Warren Harmon	14 years
Patrick Gannon	14 years
Truda Tyce	15 years
Ingrid Neel	18 years
Eric Matteson	18 years
Angie Rustad	18 years
Carl Anderson	35 years
Donald Scholz	36 years



Thanks to all who helped with the May meetings:

Greeters: Kathleen Harrington, Dave Piepgras, Brenda Walker, Ashok Patel, Colin Aldis; **Cashier:** Janice Domke, Terry Sorenson, Dana Funk; **Sergeant-at-Arms:** John Woodruff, **Visitors Desk:** Caroline Baihly, Vicki Allen; **Invocations:** Bill Wiktor, Bryan Bachman, Tony Enquist; **Four Way Test:** Kristine Ihrke, Heather Holmes, Jen Woodford; **Introduction of Visitors:** Denny Nigon, Jerry Downes, Jim Sloan; **Presenters:** Jon Allen, Kathy Stutzman, Mark Ostrem

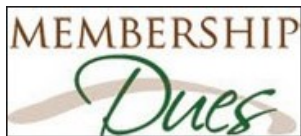
2015-16 ROTARY DUES

Rotary Club of Rochester Rotarians will soon be receiving invoices for 2015-16 Rotary dues. Members are asked to make payment upon receipt of the invoice, as the club must pay dues to the District and RI in July. In an effort to assist the club in our budgeting process throughout the Rotary year, club leadership also requests that, if you are not doing so already, you consider paying dues by auto-pay on a monthly basis via a checking or savings account. Please see the attached form on page 4.

A new dues structure was approved by the Board of Directors at their March, 2015 meeting. It is as follows:

NEW MEMBER ADMINISTRATIVE FEE

- \$65 for members 18-30 years of age
- \$125 for members 31+ years of age
- No fee for returning Rotary Club of Rochester Rotarians



DUES

- \$130 for members 18-25 years of age
- \$260 for members 26-30 years of age
- \$390 for members 31+ years of age
- Will be prorated for those who join after July
- Includes \$10 every 6 months to cover Rotation Day
- Includes District (\$51.56) and Rotary International (\$64.00) dues and fees

If you have any questions regarding your dues or special financial circumstances, please contact Administrative Director Elizabeth Karsell or 2015-16 Treasurer Josef Chlachula.

FRIENDSHIP EXCHANGE TO NAGPUR, INDIA

From the District 5960 Office

District 5960 Rotary Friendship Exchange is happy to announce an exchange to Nagpur, India from January 9-20, 2016. A team of 10 Rotarians (5 couples) will travel to Nashik for 2 nights, Jalgaon for one night, Akola for 3 nights, Nagpur for 3 nights, and Chandrapur for one night.

Team will travel from Mumbai airport to the cities listed above accompanied by Rotarian hosts. Team will leave from the Nagpur airport on January 20, 2016. Nagpur is also known as the "tiger capital" due to many national parks in the vicinity.

Participants on this exchange are responsible for their own air travel expenses and personal spending money. They may also be expected to cover the following expenses: admission to tourist sites, concerts museums, gifts for overnight hosts, meals at Rotary Club meetings, Travel insurance and Passport.

Air Travel Expense looks to be around \$1,750.00 round trip per person. Rotarian should expect to have 10 days for visiting and 2 days for traveling. You can find additional information on the www.rotary5960.org website under program – Friendship exchange. Applications are due October 1, 2015.

Contact: Cheryl Kohout, Cheryl.hohout23@gmail.com



Rotary Friendship Exchange



The Rotary Club of Rochester 2014-15 Club Progress to Goals

CATEGORY	2014-15 GOALS	As of June 1, 2015
Membership <i>(Began Rotary year with 203)</i>	205	194
Rotary International Foundation Annual Program Fund	\$10,000	\$16,527 (165% of goal)
Every Rotarian Every Year (EREY)	100%	20%
Polio Plus <i>(from Auction proceeds plus other donations)</i>	\$2,500	\$2,850 (114% of goal)
District 5960 Fast for Hope Project <i>(from Auction proceeds)</i>	\$1,000	\$1,000 (100% of goal)



Direct Payment Authorization Form
The Rotary Club of Rochester
PO Box 7566, Rochester, MN 55903-7566

Please use this form if debit amount is constant and a notice is sent only when the amount changes.

All you need to do is:

1. Mark the box before type of account to indicate whether your payment will be deducted from your checking or savings account.
2. Fill in your name, financial institution name and location and date.
3. Attach a voided check for verification of all financial institution information. If you are unable to attach the voided check, please fill in your account number and routing number.

NOTE: Be sure to sign the form!

AUTHORIZATION FOR DIRECT PAYMENT

I authorize The Rotary Club of Rochester to initiate electronic debit entries to my: checking account or savings account for payment of my Rotary membership dues and fees. I understand I will receive a notice if the amount changes. I acknowledge that the origination of ACH transactions to my account must comply with the provisions of U.S. law. This authority will remain in effect until I have cancelled it in writing.

Date _____

Financial Institution Name (Please Print)

Account Number at Financial Institution

Financial Institution Routing/Transit Number

Financial Institution City and State

Name _____

Signature _____

PLEASE KEEP A COPY OF THE AUTHORIZATION FOR YOUR RECORDS

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ROTARY, USAID COLLABORATION IMPROVES SANITATION FACILITIES IN GHANA

By Arnold R. Grahl, *Rotary News*, 15-May-2015

According to a 2012 report by UNICEF and the World Health Organization, Ghana has made great strides in providing its people with clean drinking water. But access to better sanitation has lagged.

Only about 14 percent of Ghanaians have access to improved facilities, compared with the 54 percent target set for 2015 by the United Nations Millennium Development Goals. Addressing the issue isn't simple, as pit latrines need emptying, toilets need maintenance, and promoting hygiene requires education.

The H2O Collaboration, a partnership between Rotary and the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), is working to alleviate the problem. Between 2009 and 2013, the collaboration invested \$2 million in water, sanitation, and hygiene initiatives in Ghana, along with equal amounts in the Dominican Republic and the Philippines.

In Ghana, the effort resulted in 57 boreholes, 20 wells, latrines for 41 public schools, three public toilet and shower-block units, and three mechanized water supply and distribution systems for rural communities.

In each community, Rotary members and USAID partnered with Ghana's Community Water and Sanitation Agency to set up local water and sanitation committees that assume ongoing oversight of the improvements. They have also worked with the country's Ministry of Education and its local affiliates to promote a health curriculum that teaches the importance of hand washing with soap, safe water storage, and use of improved household latrines.

The collaboration is poised to enter its second phase this year with commitments of \$4 million each in Ghana, the Dominican Republic, the Philippines, and Uganda.

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[Register online](#) now to attend the 2015-16
Rotary District 5960 Governor Installation!

Rotary



Save The Date
Installation of District Governor

Marlene Gargulak

June 23, 2015

UW-Barron County

Rice Lake, Wisconsin

Celebrate Rotary



“Thank you for the donation to the Girls Basketball program at Century High School.”

~ *Coach Leloux*

“We want to thank you and the Rochester Rotary Clubs for the...grant we received...We are grateful for our support that enables us to offer this event to area families.”

~ *Dee Voldal on behalf of the GATEway Science Fair Planning Team*

“I would like to thank...The Rotary Clubs of Rochester for the support and grant...given to Children’s Dental Health Services (CDHS). Your generosity will allow CDHS to provide the much needed preventative dental care services and education to many underinsured children in Rochester.

From the support of organizations, including The Rotary Clubs of Rochester, CDHS is able to continue to live out the mission of providing dental services to the underserved population. Our need to provide these services continues to grow in Rochester for the underserved children. Due to this growing need, we truly appreciate your generosity as this support helps us sustain our essential dental health care for this growing population. “

Sincerely,

Kristine Billman, Director

“Thank you so much for recognizing me with the **Service Above Self award!** It was such an honor to be chosen to represent Mayo. I never knew what the Rotary club was about or what you guys do but now I do and I think it’s awesome we have a club dedicated to service! Thank you so much for this award and for everything you do for Rochester!”

~ *Diana Sorenson*

“Thank you so much for the wonderful opportunity to go to **Camp RYLA**. At this camp I learned so much about how to be a better leader and how to bring that back into my school. Being challenged to be my best, making incredible relationships, and learning how to work as a team were just a few of my highlights. Thank you for an experience I will never forget!”

Sincerely,

Maddie Woodford

“Thank you so much for the opportunity to attend **RYLA**. It was literally life-changing not to sound cliché. I learned how to value each team member, recognize their differences and trust each other. In just 4 short days, I became so close to my “Blue Crew” and learned how to trust each and every team member. Thank you again for this AMAZING opportunity. PS – Missing school was a plus.”

Sincerely,

Khanyi N.

Unique strengths

Rotary and USAID both bring unique strengths to the effort. Rotary's global network of members raise money and oversee construction of the improvements. USAID provides the technical support to design and carry out the initiatives, and works to build the capacity of local, district, and regional agencies to operate and maintain the systems and oversee education and training.



A young girl takes a bath using a single gallon of clean water.

Photo Credit: Rotary Images/Alyce Henson

representatives from USAID and the Community Water and Sanitation Agency to determine where the need was greatest; they selected the Volta, Eastern, Central, and Greater Accra regions. Sites were then chosen, and Rotary's share of projects in 114 communities was divided up among 16 clubs.

The clubs met with each community to get their input before seeking bids for projects. Local water and sanitation committees participate in decision-making, donate land for the improvements, set up bank accounts, establish and collect user fees to cover ongoing costs, and receive training in the use and maintenance of the facilities. Health and sanitation teams from local government units and the Community Water and Sanitation Agency regularly inspect and monitor the sites and evaluate reports from the communities.

Sustainability

"Some of the water and sanitation committees have done so well with the fees they get from users that they have expanded things," says Odotie. "In one community where we dug a borehole, they got additional funding from a church camp and installed pump-to-pump water into a tank and built themselves a complete water system."

"Sustainability is built right into the project," notes Robert Holden, who served as international project sponsor for District 7630 (Delaware and Maryland, USA). "When we entered a village, they had to show us their bankbook and deposits, which were enough to keep the projects running. I was very impressed with how much prior planning went into this project, its detail, ingenuity, and foresight."

Odotie says it has been rewarding to see the reaction of villagers to all the improvements.

"Sometimes it is very emotional to see the joy and appreciation on their faces," he says. "When you bring in water -- clean water versus what they are used to drinking, which is very pitiful -- you can tell straightaway that their health situation is improved. This is what I live for. It is what makes Rotary what it is."

"Working with USAID has been great because they have been in the development business for years and have the backing of the U.S. government," says Ako Odotie, a member of the Rotary Club of Tema, Accra, who serves on a committee overseeing the effort in Ghana. "In Rotary, we are volunteers and many individual clubs. USAID is one unit, and that provides strength to our effort."

One of the first steps for Rotary was the creation of a host organization committee made up of Rotary leaders who could steer the project. The committee members sat down with



"LIKE" THE ROTARY CLUB OF ROCHESTER



Rotary Club of Rochester

Invites all Rochester Rotarians and your guests to **Rotary Aviation Day**
Thurs., June 11, 11:30 am – 1:30 pm, Signature Flight Support Hangar C, 7300 Brataas Dr SW
Limited parking; please consider carpooling.

Registration required by June 4 with no cancellations after that date.

Register at a Thursday Rotary meeting or online [here](#).

Event price \$5 · Event price including lunch \$12

11:30 lunch buffet: assorted meat-filled croissants, potato salad, fresh fruit, pickles, assorted bars and cookies, and bottled water



12:00 – 12:30 presentations given by
Rochester International Airport Executive Director John Reed, A.A.E.
and Rochester Flying Club President Tim Argo



Some of the airplanes to be on display:

Piper Cherokee 150



Cirrus

Glasair Super II-S



Hatz Biplane



AirMed Beechjet



Mayo 1 (if available)

Thank you to the following organizations for their generous assistance with this event:





Thank you for considering serving as a host family for our Rotary Youth Exchange program! Our Youth Exchange program could not exist without the willingness of families to open their homes to our students. Hosting a Youth Exchange student provides an opportunity to learn from each other's cultures and build lifelong friendships. Rotary Youth Exchange is a combined effort of the Rotary Club of Rochester, Greater Rochester Rotary and Rochester Rotary Risers. While Rotarians are encouraged to host, host families are not required to be in Rotary. Please extend the invitation to friends, colleagues and family.

The Host Family Experience - The operative word here is family, and we ask you to help your exchange student become a part of your family during the period that he or she lives with you. That means treating this young person as you would your own son or daughter, not as a guest, you'll welcome them and support them as well as exercise parental responsibilities and authorities you would for your own child. You'll learn from each other, make memories and have a multicultural experience. The opportunity to host a student is open to both families with children as well as those with empty nests. Our local Youth Exchange Rotarians serve as an additional layer of support for the host family and actively engages the student in the work of the local Rotary club. The Rotary Youth Exchange program sets students up for success and has high expectations for behavior during the experience. Read more in our Host Parent Handbook

Introducing our 2015 – 2016 Youth Exchange Student

- Home Country: India
- 16 Year Old Male
- Vegetarian (it's not necessary the family follow this diet but must be willing to accommodate student)
- Proficient in English
- Enjoys Student Government, Soccer and Swimming
- Interested in International Business
- Will attend Lourdes High School
- Comes highly recommended as "hard working with immense potential to develop, grow and adapt to a new environment"

Host Family Commitment – We're seeking 3 families to host our student, this offers the student more experiences and minimizes the time commitment placed on a single family. While there can be flexibility, we are looking for families to commit to the following dates:

- Mid-August – Early December
- Early December – Late March
- Late March – Late June/Early July

Outbound Opportunities - Rotary Youth Exchange also offers the opportunity for students to go abroad on our program. We will be sending a student to Denmark for the 2015-2016 school year. Students interested in applying for the future for visit the North Star Youth Exchange website www.northstaryouthexchange.com

Questions? Need More Information? Ready to Host? Please contact:

Samantha Rother, Youth Exchange Officer

651.380.2088

samantha.rother@gmail.com



An evening of singing, dining & socializing

Friday, June 12, 2015, Magnolia Room, Centerstone Plaza Hotel

- 5:00 pm** Social
5:30 pm Order dinner from Twigs Tavern
6:30 pm Songs & Sing-a-long Music from the 30s, 40s and 50s
provided by Jim & Judy Sloan

Don't miss out on this "ENCHANTED EVENING!" **Sign up by Monday, June 8 at a Thursday meeting or online [here](#)**

Choice of Garden Salad or Cup of Soup @ \$3.99

Entrees:

- Butternut Ravioli @ \$10.99
- Filet Mignon with Twigs Accompaniment @ \$22.99
- Grilled Chicken Breast with Fresh Vegetable and Twigs Accompaniment @ \$9.99
- Applewood Smoked Meatloaf with Seasonal Fresh Vegetable @ \$13.99
- Northwoods Walleye @ \$19.99
- Parmesan Polenta @ \$14.99
- Dinner Rolls and Butter served with all entrees

Dessert Tray presented; all desserts \$5.99

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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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ROTARY COMMITTEES

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Social Events *Kathy Lessard*

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Community Food Response *Kelly Engler, Phil Karsell*
Quarry Hill Fall Festival *Steve Sponsel*
Rotary Bell Ringing - Salvation Army *Mark Neville, Fred Suhler*
Rotary US Bank Holiday Classic *Michael Brennan, Lynn Clarey, Janice Domke, Elizabeth Karsell, Lorie Luedke, Bill Nietz, Laurel Schacht, Steve Stenhaus, Lorrie Swancutt, Jen Woodford*
Salvation Army Dinners *Heather Holmes, Sue F. Johnson*
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