

Moccasin Flower

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VITAL STATISTICS

MEMBERSHIP: 178

ROCHESTER ROTARY RISERS: none reported

GREATER ROCHESTER ROTARY: none reported

ROTARY eCLUB ONE: none reported

OTHER CLUBS: none reported RESIGNATIONS: Eric Matteson

NEW MEMBERS: Marlene Delfs, Mike Kesler

2018-19 ROTARY DUES

Submitted by President Elect Sara Gilliland

Each Rotarian will soon be receiving a dues notice via email for the 2018-19 Rotary dues.

The two choices regarding dues payment that will be most beneficial for the club are:

- 1. Pay your dues before July 15, 2018
- 2. Set up the monthly auto-pay method for paying dues

Why are these two choices beneficial for the club?

The club pays dues on your behalf to Rotary International and the District in July and January. If the club hasn't received the dues from you in advance, the club is counting on you to in effect pay back the club. Setting up monthly auto-pay saves our Administrative Director time in processing, which means that she can devote more time to other Rotary work. And, the monthly auto-pay helps maintain cash flow for the club.

First small dues increase since 2009

You will notice a slight increase in dues this year, which is the first dues increase since 2009. The impact on individual members is small – if you take advantage of the Early Bird Discount and pay dues by cash or check, the dues increase amounts to \$20 annually for members age 31+ and even less for members 30 and younger.

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Birthday</u>	<u>Birthplace</u>
June 3	Mark Utz	Rochester, MN
June 4	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 22	Carl Anderson	Winterset, IA
June 23	Ardell Brede	Austin, MN
June 24	Matt Morehead	
June 25	Will Waggoner	Rochester, MN
June 27	Sue F. Johnson	Rochester, MN
June 29	Leon Clark	Chicago, IL
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The "value" of Rotary in your life

Monthly auto-pay dues:

- members 31+ years of age will be \$35
- members 26-30 will be \$23
- members 18-25 will be \$12

Think of the opportunities Rotary offers for service and learning, the friendships you've strengthened, the contacts you've made, the impact you can have for making a difference in the community and the world, and the FUN you've had. Please continue to support Rotary through the timely payment of your dues.

If you have any questions regarding your dues or special financial circumstances, please contact Administrative Director Elizabeth Karsell or 2018-19 President Sara Gilliland.

JUNE Weekly Meetings

- June 7 Service First Thursday, Rochester Public Library, (101 2nd St SE), 11:00 am–1:00 pm
- June 14 Traditional Meeting, "SPAM Museum" presented by Salvo Lord, Mayo Civic Center Exhibit Hall, 11:30 am–1:00 pm
- June 21 1905 Meetings, Charter House, Express Employment Professionals, Trinity Lutheran Church, 11:30 am–1:00 pm
- June 28 Traditional Meeting, "Leadership Changeover" presented by TRCR Club Leadership, Mayo Civic Center Suite 106, 11:30 am-1:00 pm



June Rotary Anniversaries

Sam Beyers		1 year
Sue Mackert		1 year +
Corey Jordan		3 years
Mark Kotschevar		3 years
Melanie Tschida		3 years +
Joe Messick		7 years
Jerry Lobland	ROTAR	10 years
Jerry Williams		15 years
Dave Moertel	RNATIO	15 years
Warren Harmon		17 years
Truda Tyce		18 years
Ingrid Neel		21 years
Angie Rustad		22 years
Carl Anderson		38 years
Donald Scholz		39 years

Other Meetings & Events

- June 4 Channel One Service, Channel One Building (131 35 St SW), 6:00-8:00 pm
- June 5 Rotary Club of Rochester Board, OMC Regional Foundation Conference Room (102 Elton Hills Dr. Suite 150) 7:00 am
- June 8 Rotary Ethics Program Committee meeting, OMC Conference Room (102 Elton Hills Dr., Ste 150, 7:00-8:00 am
- June 11 Salvation Army Dinner Service, Salvation Army Community Center (20 NE 1 Ave), 5:30-7:00 pm
- June 12 Installation of District 5960 Governor
 Mike Becker, Spam Museum (101 3 Ave
 NE, Austin, MN), and Paramount Theater,
 Click here for information and registration
- June 13 SE World Community Service meeting, Ronald McDonald House (1301 850 2nd St. SW), 7:00-8:30 am
- June 15 Holiday Classic Steering Committee meeting, Rochester Area Foundation Board Room (12 Elton Hills Dr), 11:30 am – 12:30 pm
- June 18 Youth Exchange Committee Meeting, People's Food Co-op (519 1st Ave SW), 6:00-7:00 pm
- June 20 Rotary Information Meeting, Location TBD, noon-1:00 pm
- June 20 White Oaks Park Cleanup, White Oaks Park (4597 55th St. NW), 6:00-7:00 pm
- June 23-27 **Rotary International Convention**, Toronto, Canada. <u>Click here</u> for information
- June 27 Wine Down Wednesday, LaVetta (30 3rd St SE), 4:30 pm

Thanks to all who helped with the May meetings:

Greeters: Paul Landry, Ashok Patel, Jennifer Wilson; Cashier: Caroline Baihly, Phil Karsell; Sergeant-at-Arms: John Woodruff; Visitors Desk: Betty Devine, Kim Gordon; Music: Jim Sloan, Judith O'Fallon; Reflections: Audrey Betcher, Samanthat Rother, Elizabeth Karsell; Four Way Test: Colin Aldis, Mark Benscoter, Karel Weigel; Introduction of Visitors: Phil Karsell, Larry Koshire; Presenters: Tom Truszinski, Chaewon Lee, Lara Pedraja, Jolene Hansen



Wanted: Host Families

Would you consider opening your home and your heart to a Rotary Youth Exchange student?

Our incoming 2018-19 Rotary Youth Exchange Student:

- Maria is from Brazil
- Loves sports, traveling and making new friends
- Wants to study chemistry in college
- Is empathetic, sociable and driven
- Will attend Lourdes High School

We need t host families:

- August through November FILLED
- December through March
- April through July
- *Time frames can be flexible to suit your family's need

Host families:

- Do not need to be members of Rotary
- Do not need to have school age children
- Do not need to live near Lourdes High School

Rotarians are happy to:

- Help with student transportation
- Include the student in various events
- Support you as a host family
- Provide the student a monthly stipend and fund school lunches and extracurricular activities



Contact the Rotary office at 507-252-0085 or romnrotary@gmail.com for more information or visit www.northstaryouthexchange.com

The Rotary Club of Rochester 2017-18 Club Progress Towards Goals **CATEGORY** 2017-18 GOALS As of May 31, 2018 Membership (started the 2017-18 Rotary year at 185) 183 178 Rotary International Foundation Annual Program Fund \$15,000 \$12,063 (80% of goal) **Every Rotarian Every Year (EREY)** 100% 18% **PolioPlus** \$4,000 \$8,283(207% of goal) District 5960 Fast for Hope Project \$1,000 \$1,000 (100% of goal) Rotary Club of Rochester Foundation \$13,614 (136% of goal) \$10,000

APPLYING THE 4-WAY TEST TO THE DECISION TO INCREASE DUES FOR ROTARY YEAR 2018-19

Submitted by President Elect Sara Gilliland

Is it the TRUTH?

- Club dues have not increased since 2009.
- Rotary International and District 5960 dues have increased multiple times since 2009, and the increase has been absorbed for each member by the club. Rotary International and district dues are increasing again in 2018-19.
- Despite innovative changes to our meeting formats to avoid meeting room fees every week, our club has been operating with a budget deficit in recent years.

If the club had incrementally increased dues by 1% a year since 2009, dues would be similar to the dues proposed for 2018-19.

Is it FAIR to all concerned?

- Our Board is committed to maintaining our full-time paid Administrative Director position.
- Our Board is committed to remaining a large club, which necessitates a meeting room fee to accommodate our size of group.

Our Board believes that board members, staff and Rotary members should not be expected to routinely donate expenses related to club operations.

Will it BUILD GOOD WILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?

Our club is a vibrant club that will continue to offer a wide variety of meeting formats, service opportunities and social events, which not only help us make a difference but encourage networking and strengthen friendships.

Will it be BENEFICIAL TO ALL CONCERNED?

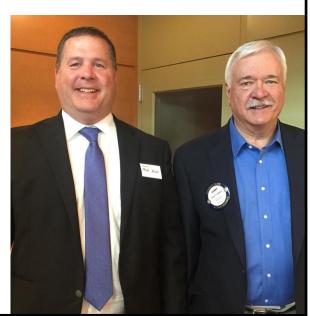
- All club members and the community benefit from our club remaining a strong, active and financially stable club.
- The Board plans to implement additional revenue sources beyond dues to help cover club operating expenses.

Welcome New Members



LEFT: New Rotarian Marlene Delfs with sponsor Karel Weigel

RIGHT: New Rotarian Mike Kesler with sponsor Larry Koshire



ROTARY WINS BEST NONPROFIT ACT FOR ITS POLIO ERADICATION WORK

Ryan Hyland, https://www.rotary.org/en/rotary-wins-best-nonprofit-act-polio-eradication-work

Rotary's commitment to eradicating polio worldwide won Best Nonprofit Act in the <u>Hero Awards</u> of the One Billion Acts of Peace campaign, an international global citizens' movement to tackle the world's most important issues.

A Rotary vaccination team immunizes children against polio at a railway station in Karachi, Pakistan.

Khaula Jamil

The campaign is an initiative of <u>Peacelam Foundation</u> and is led by 14 Nobel Peace Prize laureates, including the Dalai Lama, Desmond Tutu, and Rigoberta Menchú Tum, with the ambitious goal of inspiring a billion acts of peace by 2020.

Each year, the campaign picks two finalists in each of six categories for their work to make a measurable impact in one of the 10 areas considered most important by the Nobel laureates. Winners are chosen by people from around the world.



Rotary and Mercy Corps were the two finalists in the Best Nonprofit Act category. Rotary and the five <u>other winners</u> will be recognized at a ceremony on June in Monaco. Betty Williams, who won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1977 for her advocacy for peace in Northern Ireland, will present the award.

Service Above Self awards

and Service Above Self Chair Diane Ilstrup (far left)



MAY 2018 - LETTER FROM NICARAGUA

Submitted by David Newman, 2017-18 Fast for Hope Chair

Dear Rotarians, I get inquiries from a variety of people about what is happening in Nicaragua. Below is a good overview and update that our contact sent out recently. The letter and bulletins mentioned will be posted on our <u>Fast for Hope webpage</u> on the District 5960 website. Updates will be posted on the website as they are received. Thanks.

"Dear Friends, May this find you with some sense of hope...holding the world in light.... breathing deep and taking time for self-care (personal and collective) and noticing the little and big actions of love and justice happening around us.

The immensity of turmoil, violence, genocide, femicide, school shootings, horrifying actions against peoples of color and creed that differ from tn ystems of greed and abusive power is overwhelming....and yet we are called to be people of justice and hope.

Most of you, and maybe all of you have heard tale or been following what is happening in Nicaragua. Perhaps some of you are longing for more information. One month into a time of great challenge, unrest, violence and pain, and say i: ENORMOUS HOPE...i am finally finding some energy to reach out and share.

If you would prefer not to be on this list, please let me know, i want to respect that. If you want to know who else from your church or group is on the list let me know, and i will send the names to you...so we are not repetitive. You are invited to share in circles of trust whatever i send.

I will be sharing the following:

• Nicaraguan friends living in Boston are doing short bulletin every two days or so, will send the last few and then forward what comes on the day it comes. Please be mindful that Spanish is their first language, they are doing the translation as a way of contributing towards a new day!

I will share some of my own thoughts, or links that i feel give perspectives important to hear.

Context:

In early April, part of the larger Bosawas Rain Forest on the Atlantic coast of Nicaragua called Indio Maiz was on fire. The government made no move to work to stop the fire, including turning down help from other countries.

It is believed that the government has signed agreements to allow foreign companies to "work this space". Rains and demanding work by Indigenous of the region finally stopped the fires.

Protesters, many of them University Students convoked a civic, nonviolent protest based on ecological concerns and the well-being of the indigenous people, Nicaragua as a whole, world and planet.

Protesters were met with violence by Sandinista Party supporters, police and anti-riot police and Sandinista youth.

On April 18th the Nicaraguan Government passed a reform on the Social Security System. The system is without funds, many of us believe this is due to the fact that the government has used these funds for other or personal use.

The reform calls for extreme change that will affect the most vulnerable. Including lowering the amount that elderly who are retired will receive and charging them a tax for health benefits they already contributed too. The new law is complicated to read, however once studied clearly hurts the poor majority.

On April 19th led by University students, many people went to the streets for a civic, nonviolent protest in Managua and other cities.

The Government sent "Sandinista Youth, police and anti-riot police" to arrive to the manifestation sites "ahead of the hour when protests were to begin".

Protesters quickly organized to change the site of their manifestation.

However, Extreme violence by Police, anti-riot police, Sandinista youth, towards protesters occurred. Rapid videos being sent out via social media....

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Several days of violence on the part of the Government by the above-mentioned groups towards students and people supporting them followed. Intense three days of students holding fort and hiding in the Cathedral and Universities...being shot at by Police, sharp shooters and anti-riot police, as well a paramilitary force.

Several died in those first days, universities damaged and destroyed.... young people on lists of "disappeared", others taken to prison for? some have been freed, barefoot and stranded on some highway...clearly having lived through torture.

People organizing to bring medical supplies, food and drink, and support of all kinds has continued for the students through today. The students have taken their space at two Universities: UPOLI, AND UNAN.

Daily civic, nonviolent marches have occurred since then...on some days as many as 400,000 four hundred thousand participants or more across the country.

The first large march on April 23rd was remarkable in spirit. The Catholic Church called for a March on April 30th, again remarkable in number and spirit, nonviolent, civic, caring for one another....

Many organizing to accompany those in mourning (we are all in mourning)sharing skills of healing and more.

Important to take into account:

- What is happening today in Nicaragua taps into old pain, unhealed trauma, rage and brokenness, stemming from the wars, violations, injustice in the past century (1912- 1233, 1956-1979, 1980 1990).
- In recent years many feel Nicaragua has lived under repression, and that the "old leadership" has turned to "power and greed".

This can be seen: in the last few elections (where fraud has been prevalent); in the lack of care for the increase in femicides; in the repression of movements who think differently (especially the strong, creative women's movement, and youth ecological movements); in the lack of care for improvement in education and health care programs; and the lack of care for the environment to name a few.

- As we see happen all over the world, the tactics of divide and conquer are in place.
- Polarization thick and strong...underlined by fractured societies, communities, neighborhoods and human beings.
- People who feel loyalty to the Revolution feeling confusion in regard to what it means to be loyal to those gone before us, "supposedly represented by the present party in leadership".
- · Many feel betrayed.
- Many are finding the strength to free their voice and speak to "power".

There is great need for "listening to one another", challenged by the situation.

The attacks by police, anti-riot police, sharp shooters, paramilitaries has meant the death of 65 people, mostly students to date.

And yet: Myriads of people are walking and working for change, justice, a new society! The leadership of the Catholic Church is taking on a prophetic role, some evangelical pastors also taking a stance for peace that comes with justice. Marches are creative, new music being written and shared ...already a dozen songs giving honor and homage to those who have been murdered, and those who continue the struggle for life. The "Mothers of the 19th of April" (all mothers whose children have been killed, disappeared or tortured in this one month long happening) have organized, their pain planting seeds of truth! People are calling one another to channel anger into life giving work and protest and working to help one another take time for self-care both personal and collective.

I will attach here the last two bulletins from our Nicaraguan friends....and send an update of the last two days tonight.

I hope tomorrow to share some of my own ponderings....as well as detailed stories of hope and inspiration.

Holding those in Texas, Syria, Palatine and Nicaragua most especially in light and prayer....in solidarity and love, abrazos y paz."

JUNE IS ROTARY FELLOWSHIP MONTH

https://www.rotary.org/en/our-programs/more-fellowships

Rotary Fellowships are international groups that share a common passion. Being part of a fellowship is a fun way to make friends around the world, explore a hobby or profession, and enhance your Rotary experience.

How do I join a fellowship?

Fellowships are open to Rotarians, family members, and program participants and alumni. You can contact a fellowship directly by using the links below.

How do I form a fellowship?

Start by finding others who share you interest.

- <u>Join a discussion group</u> or <u>start a new one</u>. It's a great way to share your interest with other members.
- Use Rotary's presence on <u>Facebook</u>, <u>Twitter</u>, and <u>LinkedIn</u> to promote your idea.
- Attend the Rotary International Convention or other **Rotary events**.
- Reach out to district leadership in other countries to build membership.

Be sure you meet the criteria for a fellowship and apply for official recognition.

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Explore our fellowships

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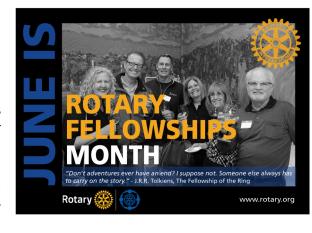
E-Clubs

Interested in a particular subject? Visit the group's website or email it to learn more.

Amateur Radio	Educators	<u>Magicians</u>	Scouting
Antique Automobiles	Environment	Magna Graecia	Scuba Diving
<u>Beer</u>	<u>Esperanto</u>	Marathon Running	Shooting Sport
Bird Watching	<u>Ethics</u>	Military Veterans	<u>Singles</u>
Bowling	European Philosophy	Motorcycling	Skiing
Canoeing	<u>Fishing</u>	<u>Music</u>	Social Networks
Caravanning	<u>Flying</u>	Old and Rare Books	Surfing
Chess	<u>Genealogists</u>	Past District Governors	Table Tennis
Computer Users	<u>Go</u>	Photographers	<u>Tennis</u>
Cooking	Golf	Police and Law Enforcement	Total Quality Management
Convention Goers	Health Professionals	Quilters and Fiber Artists	Travel and Hosting
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Cricket	Home Exchange	Recreational Vehicles	Wellness and Fitness
Cruising	Honorary Consuls	Rotary Global History	Whisk(e)y
Curling	Horseback Riding	Rotary Heritage and History	<u>Wine</u>
Cycling	Internet	Rotary Means Business	Yachting
Doll Lovers	<u>Italian Culture</u>	Rotary on Pins	<u>Yoga</u>
Draughts (Checkers)	<u>Jazz</u>	Rotary on Stamps	

Rowing

Lawyers



Russian Culture



ROCHESTERFEST EVENT

Join us June 23, 2018
Registration is open
www.grrbikeride.org



NEW LOCATION:

Eagles Club 917 15th Ave SE

NEW RIDE:

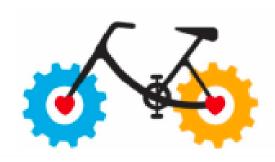
40 mile Gravel Ride

SAME FUN:

7 to 15 mile Family Ride 30 or 53 mile Fun Ride 70 or 100 mile Challenge

FEE INCLUDES:

Food & Water at Staffed Rest Stops
SAG Wagon
BBQ Basket at Eagles (excluding drink)
T-shirts
\$10 if ordered by May 23
\$15 day of event



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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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