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VITAL STATISTICS

ROCHESTER ROTARY RISERS: none reported
GREATER ROCHESTER ROTARY: Jennifer Teske
ROTARY eCLUB ONE: Sara Burrington
OTHER CLUBS: none reported
MEMBERS ON LEAVE: none
NEW MEMBERS: Marilyn Deling, Elizabeth Macaulay

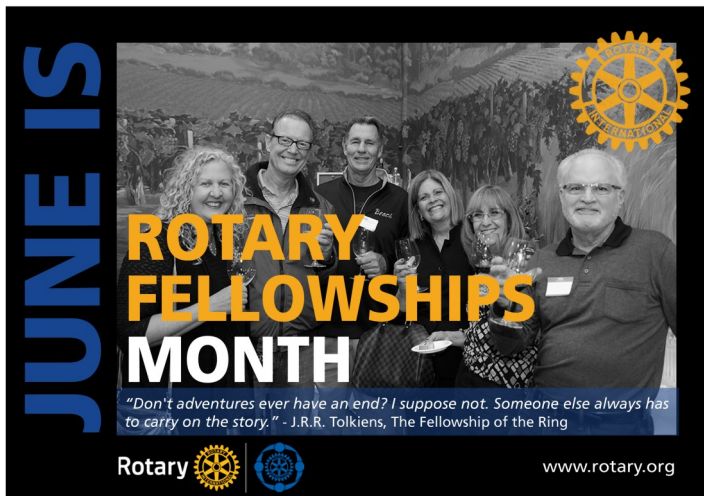
JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Name	Birthday	Birthplace
June 3	Mark Utz	Rochester, MN
June 4	Brenda Chilman	Rochester, MN
June 9	Kathleen Harrington	Jamaica, NY
	Judith O'Fallon	Fairmont, MN
June 10	Maury Hagen	Duluth, MN
June 11	Sue Mackert	Peoria, IL
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 27	Sue F. Johnson	Rochester, MN

Is your Rotary anniversary or birthday missing or listed incorrectly? Please update your profile on ClubRunner.

ROTARY FELLOWSHIPS MONTH

"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." (<https://www.rotary.org/en/our-programs/more-fellowships>)



Did you know local Rotarians Bill Wiktor and Elaine Case are active participants in the International Travel and Hosting Fellowship?

"Elaine Case was president-elect of the Rotary Club of Rochester Risers, Minnesota, and her husband, Bill Wiktor, held the same position in the Rotary Club of

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President Sara with our 2018 Rotary Ethics Contest award winner Kendra and her mom.

JUNE Weekly Meetings

- June 6 Service First Thursday**, Rochester Public Library, Meeting Room C, 11:00 am–1:00 pm
- June 13 Traditional Meeting**, Rotary’s Fast For Hope” presented by our current PDG Jim Hunt, Mayo Civic Center, Ballroom 2, 11:30 am– 1:00 pm
- June 20 1905 Meetings**, Charter House and Express Employment Professionals, 11:30 am–1:00 pm
- June 27 Traditional Meeting**, "Leadership Changeover," Mayo Civic Center, Suite 101, 11:30 am –1:00 pm

June Rotary Anniversaries

Armin Budimlic	1 year +
Sam Beyers	2 years
Sue Mackert	2 year +
Mark Kotschevar	4 years
Melanie Tschida	4 years +
Joe Messick	8 years
Dave Moertel	16 years
Warren Harmon	18 years
Truda Tyce	19 years
Ingrid Neel	22 years
Carl Anderson	39 years
Donald Scholz	40 years



Other Meetings & Events

- June 3 Channel One Service**, Channel One Building, (131 35 St SW), 6-8:00 pm
- June 6 – Rotary Ethics Committee Meeting**, Judi Wilson Law offices (1741 2nd St SW), 4:30 – 5:30 pm
- June 11 Rotary Club of Rochester Board**, OMC Conference Room (102 Elton Hills Dr. Suite 150) 7:00 am
- June 12 Rochester Rotary Clubs World Community Service**, House, CR1-131 (211 2 St NW), 7:00-8:00 am
- June 17 Youth Exchange Committee Meeting**, People’s Food Co-op (519 1 Ave SW), 6:00-7:00 pm
- June 19 Rotary Information Meeting**, location TBD, noon-1:00 pm
- June 19 White Oaks Park Cleanup**, White Oaks Park (4597 55 St NW), 6:00 pm
- June 21 Public Image Committee Meeting**, Hy-Vee Market Grille, Barlow Plaza (1315 6 St NW), 12:00-1:00 pm
- June 26 Wine Down Wednesday**, Forager Brewery (1005 6 St NW), 4:30 pm

Thanks to all who helped with the May meetings:

Greeters: Ardell Brede, Jennifer Woodford, Mark Bencoter, Al DeBoer; **Cashier:** Melanie Tschida, Phil Karsell; **Sergeant-at-Arms:** John Woodruff; **Visitors Desk:** Lance Thorkelson, Bill Van Vugt; **Music:** Judy O’Fallon; **Reflections:** Zoey Jantsan, Bill Wiktor, Kristine Ihrke; **Four Way Test:** Doug Rovang, Caroline Baihly, Jeff Allman; **Introduction of Visitors:** Wes Duellman, Jennifer Teske; **Presenters:** Rotary Youth Exchange students





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FROM THE DESK OF PRESIDENT SARA GILLILAND



Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve as your president this Rotary year. It has been a privilege and an amazing experience. I've learned a lot, deepened my appreciation for Rotary even more, and I hope I've made a positive difference.

Thinking back on the year, here are some of the highlights for me:

Our Rotary year has been filled with many ongoing service opportunities, and building even greater momentum with Youth Exchange, the Holiday Classic, Cradle to Career, the Ethics workshop, STRIVE and district and global grants through the World Community Service team.

I hope you've been enjoying the renewed focus on Vocational Talks by our members. It's one of my favorite parts of meetings. And, asking one table of members to introduce themselves at the beginning of a traditional meeting has been another way to get to know each other.

I'd like to give special thanks to our Program Committee, led by Donna Greason, Meeting Activities Director. We've enjoyed a wide variety of strong programs that inform us about our community, Rotary and the world. The TED Talk speakers at our 1905 meetings have included Bill and Melinda Gates, and David Katz, the founder of The Plastic Bank, which makes plastic waste into a currency that transcends poverty and helps stop the flow of plastic into our oceans. All our speakers have broadened our horizons and stretched our conversations with each other in thought-provoking ways. If you haven't given 1905 meetings a try, you're missing out.

Joining the Chamber of Commerce has been a new initiative this year that has increased Rotary's visibility

in the community and has given us an opportunity to meet people and offer them an opportunity to learn more about Rotary. If you'd like to be a representative for Rotary at an upcoming Chamber event, please sign up.

I hope you feel connected to the discussions and decisions made by your Board of Directors, and the variety of club and 3-Club teams that lead projects and activities. Whether it's through announcements at Rotary meetings, personal conversations, emails or Moccasin Flower articles, your Board members and I intend to be transparent and informative about the opportunities and challenges in the club.

One of the increasing challenges for the club is financial health. In the last 5 or more years, the cushion in our finances has eroded due to a number of factors — meeting expenses, meal guarantees, declining membership, and increased expenses and Rotary International and District dues. The club counts on members paying their dues in a timely manner, and attending meetings to reach the minimum number of 72 meals we are guaranteeing. When we have low attendance and members are late with dues payments, the club is subsidizing the expenses and we can't afford it.

One of my greatest joys as President is inducting new members. So far this year, we've introduced 14 new members and that brings new energy, greater diversity and opportunities to make an even bigger impact on our community.

To reinforce the Rotary International theme for this Rotary year, I introduced the Be the Inspiration award in our club. Each recipient selects the next recipient. It's been inspiring and humbling to recognize the work and contributions of each recipient — Deb Poulton, Heather Holmes, Mark Dripps, Karel Weigel, Mike and Judith O'Fallon, Ashok Patel, Ardell Brede, Jim and Judy Sloan, and Diane Ilstrup. The list will continue as long as there's interest in keeping it going.

UNLEASHED TO SUCCEED

Submitted by RRR President Joanne Rosener

The Reading Center currently provides services out of their 3,000 sq. foot building which is about one-quarter the size of what they need to fit their programs onsite. In 2013, The Reading Center Board of Directors approved a plan to grow programming numbers and fund a new facility to meet the community's needs. Fast forward to 2019, The Reading Center's new home will be located in the NW corner of Rochester near Costco off West Circle Drive. The 10,000 square foot plan includes nine-12 spaces for tutoring and testing (from three now), a classroom for their Reading Club parent/child classes, and an open library with seating for parents, among other things. The move into their new location is planned to occur later this year.



Welcome new Rotarians!



New Rotarian Marilyn Deling with sponsor **Audrey Betcher**

Sponsor **Diane Ilstrup** with new Rotarian Elizabeth Macaulay

HOLGER KNAACK SELECTED TO BE 2020-21 ROTARY INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT

By Ryan Hyland, <https://www.rotary.org/en/holger-knaack-selected-be-2020-21-rotary-international-president>



Holger Knaack, a member of the Rotary Club of Herzogtum Lauenburg-Mölln, Germany, has been selected to serve as president of Rotary International in 2020-21.

The Nominating Committee's decision follows the resignation last month of President-nominee Sushil Gupta due to health reasons. Knaack will officially become president-nominee if no other candidates challenge him by 31 May.

To build a stronger membership, Knaack says Rotary must focus on increasing the number of female members and transitioning Rotaractors into Rotarians.

Knaack believes that the People of Action campaign offers new public awareness possibilities for Rotary. "This campaign conveys our global image while still respecting differences in regions and cultures," he says.

A Rotary member since 1992, Knaack has served Rotary as treasurer, director, moderator, member and chair of several committees, representative for the Council on Legislation, zone coordinator, training leader, and district governor.

He is an endowment/major gifts adviser and co-chair of the Host Organization Committee for the 2019 Rotary International Convention in Hamburg.

Knaack is the CEO of Knaack KG, a real estate company. He was previously a partner and general manager of Knaack Enterprises, a 125-year-old family business.

He is a founding member of the Civic Foundation of the City of Ratzeburg and served as president of the Golf-Club Gut Grambek. Knaack is also the founder and chair of the Karl Adam Foundation.

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Rotation Day: replicating the practice of Rotary's first club



The world's first service club was founded on February 23, 1905, when lawyer Paul Harris and three friends met in a small office in downtown Chicago. These men wanted to rekindle in the turn-of-the-century city the spirit of friendliness they had known in their home towns. Word of the club soon spread and others were invited to join. They named their new club "Rotary" to describe the practice of meeting in rotation at the members' various places of business.

LEFT: TRCR members visit Olmsted Waste to Energy

BOTTOM: TRCR members visit Fairway Outdoor



The Rotary Club of Rochester 2018-19 Club Progress Towards Goals

CATEGORY	2018-19 GOALS	As of May 31, 2019
Membership	185	159
Rotary International Foundation Annual Program Fund	\$10,000	\$14,817 (148% of goal)
Every Rotarian Every Year (EREY)	100%	29 members
PolioPlus	\$2,500	\$1,975 (79% of goal)
District 5960 Fast for Hope Project	\$1,000	\$1,000 (100% of goal)
Rotary Club of Rochester Foundation	\$10,000	\$7,035 (70% of goal)

Join the White Oaks Park crew on June 19



May volunteers at White Oaks Park cleanup. Join the crew on June 19.

Lynn Wong honored with Paul Harris Fellow



Past President **Bill Wiktor** with new Paul Harris Fellow honoree Lynn Wong

Rotary Youth Exchange

Our Rotary Youth Exchange crowd at May 30 Rotary meeting - students, host families, Rotarian and Lourdes High School volunteers



Rotary Fellowships Month *continued from page 1*

Rochester when the couple went to São Paulo for the Rotary International Convention in 2015. At the House of Friendship, they learned about the International Travel and Hosting Fellowship, which connects Rotarians who host other Rotarians visiting their area.

“We travel quite a bit,” says Wiktor, “and we thought, ‘Oh, this is going to be nice. We will open up our home to people coming to Rochester, and we can visit others around the world.’”

Because Rochester is the home of the Mayo Clinic, Case and Wiktor thought they could be particularly helpful to any Rotarians who came to their city for treatment at the renowned medical center.

For a few years, the couple participated in the fellowship, connecting with fellow Rotarians on their own travels, but they didn’t hear from anyone looking for a place to stay in Rochester. Then in January 2018, they got an email from Cindy Goodman, a member of the Rotary Club of La Jolla, California, who was coming to Mayo for open heart surgery.

Case and Wiktor immediately offered their help and their home. “I asked, ‘Are you sure you want to do this? This could be more than you bargained for,’” Goodman says. “And they said, ‘No, we would like to make this our Rotary mission, to help families who come to Mayo for diagnosis or treatment or surgery.’”

Goodman’s daughter, Whitney, stayed with the couple for a week while her mother was in the hospital. “They could not have been more hospitable and welcoming,” says Goodman.

The couple visited Goodman in the hospital and did their best to make both mother and daughter feel at home. They stand ready to host Rotarians in similar situations.

‘I just cannot say enough good things,’ Goodman says. ‘They were like a second family.’” (Frank Bures, <https://www.rotary.org/en/rotary-fellowships-bring-together-rotarians>)

Learn more about Rotary Fellowships [here](#).

Holger Knaack *continued from page 4*

Knaack and his wife, Susanne, are Major Donors to The Rotary Foundation and members of the Bequest Society.

The members of the Nominating Committee for the 2020-21 President of Rotary International are Kazuhiko Ozawa, Rotary Club of Yokosuka, Kanagawa, Japan; Manoj D. Desai, Rotary Club of Baroda Metro, Gujarat, India; Shekhar Mehta, Rotary Club of Calcutta-Mahanagar, West Bengal, India; John G. Thorne, Rotary Club of North Hobart, Tasmania, Australia; Guiller E. Tumangan, Rotary Club of Makati West, Makati City, Philippines; Juin Park, Rotary Club of Suncheon, Jeonranam, Korea; Elio Cerini, Rotary Club of Milano Duomo, Italy; Gideon M. Peiper, Rotary Club of Ramat Hasharon, Israel; Per Høyen, Rotary Club of Aarup, Denmark; Paul Knijff, Rotary Club of Weesp (Vechtstreek-Noord), Netherlands; Sam Okudzeto, Rotary Club of Accra, Ghana; José Ubiracy Silva, Rotary Club of Recife, Pernambuco, Brazil; Bradford R. Howard, Rotary Club of Oakland Uptown, California, USA; Michael D. McCullough, Rotary Club of Trenton, Michigan, USA; Karen K. Wentz, Rotary Club of Maryville, Tennessee, USA; Michael K. McGovern, Rotary Club of South Portland-Cape Elizabeth, Maine, USA; and John C. Smarge, Rotary Club of Naples, Florida, USA.

May Service First Thursday volunteers at Rochester Public Library



SAVE THE DATE

June 25, 2019



Seeing Rotary 2020!

*Please join us
for the installation of
Paul Perez
2019-2020 Governor
Rotary International
District 5960*

*Mystic Lake Center
Waconia Ballroom*

2400 Mystic Lake Blvd, Prior Lake, MN 55372

Tuesday, June 25, 2019

6:00 pm—8:30 pm

Dinner starts at 6:30 pm

Cost is \$45

[Registration Link](#)



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