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VITAL STATISTICS

MEMBERSHIP: 249

AVERAGE JANUARY ATTENDANCE: 64.07%

AMBASSADORS: **George Allen**, Colorado Springs, CO X6; **Mark Cairns**, eClubOne; **Dave Colville**, Bemidji MN X2; **Frank Iossi**, St Cloud, MN; **Brian Murphy**, St Paul Risers; **Marsha Redalen**, La Crosse, WI; **Alan Sessler**, Fountain Hills, AZ; **Les Stolte**, Georgetown, Sun City, AZ; **John Woodruff**, Lahaina, Maui, HI.

GREATER ROCHESTER: 1/25/06: **Lynn Clarey**. 2/01/06: **Melissa Brinkman**, **Mark Dripps**, **Carla Nelson**, **Jane Piegras**, **Aynsley Smith**, **Peg Winters** 2/08/06: **Melissa Brinkman**. 2/15/06: **Linda Bonow**, **Charlie Fish**, **Dan Skinner**, **Fred Suhler**.

RISERS: 1/24/06, **Marcia Redalen**. 2/07/06: **John Brandrup**, **Alan Sessler**.

BIRTHDAYS

HAPPY MARCH BIRTHDAYS!

<u>Birthday</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Birthplace</u>
March 1	Lorie Luedke	Madison, WI
March 2	Mark Breneman Warren Harmon	Minneapolis, MN Houston, TX
March 3	Bob MacCarty	Rochester, MN
March 5	Jay Toogood	Minneapolis, MN
March 6	David Moertel	Rochester, MN
March 7	Mike O'Fallon	Princeton, MN
March 9	Phil Henoeh	Chicago, IL
March 13	Chris Rustad	Rochester, MN
March 14	Jeff Amundson	Rochester, MN
March 15	Beth Warren	Madison, WI
March 17	David Carl	Jacksonville, IN
March 24	Larry Koshier	Winona, MN
March 26	Bari Amadio	Philadelphia, PA
March 27	Lois Nietz	Redwood Falls, MN
March 31	Bill Lower	Wilmington, DE

ROTARY BENEFIT AUCTION

It's back and sure to be better than ever!

Mark your calendar now for the 2006 Rochester Rotary Club Benefit Auction.

Silent and Live Auction

Thursday, May 4, 2006

6:00 –10:00 p.m. (replaces noon meetings)

Ramada Hotel & Conference Center (1517 16th St SW)

We will ask that each member donate an item valued at \$50+ to be auctioned. Donation forms will be available at Rotary meetings or by calling Kim Adams at 285-1026. Forms should be submitted by April 7. Donations can be dropped off at Rotary meetings, SNG Research or PossAbilities (details on forms) by April 21.

ELECTRONIC MAKE-UPS

Can't make it to Rotary? There is an electronic makeup opportunity at www.rotaryclubone.org. Follow the directions found there, read some Rotary information, then fill out an electronic makeup card and turn it in to the Rotary Office or forward it to us.

STRIVE

The STRIVE committee thanks everyone who answered to the challenge of raising \$2000 for a potential matched grant. All three clubs managed to get the job done and STRIVE has an additional \$4000 in its account. Good job!

The committee is still asking for us to donate items to fill the STRIVE goody bags - bags handed to students during the year-end banquet. Possible items include: Pens, clips, notepads, water bottles, and/or any business paraphernalia you think high school senior would like. If you have questions or would like to donate items, please contact Laurel Schacht 285-7646 or lschacht@postbulletin.com.

ROTARY NEWS

- If you have a son or daughter graduating from high school this spring, please e-mail the office. We would like to bring them to a Rotary meeting to be recognized before school is out.
- Greater Rochester Rotary won the last quarter attendance contest. They had 68.53%, the Risers had 68.21%, and Rochester Rotary had 66.71%.
- Over 250 persons attended the Rotary meeting when Governor Pawlenty was our speaker. It was a wonderful Rotary event with many guests in our midst.
- Thanks to all of you who helped with our February meetings: Music: **Jane Belau and Matt Camrud**. Desk: **Charlie Fish, Linda Oelke, Carrie Farrow, Ashleigh Rosson Hoffman**. Introduction of Visitors: **Keri Smith, Thomas Moyer, Jim Wiekamp, Leigh Johnson**. Greeters: **Marty Anderson, Denise Sorom**. Invocations: **Matt Camrud, Allie Good, Linda Rings, Carla Johnson, Stan Cram**. Thanks also to **Jerry Balm** who helped with the governor's visit.

HOLIDAY CLASSIC AWARD LUNCHEON

Wednesday, March 15

12 Noon, Ramada Conference Center

Hosted by Greater Rochester Rotary

All three Rochester Clubs – only Rochester meeting that week.

The grant committee is going over 37 grant requests to see who will be getting awards from the tournament. This is the most requests we have had. Please plan to attend this meeting – we are delighted that our speaker will be Rochester's own **Darrell Thompson**. A Gopher great and a former Green Bay Packer, Darrell will be a wonderful speaker for our meeting.

SOME NOTES:

I will be checking with all of you the week prior to the meeting to see how many of you will be attending. For those that are planning to attend, please bring a check or \$9.00 cash for your lunch – no charges will be available.

MARCH ROTARY CALENDAR

March 2	Kahler Hotel - Heritage Hall President Mike O'Fallon, "Rotary International Convention - Chicago"
March 9	Kahler Hotel - Heritage Hall Patricia Barrier, "Domestic Violence"
March 15	Ramada Conference Center Darrell Thompson, "18th Annual Awards Luncheon, hosted by Greater Rochester Rotary"
March 23	Kahler Hotel - Heritage Hall Mitch Anthony, "Living on Purpose"
March 30	Kahler Hotel - Windsor Hall Ken Brown, Olmsted County Board, "Waste Options"

OTHER MEETINGS AND EVENTS

March 9	Rotary Board of Directors Meeting 7 a.m. - Charter House
March 14	Rotary Information Meeting 12 Noon, Mayo Brothers Room, Kahler Hotel
April 21-23	District 5960 District Conference - Treasure Island Casino, Red Wing, MN

STRIVE MEETINGS

March 14	John Marshall - 9:25-10:15 a.m.
March 15	Mayo HS - 9:38-10:30 a.m.
March 16	Century HS - 9:32-10:17 a.m.



More than 250 Rotarians and guests were in attendance when Governor Tim Pawlenty spoke at our meeting on February 9.



**Join us for the Fun & Fellowship
Red Wing April 21-23**

Meet New & Old Friends at the *House of Rotary Dreams*

- + The giant Paradise Cove Room will be our Fellowship HQ
- + Centennial Displays, Videos, Exhibits, Registration & more



Friday Keynote Kickoff
Congressman Tim Penny

Plus Native
Drumming
& Dancing



Celebrate the 40th Year of GSE, with presentations by
5 different Inbound and Outbound GSE Teams

**GERMANY & INDIA
Plus BRAZIL (outbound)**

Friday's "Rotary's Next 100 Years' Dinner"

- + Original Rotary Song plus Original Paul Harris Play
- + Videos of International Convention & RI President Stenhammar



Friday Night *House of Rotary Games*
Safe Water *Fundraiser*



Saturday Night Governor Lee's *Leadership Dinner/Dance*
Sunday Eggs and Skates Breakfast and Ecumenical Service



*Plus: Community Service Above Self Project,
Red Wing City Tours, Hole-in-One Contest
Dreamcatchers and Centennial/Conference DVD*

SERVICE Above Self

First Ever Interact Conference and Youth Exchange Overnight Friday at Red Wing High School

Treasure Island: 800-222-7077 www.treasureislandcasino.com Red Wing VCB: www.redwing.org
Rotary District 5960: (651) 636-9054 www.rotary5960.org (registration forms are on-line)

DISTRICT CONFERENCE UPDATE

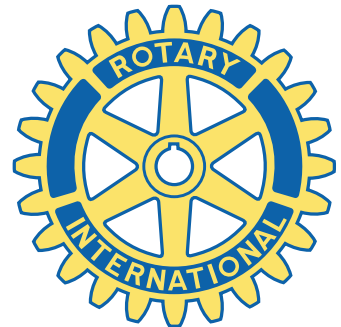
April 21 - 23, 2006, Red Wing

The Red Wing Rotary club is busy finalizing plans for the District Conference in Red Wing. Treasure Island Resort and Casino will be a gracious host and this weekend event is one you won't want to miss.

The President of Red Wing Shoe, Mr. Dave Murphy, will be presenting at one of the breakout about their recent centennial and how a business in a small community can prosper in the new global economy.

Custom Rotary Dreamcatchers will be available for sale at the event, plus we will have a demonstration on making Dreamcatchers. Other Native American-centered breakout sessions will provide a great opportunity to learn more about the Prairie Island Dakota nation.

Registration forms are available on the District Web site www.rotary5960.org and at our meetings.



Jeff Amundson, Total Choice Shipping, with proposer Bari Amadio and Kay Hocker, Diversity Council, with proposer George Thompson.



Jim Sloan with new member Carl Schroedel with United Church of Christ and Marilyn Stewart with new member Ellen Nelson.



Rochester Rotary Benefit Auction 2006

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Date: Thursday, May 4, 2006, 6:00 – 10:00 p.m. *(replaces noon meeting)*

Location: Ramada Hotel & Conference Center

Fundraising goal: \$30,000

How the money will be used:

- STRIVE
- Orphanage in Cochabamba, Bolivia
- Good Samaritan Dental Clinic
- Funding for other local and international projects
(the more we raise, the more we can support!)

How you can help: ***Think of a fabulous item to donate to the Auction!***

- Goal is to receive 200+ donations valued at \$50 or more for the silent auction and 10-15 items valued at \$200 or more for the live auction
- Fill out this form and turn it in at a Rotary meeting by April 7th
 - Or, fax this form to Kim Adams at 424-3011
 - Or, e-mail your item description to kadams@sngresearch.com
- Donated items can be brought to one of the following locations before April 21:
 - Rotary meeting
 - SNG Research Corporation (6301 Bandel Rd NW)
 - PossAbilities (1808 3rd Ave SE)

Auction item to be donated (please describe below):

Estimated Value \$ _____

Would you prefer this be a Silent Auction item or a Live Auction item? (Please note: the auction committee reserves the right to make the final designation.)

Silent Auction Item
 Live Auction Item
 No Preference

Where would you prefer to drop off the item (prior to April 21)?

Rotary meeting
 SNG Research Corporation,
6301 Bandel Rd NW
 PossAbilities,
1808 3rd Ave SE

Name _____

E-mail address _____

Daytime phone _____

**Please fill out and turn in at Rotary or fax to Kim Adams at 424-3011 by April 7th.
Questions? Contact Kim at 285-1026. THANK YOU!!**

