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VITAL STATISTICS

MEMBERSHIP: 260

AMBASSADORS: Dave Colville, NST Paul/Maplewood/Oakdale; Duane Feragen, Austin, MN; Bob Priem, Gulf Shores, AL X7 & Foley, AL X3; George Thompson, Austin, MN; Jim Woodruff, Fairbanks, AK; Pat Carlson, Stacey Vanden Heuvel, Chris Fagens, Stacy Sinner, eClubOne.

GREATER ROCHESTER ROTARY: 2/06/08: Stacey VandenHeuvel, David Westgard 2/13/08: Lynn Clarey, Frank Streit; 2/20/08: Lynn Clarey, Mark Ostrem, Mike Podulke.

ROCHESTER ROTARY RISERS: If you made up at the Risers in the last six weeks, please call or email the office.

ROTATION DAY – APRIL 17

What happens for Rotation Day?

All members either host or are assigned a place to go for lunch. This goes back to the early days of Rotary when Rotarians rotated their meeting site each week. It gives you the opportunity to get to know each other a little better and find out about your host's occupation.

What is the host's responsibility?

Hosts sign-up and give the number of members they can accommodate for lunch (a minimum of six). Hosts are given a list of member names, and they invite their guests - giving directions, etc. Hosts order lunches. All members have already paid for their Rotation Day lunches with their dues so all the host has to do is submit a billing to the office for the lunches. During the meeting time, 12-1:30 p.m. - members can introduce themselves and the hosts can tell about their occupation and in some cases go on a tour of their facilities. Attendance is taken.

What to those attending do?

First and foremost, **respond to the host**, and let them know you are attending so they can order lunches, etc. For those of you that have email, you will probably hear that way.

What if I cannot attend?

Let us know if you're unable to attend so we don't assign you. If you have not heard who your host is by noon the day before the Rotation Day, call the office **252-0085**.

BIRTHDAYS

HAPPY MARCH BIRTHDAYS!

<u>Birthday</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Birthplace</u>
March 1	Lorie Luedke	Madison, WI
March 2	Mark Breneman	Minneapolis, MN
	Warren Harmon	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 16	Mike Pruett	San Diego, CA
March 19	Jason Boynton	Winona, MN
March 20	Mike Schnell	Dickinson, ND
March 24	Larry Koshier	Winona, MN
March 26	Bari Amadio	Philadelphia, PA
March 27	Lois Nietz	Redwood Falls, MN
March 31	Glenn Lyden	Fergus Falls, MN

2008 ROCHESTER ROTARY CLUB BENEFIT AUCTION

Mark your calendar now for the 2008 Rochester Rotary Club Benefit Auction.

Silent and Live Auction

Thursday, May 1, 2008

6:00 -10:00 p.m. (replaces noon meeting)

Ramada Hotel & Conf. Center (1517 16th St. SW)



Member are asked to donate an item valued at \$50+ to be auctioned. Complete the donation form in this newsletter. Forms should be submitted by April 4.

ROTARY NEWS

- April 17th is a Rotation Day – Please see article on this. We will have sign-ups, but I would be thrilled to hear from now if you know you can host.
- Resignation has been received from Matt Camrud who is moving to Seattle. We will miss Matt – his involvement and sharing of his gift of music has been wonderful.
- Congratulations to first time grandmother **Ann Beatty** (and grandfather Charles Beatty). Granddaughter Stella Rose Beatty arrived February 25.
- If you have pens with your logo from your business that you would like to have us use at our meetings, please bring them.
- Don't forget we are looking for articles for the STRIVE goody bags.
- Thanks to everyone who helped with the February meetings: Invocations: **Karen Ehlenbusch, Rick Lien, Nickie Froiland, Mike O'Fallon**. Introduce Visitors: **Denny Nigon, Thomas Moyer, Phil Karsell**. Visitors Desk: **Fran Kornblum, Dianna Parks, Jerry Needham, Angie Rustad**. 4 -Way Test: **Suzanne Dinusson, Fran Kornblum, Steve Rossello, Dan O'Neil**. Greeters: **Sheryl Barlow, Monte Ball, Leon Clark, Ray Johnson, Al Fritsche, Mark Ostrem**. Music: **Ann Beatty**. Cashier: **James Gibson, Janice Farris**.

ELECTRONIC MAKEUPS

Can't make it to Rotary?
There is an electronic makeup opportunity at
www.rotaryclubone.org

NEW MEMBERS



New member Barbara Porter, Mayo Medical School; Proposer Sandra Means; New Member Major Jim Frye, Salvation Army; Proposer Rick Lien.

MARCH ROTARY CALENDAR

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| March 6 | Kahler Hotel – Heritage Hall - Siddiqui Ray, "A Photographer's Personal Journey" |
| March 13 | Kahler Hotel – Heritage Hall – Kathy Stutzman, "Nicaragua: New Opportunities Await" |
| March 20 | Kahler Hotel – Heritage Hall – Rich Good, "The New Face of Boy Scouts" |
| March 27 | Kahler Hotel - Heritage Hall - All Three Rochester Rotary Clubs - Rotary US Bank Holiday Classic Awards Luncheon. Our speaker is Rochester native Dane Fischer. Dane is a John Marshall graduate who played in three of our tournaments. He is a coach at Rider University in Lawrenceville, NJ. |

OTHER MEETINGS AND EVENTS

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| March 13 | Rotary Board of Directors Meeting
7 a.m., Directors Room, Kahler Hotel |
| March 26 | Rotary Information Meeting
12 noon, Directors Room, Kahler Hotel |

LOOKING AHEAD

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| April 25-27 | 2008 Rotary District 5960/5960 Conference , Arrowwood Resort, Alexandria, Minnesota |
| May 1 | Rochester Rotary Club Auction An evening meeting – no noon meeting - great fun affair! |



New Member Gregory Stavrou, Rochester Civic Theatre; Proposer Bari Amadio; New member Michael Grinnell, Mayo Clinic; Proposer Doug Rovang.

VOCATIONAL SERVICE

Linda Bonow, Director

Vocational Service in The Rotary Club of Rochester has a strong history. There are several key areas under the umbrella of Vocational Service and with a goal of informing and reminding you about activities in this area, I share the highlights below.

Rotation Day! Since the days of Paul Harris, Rotarians have gathered to share their perspectives and unique expertise by meeting in the work place of members on a rotating basis – thus Rotation Day! On Rotation Day, members learn about the opportunities, growth and sometimes the challenges unique to the myriad professions represented in our club. Through the opportunity to share lunch and a workplace tour, our relationships strengthen and our knowledge base expands.

Vocation Talks - Isn't it nice to learn about your fellow members? Formerly known as "autobiographies", vocation talks provide an opportunity for members to help us get to know them a little better. Within 3-5 minutes we learn about a member's family, their special interests as well as their chosen profession. We're eager to schedule more vocation talks in the coming months, stay tuned!

STRIVE – Strive is a mentoring and scholarship program that reaches out to 75 high school seniors each year. Students are identified by the school guidance department and invited to apply. Once matched with a mentor, STRIVE students and mentors meet monthly for an enrichment

program and to discuss their progress in school, as well as important steps toward graduation and beyond.

As a STRIVE mentor, I have seen firsthand the impact of STRIVE. I have worked with students that struggle, and with students that succeed achieving scholarships. Most impressively – at the end of the STRIVE year - time and again I witness a feeling of pride and accomplishment in students and parents when they attend the STRIVE banquet. For many, this banquet is the *very first banquet* they've ever attended - what a thrill! STRIVE makes a difference!

And finally our, **Rotary Auction!** – The bi-annual Rotary Auction has become a real favorite. The event provides an opportunity for members to purchase treasures & services that raise funds to support STRIVE, Youth LINC, World Relief Service, Southeast Minnesota Flood Relief (park/youth-related). This year's auction is coming up on May 1st – and a big thank you goes out to the hard-working Auction committee.

Like all Rotary initiatives, many fellow Rotarians serve to make the programs strong. I extend thanks to Audrey Betcher who leads the STRIVE steering committee; Rachel Hurt for Vocational Talks 2007 & Fred Banfield Vocational Talks 2008; Bill Nietz, Auction Chair..... and, of course, to Lois for her committed service to the advancement of Rotary.

CONFERENCES, CONFERENCES! Visit the District Web site for more information



Join Districts 5950 and 5960 at [Arrowwood Resort & Conference Center](#) in Alexandria, MN, for Conference 2008, Friday, April 25 - Sunday, April 27. This joint district conference between Districts 5950 and 5960 will have events for the whole family, including the [wonderful water park!](#)

Great speakers await you such as [Lorna Landvik](#), comedian and author; [Dan DeMuth](#), President of Performance in Motion using golf as a metaphor for solving problems; and [Jill Blashack Strahan](#), owner of Tastefully Simple, and [Judge Linn Slattengren](#), a member of the Chisago Lakes Rotary Club, who is serving on the Supreme Court of Kosovo. The Conference is FREE! Bring the whole family. No registration fee -- you only pay for meals and hotel room.



2008 Rotary International Convention

Join your fellow Rotarians from District 5960 as we travel to Los Angeles for the 2008 Rotary International Convention. We are asking Forest Lake president-elect and travel agent, Debra Oaks-Rentschler, to coordinate the travel logistics. Two hotel packages with air

travel from June 14-19 on Sun Country are available. Please contact Debra at her work number 651-464-5092 or [E-mail Debra](#). Visit the District Web for additional information.

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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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WEB SITES

Rochester Rotary Club: www.rochesterrotaryclubs.org

Links to STRIVE – Rotary US Bank Holiday Classic

District 5960: www.rotary5960.org

Rotary International: rotary.org

ACTIVE COMMITTEES

Four Avenues of Service
Club, Vocational, Community, International

CLUB SERVICE I

Linda Rings, Director

Greeters *Bill Wiktor*
 Membership Development *Doug Rovang*
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CLUB SERVICE II

Dan O’Neil, Director

Club Bulletin *Lorie Luedke, Lois Nietz*
 Club Web Site *Lorie Luedke*
 Invocations *Carla Nelson*
 Programs *Phil Karsell*
 Public Relations *Dana Funk*
 Four-Way Test *Ann Beatty*

CLUB SERVICE III

Mark Dripps, Director

Bell Ringing - Salvation Army *Paul Bleimeyer,*
Mark Neville
 Golf Day *Mike Schnell*
 Music *Jane Belau*
 Rotary Information *Leigh Johnson*

VOCATIONAL SERVICE

Linda Bonow, Director

Rotation Day *Linda Bonow*
 STRIVE *Audrey Betcher*
 Vocational Talks *Fred Banfield*
 Auction 2008 *Bill Nietz*

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Karen Ricklefs, Director

Library Host *Allan Sessler*
 Rotary US Bank Holiday Classic *Paul Barton,*
Laurel Schacht
 Quarry Hill Fall Festival *Carla Nelson*
 Rotary Reading Project *Cris Fischer*
 Service Above Self Awards *Mark St. Peter*
 Student Guests *Lance Papenfuss*
 Camp RYLA *Glenn VanLaningham*
 White Oaks Park *Ashok Patel, Stacy Sinner*
 Community Food Response *Glenn VanLaningham*

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

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 Rotary International Foundation *Rick Lien*
 Youth Exchange *Hilla Ferguson*
 Gift of Life *Betty Devine, Brenda Walker*
 World Community Service *Judith O’Fallon*