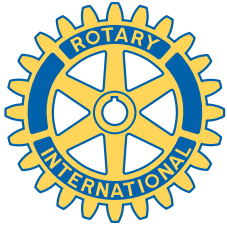


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## VITAL STATISTICS

**MEMBERSHIP:** 240

**AMBASSADORS:** **George Allen** – North Colorado Springs, **Judith O’Fallon** – Rotary Club of Winona, **Bob Sheridan** – Venice-Nokomis, FL, **Judith O’Fallon**, **Mike O’Fallon**, **Dana Funk**, **Karel Weigel**, **Karen Ricklefs**, **Merlin Ricklefs**, **Borge M. Christensen**, **Fred Suhler** – St. Paul Centennial Luncheon

**GREATER ROCHESTER ROTARY:** **Bari Amadio**, **Rick Lien**

**RISERS:**

**ECLUB:** **Betty Hutchins**

**RESIGNATIONS:** **Greg Lappin**

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

<u>Birthday</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Birthplace</u>
March 1	<b>Lorie Luedke</b>	Madison, WI
March 2	<b>Warren Harmon</b>	Houston, TX
March 3	<b>Bob MacCarty</b>	Rochester, MN
	<b>Joe O’Toole</b>	Philadelphia, PA
March 6	<b>David Moertel</b>	Rochester, MN
March 7	<b>Mike O’Fallon</b>	Princeton, MN
March 9	<b>Phil Henoeh</b>	Chicago, IL
March 13	<b>Chris Rustad</b>	Rochester, MN
March 14	<b>Jeff Amundson</b>	Rochester, MN
March 15	<b>Beth Warren</b>	Madison, WI
March 16	<b>Ronald Salazar</b>	Costa Rica
March 19	<b>Jason Boynton</b>	Winona, MN
March 24	<b>Larry Koshire</b>	Winona, MN
	<b>Angie Welchert</b>	LaCrosse, WI
March 26	<b>Bari Amadio</b>	Philadelphia, PA
March 27	<b>Lois Nietz</b>	Redwood Falls, MN
	<b>Maria Brown</b>	Faribault, MN

## 2010 ROCHESTER ROTARY CLUB BENEFIT AUCTION

Mark your calendar now for the 2010 Rochester Rotary Club Benefit Auction. Find your Hawaiian shirts and enjoy a Hawaiian-themed evening.

**Silent and Live Auction**  
**Thursday, April 29, 2010**  
**5:30 –9:00 p.m.** (replaces noon meeting)  
**Rochester International Event Center** (7333 Airport View Dr.)

We ask that each member donate an item valued at \$50 or more to be auctioned.

Donation forms are available at Rotary meetings and on the web site. Forms should be submitted by April 9. Donations can be dropped off at Rotary meetings, United Way of Olmsted County (903 West Center Street) or at Tile Superstore (2411 7th Street NW) by April 23.



## NEW MEMBER ROUNDTABLE MEETING - March 4

All new members (within the past 24 months) are invited to join us for a new member roundtable meeting on Thursday, March 4 at 11:45 am. The purpose of the meeting is to share your initial experiences with our Rotary Club — what has been beneficial, the mentor program, and what additional assistance and programs we can provide. The meeting will be held just prior to the normal Rotary meeting at a table near the front of the room. Bill Wiktor will be the host for the meeting.



## ROTARY NEWS

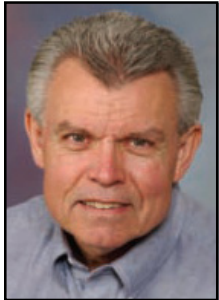
- **Thanks for your assistance at the February meetings –** Invocations: **Fred Karsell, Steve Courts, Fred Banfield, Jerry Mahon**; Introduction of Visitors: **Jerry Downes, Dave Oeth, Mike O’Fallon, Leigh Johnson**; Visitor’s Desk: **Kathy Lessard, Sue Dripps, Susan Ahlquist**; Greeters: **John Brockman, Roberta Tolan, Paul Tieskoetter, Leon Clark**; 4 Way Test: **Mark Dripps, Bill Wiktor, Angie Welchert, George Thompson**, Cashier: **James Gibson, Chris Cross**; A/V Equipment Set-up: **Dan Skinner, Steve Rossello, Rick Lien**; Music: **Ann Beatty, Linda Herrick, Jane Belau**.
- **Jeff Allman** shared his Vocational Talk with us – thank you!

## ROTARY US BANK HOLIDAY CLASSIC AWARD LUNCHEON

Thursday, March 11

Kahler Grand Hotel - Heritage Hall

Now is the time to award the money from our 22<sup>nd</sup> Holiday Classic Basketball Tournament. All three clubs will meet together at the Kahler Grand Hotel in Heritage Hall. Rotary Risers will host the meeting. This is the only meeting in Rochester that week.



We are pleased to have as our speaker Tom Holtackers. Tom is a 1972 graduate of the Mayo Clinic Physical Therapy Program and worked as a staff physical therapist and an instructor in the Mayo Clinic College of Medicine before retiring from Mayo Clinic after 34 years of service. He has been a

volunteer and fund raiser for the MS Society for over 30 years and is the recipient of many state and national awards for his involvement in physical therapy and multiple sclerosis organizations and has been inducted into the National MS Society’s National Volunteer Hall of Fame.

Tom continues to be active in the MS Society and is presently a member of the state chapter’s Board of Trustees, the Clinical Advisory and the Grassroots Activists Committees, and serves as a consultant for the home office of the National MS Society.

Tom wrote and published a book titled, “It Takes Courage”, which is a chronicle of his journey with MS, and is a motivational speaker regarding fitness and coping with adversity.

The title of Tom’s presentation is, “Training for Life’s Challenges”

## MARCH ROTARY CALENDAR

March 4	<b>Kahler Hotel - Heritage Hall -</b> Herta Matteson, “The Immigrant Experience in Rochester”
March 11	<b>Kahler Hotel - Heritage Hall -</b> Basketball Tournament Awards Luncheon - Guest Speaker: Tom Holtackers, “Training for Life’s Challenges”
March 18	<b>Kahler Hotel - Elizabethan Room -</b> Richard Maus, Polio Survivor
March 25	<b>Kahler Hotel - Heritage Hall -</b> State Economist Stinson and State Demographer Giliespy

## OTHER MEETINGS AND EVENTS

March 1	<b>Channel One -</b> 6:00-8:00 p.m.
March 10	<b>Community Food Response -</b> Contact Glenn VanLaningham or Paul Bleimeyer
March 11	<b>Rotary Board of Directors Meeting</b> 7:00 a.m., Directors Room, Kahler Hotel
March 17	<b>Rotary Information Meeting -</b> Noon - Directors Room, Kahler Hotel

## LOOKING FOR MENTORS!

As part of the Rotary Club Service we offer a mentor program for new Rotary members. This program matches an experienced member with a new member of Rotary. It involves welcoming the new member to Rotary and introducing him/her to other new members, explaining some of the service projects that we have and encourage their progress from the new member stage (red badge) to the full member stage (blue badge). If you are interested in helping with this program, please contact Bill Wiktor ([bill.wiktor@gmail.com](mailto:bill.wiktor@gmail.com)) or Peggy.

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

May 6th will be our Spring Rotation Day.

If you would like more information about hosting, please talk to Peggy.

Don’t miss this opportunity to share your vocation with your fellow Rotarians.



# HAPPY 105<sup>th</sup> BIRTHDAY ROTARY!

On Tuesday, February 23, 96 Rotarians and guests (from all three Clubs) gathered at the Penthouse of Broadway Residence and Suites to celebrate Rotary's 105<sup>th</sup> Birthday. It was a wonderful evening of good food, spirits and fellowship. We hope to make it an annual celebration!



## FROM THE DISTRICT OFFICE

Looking for adventure? Fun? Excitement?  
A Life Changing experience?

[Apply now for a Group Study Exchange team to India!](#)

Rotary District 5960 is opening the applications for Group Study Exchange (GSE) team members and team leaders immediately for an exchange to India (District 3202) from January 10, 2010 to February 9, 2010. Applications are open for Team Leader (Rotarian) and Team Member (non-Rotarian) positions and should be sent to your local Rotary Club by August 15, 2009. The local Rotary Club must sign off on the applications and send them to the District office by August 20, 2009.

Please act today by announcing the opportunity, recruiting qualified candidates by talking with your local businesses about the leadership and business development opportunities that GSE holds or consider asking an employee or club member of yours to apply.

## FOUNDATION UPDATE

To date, 107 of our members (45% of membership) have contributed \$13,416. Our goal is \$20,000 and 100% participation. If you haven't made your contribution, please do it soon. The amount of your contribution is not as important as having 100% participation by our Club.

Remember . . .





# A message from John Kenny, Rotary International President



My fellow Rotarians,

Preparations for our convention in Montréal, Québec, Canada, 20-23 June, are well underway, and we are fast approaching the 31 March deadline for lower registration fees. I can think of many reasons to attend a Rotary International Convention – interesting speakers, exciting entertainment, and a chance to visit a fascinating city, to name a few. Yet as compelling as these incentives may be, they are not why I have attended almost every convention since my first one in 1984. The main reason I look forward to this annual event is the opportunity it affords to reunite with my Rotary friends and meet so many new ones.

In many ways, our convention is Rotary at its best: Rotarians coming together to enjoy congenial fellowship while discussing the more serious business of service. We will, no doubt, be inspired by our speakers, including Greg Mortenson, author of the best-selling book *Three Cups of Tea*; Jo Luck, CEO of Heifer International; and country music singer Dolly Parton, who will be talking about her other great interests, children's literacy and the Imagination Library. And we will learn about many facets of Rotary and our Rotary Foundation in the various workshops planned. In between these events, we can build new Rotary friendships over coffee in the House of Friendship or dinner at one of Montréal's celebrated restaurants.

It has been said many times that you cannot truly appreciate the internationality of Rotary until you attend a convention. In Montréal this June, we expect to welcome Rotarians from more than 100 countries. We may be speaking dozens of different languages, but I know that all of us will be eager to communicate as best we can – with words, smiles, and laughter – effectively bridging any cultural or linguistic differences.

The convention is a time to celebrate the achievements of the past year, but it is also a time to plan for the future. In Rotary, we do not look at all that we have accomplished and say, "That's enough." No, we use our successes as a springboard to do more. I encourage you to join June and me in Montréal and to use this opportunity to identify new service partners, get innovative project ideas, and renew your enthusiasm for Rotary. Much work remains to be done – both in this Rotary year and the next. The Future of Rotary Is in Your Hands, and a Rotary convention is the ideal place to come together and formulate your plans.

## 100% CLUB

The following 57 members had 100% attendance for the month of February:

George Allen, Bari Amadio, Jeff Amundson, Caroline Baihly, Fred Banfield, Gilda Banfield, Barb Banner, Paul Barton, Maria Brown, Tom Bruckman, Ed Burke, Sarah Burrington, Borge M. Christensen, Cynthia Daube, Betty Devine, Suzanne Dinusson, Mark Dripps, Sue Dripps, John Edmonson, Kelly Engler, Karen Erlenbusch, Jon Ewing, Janice Farris, Cris Fischer, Tom Fitzgerald, Dana Funk, David Harbert, Margaret Hinz, Sue Johnson, Steve Lehmkuhle, Kathy Lessard, Rick Lien, Lorie Luedke, David Moertel, Lois Nietz, Judith O'Fallon, Mike O'Fallon, Mark Ostrem, Ashok Patel, Karen Ricklefs, Merlin Ricklefs, Steve Rossello, Doug Rovang, Phet Saysomphou, Laurel Schacht, Stacy Sinner, Dan Skinner, James Sloan, Steve Sperling, Fred Suhler, George Thompson, Paul Tieskoetter, Milt Tostrud, Mark Utz, Glenn VanLaningham, Karel Weigel, Angie Welchert, John Woodruff!

*(If your name is not listed and you think it should be, please contact Peggy so that our attendance records can be corrected).*

## Rotary Anniversaries

Steve Courts	2 years
Jodi Millerbernd	2 years
Sarah Stauder	2 years
Stacy Sinner	4 years
Bill Wiktor	4 years
Joanne Curnutt	5 years
Michael Mahrer	5 years
David Tines	5 years
Ann Beatty	6 years
Anne Berberich	6 years
Margaret Hinz	6 years
Rodney Anderson	7 years
Chris Rustad	7 years
Mark Utz	8 years
Ralph Spiekerman	9 years
Stephen Sponsel	10 years
Suzanne Dinusson	13 years
Thomas Moyer	26 years
Leigh Johnson	39 years



Thank you for your continued service to Rotary and to our Club. You are appreciated!

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- 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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**PRESIDENT NOMINEE:** Mark Dripps

**SECRETARY:** Jim Wiekamp

**TREASURER:** Paul Barton

**PAST PRESIDENT:** Doug Rovang

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Peggy Schroeder - 252-0085

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**ASSISTANT GOVERNOR**

Mike O'Fallon, Rochester Rotary

**WEB SITES**

Rochester Rotary: [www.rochesterrotaryclubs.org](http://www.rochesterrotaryclubs.org)

Links to STRIVE – Rotary US Bank Holiday Classic

District 5960: [www.rotary5960.org](http://www.rotary5960.org)

Rotary International: [rotary.org](http://rotary.org)

**ACTIVE COMMITTEES**

Four Avenues of Service  
Club, Vocational, Community, International

**CLUB SERVICE I**

Audrey Betcher, Director

Greeters ..... *Paul Tieskoetter*  
 Membership Development ..... *Karel Weigel*  
 Visitors Desk ..... *Christine Beech*  
 Sergeant-at-Arms ..... *John Woodruff*  
 Mentors ..... *Bill Wiktor*

**CLUB SERVICE II**

Steve Rossello, Director

Club Bulletin ..... *Lorie Luedke, Peggy Schroeder*  
 Club Web Site ..... *Mike Grinnell, Lorie Luedke*  
 Invocations ..... *Anne Berberich*  
 Programs ..... *Rick Lien*  
 Public Relations ..... *Mark Dripps*  
 Four-Way Test ..... *Tom Bruckman*

**CLUB SERVICE III**

Ann Beatty, Director

Bell Ringing - Salvation Army ..... *Paul Bleimeyer,  
Mark Neveille*  
 Golf Day ..... *Joe McBride*  
 Music ..... *Jane Belau*  
 Rotary Information ..... *Leigh Johnson*

**VOCATIONAL SERVICE**

Suzanne Dinusson, Director

Rotation Day ..... *Suzanne Dinusson*  
 STRIVE ..... *Linda Herrick*  
 Vocational Talks ..... *Fred Banfield*  
 Auction 2010 ..... *Lorie Luedke, Laurel Schacht*

**COMMUNITY SERVICE**

Stacy Sinner, Director

Library Host ..... *Allan Sessler, Tom Behrenbeck*  
 Rotary US Bank Holiday Classic ..... *Paul Barton,  
Lorie Luedke, Mike Quinn, Doug Rovang, Laurel Schacht*  
 Quarry Hill Fall Festival ..... *Carla Nelson, Brenda Walker*  
 Rotary Reading Project ..... *Cris Fischer, Christian Milaster*  
 Service Above Self Awards ..... *Cresta Deeds,  
Linda Hillenbrand*  
 Student Guests ..... *Allie Good, Barbara Porter*  
 Camp RYLA ..... *Steve Rossello, Ashleigh Rosson*  
 White Oaks Park ..... *Ashok Patel, Mike Mahrer*  
 Community Food Response ..... *Glenn VanLaningham,  
Paul Bleimeyer*  
 Channel One ..... *Mike O'Fallon, Tom Moyer*

**INTERNATIONAL SERVICE**

Dave Moertel, Director

Foundational Scholarships ..... *Steve Sponsel*  
 Group Study Exchange Team ..... *Gilda Banfield*  
 Rotary International Foundation ..... *Doug Rovang*  
 YouthLINC & Youth Exchange ..... *Vicki Allen*  
 Rotary Gift of Life ..... *Betty Devine*  
 World Community Service ..... *Judith O'Fallon*