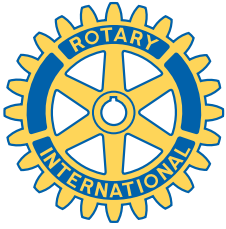


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VITAL STATISTICS

MEMBERSHIP: 237

AMBASSADORS: Borge M Christensen, eClubOne; Sue and Ray Johnson, SanDiego and Coronado; Jeff Amundson, eClubOne, George Allen, Colorado Springs, CO and North Colorado Springs X7

Rotary USBank Holiday Classic



Dear Rotary members,

In the attempt to keep everyone in Rotary on the same page, I wanted to share some extremely exciting information with you.

Over the past few weeks, we have been in negotiations with Donna Drews at the Mayo Civic Center, and we have been able to secure a three year contract to hold the entire basketball tournament under the Mayo Civic Center roof.

This is a positive step forward and will reinvigorate the tournament!

1. For years one of the biggest complaints received was that fans had to travel between venues to watch their favorite boys and girls teams – not any more.
2. This will reduce the number of volunteers needed.
3. A new ticket structure will allow fans to stroll from game to game throughout the entire Mayo Civic Center.

Please feel free to share the news. As more information and details are finalized, I will keep you up to date.

All for now,

Mike Van Straaten

Co-Chair Rotary US Bank Holiday Classic

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

<u>Birthday</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Birthplace</u>
March 1	Lorie Luedke	Madison, WI
March 2	Warren Harmon	Houston, TX
March 3	Bob MacCarty	Rochester, MN
	Joe O'Toole	Philadelphia, PA
March 6	David Moertel	Rochester, MN
March 7	Mike O'Fallon	Princeton, MN
March 9	Phil Henoeh	Chicago, IL
March 12	Karen Nelson	Albert Lea, MN
March 14	Jeff Amundson	Rochester, MN
March 15	Beth Warren	Madison, WI
March 17	David Carl	Jacksonville, IN
March 19	Jason Boynton	Winona, MN
March 24	Larry Koshire	Winona, MN
March 26	Bari Amadio	Philadelphia, PA
March 27	Lois Nietz	Redwood Falls, MN
	Maria Brown	Faribault, MN

If we have missed your birthday, please let us know.

STRIVE Banquet Donations



We are collecting items for students who have participated in the 2010-2011 STRIVE program. Rotary provides a bag with donated items for each of the students. This year we need 75-80 items so that each student receives the item. Items donated in the past include pens, pencils, notepads, sticky notes, water bottles, water bottle holders, gift cards, calendars, flashlights, passes to the Y, candy / snacks, and anything else you would like to contribute. Items can have business logos on them. If you have items, please contact Linda Herrick at 258-8039 or at herri028@umn.edu.

In Memory of Mike Podulke, former Rochester Rotary member

By Jane Belau

Aman of compassion
He cared not for fashion
Always dressed decently
But only recently
He discovered scarves to wear
In fancy patterns and colors almost too bright to
bear
Even had them designed
To wear with his open necked shirts
He detested ties tight at the neck — it hurts
But the fabric and color he loved
And kept his neck warm so he approved

His quiet humor would catch you off guard
When you “got it” he’d laugh so hard
His gold dollar coins he’d stack on the table
We’d swap for our paper bills as soon as we were
able.

I have some right now in my wallet
Mike’s gold I always call it

A visionary public servant unafraid
Of any ridicule to be made
To tackle any issue
The trains. Gotta do it.
Roads, burners, get to it
Social services, justice, suffering plight
Welfare. Just do it because it’s right
A delightful interview was he
One liners delivered with glee
Often blunt but never cruel
Thoughtfully slow but nobodys fool
A rock you could count on
An artist at heart
Colored , layered glass and light for a start.
Blending colors refracting sun beams
Combinations only in dreams
Hands rough from work
But a gentle caring heart
Loved by so many
The loss tears us apart.

MARCH ROTARY CALENDAR

March 3	Kahler Hotel - Elizabethan Room - Ed Creagan, MD, “How to Deliver an Effective Presentation”
March 10	Kahler Hotel – Heritage Hall - Caryn West, “The Trouble with the Alphabet – about Children Around the World”
March 17	Kahler Hotel – Heritage Hall - Jim Sonju, Lincoln School at Mann, “Science project and Washington DC”
March 24	Kahler Hotel - Heritage Hall - Guthrie Theatre
March 31	Kahler Hotel – Heritage Hall - Mo Amundson, “Education & Work Force Trends from the Government Development Workforce Council”

OTHER MEETINGS AND EVENTS

March 2	Rotary Board of Directors Meeting - 7:00 a.m., Directors Room, Kahler Hotel
March 9	Community Food Response - Contact Glenn VanLaningham or Paul Bleimeyer
March 23	Rotary Information Meeting - Noon - Directors Room, Kahler Hotel

ROTARY NEWS

- Thanks to all who helped with the February meetings. Invocations: **Karen Ricklefs, Rick Lien, Jim Sloan, Jerry Mahon.** Introduction of Visitors: **Dave Oeth, Jim Wiekamp, Rick Lien, Phil Karsell.** 4 Way Test: **Chris Holloway, Steve Sponsel, John Edmonson, Jeff Amundson.** AV setup: **Steve Rossello.** Greeters: **Mark Utz, Jerry Mahon, Mark Dripps, Sue Dripps, Maria Brown, Tank Sholem, Bill Wiktor, Bari Amadio.** Desk: **Steve Rossello, Kathy Lessard, Walt Menning.** Cashier: **Jerry Downes, Chris Cross, Jim Wiekamp, Terry Sorenson.**
- Congratulations to **Lori and Bob Dahlstrom** as they celebrate their 50th anniversary.

EFFECTIVE MARCH 16,
GREATER ROCHESTER ROTARY WILL BE
MEETING AT THE DOUBLETREE HOTEL
ON BROADWAY.

From the desk of [Karel Weigel](#), Rochester Rotary President



What is Rotary?

A Short Quiz

1. A weekly lunch meeting
2. An opportunity to learn about our community and our world
3. A chance to meet enjoy new friends
4. A commitment to Service Above Self
5. A chance to make a difference for others
6. All of the above.

Of course the answer is 6, though I remember a quip from a Mayo colleague and longtime Rochester Rotarian, "Rotary is a bunch of old men and their fathers.". I doubt that has ever been an accurate description of our club, and even if it once was, it is certainly no longer true. For one, about 1/3 of our members are women and they are well represented in club leadership roles. For another, attendance at our new member orientation classes attracts not only young professionals but those established in their chosen field of work and those whose future was freed by retirement to devote to the discretionary pursuit of volunteering. In the last few years, the average age of our membership has dropped by almost a decade, more importantly, however, Service above Self remains a shared value. Newsman and author, Tom Brokaw, said, "it's easy to make a buck, but it's tough to make a difference." Members of the Rochester Rotary Club are committed to working together to do exactly that.

Our weekly lunch (or on occasion "weakly") is about more than nourishment it is about fellowship and the chance to network with others often joining forces to work on projects or initiatives for the betterment of the community. Each year the program committee faces the daunting task of finding over 40 programs for the Rotary year. This year Stacy Sinner and her committee have met that challenge and the resulting programs touched the spectrum of human emotion; some made us laugh or just feel good, some gave us a lump in our throat and some simply caused us to be silent. But each one gave us something to think about to store as useful knowledge and to consider how we might help.

Yup, the answer is all of the above, and one more...being a Rotarian is a privilege to be shared with others in friendship and with many in philanthropy.

Paul Harris Fellowships presented



Dr. Lewis Roberts was presented a Paul Harris Fellowship by **Eric Matteson**. Dr. Roberts was recognized for his humanitarian work by our community service committee.



Mary and Fred Suhler - Fred presented a Paul Harris Award to his wife Mary.

Could you survive on a cup of water a day?

An update on Kiamuri, Kenya

by Kim Adams

Fellow Rotarians – in 2007/2008 I had the amazing opportunity to participate in a pilot of a new youth international opportunity for our Club. We partnered with YouthLINC, based in Utah, to send a team of students and adult mentors, including two local students, Hilla Ferguson and myself, on a two week service mission trip to the village of Kiamuri, Kenya.

As we were preparing for our trip to Kenya, we learned that the Holladay, Utah Rotary Club was working with the Meru, Kenya Rotary Club on an RI matching grant for a water containment system for Kiamuri. Serendipitously, Rochester Rotarian Jim Sloan had expressed an interest in providing funding for a clean water project through the Rochester Rotary Foundation. We asked Jim if he would be willing to have his grant be used by our Foundation for the Holladay/Meru Rotary International matching grant request. If you know Jim, you're not surprised to hear that he quickly agreed. Our funds were matched with those donated by the Holladay, American Fork and Lehi, Utah funds, which

were matched with Utah District funds and

then ultimately matched with funding from The Rotary Foundation (TRF), and the water containment project was completed in Kiamuri in 2009.

If you've ever wondered about the impact of these types of projects, here's an update: Kiamuri – all of Tharaka District – is experiencing an extreme drought. Many people are subsisting on one cup of water a day. Stop for a moment and imagine that. Think about the quantity of water you use each day: to drink, to shower, to cook your food, to brush your teeth. Could you live on one cup of water a day? Without this water containment system, many villagers would have no water at all. There's no doubt that lives are being saved because of Rotary. This is but one example of how your donation to The Rotary Foundation makes a difference.



Rainwater catchment at Holy Family Primary School, Kiamuri. Built with a Rotary International Grant through the support of Utah Rotary Clubs and the Rotary Club of Rochester, MN.



Rotary District 5960 Conference 2011



Prom Center, Oakdale, MN
April 15-16, 2011

Visit: <http://www.rotary5960.org/>
to register on-line

Friday, April 15, 2011

- 10:30 am Conference Begins
- 11:00 am Annual Business Meeting of the District
- 12:30 pm Keynote Luncheon: Don Shelby
- 2:00 pm Plenary Session: The Three Major Riverways of our District
- 3:15 pm Breakout Sessions: (topics to be announced later)
- 5:00 pm Reception
- 6:00 pm Dinner Program: R.I. President's Representative Elise Cadigan
- 7:30 pm Entertainment with Kenny Salwey - The River Rat

Saturday, April 16, 2011

- 8:00 am Breakfast and Roundtable Sessions with Elise Cadigan, RI President's Representative
- 9:15 am Plenary Session: Elena Hendrick, Fast for Hope in Nicaragua
- 10:30 am Breakout Sessions
- 12:00 pm Celebration Luncheon: Our Youth Exchange Talent Showcase
- 1:30 pm Conference ends

Welcome New Members



Proposer **Mike O'Fallon**; new member **Karen Nelson**, Mayo Clinic; new member **Tank Sholem**, former 50 year member Urbana IL and proposer **Mark Dripps**.

Proposer **Maria Brown**; new member **Michon Rogers**, University of Minnesota Rochester; new member **Dr. John Hodgson**, Mayo Clinic, retired, and proposer **John Edmonson**.



New member **Lisa Baldus**, RCTC. Proposed by **Suzanne Dinnuson**

Rotary Anniversaries

Sarah Stauder	3 years
Steve Courts	3 years
Anne Berberich	4 years
Ann Beatty	4 years
Stacy Sinner	5 years
Bill Wiktor	5 years
David Tines	6 years
Mike Mahrer	6 years
Margaret Hinz	7 years
Ralph Spiekerman	10 years
Rod Anderson	10 years
Stephen Sponsel	11 years
Suzanne Dinnuson	14 years
Mark Utz	20 years
Tom Moyer	27 years
Leigh Johnson	40 years



Thank you for your continued service to our Club.

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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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Links to STRIVE – Rotary US Bank Holiday Classic

District 5960:

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Four Avenues of Service: Club, International, Vocational, Community

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Christine Beech, Director

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 Membership Development *Mark Dripps*
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Club Bulletin *Lorie Luedke, Lois Nietz*
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 Invocations *Phil Karsell*
 Programs *Stacy Sinner*
 Public Relations *Lorie Luedke*
 Four-Way Test *Chris Holloway*

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 Golf Day *Rick Lien*
 Music *Jane Belau*
 Social Events *Jim Wiekamp*

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 Group Study Exchange Team *Gilda Banfield*
 Rotary International Foundation *Dana Funk*
 YouthLINC & Youth Exchange *Vicki Allen*
 Rotary Gift of Life *Betty Devine*
 World Community Service *Judith O'Fallon*

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Camp RYLA *Steve Rossello*
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 Rotary Readers Project *Cris Fischer*
 Rotation Day *Danae Ostern*
 STRIVE *Linda Herrick*
 Vocational Talks *Fred Banfield*
 Youth Protection Officer *Kim Adams, Hilla Ferguson*

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Lorrie Swancutt, Director

Channel One *Mike O'Fallon, Tom Moyer*
 Community Food Response *Paul Bleimeyer, Glenn VanLaningham*
 Library Host *Alan Sessler*
 Quarry Hill Fall Festival *Barbara Porter*
 Rotary Bell Ringing for Salvation Army *Paul Bleimeyer, Mark Neville*
 Rotary US Bank Holiday Classic *Lorie Luedke, Mike Quinn, Doug Rovang, Laurel Schacht*
 Service Above Self Awards *Cresta Deeds, Linda Hillenbrand*
 Student Guests *Allie Good*
 White Oaks Park *Ashok Patel, Mike Mahrer*