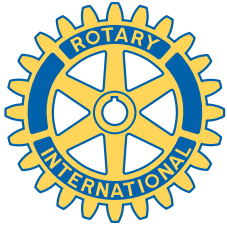


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MEMBERSHIP: 236

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GREATER ROCHESTER ROTARY: Caroline Baihly, Lynn Clarey, Michon Rogers

ROTARY RISERS: Judy O'Fallon, Mike O'Fallon

ROTARY eCIUB ONE: Linda Bonow, Peter Carryer,

MEMBERS ON LEAVE: Brian Younge, Marilyn Stewart

RESIGNATIONS: John Pachetti

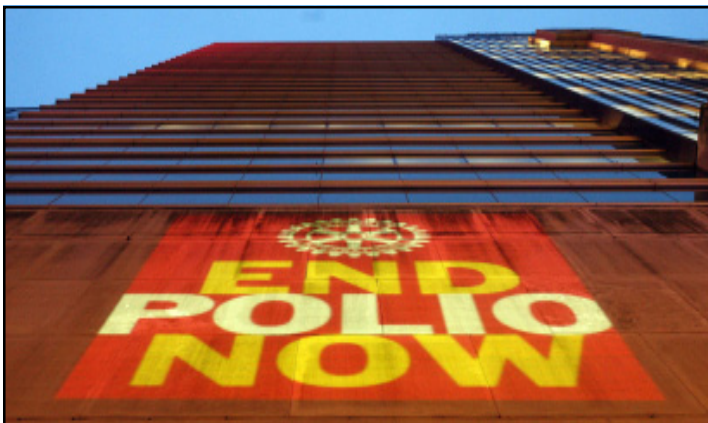
HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

<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
March 6	David Moertel	Rochester, MN
March 7	Mike O'Fallon	Princeton, MN
March 9	Phil Henoch	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 22	Jennifer Woodford	Park Ridge, IL
March 24	Larry Koshire	Winona, MN
March 26	Bari Amadio	Philadelphia, PA
March 27	Maria Brown	Faribault, MN
	Lois Nietz	Redwood Falls, MN
	Pixy Russell	Canby, MN

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

HAPPY 107TH BIRTHDAY ROTARY

Rochester Rotarians from the three Rotary clubs and Rotaract celebrated Rotary's 107th birthday in a BIG way. Rotarians gathered on the Peace Plaza to view the "End Polio Now" image projected on the side of the Siebens building and to take a commemorative picture. KAAL, KTTC, and FOX47 television stations and The Post Bulletin newspaper all covered the event. Rotarians then proceeded to Dooley's as a group for fellowship. Special thanks to Rotarians Warren Harmon and Susan Ahlquist who secured Mayo's permission and the Mayo media teams of Ruth Laird and Jacob Malwitz who set up the projection.



Rochester Rotary's "End Polio Now" lighting on the wall of Mayo Clinic's Siebens building on Thursday, February 23, 2012. Photo courtesy Post-Bulletin.

ROTARY US BANK HOLIDAY CLASSIC AWARDS LUNCHEON

The Rotary Club of Rochester will join Greater Rochester Rotary and Rochester Rotary Risers to celebrate another successful Holiday Classic basketball tournament. Join other Rotarians for this event on Wednesday, March 14, 12-1:30 pm at the Doubletree. The program will include presentations by Lourdes High School Boys Basketball Coach Jim Daly and Rochester Reading Center Executive Director Cindy Russell. Awards will be presented to Rochester high schools' athletic departments, STRIVE, and community grant recipients.

ROTARY NEWS

- Thanks to all who helped with the February meetings:
 Greeters: **Vicki Allen, Terry Sorenson, Anne Berberich, Krystal Ohlhaber, Kelly Engler, Kathy Lessard, Steve Rossello, Jen Woodford**; Cashier: **Michon Rogers, Janice Farris, Tim Geisler**; Sergeant-at-Arms: **John Woodruff**; Visitors Desk: **Teresa Blythe, Kathy Lessard, Steve Rossello, Bari Amadio**; Pianists: **Ann Beatty, Linda Herrick, Jane Belau**; Invocations: **Audrey Betcher, Alison Good, Phil Karsell, James Wiekamp**; Four Way Test: **Stacey Vanden Heuvel, Karel Weigel, Dan O'Neil, Paul Tieskoetter**; Introduction of Visitors: **Phil Karsell, Leigh Johnson, Vicki Allen**; Mini-Introductions: **Pixy Russell, David Moertel, Jerry Needham, Sarah Burrington**; Presenters: Kevin Strauss, **Cris Fischer**, Alice Seagren, **Brad Jones**, and Steve Van Nurden.

2012 ROCHESTER ROTARY CLUB BENEFIT AUCTION

The 6th Biennial Rotary Auction Fundraiser will be held:

Saturday, April 21
6:00 –10:00 p.m.

(The auction replaces our club's Thursday noon meeting on April 19)

Rochester International Event Center
 (7333 Airport View Dr.)



Come and join a casual evening of fun which includes:

- Social Hour Cash Bar
- Silent Auction
- Dinner and Brief Rotary Meeting
- Live Auction

We ask members to donate an item valued at \$50 or more to be auctioned. Donation forms will be available at Rotary meetings and on the Web site soon.

Save the date and watch for details on how you can be a part of the evening! This is technically the only "fundraiser" our club does, and it is held every other year. We have been proud to donate proceeds to our own STRIVE Youth Mentorship Program, International Rotary Projects, Polio Plus and more. Plan ahead to come and join the fun!

MARCH ROTARY CALENDAR

- March 1** **Kahler Hotel - Heritage Hall -** 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. "About You" by Gregory Stavrou
- March 8** **Kahler Hotel – Heritage Hall -** 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. "Antarctica – Crystal Desert" by Sue and Ray Johnson
- March 14** **Doubletree Ballroom, 12-1:30 pm*** Holiday Classic Awards Luncheon hosted by Greater Rochester Rotary
- March 22** **Kahler Hotel - Heritage Hall -** 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. "Water and Electricity...the Environment and You" by Larry Koshire
- March 29** **Kahler Hotel - Elizabethan Room -** 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. "Learning is Forever" by Steve Troutman

*Please note change of meeting day and time.

OTHER MEETINGS AND EVENTS

- March 1-3** **North Central President-Elect Training,** Mayo Civic Center
- March 5** **Channel One,** Channel One Building, 6:00-8:00 p.m.
- March 14** **Rotary Board of Directors' Meeting -** 7:00 -8:00 a.m., The Kahler Grand Hotel, Directors Room
- March 14** **Community Food Response -** 1:15-6:45 p.m. , Bethel Lutheran Church - Contact Glen VanLanningham or Phil Karsell
- March 21** **Rotary Information Meeting -** 11:30-1:00 p.m. - Kahler Mayo Brothers Room
- March 26** **Salvation Army Dinner -** 5:45-7:00 p.m. - Salvation Army Building



MEET BILL WIKTOR, 2011-2012 DIRECTOR OF CLUB SERVICE II

I was born and grew up in Detroit, Michigan. For the first 20 years of my life, Detroit was home. I attended Catholic elementary and high school in the neighborhood and proceeded to study electrical engineering at Wayne State University (Detroit). Detroit was really my true hometown



– we would walk to old Tiger Stadium for summer day games and enjoyed a few hockey games at Olympia Stadium. I started my departure from Detroit by my internship with Xerox in Rochester, NY. After completing my master's degree in computer engineering from the University of Michigan, I move to Rochester, Minnesota, in 1976 to work at IBM. Not in my wildest dreams did I ever

think I would be here for the next 36 years! One thing led to another and I settled down in Rochester, started a family and continued with my career at IBM (mainly software development and project management assignments).

My wife, Elaine Case, and I have five children – all grown and gone. We have two grandchildren with another expected later this year. Our children are truly unique and scattered across the country. One is a computer engineer in California (he has his wife are planning to return to Minnesota), another is a Marine helicopter pilot in California (he and his wife are expecting their second

child before his next deployment), another is finishing her PhD in microbiology from UM (then heading somewhere for post-doc research), another has managed several restaurants in multiple states after graduating from the Culinary Institute in Hyde Park (although she is enjoying a less hectic pace in Hawaii at present), and our youngest is a paralegal in Olmsted County. I retired from IBM in 2008 after 32 years of service and Elaine recently retired from IBM where she was a marketing executive for the North America region. We spend considerable time traveling the world and enjoying the company of close friends and family. We also manage to tend to our large flower garden.

I spend considerable time volunteering in our area – tax preparation for low-income individuals and counselor training for the district (part of the Tax-Aide program); serve on several boards in different positions (Public Library Foundation, Choral Arts Ensemble, MPR Advisory Council), and generally help where my skills match (United Way, church, etc). In my younger days, I also volunteered with the Boy Scouts and the Rochester Public Schools.

I joined Rotary at the encouragement of Ann Beatty and it has been a pleasure participating in Rotary for these past six years. Not only is the camaraderie with new people an enjoyable and rewarding experience, but the variety of programs are educational and entertaining. Needless to say, the volunteering opportunities are truly in sync with my interests and values. Rotary is a great service organization with great people!

HAPPY 107TH BIRTHDAY ROTARY - Rotarians gather to celebrate!

Rochester Rotarians on the Peace Plaza celebrating Rotary's 107th birthday, Thursday, February 23.



Congratulations to Graduating Seniors of our Rotarians

The following family members of Rotarians are 2011-2012 graduates. They were recognized at our March 1 meeting.

<u>Student</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Rotarian</u>
Jamie Schacht Rotary Exchange Student	John Marshall High School	Laurel Schacht
Giulia Castangia	John Marshall High School	Vicki Allen
Brian Sponsel	University of Iowa	Steve Sponsel
James Sponsel	St. Olaf	Steve Sponsel
Alladin Budimlic	John Marshall High School	Armin Budimlic
Connor John Harreld	Woodbury	Bill Harreld
Andrea Dripps	John Marshall High School	Mark Dripps and Sue Dripps (grandmother)
Joseph Lessard	Full Sail University	Kathy Lessard
Alexis Reid	Hampshire College	Karmen Reid
Christina Berberich	U of Illinois Chicago	Anne Berberich
Leon Clark	St. Olaf	Leon Clark
Alex Gilliland	University of Minnesota	Sara Gilliland



Let's sing . . . HAPPY BIRTHDAY, dear ROTARY

The Rotary Club of Rochester also enjoyed a birthday celebration of cake and song at the Thursday, February 23 meeting. To honor the occasion, Rotarian Jane Belau also wrote the following lyrics to "Happy Birthday":

Happy birthday to You
Happy birthday to you
Happy birthday, dear Rotary
And to all members, too

With service above self
Our guiding theme
A world united in peace
Our goal and dream

We value the truth
With fairness to all
Build good will and better friendships
Our clarion call

We offer our love
Our honor and respect
To all sisters and brothers
Equality we expect

Think of all of the good
Done in all of these years
May we be blessed with will and opportunity
As long as need appears

May the good Lord bless us
In the day and the night
May we find love and purpose
In Rotary's future so bright.



(c) Written by request on the occasion of Rotary's 107th birthday and sung to the birthday song. 2/2012 by Rotarian Jane Belau

DISTRICT 5960 CONFERENCE - April 13-14, River Falls, Wisconsin



Plan to attend the 2012 Rotary 5960 District conference April 13-14 in River Falls, Wisconsin. The theme is Embracing Humanity: Ordinary People doing Extraordinary Things.

The keynote speaker at the Friday evening dinner will be Madeline Uranek, Global Citizen and Peace Advocate. While in the Peace Corps in Lesotho in Africa, Madeline created a website containing her "public letters." In several of these public letters she explains her collection of "best days."

"I am collecting "best days" in Lesotho. I'm not getting a salary here, but perhaps collecting experiences is another form of spiritual materialism, if that's not a contradiction.

I described my first "best day" in Public Letter #2 (Nov. 16, 2006), when I hiked for eight hours in a spectacular valley in the Qaches Nek district. This week I had my second "best day."

This second best day includes time spent at the Majara Primary School and a breathtaking mountain walk to and from that school. You can read about best days and more at the District 5960 website for her public letters.



Join us to honor a global citizen who epitomizes "service above self" and reaching within to embrace humanity.

AND don't forget to invite a Rotary Peace Corps Volunteer from your club or community to be your guest at the conference on Friday afternoon and for the evening dinner. Be sure to register them!

Details and registration at <http://rotary5960.org/>

SPECIAL QUARRY HILL INVITATION FOR ROTARY CLUB OF ROCHESTER MEMBERS



Rotarian Pamela Meyer and Quarry Hill Nature Center extend a special invitation to Rotary Club of Rochester members for an exclusive morning opportunity, Friday, March 16, 7:30-9:00 am, to see the Twilight of the Triceratops exhibit, learn about the fascinating fossils, and enjoy fellowship with other Rotarians. Quarry Hill staff can provide informal interpretation about the featured fossils during this open house format. The Friends of Quarry Hill will also provide coffee, juice and pastries.

"The Final Chapter . . . a 2012 pre-historic encounter with the last dinosaurs to walk the earth. This exhibit features the most complete Triceratops skeleton ever found.

Rotarians can sign up on our club's Web site. Space is limited to the first hundred people. Guests are invited but limited to one per Rotarian. Deadline for registration is Tuesday, March 13.

March Rotary Anniversaries

Harriet Hodgson	1 year
Joanne Martin	2 years
Sarah Stauder	4 years
Steve Courts	4 years
Bill Wiktor	6 years
Stacy Sinner	6 years
David Tines	7 years
Michael Mahrer	7 years
Margaret Hinz	8 years
Ann Beatty	8 years
Anne Berberich	8 years
Rodney Anderson	9 years
Mark Utz	10 years
Ralph Spiekerman	11 years
Stephen Sponsel	12 years
Suzanne Dinusson	15 years
Thomas Moyer	28 years
Leigh Johnson	41 years



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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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Links to STRIVE – Rotary US Bank Holiday Classic

District 5960: www.rotary5960.org

Rotary International: rotary.org

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 YouthLINC *Nickie Froiland*
 Youth Exchange *Cris Fischer*
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 STRIVE *Linda Herrick*
 Vocational Talks *Fred Banfield*
 Youth Protection Officer *Kim Adams, Aaron Johnson*

COMMUNITY SERVICE

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Channel One *Tom Moyer, Phet Saysomphou*
 Community Food Response *Phil Karsell, Glenn VanLaningham*
 Library Hosts *Mary Jo Kelly*
 Quarry Hill Fall Festival *Barbara Porter*
 Rotary Bell Ringing for Salvation Army *Fred Suhler*
 Rotary US Bank Holiday Classic *Lynn Clarey, Lorie Luedke, Lois Nietz, Mike Quinn, Doug Rovang, Laurel Schacht*
 Service Above Self Awards *Cresta Valentine*
 Student Guests *Sara Gilliland*
 White Oaks Park *Ashok Patel, Mike Mahrer*