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VITAL STATISTICS

MEMBERSHIP: 192

JANUARY ATTENDANCE: 48.0%

AMBASSADORS: Rotary Club of Eli: **David Piegras**; Rotary Club of Kaulia- Kona: **Diane Ilstrup**
Rotary

ROCHESTER ROTARY RISERS: **Bill Wiktor**

GREATER ROCHESTER ROTARY: **Cory Simonson, Tank Sholem**

ROTARY eCLUB ONE: none

MEMBERS ON LEAVE: **Dennis Nigon**

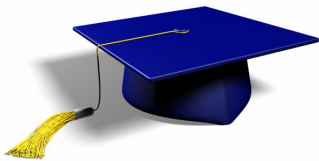
NEW MEMBERS: **Tony Enquist, Al Mannino, Paul Richardson**

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

<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 19	Jason Boynton	Winona, MN
	Dave Piegras	Luverne, MN
March 22	Jennifer Woodford	Park Ridge, IL
March 24	Larry Koshire	Winona, MN
March 26	Bari Amadio	Philadelphia, PA
March 27	Lois Nietz	Redwood Falls, MN

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

HONORING OUR GRADUATES



Rotarians are asked to submit names of family members who are graduating from high school or post-secondary programs during this Rotary year. The

graduates are invited to attend our Thursday meeting on March 26 to be introduced. If your graduate cannot be present, please plan to provide a picture and information for a PowerPoint presentation that day. Sue F. Johnson is coordinating this recognition program and requests your graduate's name by Thursday, March 12.

REMINDER: There is no weekly Rotary meeting on Thursday, March 12. Join your fellow members at the Holiday Classic Awards Luncheon on Wednesday, March 11 at the Doubletree Hotel. Deadline for reservations is Tuesday, March 3. See page 3 for details.



Happy 110th Birthday Rotary

Rotary International celebrated its 110th birthday on February 23, 2015. Many thanks to Cynthia Daube for the beautiful birthday cake to celebrate.

MARCH CALENDAR

Weekly Meetings

- March 5** "Update on Destination Medical Center" presented by Lisa Clarke, 11:30 a.m.–1:00 p.m. **Holiday Inn Plaza Banquet Room**
- March 12** No meeting due to Holiday Classic Awards Luncheon, Wednesday, March 11
- March 19** "Building a Bio Business Entrepreneurial Community In Rochester" presented by Jamie Sundsbak, 11:30 a.m.–1:00 p.m. **Holiday Inn Plaza Banquet Room**
- March 26** "How to Become Business of the Year in Rochester" presented by Nate Nordstrom, 11:30 a.m.–1:00 p.m. **Holiday Inn Plaza Banquet Room**

March Rotary Anniversaries

Sue Robb	1 year
Jacqueline Tummons	1 year
Bill Bourne	2 years
Heather Holmes	2 years
Joanne Martin	5 years
Steve Courts	7 years
Bill Wiktor	9 years
David Tines	10 years
Michael Mahrer	10 years
Margaret Hinz	11 years
Ann Beatty	11 years
Rodney Anderson	12 years
Mark Utz	13 years
Stephen Sponsel	15 years
Suzanne Dinusson	18 years
Leigh Johnson	44 years



Other Meetings & Events

- March 2** **Channel One Service**, Channel One Building (131 35 St SE), 6-8 p.m.
- March 9** **Salvation Army Dinner Service**, Salvation Army Bldg, 5:30-7 p.m.
- March 10** **STRIVE at John Marshall**, Rocket Center, 8:10-9:10 a.m.
- March 11** **Rotary Club of Rochester Board Meeting**, OMC Foundation Offices, 7 a.m.
- March 11** **SE-MN World Community Service Committee Meeting**, Nietz & Eversman (2212 2nd St SW), 7 a.m.
- March 11** **STRIVE at Mayo HS**, Spartan Room 2-254, 8:30-9:30 a.m.
- March 11** **Community Food Response Service**, Bethel Lutheran, 1:15-6:45 p.m.
- March 12** **STRIVE at Century**, The Forum, 8:30-9:30 a.m.
- March 18** **Rotary Information Meeting**, Aspen Suites Conference Room (1211 2 St SW), 12-1:30 pm
- March 25** **Wine Down Wednesday**, The Half Barrel (formerly Bilotti's) 5 p.m.



Thanks to all who helped with the February meetings:

Greeters: John Brandrup, Jacqueline Tummons, Bill Hendee, Mark Dripps, Jim Sloan, Bari Amadio, **Cashier:** Bryan Bachman, Danae Ostern, Caroline Baihly, Janice Domke, **Sergeant-at-Arms:** John Woodruff, **Visitors Desk:** Stacey Vanden Heuvel, Dana Funk, Jen Woodford, **Invocations:** Kelly Engler, Wes Duellman, Amy Holtz, Pamela Meyer, **Four Way Test:** Kristine Ihrke, Audrey Betcher, Suzanne Dinusson, Tank Sholem, **Introduction of Visitors:** Heather Holmes, Phil Karsell, Leigh Johnson, **Presenters:** Dawn Devine, Ann Fahy-Gust, Don Borcharding, Leslie McClellon.

HOLIDAY CLASSIC AWARDS LUNCHEON

Greater Rochester Rotary will host the 2015 Rotary US Bank Holiday Classic Awards Luncheon on Wednesday, March 11 at the Doubletree Hotel Ballroom. Rotarians and guests are asked to [register their attendance online](#) at or by emailing the Rotary office at romnrotary@charter.net. **Registration is required by Tuesday, March 3.**



Sponsors, workers, participants and volunteers are invited to attend the event where recognition will be given to those who supported the 2014 Classic. The program this year will feature Mayo High School senior and basketball player Dan Jech and YMCA Y Mentors Director Jenny Johnston. Dan will share his personal story and Jenny will share how Y Mentors impacts the lives of local young people and how Rotary grant money has assisted with the program.

Additionally, Rotary Community Grants will be awarded to nonprofit, Rochester youth and education oriented programs/projects. This year's recipients include:

- Century Booster Club's Basketball Programs
- Channel One's Backpack Program
- Children's Dental Health Services
- GATEway's Science Fair
- Greater Rochester Rotary's Dictionary Project
- John Marshall Booster Club's Basketball Programs
- Leadership Greater Rochester's Mini Library Project
- Lourdes' Athletic Department
- Mayo Hardwood Club
- Rhythm Nation's Timberwolves Performance
- Rochester Better Chance
- Rochester FIRST Robotics' Team 2530 Inconceivable
- Rochester Public Library's Rochester Reading Champions
- Rochester Rotary Risers' My Book Day
- Rotary Clubs of Rochester STRIVE Program
- Somalia Rebuild Organization's Youth Sports
- YMCA's Y Mentors

The Rotary clubs will also make another \$10,000 donation toward the Rotary basketball court purchased for the Mayo Civic Center Auditorium in 2014.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO HELP HOST NORTH CENTRAL PRESIDENT ELECT TRAINING (NC-PETS)

Rochester will serve as the host for NC-PETS (North Central Multi-District President-Elect Training) which will be held in Rochester March 12-14, 2015. President-Elect Rotarians from our own District 5960, along with three other districts, will be coming together for training in preparation for the Rotary year 2015-2016. Based on past experience, attendees have come to expect a well-organized and productive conference. Rochester Rotarians are needed to serve as Sergeant-of-Arms to help our guests navigate the Mayo Civic Center during the event. While our volunteer needs are not large, it is important that we staff the event with two volunteers at key times, primarily during meal times on Friday, March 13 and Saturday morning, March 14. Your primary role is to be a "helpful ambassador" for Rochester Rotary. You will be assigned a location in the North Lobby of the Mayo Civic Center and will be responsible for assuring that attendees entering the Exhibit Hall for meals are registered for the event, direct traffic from the Exhibit Hall to the break-out rooms, and to respond to questions. Following your assignment, you will have an opportunity to stay for the meal and to meet and mingle with Rotarians from our neighboring districts. Email Joanne Rosener at joanne.rosener@gmail.com with your first and second choice for time slots. Shifts are Friday, 7-9 a.m., 11 a.m.-1 p.m., and 5-7 p.m. and/or Saturday 7-9 a.m. You will receive an email to confirm your time and information about specific duties.



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



UPPER LEFT: Rotary sponsor Steve Sperling with new Rotarian Tony Enquist

UPPER RIGHT: New Rotarian Al Mannino with Rotary sponsor Heather Holmes

LEFT: New Rotarian Paul Richardson with his wife, Gail, and Rotary sponsor Heather Holmes



“LIKE” THE ROTARY CLUB OF ROCHESTER

The Rotary Club of Rochester 2014-15 Club Progress to Goals

CATEGORY	2014-15 GOALS	As of March 1, 2015
Membership <i>(Began Rotary year with 203)</i>	205	192
Rotary International Foundation Annual Program Fund	\$10,000	\$14,832 (148% of goal)
Every Rotarian Every Year (EREY)	100%	14%
Polio Plus <i>(from Auction proceeds)</i>	\$2,500	\$2,750 (125% of goal)
District 5960 Fast for Hope Project <i>(from Auction proceeds)</i>	\$1,000	\$1,000 (100% of goal)

ROTARY DISTRICT CONFERENCE April 30 - May 2 in Rochester!

Taken in part from <http://www.rotary5960.org/DC2015/INVITATION.cfm>

“The Annual District Conference is one of the highlights of every Rotary year. It is a time to reconnect with long time Rotary friends and make new ones. Together we’ll explore opportunities for service in Rotary, share ideas and solutions to increase membership, create successful fund raising, and initiate grant projects funded by our donations to Rotary Foundation.

Each year we look forward to celebrating the accomplishments of our clubs and honor those who serve our District, our clubs, and our communities. We will participate in stimulating dialogue about the latest challenges to Rotary’s future like the ability to attract and retain young professionals as members, or enriching and diversifying our membership to reflect the communities in which we live.


At this year’s District Conference in Rochester, we will do all of this while also taking advantage of each other’s experience in applying practical tips for telling our story in a way that increases participation and membership to help us meet Rotary’s Mission: Doing good in the World. All of this with a backdrop of social fun with great people!”

[Register online now](http://www.rotary5960.org/pages/TheDistrict/Events/Conference/2015_conference_reg.pdf) or by mail by completing the registration form found online at http://www.rotary5960.org/pages/TheDistrict/Events/Conference/2015_conference_reg.pdf.



SAVE THE DATES
APRIL 30
- MAY 2
THE KAHLER GRAND HOTEL
ROCHESTER, MINNESOTA

EXPLORE THE ROAD TO ROTARY OPPORTUNITIES
ROTARY DISTRICT 5960 | 2014-2015 DISTRICT CONFERENCE



KWIK TRIP SCRIP CARDS

The Kwik Trip Scrip Gift Card Program allows The Rotary Club of Rochester to keep 10% of the face value of each card. Scrip cards are available for purchase at the weekly Club meetings.

MARCH MADNESS TAKES OVER THE ROTARY CLUB OF ROCHESTER!

Rotarians are invited to join the fun as The Rotary Club of Rochester hosts a new social event during March Madness.

- Brackets will be announced on Selection Sunday, March 15 in the evening.
- Brackets will be emailed to club members on Monday, March 16.
- Brackets must be completed by 12 noon Thursday, March 19th and turned in along with \$5 and the name of your charity of choice.
- Points will be awarded for each correct team selected. 1 point for 1st round, 2 points for 2nd round, 4 points for first round of regionals, 8 points for 2nd round of regionals, 16 points for semifinals, and 32 points for the final winner.
- Each bracket will be tabulated with point standings and posted at the March 26, April 2 and April 9 Rotary meetings.
- Rotarians and guests will gather to watch the championship game at a place and time yet to be announced.

Winners will be announced at the April 9 Rotary meeting.



Save The Date
Installation of District Governor
Marlene Gargulak

June 23, 2015

University of Wisconsin
Barron County, Rice Lake, Wisconsin

Celebrate Rotary

Rotary 

The poster is set against a scenic background of a lake with a wooden deck and railing in the foreground. The text is centered and uses a mix of bold, italicized serif and sans-serif fonts. The "Celebrate Rotary" text is in a large, yellow, italicized sans-serif font. The Rotary logo is in the bottom right corner.

INTENSE SUMMER PROGRAM GIVES ISRAELI AND PALESTINIAN TEENS NEW PERSPECTIVES

By Arnold R. Grahl, Rotary News, 27-Jan-2015

Students from Israel and Palestine sat together at a local art studio in Encinitas, California, USA, one day last summer, drawing portraits of one another and learning how to live in peace.

Kelly Mellos, an organizer of the project from the Rotary Club of Encinitas Coastal, says that drawing someone who is sitting so close helps break down social barriers between the young people. "They see how many similarities there are between them," she

Middle East conflict. The program's goal is to have the students use what they learn to engage in peace-building efforts in their everyday lives and in their communities.

Rotary's involvement

During the program, the young participants stay with host families, some of which have included Rotary members. Rotary members also serve as volunteers and take part in community forums, seminars, and



Israeli, Palestinian, and American teens draw portraits of one another -- an exercise in seeing one another in a new way -- in an art studio in Encinitas, California, USA, during the 2014 Hands of Peace program. *Photo Credit: Courtesy of Kelly Mellos*

says. "And they begin to understand we are all just people. There is a respect and trust that builds."

The students were participating in a program run by Hands of Peace, which every year brings together Jewish-Israeli, Palestinian-Israeli, and Palestinian teens, along with local students from a variety of religious backgrounds, for 18 days of dialogue and team-building exercises. The 12-year-old organization, which began in Chicago, expanded its program to the San Diego area in 2014.

Professional facilitators lead the sessions, in which the teenagers learn about different cultures and religions and are exposed to a range of perspectives on the

other peace-building events. The Rotary Clubs of Encinitas Coastal and La Jolla Golden Triangle in California and the Rotary Club of Glenview-Sunrise in Illinois provide financial support.

Mellos got involved after Scott Silk, a history teacher at Pacific Ridge School, a private college preparatory school, and now director of Hands of Peace's San Diego branch, visited her club two years ago while organizing the branch. Mellos developed the art workshop because she believes art has the power to bring people together.

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"I teach them to look at the big patterns and shapes," Mellos explains. "It is suddenly as if you can't be too specific about a person's story; you are seeing the beautiful patterns that make them up. And then you are seeing each other as people, not as Israeli or Palestinian, not as narratives, but as creations."

Jim and Gail Tatsuda began hosting student participants after a Hands of Peace volunteer spoke to the Rotary Club of Glenview-Sunrise in suburban Chicago. They have hosted four students, and have remained close to all of them. Gail, who is Jewish, recalls being touched when the mother of their second student, Mohammed, a Muslim from the West Bank, learned she had a bad cold.

"She had been calling every morning to talk to her son, but now she called to talk to me," Gail recalls. "She would say, 'Are you taking your honey and lemon juice like I told you? Are you taking it three times a day?' I would get off the phone and think: Here I am, this little Jewish woman, and I have a dear friend who is a Muslim Palestinian."

Mohammed later attended high school in Italy and then received a full scholarship to Lake Forest College, not far from Glenview. When he graduates, his parents plan to stay with the Tatsudas.

"Once these kids go through the program and meet each other, it's life-changing for them," Gail says. "I heard one of the kids asking one of the others, 'What if you see me at one of the checkpoints -- are you going to aim a gun at me?' And the other kid said, 'No, I could not do that. I would treat you respectfully.'"

Participants praise program

"It was really surprising to hear things I'd never heard before. The dialogues can be really hard, very

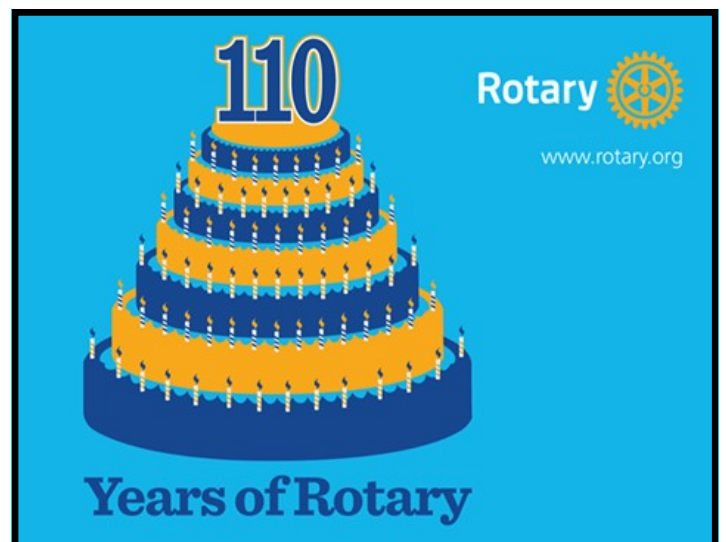
intense," says Hagar, an Israeli teen invited back last summer to provide peer support to new Hands of Peace participants. "I thought the program might change how I see Palestinians, which it did. But I didn't think I would bond this much with the other participants. They are part of my life now; we talk all the time."

Alumni programs bring past participants together for seminars and workshops several times a year in Israel, providing them with a support network to pursue what they have learned. Inspired by the program, Hagar is working with a student from Tel Aviv to organize a soccer game for Israeli and Palestinian youth in Nazareth. They have spoken with city officials and soccer clubs, and hope to raise enough money to hold the event soon. "We want [the players] to understand they are humans and they have the same interests and enjoy the same things."

Roxanne, a high school student in Carlsbad, California, was participating in last summer's program when news broke that Israeli ground troops were entering Gaza.

"No one was sure what was going to happen [in the program]," she recalls. "Would people start fighting, or break into their own delegations and not talk for the remainder of the trip? But then an Israeli girl stood up and bowed her head for a moment of silence, and then everyone else stood up. And then everyone started crying. We all came together that day and embraced each other."

"It was just incredible to see that, even though they all had family on different sides of the conflict, they had built friendships that could transcend all that was unfolding."



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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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