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VITAL STATISTICS

MEMBERSHIP: 184

JANUARY ATTENDANCE: 46%

ROCHESTER ROTARY RISERS: none reported

GREATER ROCHESTER ROTARY: none reported

AMBASSADORS: Rotary Club of Anna Maria Island: **Joel Haak**; Rotary Club of Kona Sunrise: **Diane Ilstrup**; Rotary Club of San Diego and Rotary Club of Coronado: **Ray and Sue Johnson**

ROTARY eCLUB ONE: **Melanie Tschida**

NEW MEMBERS: **Tamsen Leimer, Jerry Schliep**

MEMBERS ON LEAVE: **Robert Olson, Dennis Nigon**

DEATH: **D.W. Bill Harreld**

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 9	James Gross	
March 19	Dave Piepgras	Luverne, MN
March 22	Jennifer Woodford	Park Ridge, IL
March 24	Larry Koshire	Winona, MN
March 26	Bari Amadio	Philadelphia, PA
	Truda Tyce	
March 27	Lois Nietz	Redwood Falls, MN

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

Welcome New Members



Rotarian Jen Woodford with new member Tamsen Leimer, Business Services Banker, F&M Community Bank, and returning Rotarian Jerry Schliep, retired

HONORING OUR GRADUATES

Rotarians are encouraged to submit the names of family members who are graduates during this 2015-2016 academic year. The graduates will be recognized at our April 14 Rotary meeting. If your family member is unable to attend the meeting, please be prepared to submit information and a picture to be used in a PowerPoint Presentation that day.

Rotarian Wendy Shannon is coordinating this recognition program and requests your student's name by April 1.



MARCH CALENDAR

Weekly Meetings

- March 3** Minnesota House Representative Nels Pierson, 11:30 am -1 pm, Legion Suite, **Mayo Civic Center**
- March 10** Holiday Classic Awards Luncheon, Sign-up by March 3, 11:30 am -1 pm, Chancellor II, **Doubletree by Hilton**
- March 17** "Legal Assistance of Olmsted County" presented by Virginia Merritt, 11:30 am -1 pm, Exhibit Hall III, **Mayo Civic Center**
- March 24** "125 Live/Rochester Senior Center" presented by Jerry Williams, 11:30 am -1 pm, Riverview Suites C&D, **Mayo Civic Center**
- March 31** "Leading Through Your Career Mentoring Program" presented by Travis Wilson, 11:30 am -1 pm, McDonnell Suite, **Mayo Civic Center**

March Rotary Anniversaries

Jacqueline Tummons	2 year
Bill Bourne	3 years
Heather Holmes	3 years
Joanne Martin	6 years
Steve Courts	8 years
Bill Wiktor	10 years
Michael Mahrer	11 years
Margaret Hinz	12 years
Ann Beatty	12 years
Rodney Anderson	13 years
Mark Utz	14 years
Stephen Sponsel	16 years
Suzanne Dinusson	19 years
Leigh Johnson	45 years



Other Meetings & Events

- March 1** **Rotary Club of Rochester Board,** OMC SE Clinic Conference Room 4-2 (210 9th St. SE), 7 am
- March 3** **Around the World Benefit Committee Meeting,** MCC Legion Suite, 10:45 – 11:30 am
- March 7** **Channel One Service,** Channel One Building (131 35 St SE), 6-8 pm
- March 9** **Southeast World Community Service Meeting,** Edina Realty Conference Room (1301 Salem Rd SW) 7 am
- March 9** **Community Food Response,** Bethel Lutheran Church (810 3rd Ave SE), 1:15-6:45 pm
- March 14** **Salvation Army Dinner Service,** Salvation Army Building, 5:30-7 pm
- March 16** **Rotary Information Meeting,** Location TBD, 12-1:30 pm
- March 17** **Around the World Benefit Committee Meeting,** Exhibit Hall Mayo Civic Center 10:45 – 11:30 am
- March 23** **Wine Down Wednesday,** Forager Brewing Company (1005 6th St NW), 4 pm

Thanks to all who helped with the February meetings:

Thanks to all who helped with the February meetings: Greeters: Karel Weigel, Jennifer Teske, Vicki Allen, John Brandrup, April Dahl, Colin, Aldis, David Herder; Cashier: Janice Domke, Corey Jordan, Dana Funk, Danae Gaio; Sergeant-at-Arms: John Woodruff; Visitors Desk: Suzanne Dinusson, Dana Funk, Corey Simonson, Chuck Steidinger; Music: Jim Sloan, Mark Neville, Judy O'Fallon; Reflections: Vicki Allen, Heather Holmes, Janice Domke, JoAnn Stormer; Four Way Test: Lorrie Swancutt, Lorie Luedke, Mark Dripps, Jim Frye; Introduction of Visitors: Jen Woodford, Phil Karsell, Larry Koshire; Presenters: Terry Kerber, April Sutor, Bill Wiktor, Audrey Betcher

HOLIDAY CLASSIC AWARDS LUNCHEON

Rochester Rotary Risers will host the 2016 Rotary US Bank Holiday Classic Awards Luncheon on **Thursday, March 10** in Chancellor II at Doubletree by Hilton. Rotarians and guests are asked to [register their attendance online](#) or by emailing the Rotary office at romnrotary@gmail.com. **Registration is required by Thursday, 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 Basketball Booster Club
- Channel One's Backpack Program
- Families First's Crisis Nursery
- Greater Rochester Rotary's Dictionary Project
- Jeremiah Program
- John Marshall Basketball Booster Club
- Listos Preschool & Childcare
- Lourdes Basketball Programs
- Mayo Hardwood Club
- Quarry Hill Nature Center's Parks Passport
- Reading Center
- Rochester Area Family YMCA's Y-Mentors
- Rochester FIRST Robotics Team 2530
- Rochester Rotary Risers My Book Day
- Rotary's STRIVE Program
- Sports Mentorship Academy's Playground All-Stars
- WSU - Rochester Education Programs' STEM Camp

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

RISER'S ROTARY TRIVIA NIGHT is March 20

An Invitation from Rochester Rotary Risers President Elaine Case

Dear Friends,

I hope you can join us for the 2nd annual Rotary Trivia Night hosted by Trivia Mafia and sponsored by my Rotary club - Rochester Rotary Risers! The date is Sunday, March 20 at 5 pm and the event will be held at the Wicked Moose Bar and Grill at 1201 Eastgate DR SE. The most fun is to put together your own team of 8 people but of course you are welcome to just come and we'll build a table for you! Please let me know if you decide to come so I can give you a special welcome!



To register, email rotarytrivianight2016@gmail.com, and a link to pay via Rotary's PayPal account will be provided (charge is \$120 per team of 8 or \$15 per person).

There will also be a taco bar (tickets will be available for purchase during registration), along with an exciting variety of raffle prizes!

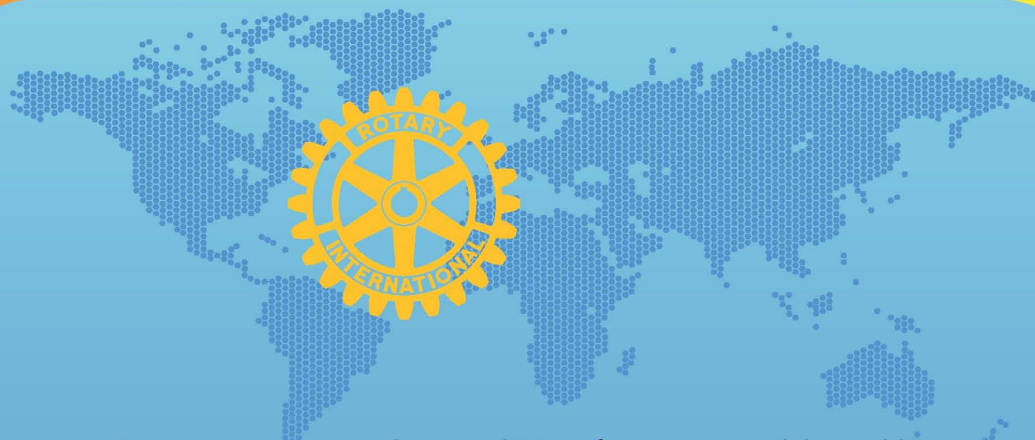
Proceeds go to My Book Day, a celebration taking place this May to promote literacy in youth by providing personalized hard-covered books to over 500 local first graders. My Book Day also includes "celebrity" readers, tours of the library and a library card for each student!"



The Rotary Club of Rochester Foundation AROUND THE WORLD BENEFIT

Thursday, April 21, 2016

Rochester International Event Center



Leave your passport at home and join us for a trip around the world!
Enjoy culinary delights and entertainment from some of the many countries that celebrate and host the life-changing work of Rotary.
Around The World Benefit proceeds will help support Rotary's many on-going local and worldwide humanitarian efforts such as STRIVE and Youth Exchange programs and End Polio Now.

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STRIVE
Students Taking Renewed Interest in the Value of Education



THURSDAY

APRIL 21

5-9PM

TICKETS:

\$50 – Individual

\$375 – Sponsored
table* (seats 8)

*Table sponsorship
includes table signs and
premium seating near
main stage

Join ABC6 News Anchor *Laura Lee* for an evening of multi-cultural culinary delights and interactive entertainment, while supporting Rotary's many humanitarian efforts world wide.

[Purchase tickets here](#)

Questions? Email romnrotary@gmail.com

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WITH YOU, WE CAN ACCOMPLISH MORE!

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EBAY TO DONATE SHARE OF LIVE AUCTIONS PROCEEDS TO ROTARY

Rotary News, 16-Feb-2016, <https://www.rotary.org/myrotary/en/news-media/announcements/ebay-donate-share-live-auctions-proceeds-rotary>

Rotary members, their families and friends can support Rotary's work by bidding on antiques, artwork, jewelry, and collectibles through eBay Live Auctions events.

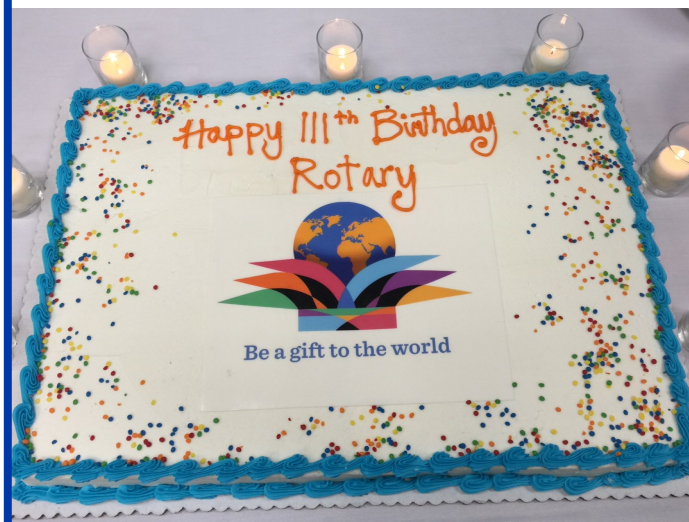
Each month, Rotary will promote on its social media outlets a set of upcoming [Live Auction](#) events, and eBay, the world's largest auction website, will donate a portion of all sale proceeds from those events to Rotary.

Live Auctions events enable buyers to participate in auctions across the United States -- held at such auction houses as Sotheby's, Swann, and Freeman's -- without leaving home. Under this proceeds-sharing agreement, only U.S. auction sales are eligible.



[Check out this month's eBay Live Auctions](#)

Happy 111th Birthday Rotary



FUEL YOUR CAR AND RAISE FUNDS FOR THE ROTARY CLUB OF ROCHESTER FOUNDATION

The Kwik Trip Scrip Gift Card Program allows The Rotary Club of Rochester Foundation to keep 5% of the face value of each card on fuel purchases and 10% on other purchases. Scrip cards are available for purchase at the weekly club meetings.



The Rotary Club of Rochester 2015-16 Club Progress to Goals

CATEGORY	2015-16 GOALS	As of February 29, 2016
Membership <i>(Began Rotary year with 185)</i>	200	184
Rotary International Foundation Annual Program Fund	\$10,000	\$6,175 (62% of goal)
Every Rotarian Every Year (EREY)	100%	10%
PolioPlus	\$2,500	\$300 (12% of goal)
District 5960 Fast for Hope Project	\$1,000	\$0 (0% of goal)

GHANA EXCITED TO TAKE PART IN NEXT PHASE OF H2O COLLABORATION

Ako Odotei, February 8, 2016, <http://blog.rotary.org/2016/02/08/ghana-excited-to-take-part-in-next-phase-of-h2o-collaboration/#more-6318>

(Ako Odotei, a member of the Rotary Club of Tema, Ghana, Africa. This is the first in a series of planned posts from Rotary members involved in the Rotary-USAID International H2O Collaboration that supports lasting, positive change to water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) initiatives.)

When the Rotary-USAID International H2O Collaboration asked Rotary clubs in Ghana to participate in the second phase of the partnership, there was a lot of excitement as well as some trepidation. US\$4 million (the amount the collaboration has committed to each country for 2015-18) is a lot of money!

Even though we were successful the first time around (from 2009 to 2013), setting up a national project between clubs can bring some challenges of their own. We didn't want clubs to feel as if the project was being forced on them. So we began by promoting the benefits of this partnership and project to club leadership.

Club leaders were informed of the long-term nature of the project, and the importance of choosing members with skills to ensure a successful outcome. To collect information and data, we asked local Rotaractors to help. We anticipate 34 clubs will participate.

As far as I am concerned, Rotary is all about fellowship and service and the collaboration presents Rotary members the opportunity to have a meaningful connection with the local communities and direct beneficiaries.

We are expected to raise \$200,000, so securing an international partner and other club/district contributors are essential. To find an international partner, we advertised in the [Water and Sanitation Rotarian Action Group](#) (WASRAG) bulletin. Thanks to the support of Past District Governor Ron Denham, we received a lot of interest and we secured a partnership with District 6380 (parts of Ontario, Canada, and Michigan, USA). We have worked with them in the past and are excited to once again work together. We would like to secure more District Designated Funds and/or cash contributions, so if you are interested, please email us at rotaryusaid@rotary.org.



Primary school children in the Volta region of Ghana use a new spigot to wash their hands.

In April 2015, the host project management committee, Global Communities (USAID's implementing partner) and USAID Mission-Ghana began discussions with the Community Water and Sanitation Agency (the government agency in charge of rural water and sanitation in Ghana). Six areas in the northern, southern, western, and eastern regions were selected based on a needs assessment done by the Community Water and Sanitation Agency. From these regions, 13 districts were selected and approximately 130 communities have been earmarked for intervention. After the club committees are trained, we will conduct a needs assessment and verify needs in those 130 selected communities, then begin implementing the project in March 2016.

Some struggles we faced were getting all organizations on the same page. We are finalizing a plan which will include monthly informational meetings between the host project management committee, Global Communities, and the USAID Mission for updates, additional strategic planning and coordination of all activities.



March is Rotary Water and Sanitation Month

information/ registration

For conference information, go to:
www.rotary5960.org/dc2016

To register, go to:

[http://rotarydistrictconference5960and5950.
eventbrite.com](http://rotarydistrictconference5960and5950.eventbrite.com)

Conference Pricing

Early-bird
Prior to April 15
After April 15

All Conference Pass Thursday Reception and All-Day Friday	\$175 *	\$190 *
All-Day Friday Does not include Thursday Reception	\$150 *	\$165 *
Thursday Reception Lots of Food, Fun and Fellowship	\$25 *	
Friday Morning Session Breakfast, Program and Morning Breakouts	\$40 *	
Friday Afternoon Session Lunch, Program and Afternoon Breakouts	\$40 *	
Friday Evening Event Happy Hour, Dinner and Evening Program	\$85 *	

*PLUS registration fee from Eventbrite

Register by April 15 and get the Early Bird price

Final registrations due by May 3. No refunds after this date.

Golf Tournament Registration

For information & to register for the Golf Tournament:
[https://app.eventcaddy.com/events/rotary-districts-5950-5960-golf-tournament-for-polio-plus/
location](https://app.eventcaddy.com/events/rotary-districts-5950-5960-golf-tournament-for-polio-plus/location)

Deadline to register is April 27.

Questions? Contact your District Office

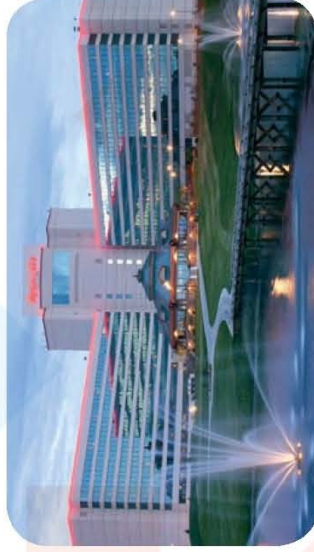
Diane Confer, District 5950: (763) 553-1604

info@rotary5950.org

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special rates at mystic lake



2400 Mystic Lake Blvd NW, Prior Lake, MN 55372

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\$169.00 plus tax (Friday or Saturday)

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For room reservations please call the hotel directly **800-548-8536** and identify yourself as an attendee of the Rotary District 5950 & 5960 Conference 2016 in order to receive the discounted group rate. www.mysticlake.com
Use online Block Code: **1604rotary**
(Block Rate Expires on April 12, 2016.)

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May 12-13, 2016

message from the

district governors

Please join us to "Celebrate Our GIFTS to the World" at our joint District Conference 2016 at Mystic Lake Conference Center in Prior Lake. This is going to be a party **you won't want to miss**. There will be something for everyone, including a Polio Golf tournament on Thursday afternoon, with a reception/party to follow. On Friday, enjoy two outstanding keynote speakers: **Ross Bernstein**, author of *The Champion's Code*, and **Chris Heeter** from the WILD Institute. Topping off the conference Friday evening is **Stevie Ray**, stand-up comedian and entertainer. Our "Done in a Day" service project will include cutting, sewing and packaging feminine hygiene kits. Along with great breakout sessions you can plan to stretch, grow and enjoy awesome fellowship.

Bring your family! We look forward to seeing everyone. It will truly be a celebration!



Marlene Gargulak
DG District 5960



Tim Murphy
DG District 5950

conference schedule

Thursday, May 12

11:00-4:00 Golf Tournament to End Polio at "The Meadows at Mystic Lake"

5:00-8:00 Welcome Reception with food stations, salad bar & cash bar. Meet, greet & network with other Rotarians.

Friday, May 13

Friday Morning Session:

7:15-8:00 Breakfast Buffet

8:00-9:00 Ross Bernstein "The Champion's Code: Bringing Life Lessons from Sports to Business"

9:15-10:15 Breakout 1

10:30-11:30 Breakout 2

9:00-4:00 Hall of Friendship

9:00-6:30 Photo booth during breaks & Happy Hour

Friday Afternoon Session:

11:45-1:15 Chris Heeter "Pulling in the same direction: What sled dogs have to teach us about teamwork and leadership"

1:30-2:30 Breakout 3

2:45-3:45 Breakout 4

4:00-5:00 Breakout 5

Business Meetings 5950 & 5960

Friday Evening Event:

5:00-6:00 Youth Exchange Country Fair

5:00-6:30 Happy Hour: appetizers & cash bar
Entertainment by the Jazz Cats

6:30-9:00 Celebration Dinner

Youth Exchange Flag Presentation

Entertainment by Comedian Stevie Ray

highlights

Golf Tournament to End Polio, at "The Meadows at Mystic Lake" ... Shotgun start is at 11:00 a.m. with two format options (play your own ball or scramble) ... brief program and awards at 4:00 p.m. Golf tournament cost is \$150 with proceeds to PolioPlus.

Ross Bernstein, inspirational speaker and best-selling sports author of almost 50 books, will share insights from his book, *The Champion's Code*.

Done-In-A-Day Service Project You can help cut, iron, sew, and assemble parts for 450 feminine hygiene kits for Days for Girls during any breakout session. Join or sponsor a sew-a-thon in advance to prepare materials.

Chris Heeter with her dog, Tuu Weh, founder of The Wild Institute, believes "Being Wild at work means having the courage to bring the gift of who you are to what you do. That means showing up whole, creative, free, engaged, connected, and bold."

Breakouts Extraordinaire: Choose from 30+ topics focused on Rotary, technology, health & wellness, business, and life.

Stevie Ray, co-founder and executive director of Stevie Ray's Improv Company, will entertain us and remind us to give the gift of laughter in our everyday lives.

Hall of Friendship, will showcase great ideas that you can use in your community.

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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

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Community Food Response *Kelly Engler, Phil Karsell*
Quarry Hill Fall Festival *Steve Sponsel*
Rotary Bell Ringing - Salvation Army *Mark Neville, Fred Suhler*
Rotary US Bank Holiday Classic *Michael Brennan, Lynn Clarey, Janice Domke, Elizabeth Karsell, Lorie Luedke, Bill Nietz, Laurel Schacht, Steve Stenhaus, Lorrie Swancutt, Jen Woodford*
Salvation Army Dinners *Heather Holmes, Sue F. Johnson*
Service Above Self Awards *Diane Ilstrup*
Student Guests *Wendy Shannon*
White Oaks Park *Ashok Patel, Mike Mahrer*