

"A Local Service Club with a Global Impact - Offering Leadership and Support to our Community and Beyond"



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VITAL STATISTICS

MEMBERSHIP: 188

JANUARY ATTENDANCE: 41%

ROCHESTER ROTARY RISERS: none reported

GREATER ROCHESTER ROTARY: Lynn Clarey

ROTARY eCLUB ONE: none reported

OTHER CLUBS: Joel Haak, Anna Maria Island

MEMBERS ON LEAVE: Robert Olson, Mark Noble, Gary Harmon, Dennis Nigon

RESIGNATIONS: Milt Tostrud

A MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT STACEY

This is a good time of year for me to share with you how I've been inspired by our membership in the Rotary Club of Rochester.

Those of you who stand each week when I ask who has volunteered for Rotary or in the community or has donated to Rotary causes...you inspire me.

Those of you who have taken the leap of faith and tried our service activity at the Rochester Public Library on Service First Thursdays...you inspire me.

Those of you who have made time after a 1905 Meeting to share your thoughts about how you are personally benefitting from the video presentations and meaningful conversation afterward...you inspire me.

Those of you who lead and participate actively in one of our avenues of service, whether that be International Service, Vocational Service, or Community Service... you inspire me.

Those of you who work to keep our club meetings going, in all formats, through Meeting Activities, Communications, and Club Activities, so that we all benefit from the time we spend together...you inspire me.

Those of you who donate to The Rotary Club of Rochester Foundation---including your Happy Bucks

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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.



Wine Down Wednesday

March 22

Grand Rounds
Brew Pub



MARCH CALENDAR

Weekly Meetings

- March 2** Service Day, **Rochester Public Library**, 11:00 am – 1:00 pm
- March 9** **Holiday Classic Awards Luncheon**, Presenters: ABC 6 Sports Director Sean Tehan and Listos Preschool and Childcare Director Christina Valdez, Exhibit Hall, Mayo Civic Center, 11:30 am -1:00 pm
- March 16** 1905 Meetings, Express Employment Professionals, Olmsted History Center, Rochester Area Chamber of Commerce, Trinity Lutheran Church, 11:30 am – 1:00 pm
- March 23** “IBM: 60 years in Rochester” presented by Tory Johnson, **Riverview Suites C&D, Mayo Civic Center**, 11:30 am -1:00 pm

Other Meetings & Events

- March 6** **Channel One Service**, 6-8 pm, Channel One Building (131 35th St. SE)
- March 7** **Rotary Club of Rochester Board, OMC SE Clinic Conference**, Room 4-2 (210 9th St. SE), 7 am
- March 8** **Rotary Clubs of Rochester World Community Service Meeting**, Edina Realty Conference Room (1301 Salem Rd SW) 7 am
- March 13** **Salvation Army Dinner Service**, Salvation Army Building, 5:30-7 pm
- March 15** **Rotary Information Meeting**, location TBD, 4:30-5:30 pm
- March 22** **Wine Down Wednesday**, Grand Rounds Brew Pub (4 3rd St SW), 4 pm

March Rotary Anniversaries

Patricia Carlson	1 year +
Paul Landry	1 year
Bill Bourne	4 years
Heather Holmes	4 years
Joanne Martin	7 years
Bill Wiktor	11 years
Michael Mahrer	12 years
Margaret Hinz	13 years
Ann Beatty	13 years
Rodney Anderson	14 years +
Mark Utz	15 years +
Stephen Sponsel	17 years
Suzanne Dinusson	20 years
Leigh Johnson	46 years



ROCHESTER ROTARY RISERS' MY BOOK DAY, MAY 5, 2017

Submitted by Joanne Rosener



May 5, 2017, marks the fourth annual My Book Day literacy event. More than 500 first-graders will receive a hardcover book thanks to the collaboration of the Rochester Rotary Risers, Rochester School District and the Rochester Public Library. Many of you have volunteered in years past. We hope you will be interested in participating as a volunteer again this year. To sign up, please contact Tom Fleming (tfleming@rochesterrestaurantsupply.com) or Joanne Rosener (joanne.rosener@gmail.com). Indicate your interest as either a general volunteer role or a celebrity reader (children identify anyone in a “uniform” as a celebrity). There will be two hour shifts from starting at approximately 9:30 am and finishing around 1:30 pm. Sign up for one or both shifts. The event will be held at the Rochester Public Library. Details about shifts will be available in April.

Thanks to all who helped with February meetings:

Greeters: **Lynn Clarey, Jim Secord**; Cashier: **Dana Funk**; Sergeant-at-Arms: **John Woodruff**; Visitors Desk: **Allie Good**; Music: **Jim Sloan**; Reflections: **Paul Tieskoetter**; Four Way Test: **Mark Dripps**; Introduction of Visitors: **Phil Karsell**; Presenter: **Hanna Hughes**

A MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT STACEY *Continued from page 1*

contributions---and the Rotary International Foundation...you inspire me.

Those of you who keep up our social media presence and our newsletter active, relevant, and fun...you inspire me.

Those of you who drop me a line from time to time to ask about a Rotary initiative, text me about how much you enjoyed a meeting, or call me with an idea or a question...you inspire me.

Those of you who are inviting guests and prospective members to visit our club so they can learn more about how fantastic our club is...you inspire me.

Those of you who wear your Rotary pins wherever you go...you inspire me.

Those of you who live the motto "Service Above Self" and lead your life using the Four Way Test...you are inspired, and accordingly, you inspire me.

I think with this list I am easily inspired by each and every one of the 190 Rotarians who are members of The Rotary Club of Rochester. Through your efforts, The Rotary Club of Rochester can continue to be a service club of inspired individuals whose contributions improve lives in communities locally and worldwide. Together we are serving humanity, and I thank you for your efforts.

PROVIDING CLEAN WATER

<https://www.rotary.org/en/our-causes/providing-clean-water>

Clean water and sanitation is a human right. When people, especially children, have access to clean water, sanitation, and hygiene, they lead healthier and more successful lives.

We don't just build wells and walk away. Rotary members integrate water, sanitation, and hygiene into education projects. When children learn about disease transmission and practice good hygiene, they miss less school. And they can take those lessons home to their families, expanding our impact.

How Rotary Makes Help Happen

Rotary has issued a global challenge to its members, asking them to work collectively to improve education quality and access — particularly for girls — by working with communities to improve teacher training, curriculum, and water, sanitation, and hygiene facilities.

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The Rotary Club of Rochester 2016-17 Club Progress to Goals

CATEGORY	2016-17 GOALS	As of February 28, 2017
Membership <i>(Began Rotary year with 185)</i>	187	188
Rotary International Foundation Annual Program Fund	\$10,000	\$8,657 (86% of goal)
Every Rotarian Every Year (EREY)	100%	15%
PolioPlus	\$2,500	\$4,050 (162% of goal)
District 5960 Fast for Hope Project	\$1,000	\$1,000 (100% of goal)
Rotary Club of Rochester Foundation	\$10,000	\$6,951 (70% of goal)



ROTARIANS

CHANGING THE WORLD

INVITATION TO 5960 DISTRICT CONFERENCE

Submitted by Jim Hunt, District Governor 2016-17

District 5960 Rotarians & Guests,

Please join us to celebrate “Rotarians Changing the World” at our 5960 District Conference 2017 at the Holiday Inn East in St Paul. This is going to be an event you won’t want to miss. There will be something for everyone starting with a reception / party on Thursday evening. Friday morning will see the kick-off “of “our highly-acclaimed line up of keynote speakers with Christopher Michaelson, Business Ethics professor at St Thomas. Global Peace Scholar David LaMotte, author of “World Changing 101” will highlight lunch. Tom Thorfinnson, Chief Strategy Officer for Rotary International, will spot light the evening session before David’s return as Friday evening’s entertainment. Saturday’s featured speaker, Neema Namadamu, comes to us from the Democratic Republic of Congo and will be an inspiration to all. Interspersed will be great breakout sessions that will stretch and grow your world view, and develop district-wide friendships. And we will feature the Inbound Group Study Exchange (GSE) Team from Northern Australia and Timor-Leste.

Conference Schedule Highlights

Thursday, April 27

2:00 - 4:30 pm Grants Management Seminar - *please book attendance for this training at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/gmsapr27>*
5:00-8:00 pm Welcome Reception with appetizers & cash bar. Meet, greet & network with other Rotarians.

Friday, April 28

Friday Morning Session:

9:00 am Registration Opens
9:45 - 10:30 am Christopher Michaelson "Ethics and the Four-Way Test"
10:45 - 11:30 am Breakout 1
11:45 am-1:15 pm David LaMotte "World Changing 101: Challenging the Myth of Powerlessness"

Friday Afternoon & Dinner Session:

1:30 - 2:15 pm Breakout 2
2:30-3:15 pm Breakout 3
3:30-4:15 pm Breakout 4 & Annual Meeting
4:00-5:30 pm Rotary Youth Exchange Country Fair
4:00 - 7:00 pm Photo Booth
5:00-6:30 pm Happy Hour: cash bar
6:30-9:00 pm Dinner & Entertainment, Speaker: Tom Thorfinnson, Chief Strategy Officer Rotary International;
Entertainment by David LaMotte

Saturday, April 29

Saturday Morning Session:

7:30 am Registration Opens
8:00 am Breakfast Starts
8:30 - 9:30 am Neema Namadamu "Breaking down barriers: One woman leading the way for peace in eastern Congo"
9:45 - 10:30 am Breakout 5
10:45 - 11:30 am Breakout 6

Learn more and register online at <http://www.rotary5960.org/dc2017/>

ROTARY BRINGING THE WORLD TO ATLANTA IN JUNE - BILL GATES TO KEYNOTE CONVENTION



<https://www.rotary.org/en/news-features/press-center/bill-gates-speak-atlanta-rotary-convention>

Rotary's 108th annual international convention June 10–14 is expected to attract 40,000 Rotary club members from over 160 countries, and will inject an estimated \$52.3 million into Atlanta's economy.

Often described as a "mini-United Nations", Rotary's third convention in Atlanta will transform the Georgia World Congress Center into a cultural kaleidoscope as the organization's global network of volunteers gather to exchange ideas on how to improve lives and bring positive, lasting change to communities around the world.



Registrants will engage in workshops and hear from a lineup of world-class speakers, including Bill Gates, co-chair, of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. The Gates Foundation and Rotary International have an ongoing match of 2:1 to support polio eradication efforts up to \$35 million a year. Today in Bill and Melinda Gates' Annual Letter they reaffirmed the important role Rotary has played in polio eradication.

"Rotary and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation have been working together on polio eradication for a long time, and our strong partnership will continue through the final years of the effort," said Rotary International President John Germ. "With the most effective resources in place, it's possible that we will soon see the last case of polio in history. At the convention, Bill will say more about how we can — and will — end polio."

Organized by Rotary International in conjunction with the Atlanta Host Organizing Committee of local Rotary members, registrants of the convention will also get to experience Atlanta's southern charm with visits to the World of Coca-Cola, the College Football Hall of Fame and an Atlanta Braves game.

"The Rotary International Convention provides an exceptional opportunity to bring together more than 40,000 civic and business community leaders from throughout the world to Atlanta to enjoy our unique brand of southern hospitality," said William Pate, president and CEO of the Atlanta Convention and Visitors Bureau. "The addition of Microsoft founder Bill Gates as a keynote speaker reflects the importance and good work that Rotary does worldwide."

The global eradication of polio has been Rotary's top priority since 1985. Through the Global Polio Eradication Initiative – a public-private partnership that includes Rotary, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the World Health Organization (WHO) and the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) – the incidence of polio has plummeted by more than 99.9 percent, from about 350,000 cases a year in 1988 to just 37 confirmed in 2016. Rotary, including matching funds from the Gates Foundation, has donated \$1.6 billion to polio eradication.

Atlanta's first Rotary convention took place 100 years ago, when The Rotary Foundation was established with its first contribution of \$26.50. The Rotary Foundation's assets have grown to approximately \$1 billion, and more than \$3 billion have been spent on projects and scholarships that promote peace, fight disease, provide clean water, support education, save mothers and children, and grow local economies.

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The Power of Clean Water

Rotary makes amazing things happen, like:

- Strengthen the ability of communities to develop, fund, and maintain sustainable water and sanitation systems.
- Provide equitable community access to safe water, improved sanitation, and hygiene.
- Support programs that enhance communities' awareness of the benefits of safe water, sanitation, and hygiene.
- Support career-minded professionals' studies related to water and sanitation.
- Create tools and resources that facilitate, measure, and enhance high-quality water and sanitation projects worldwide.

\$24 is all it takes to provide one person with safe water

23 million people now have safe water because of Rotary

21 million people have access to sanitation and hygiene thanks to Rotary projects

2030 is the year Rotary hopes to finish providing everyone with safe water, sanitation, and hygiene



