

"Rotary- neighbors, friends, and problem-solvers who come together to make positive, lasting change in communities at home and abroad."



# Moccasin Flower

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## VITAL STATISTICS

**MEMBERSHIP:** 177

**ROCHESTER ROTARY RISERS:** none reported

**GREATER ROCHESTER ROTARY:** Lynn Clarey,  
Karel Weigel

**ROTARY eCLUB ONE:** none reported

**OTHER CLUBS:** none reported

**RESIGNATIONS:** Barbara Banner, David Harbert,  
Chuck Kennedy

**DEATH:** Jerry Needham

**NEW MEMBERS:** none

## MARCH BIRTHDAYS

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Birthday</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    | Dave Piepgras             | Luverne, MN       |
| March 22    | Jennifer Woodford         | Park Ridge, IL    |
| March 24    | Larry Koshire             | Winona, MN        |
| March 26    | Bari Amadio<br>Truda Tyce | Philadelphia, PA  |
| March 27    | Lois Nietz                | Redwood Falls, MN |

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

MARCH IS

**WATER AND SANITATION  
MONTH**

"Clean water, the essence of life and a birthright for everyone, must become available to all people now."  
Jean-Michel Cousteau

Rotary

www.rotary.org

## ROTARY-USAID INTERNATIONAL H2O COLLABORATION

Taken from: <https://www.rotary.org/en/usaaid>

The Rotary International-USAID International H2O Collaboration is a partnership between Rotary and the U.S. Agency for International Development that supports lasting, positive change to water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) initiatives.

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## AROUND THE WORLD BENEFIT

The Rotary Club of Rochester Foundation

Thursday, April 26, 5:00-9:00 pm



In memory of Gerald  
"Jerry" Needham,  
1917-2018

# MARCH CALENDAR

## Weekly Meetings

- March 1** **Service First Thursday**, Rochester Public Library, (101 2<sup>nd</sup> St SE), 11:00 am–1:00 pm
- March 8** **Traditional Meeting**, “Vocational Roundtables,” Suite 111, Mayo Civic Center (30 Civic Center Dr.), 11:30 am–1:00 pm
- March 15** **1905 Meetings**, “Rotary Tree Planting Challenge” presented by Renè Halasy, Charter House, Express Employment Professionals, Trinity Lutheran Church, 11:30 am–1:00 pm
- March 22** **Traditional Meeting**, “Repurposed” presented by Jerri Sabasta, Suite 106, Mayo Civic Center (30 Civic Center Dr.), 11:30 am–1:00 pm
- March 29** **Traditional Meeting**, “Neurological Recovery House” presented by Kate Stolp, Suite 101, Mayo Civic Center (30 Civic Center Dr.) 11:30 am–1:00 pm

## March Rotary Anniversaries

|                  |                  |
|------------------|------------------|
| Patricia Carlson | 2 years +        |
| Paul Landry      | 2 years          |
| Bill Bourne      | 5 years          |
| Heather Holmes   | 5 years          |
| Mary Sorensen    | 6 years honorary |
| Joanne Martin    | 8 years          |
| Bill Wiktor      | 12 years         |
| Michael Mahrer   | 13 years         |
| Margaret Hinz    | 14 years         |
| Mark Utz         | 16 years +       |
| Stephen Sponsel  | 18 years         |
| Suzanne Dinusson | 21 years         |
| Leigh Johnson    | 47 years         |



## Other Meetings & Events

- March 5** **Channel One Service**, Channel One Building (131 35 St SW), 6:00-8 pm
- March 6** **Rotary Club of Rochester Board**, OMC Regional Foundation Conference Room (102 Elton Hills Dr.) 7:00 am
- March 8** **Around the World Gala Committee** meeting, Mayo Civic Center, 1:00 pm
- March 12** **Rotary Club of Rochester Foundation Meeting**, OMC Regional Foundation Conference Room, (102 Elton Hills Dr), 4:30-6 pm
- March 13** **Rotary Open House**, Cambria Gallery (400 South Broadway), 4:30 – 6:30 pm
- March 14** **Rotary Clubs of Rochester World Community Service Meeting**, Edina Realty Conference Room (1301 Salem Rd SW) 7:00 am
- March 19** **Youth Exchange Committee Meeting**, People’s Food Co-op (519 1st Ave SW), 6:00-7:00 pm
- March 21** **Rotary Information Meeting**, location TBD, 4:30-5:30 pm
- March 28** **Wine Down Wednesday**, Forager Brewing Company (1005 6th St NW), 4:00 pm
- March 29** **Around the World Gala Committee** meeting, Rochester Area Foundation (12 Elton Hills Dr.), 1:00 pm



## Rotary District 5960

April 19 & April 20, 2018  
Mystic Lake Center,  
Prior Lake, MN

Learn more and register [here](#).

**Thanks to all who helped with the February meetings:** Greeters: **Terry Sorenson, Maury Hagen**; Cashier: **Kelly Engler**; Sergeant-at-Arms: **John Woodruff**; Visitors Desk: **Scott Lemke**; Music: **Judith O’Fallon**; Reflections: **Colin Aldis, Kelly Engler**; Four Way Test: **Mark Dripps, Kay Hocker**; Introduction of Visitors: **Zoey Jantsan**; Presenters: **Karmen & George Reid, Kristina Hesby**

## ROTARY-USAID INTERNATIONAL H2O COLLABORATION *continued from page 1*

Our partnership combines the vast network of Rotary volunteers with the expertise of [USAID](#) to influence communities and policymakers to solve seemingly unsolvable problems and bring about lasting change through education and advocacy.

Rotary and USAID are creating Tippy Tap devices to encourage good hygiene in remote areas. Tippy Tap devices use a simple foot paddle to tip a water container so people can safely wash their hands.

### Our work

Since 2009, Rotary and USAID have partnered to improve access to clean water and sanitation in developing countries, working on continuous improvement while sharing learnings with other philanthropic and humanitarian organizations.

In 2015, the collaboration committed \$4 million each to [Ghana](#), Uganda, and Madagascar, with each partner providing half of the funds needed. Rotary [seeks to raise \\$200,000 for each country](#) by 2018 as part of its \$2 million per country commitment. The investment will support:

WASH project design, implementation, monitoring, and evaluation

Leadership and advocacy using Rotary members' expertise and resources to leverage WASH resources and initiatives

Innovation of processes, tools, and partnerships in the WASH sector, such as the [WASH Sustainability Index Tool](#), which determines the long-term technical and financial sustainability of WASH interventions.

## Service Above Self



Channel One volunteers



Salvation Army Dinner volunteers

### The Rotary Club of Rochester 2017-18 Club Progress Towards Goals

| CATEGORY   | 2017-18 GOALS | As of February 28, 2018 |
|--|---------------|-------------------------|
| Membership <i>(started the 2017-18 Rotary year at 185)</i> | 183           | 177                     |
| Rotary International Foundation Annual Program Fund        | \$15,000      | \$10,730 (72% of goal)  |
| Every Rotarian Every Year (EREY)                           | 100%          | 15%                     |
| PolioPlus  | \$4,000       | \$7,133 (178% of goal)  |
| District 5960 Fast for Hope Project                        | \$1,000       | \$0 (0% of goal)        |
| Rotary Club of Rochester Foundation                        | \$10,000      | \$11,570 (111% of goal) |





*Because of the generous support of our Holiday Classic sponsors and advertisers, including 30-year sponsor US Bank, the basketball teams and fans, and Rochester Rotarians, **\$48,600** was distributed in Rotary Community Grants to the following local, nonprofit, youth programs, bringing our total giving to **\$942,885** over 30 years. Thank you for your support!*

- Black Data Processing Association - Youth Computer Training Program
- Boys & Girls Club Rochester - STEM Program
- Century High School Booster Club
- Channel One - Backpack Program
- Children's Dental Health Services
- Cradle to Career
- Families First - Crisis Nursery
- Gamehaven - Scouting in the Schools
- GATEway Science Fair
- Greater Rochester Rotary - Dictionary Project
- Jeremiah Program
- John Marshall High School - Basketball Booster Club
- Lourdes High School - Basketball Programs
- Lincoln K-8 Elementary School - Bee Bot Program
- Madonna Meadows - Summer of Service Program
- Mayo High School Hardwood Club
- Minnesota Children's Museum Rochester - Imagination Station
- PossAbilities - Water-accessible Wheelchairs
- Rochester Math Club - Festival/Scholarships/Library
- Rochester Public Library - Reading Champions
- Rochester Public Schools - Wifi Hotspots
- Rochester Symphony - Honk\*Squeak\*Scratch\*Boom\*
- Ronald McDonald House - Rochester's Paw Pals
- Rotary Clubs of Rochester - Ethics Program
- Rotary Clubs of Rochester - STRIVE Program
- Salvation Army - School of Music/Summer Camp
- SEMYO - School Outreach Tours
- Workforce Development - Hire Up Program
- Winona State University - Stem Village

## Rotation Day: Lots of learning going on!



Rochester Public Library

Rochester Title

Rochester Area Foundation

*Thank you to our hosts, Vick Allen, Audrey Betcher, Jennifer Driesch and Jen Woodford!*



Thank you notes from a few of the  
Holiday Classic grant recipients.

## Jeremiah Program

Thank you for the pledge...to support the Rochester-Southeast Minnesota Jeremiah Program. We are so grateful for The Rotary Clubs of Rochester's generosity.

There are currently more than 20,000 single mothers with children living in poverty in Southeast Minnesota. Young single mothers have double the poverty rate of the rest of the population and the highest rate of low-wage employment. These young women face nearly insurmountable barriers to moving out of poverty without the support of a program like Jeremiah.

More than ever before a college degree is a predictor for family prosperity. In Rochester, the impact of a college degree on household income is especially significant. The poverty rate for women without an AA or a BA degree is twice as high as for men with the same educational attainment.

Jeremiah's supportive community infused with high expectations makes it possible for the young families we serve to thrive. Jeremiah empowers low-income single mothers to excel in the workforce, ready their children to succeed in school, and reduce their family's dependence on public assistance. These synergistic results form a springboard for ending intergenerational poverty.

Together, we will launch Jeremiah Program's nationally recognized two-generation program in Rochester to serve single mothers and their children in Southeast Minnesota. We truly appreciate your generosity.

With deep gratitude,  
JoMarie L. Morris, Executive Director

P.S. Thank you so much for the generous donation! So appreciated!

## Minnesota Children's Museum Rochester

Thank you for Rotary Clubs of Rochester's generous gift...to Minnesota Children's Museum Rochester. Creating a space where families and youth, in our community, can connect to innovate and create is something that we must continue to foster. We can only do this with your shared passion and support.

Your financial support is an investment to continue this essential work to support and cultivate more innovative and creative people. Your involvement is greatly appreciated, along with your support within the community, as we continue movement towards our future museum to serve even more people, of all ages! We will need you along the journey....

Your support will make an impact on families in southeastern Minnesota today, and into the future. Thank you for supporting this work.

Sincerely,  
Heidi Mestad, Director, Minnesota Children's Museum Rochester

P.S. We are beyond excited to revamp our booknook space at the museum!

## Boys & Girls Club of Rochester

Thank you for the...community grant to buy educational materials in support of Boys & Girls Club of Rochester science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) programming.

With your help our STEM program will spark young minds and inspire them to continue STEM learning from elementary school to college and beyond. With our organizational focus on at-risk and underserved youth we are looking forward to creating excitement for learning that will break down barriers to future opportunities.

We look forward to sharing our success stories with you.

Best wishes,  
Ellen Tolleson, Interim Executive Director

# ROTARY TREE PLANTING CHALLENGE

*By Rochester Rotary Riser Joanne Rosener*

In an earlier discussion, the idea of a Rotary Tree Planting Challenge took root. You may recall that Ian Riseley, RI President, set a goal for clubs to focus on the environment. The challenge to all Rotary clubs worldwide - to plant a tree for each Rotarian in their club. His hope is that the result of the effort will be far greater than the environmental benefit that the 1.2 million new trees will bring. Riseley said, "I believe the greater result will be a Rotary that recognizes our responsibility not only to the people on our planet, but to the planet itself."

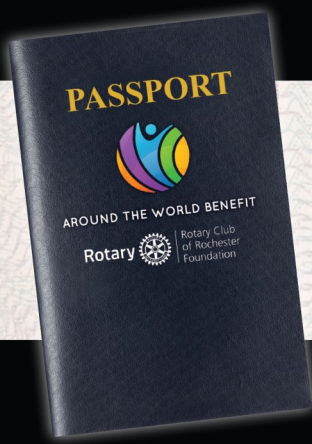
To meet this challenge, the three Rochester Rotary Clubs decided to embark on a joint project to plant 300+ trees in the Rochester area. We are going to accomplish this task through a partnership with RNeighbors, in cooperation with the Forester and citizen foresters, in the 2018 tree planting efforts. This bi-annual event (spring and fall) is a community-wide tree planting service day. Over 200 trees are planted during this project. In addition (and to reach our 300 tree goal) we are partnering with the Quarry Hill Nature Center and the city of Rochester Forestry Services to plant 200 tree saplings.

There will be two tree planting events. The first event will be **Monday, April 23 5-7 pm** and the second event will be **Saturday, April 28, 8:30-11:30 am**. Details on the location and time will be available in mid-March. Plan to participate in one or both tree planting events.


We Need Your Support! Please support the Rotary Tree Planting Challenge in one or both of the following ways.


- **Volunteer** Volunteers are needed to dig holes and plant trees. Volunteers can be Rotarians, families and friends. Everyone is welcome. So, take this opportunity to include your family, bring friends and consider bringing someone who just might be the next Rotarian in your club. We'll need a lot of volunteers. There will be a sign-up to help us coordinate the volunteer effort. You can sign up for one or both. Details on times and sign-up will be available in March.
- **Donations** The Rotary Clubs of Rochester are a major sponsor for this event. That means we'll need to raise donations to cover our share of the tree cost. The goal is \$1,000 amongst the three clubs. We hope all Rotarians will contribute to this worthy cause. We also hope that many Rotarians will contribute a major gift of \$25. In recognition of Rotarians contributing at the \$25 level, a set of coasters of the Tree Planting Challenge with the Rotary logo will be given. These coasters not only are a thank you for supporting the Tree Planting Challenge, but they also provide an opportunity to show your colleagues and business partners that you support Rotary and Rotary's work. The Rotary Club of Rochester Foundation will be the repository for the charitable donations. Please send your donation to TRCR at P.O. Box 7566, Rochester, MN 55903-7566. **Please submit your donations by April 1<sup>st</sup>**. Commemorative coaster gift will be distributed during the April club meetings to all donors giving \$25 or more to the Tree Planting Challenge.





**PASSPORT**  
AROUND THE WORLD BENEFIT  
Rotary Club of Rochester Foundation

**Rotary**  Rotary Club of Rochester Foundation

 **AROUND THE WORLD BENEFIT**  
The Rotary Club of Rochester Foundation

**Rochester Event Center**

**SAVE THE DATE!**  
**Thursday, April 26, 2018 5:00-9:00 PM**





## AROUND THE WORLD BENEFIT

*The Rotary Club of Rochester Foundation*

Date: Thursday, April 26th, 2018, 5:00 – 9:00 p.m. (replaces noon meeting)

Location: Rochester Event Center

Fundraising goal: \$50,000

Around the World Benefit proceeds will help support the Rotary Club of Rochester Foundation's many ongoing local and world-wide humanitarian efforts.

How you can help: *Think of a fabulous item to donate to the Auction*

- Goal is to receive 40-50 high value (\$100 or more) donation packages in specific categories for the silent auction - we are looking for the following items:
  - 4 -5 pieces of jewelry
  - 3-4 pieces of art
  - 12-14 Restaurant gift cards
  - 4-5 ticket packages (minimum 2 per package)
  - 4-5 sports memorabilia or autographed items
  - 6-8 experiences – meal at your home for 6, 8, 10+ people, hot air balloon ride, stay at cabin or vacation home, etc.
- We are also seeking 6-8 items valued at \$500 or more for the live auction
- If you are unable to donate an item but would like to make a cash contribution, the auction committee can secure an item for you.
- Please fill out this form and turn it in at a Rotary meeting by March 22, 2018
  - o Or e-mail your completed form to [jennifer@rochesterarea.org](mailto:jennifer@rochesterarea.org)
- Donated items (live & silent) can be brought to one of the following locations before April 13, 2018:
  - o Rochester Area Foundation, 12 Elton Hills Drive NW, Rochester
  - o Rochester Civic Theater, 20 Civic Center Drive SE, Rochester

Auction item to be donated (please describe below):

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Estimated Value \$\_\_\_\_\_

Would you prefer this be a Silent Auction item or a Live Auction item? (Please note: the auction committee reserves the right to make the final designation.)

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Silent Auction Item

☐

Live Auction Item

☐

No Preference

Where would you prefer to drop off the item (prior to April 13th)?

☐

Rochester Civic Theater  
20 Civic Center Drive SE

☐

Rochester Area Foundation  
12 Elton Hills Drive NW

Name \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime phone \_\_\_\_\_

Questions? Contact Jen Woodford at 424-2400 or [sinead@rochestercivictheatre.org](mailto:sinead@rochestercivictheatre.org). THANK YOU!!

## ROCHESTER ROTARY CLUB

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## ROTARY CLUB OF ROCHESTER

Rochester, Minnesota

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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?

### THE MOCCASIN FLOWER

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### WEB SITES

Rochester Rotary: [www.rochesterrotaryclubs.org](http://www.rochesterrotaryclubs.org)

Links to STRIVE – Rotary US Bank Holiday Classic

District 5960: [www.rotary5960.org](http://www.rotary5960.org)

Rotary International: [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org)

## ROTARY COMMITTEES

### MEETING ACTIVITIES

Joel Haak, Director

Greeters ..... *Joel Haak*

Four-Way Test ..... *Mark Dripps*

Music..... *VACANT*

Reflections ..... *Kelly Engler*

Sergeant-at-Arms ..... *John Woodruff*

Programs ..... *Corey Jordan*

Visitors Desk ..... *Suzanne Dinusson*

### CLUB ACTIVITIES

Jen Woodford, Director

Benefit Auction ..... *Heather Holmes, Kristine Ihrke*

Golf Day ..... *Kathy Lessard*

Social Events ..... *Jen Woodford*

### COMMUNICATIONS

Wes Duellman, Director

Moccasin Flower ..... *Elizabeth Karsell, Lorie Luedke*

Website & Social Media ..... *Wes Duellman,*

*Elizabeth Karsell, Samantha Rother*

Public Image ..... *Colin Aldis, Jennifer Teske*

### INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

Jeanine Gangeness, Director

Rotary Scholarships ..... *VACANT*

Group Study Exchange Team ..... *VACANT*

Rotary International Foundation .....

.....*Stacey Vanden Heuvel*

Youth Exchange ..... *Samantha Rother*

World Community Service .....*Borge M. Christensen*

*Peggy Elliott, Rick Lien, Eric Matteson,*

*Judith O'Fallon, Ashok Patel*

### MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

Sara Gilliland, President Elect

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New Member Sponsors ..... *VACANT*

### VOCATIONAL SERVICE

Sinéad Chick, Director

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Ethics Program ..... *Stacey Vanden Heuvel,*

*Lorie Luedke*

Literacy ..... *Kay Hocker*

Rotation Day ..... *Danae Gaio*

STRIVE ..... *Diane Ilstrup*

Vocational Talks ..... *Walt Menning*

Youth Protection Officer ..... *Diane Ilstrup*

### COMMUNITY SERVICE

Kelly Engler, Director

Channel One ..... *Deb Muench*

Quarry Hill Fall Festival ..... *Steve Sponsel*

Rotary Bell Ringing - Salvation Army .... *Mark Neville*

Rotary Holiday Classic ..... *Lynn Clarey,*

*Janice Domke, Elizabeth Karsell, Lorie Luedke,*

*Bill Nietz, Steve Stenhaus,*

*Lorrie Swancutt, Jen Woodford*

Salvation Army Dinners ..... *Jennifer Driesch*

*JoMarie Morris*

Service Above Self Awards ..... *Diane Ilstrup*

Student Guests ..... *Kelly Engler*

White Oaks Park ..... *Ashok Patel, Mike Mahrer*