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VITAL STATISTICS

ROCHESTER ROTARY RISERS: none reported

GREATER ROCHESTER ROTARY: none reported

ROTARY eCLUB ONE: none reported

OTHER CLUBS: Diane Ilstrup, Kona Sunrise; Leigh J. Johnson, St. Paul Rotary

NEW MEMBERS: none

MEMBERS ON LEAVE: Gary Harmon

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	Philadelphia, PA
	Truda Tyce	
March 27	Lois Nietz	Redwood Falls, MN

If we have misprinted or missed your birthday, please contact the Rotary office.

Congratulations, and thank you, Paul Harris Fellows



President **Sara Gilliland** with new Paul Harris Fellow honoree President Elect Nominee **Chris Colby**



Paul Harris Fellow recipient **David Moertel**



TRCR's Rotary International Foundation Chair and Past President **Janice Domke** with Paul Harris Fellow recipients **Cynthia Daube**, **Paul Tieskoetter**, **Mark Dripps**, **Bari Amadio**, and President **Sara Gilliland**

MARCH Weekly Meetings

- March 7** **Service First Thursday**, Rochester Public Library, Meeting Room C, 11:00 am – 1:00 pm
- March 14** **Traditional Meeting**, ““Water Rescue” presented by Rotarian **Mark Murch**, Mayo Civic Center, Suite 101, 11:30 am–1:00pm
- March 21** **1905 Meetings**, Charter House, Express Employment Professionals, Trinity Lutheran Church, 11:30 am–1:00 pm
- March 28** **Traditional Meeting**, YMCA Executive Director Virginia Kaczmarek, Mayo Civic Center, Suite 101, 11:30 am – 1:00 pm

Thanks to all who helped with the February meetings: Greeters: **Aynsley Smith, Suzanne Dinusson, Ashok Patel**; Cashier: **Jennifer Woodford, Melanie Tschida**; Sergeant-at-Arms: **John Woodruff**; Visitors Desk: **Melanie Tschida, Jan Hagedorn**; Music: **Kristine Ihrke, Jim Sloan**, Reflections: **Lori Carrell, Joel Haak, Lorie Luedke**; Four Way Test: **Ashok Patel, John Woodruff, Bill Bourne**; Introduction of Visitors: **Phil Karsell, Zoey Jantsan**; Presenters: **Jen Brewer, Jammie McGuire**



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Other Meetings & Events

- March 4** **Channel One Service**, Channel One Building, (131 35 St SW), 6-8:00 pm
- March 5** **Rotary Club of Rochester Board**, OMC Conference Room (102 Elton Hills Dr. Suite 150) 7:00 am
- March 5** **STRIVE at John Marshall**, John Marshall HS (1510 14 St NW), 8:15–9:15 am
- March 5** **Rotary Club of Rochester Foundation Board Meeting**, CRW architecture + design group (211 11 Ave NW), 4:30 – 6:00 pm
- March 6** **STRIVE at Mayo**, Mayo HS (1420 11 Ave SE), 9:35–10:35 am
- March 7** **STRIVE at Century**, Century HS (2525 Viola Rd NE), 8:35-9:35 am
- March 11** **Salvation Army Dinner Service**, Salvation Army Community Center (20 NE 1 Ave), 5:30-7:00 pm
- March 13** **Rochester Rotary Clubs World Community Service** meeting, Ronald McDonald House (850 2nd St. SW), 7:00-8:30 am
- March 15** **Public Image Committee Meeting**, Hy-Vee Market Grille, Barlow Plaza (1315 6 St NW), 12:00-1:00 pm
- March 18** **Youth Exchange Committee Meeting**, People's Food Co-op (519 1 Ave SW), 6:00-7:00 pm
- March 20** **Rotary Information Meeting**, Location TBD, 4:30-5:30 pm
- March 22** **Rotary Ethics Committee Meeting**, OMC Conference Room (102 Elton Hills Dr, Ste 150), 7:30 am
- March 25** **Rotary Club Social**, Art on the Go – Daisy Delight, Charlie's Eatery & Pub (1654 US Hwy 52), 6:00-8:30 pm
- March 27** **Wine Down Wednesday**, Five West, (1991 Commerce Dr NW), 4:30 pm



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Birthday
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114 years!

2019 ROTARY HOLIDAY CLASSIC COMMUNITY GRANT RECIPIENTS



Due to the generosity of our 2018 Rotary Holiday Classic Presented by sponsor Mayo Clinic Sports Medicine, Rochester Rotarians, area high school basketball teams, community members, advertisers, and sponsors, the Rotary clubs of Rochester are able to distribute a total of \$38,500 in 2019 Rotary Community Grants to the following nonprofit, education oriented, youth programs:

- Channel One's Childhood Hunger Program
- Century High School Booster Club's basketball programs
- Children's Dance Theatre's The Chocolate Factory production
- Community Health Service's Reach Out and Read Program
- Cradle to Career
- Exercisabilities' Social Thinking Camps
- Families First's Crisis Nursery
- Gamehaven (BSA)'s Exploring Post
- GATEway's Science Fair
- Greater Rochester Rotary's Dictionary Project
- Honors Choirs of SE MN's Music in the Schools
- Jeremiah Program
- John Marshall's Graphic Design & Digital Arts Program
- John Marshall Basketball Booster Club
- Lourdes High School's basketball programs
- Mayo Hardwood Club
- The Reading Center's Scholarship Program
- Riverside Elementary
- Rochester Alternative Learning Center
- Rochester Rotary Risers' My Book Day
- Rochester Symphony's Honk Squeak Scratch Boom event
- Ronald McDonald House's Music Therapy Program
- Rotary's STRIVE
- Rotary's Youth Exchange
- Salvation Army's Youth Music Program
- SEMYO Orchestra's Outreach Tours
- Somalia Rebuild Organization
- YMCA's Early Childhood Programs

That brings Rotary's total giving to \$981,335 over 31 years and means that our 2019 Rotary Holiday Classic will allow us to reach the \$1,000,000 mark! If you have an interest in serving on this year's steering committee to plan and coordinate the Classic, please email Elizabeth at the Rotary office via romnrotary@gmail.com. Otherwise, mark your calendars now and make plans to volunteer at the 2019 event taking place December 27 & 28, 2019.

TRCR's "Be the Inspiration" award recipient



Be the Inspiration Award recipient **Ashok Patel** (3rd from left) with **Jim Sloan**, **Judith O'Fallon**, Ashok's mother, President **Sara Gilliland**, PDG **Karel Weigel**, **Allie Good**, and President Elect **Colin Aldis**

March Rotary Anniversaries

Bill Bourne	6 years
Heather Holmes	6 years
Mary Sorensen	7 years honorary
Bill Wiktor	13 years
Michael Mahrer	14 years
Mark Utz	17 years +
Stephen Sponsel	19 years
Suzanne Dinusson	22 years
Leigh Johnson	48 years



IT'S MARCH MADNESS!

By Kristine Ihrke

That means it's time to have some fun while raising funds for the Rotary Foundation and a charity of the winner's choice. Just \$5 to participate and no need to be a basketball fan or know anything about basketball. Actually, it seems those that don't know much about the sport end up doing the best! Brackets will be shared in the meeting notification email the week of March 18th. Fill out by our 1905 Meeting on Thursday, March 21st. Either turn in the bracket and the money at your location or email the bracket to Kristine Ihrke at kihrke@soldiersfield.com and turn in the money at our March 28th meeting.



The Rotary Club of Rochester 2018-19 Club Progress Towards Goals

CATEGORY	2018-19 GOALS	As of February 28, 2019
Membership	185	155
Rotary International Foundation Annual Program Fund	\$10,000	\$7,968 (80% of goal)
Every Rotarian Every Year (EREY)	100%	23 members
PolioPlus	\$2,500	\$975 (39% of goal)
District 5960 Fast for Hope Project	\$1,000	\$1,000 (100% of goal)
Rotary Club of Rochester Foundation	\$10,000	\$7,035 (70% of goal)



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Rotary District 5960 Conference of Clubs

April 11 and 12, 2019

Mayo Civic Center | Rochester

Featured speakers

Patty Wetterling is an American advocate of children's safety and chair of the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children.

Dr. Robert Veninga is Professor Emeritus in the School of Public Health at the University of Minnesota and award-winning author on leadership, organizational innovation and resilience.

- Rochester Rotary's Original Home Hospitality
- House of Friendship
- Rotary North Star Youth Exchange and Country Fair
- Inspiring Breakouts, 2019 Club Awards, and more!

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2019 Rotary District 5960
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AN UPDATE FROM THE ROTARY CLUBS OF ROCHESTER WORLD COMMUNITY SERVICE (WCS) COMMITTEE

By RCR WCS Chair Mike Neumann

The WCS team is primarily focused on two Global Grants.

The Nutrition Grant is underway in Guatemala. The project is being lead by Maya Health Alliance and overall project status is rated as good. Cooperating partners include The Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics and Cultiva International. The Academy has been providing ongoing technical support for the monitoring and evaluation efforts and instrument development and Cultiva has provided training on the square foot garden method and technical recommendations related to agriculture.

Completed project activities: The agriculture curriculum has been designed, developed and added to the existing nutrition classes and visits for the families and a teaching garden has been designed and implemented.

Community health workers have been trained on program procedures and anthropometry.

In-progress project activities: Active enrollment is occurring for 140 children in the intensive 1000 Days intervention program.

A summer trip to Guatemala is under discussion but the stability of the country needs to be assessed prior to moving forward with travel planning.

Budget: Equipment expenditure over budget by \$1,559 due to purchasing cover for truck bed w/truck purchase. Operations expenditure under budget by \$305.00 due to less than anticipated insurance premium expense.

The second Global Grant involves replacing open air fires with stoves in Guatemala. This grant has been submitted to Rotary International and has not been approved at this time. We've spent time reworking the grant submission but are still hopeful for an approval.

Finally, we've continue to assess requests for grant funding from other clubs. Unfortunately our budgets are tight with the two global grants in play and we cannot offer a lot of support outside of our clubs. We still have \$1,000 Riser WCS dollars that are unspent. Additional funds from TRCR may be requested from their Foundation. GRR's board will review additional funding requests for their club.

ROTARY CLUBS OF ROCHESTER LITERACY UPDATE

By TRCR Literacy Chair Audrey Betcher

Education/Literacy is one of the six focus areas of Rotary International. Each of the three local clubs has a Literacy Chair. The literacy chairs (Audrey Betcher, Elaine Case, Tom Fleming, Denise Kelly) have begun meeting together to leverage efforts. One of the outcomes is a regular update to all local Rotarians about Rotary literacy efforts.

Cradle to Career – Cradle to Career is a community-wide effort to improve educational outcomes for every single child in Rochester. Cradle to Career began when Rotarians convened community members using a Rotary District Grant. (Yay, Rotary!!!) <https://c2cmn.com/> Two Collaborative Action Networks (CAN) are gearing up this year – Kindergarten Readiness and High School Graduation. The conveners have been announced: The Kindergarten Readiness CAN is being convened by Families First (Executive Director Jon Losness is a Rotarian), and the High School Graduation CAN is being convened by the Boys and Girls Club of Rochester. In addition Rotarians Beth Sherden and Diane Ilstrup have joined the CANs.

Dictionary Project – The Dictionary Project had another successful year giving a dictionary to every 3rd grader in the Rochester School District at a Title One school. Over 1,000 dictionaries were distributed! The event was featured on the front page of the Post-Bulletin.

My Book Day correlates with known literacy research. The event targets an age group below grade 3, it gets books into student's homes and involves students being read to aloud. Through My Book Day we hope to also address some of the known summer reading loss disparity between students of different economic advantages by providing all students with a library card, the knowledge of the great children's services at the Rochester Public Library, and the creation of a summer reading plan. This reading plan is later displayed in the library which serves as an additional incentive for students to return to the library during the summer to show their drawings to their family.

Rotary Readers – Rotary Readers pairs a volunteer with a reader at Riverside Elementary School. Volunteers listen to students read. The volunteer works with the same student over time. Training is provided by school staff to learn expectations and how to work with the student if he/she struggles. More volunteers are needed. Contact Rotarian Patricia McCleese at patricia.mccleese@gmail.com

My Book Day -- My Book Day is a literacy program between Rotary, Rochester Public Library and Rochester Public Schools. It directly targets students that we know are at greatest risk to fail – those in economically disadvantaged groups. The day is a celebration of these reading efforts and includes readings by local celebrity readers, a tour of the library's children services, administration of library cards to all students, the creation of a summer reading plan, and a gift of a hard covered book to each student with their name inside the cover.



Rotarians **Bill Bourne, Mike O'Fallon, Judith O'Fallon, Tank Sholem, Don Scholz** and **Ashok Patel** at our March, Charter House 1905 Meeting



PETS (President Elect Training Seminar) fun – TRCR President **Chris Colby** with Rochester Rotary Risers President Elect **Jason Wagner**, **Don Supalla**, and Greater Rochester Rotary President Elect **Doug Herdahl**



District 5960 Pin and Banner Contest

Announcing a new fun contest for Rotary 5960. It was found that we are finally running out of pins and banners for the district and this is an opportunity to make a change! If you are creative and ingenious, then this is for you.

The goal of the contest is to see if the current pin and banner artwork can be updated to fit with our Strategic Goals. (Remember....FUN!)

Details

Three finalists will be chosen on March 15th by the Public Image Team.

The winning design will be chosen by the Public Image Team and will receive a \$250 VISA card and the winner will be announced at the Conference of Clubs on April 12th in Rochester.

The decision to use the new design will be voted upon by the District Board of Directors.

All design entries are due March 15th via email. mibecker@charter.net

Mike Becker
District 5960 Governor 2018-2019

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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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WEB SITES

Rochester Rotary: www.rochesterrotaryclubs.org

Includes links to STRIVE, Rotary Holiday Classic

District 5960: www.rotary5960.org

Rotary International: www.rotary.org

ROTARY COMMITTEES

MEETING ACTIVITIES

Donna Greason, Director

Greeters *Joel Haak*
Four-Way Test *Mark Dripps*
Music..... *VACANT*
Reflections *Kelly Engler*
Sergeant-at-Arms *John Woodruff*
Programs *Donna Greason*
Visitors Desk *Suzanne Dinusson*

CLUB ACTIVITIES

Michon Rogers, Director

Benefit Auction *Heather Holmes*
Golf Day *Kathy Lessard*
Social Events *Michon Rogers*

COMMUNICATIONS

Wes Duellman, Director

Moccasin Flower *Elizabeth Karsell, Lorie Luedke*
Website & Social Media *Ashok Patel,*
Samantha Rother Whipple, Elizabeth Karsell
Public Image *Sam Beyers, Chris Colby,*
John Hachtel, Jennifer Teske

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

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Rotary International Foundation *Janice Domke*
Youth Exchange *Melody Trimble*
World Community Service *Borge M. Christensen,*
Peggy Elliott, Rick Lien,
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VOCATIONAL SERVICE

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Ethics Program *Diane Ilstrup, Elizabeth Karsell,*
Lorie Luedke, Stacey Vanden Heuvel
Literacy *Audrey Betcher*
Rotation Day *Danae Gaio*
STRIVE *Diane Ilstrup*
Vocational Talks *Doug Rovang*
Youth Protection Officer *Diane Ilstrup*

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Caroline Baihly, 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, Mike Kesler,
Tamsen Leimer, Jon Losness, Lorie Luedke, Nicole
Nasser, Bill Nietz, Steve Stenhaus, Jen Woodford
Salvation Army Dinners *Jennifer Driesch,*
JoMarie Morris
Service Above Self Awards *Diane Ilstrup*
Student Guests *Kelly Engler, Danae Gaio*
White Oaks Park *Ashok Patel, Mike Mahrer*