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VITAL STATISTICS

MEMBERSHIP: 260

AVERAGE MARCH ATTENDANCE: 66.67%

AMBASSADORS: George Allen, Colorado Springs, CO X5; Bari Amadio, Las Vegas, Jerry Downes, Ft. Myers, FL X4; Rich Good, Winona, MN; Drew Miller, Naples, FL, Karmen Reid, Cochabamba, Bolivia; Sheldon Sheps, La Jolla, CA X4.

Chatfield Anniversary: Gilda and Fred Banfield, Al DeBoer, Mary Jo Kelly, Judith and Mike O'Fallon, Fred Suhler.

Rotary District 5960 District Conference: Al DeBoer, Dick Edwards, Judith and Mike O'Fallon, Lois Nietz.

ROCHESTER ROTARY RISERS: 3/16/04: Bud Baker, Dave Colville, Karel Weigel. 3/30/04: Bud Baker. 4/6/04: Bud Baker, Alan Sessler, John Woodruff. 4/13/04: Bud Baker, Dave Colville. 4/20/04: Bud Baker, Dave Colville, Michelle Pyfferoen.

GREATER ROCHESTER ROTARY: 3/31/04: Bari Amadio, Anne Berberich, Karen Ehlenbusch, Mary Jo Kelly, Bob Priem, Chris Price, Mark Tasler. 4/7/04: Bob MacCarty, Dave Oeth, Jane Piegras, Alan Sessler, Sheldon Sheps. 4/14/04: Joe McBride, Fred Nobrega, Dale Rings. 4/21/04: Bari Amadio, Kristen Hansen, Mary Jo Kelly, Bob MacCarty, Walter Menning, Tom Moyer, Valerie Pace, Kevin Pitzer, Frank Sharbrough, Alan Sessler, Mark Tasler.

BIRTHDAYS

HAPPY MAY BIRTHDAYS!

Birthdate	Name	Birthplace
May 3	Karel Weigel Tom Fitzgerald	Hopkinton, Iowa Rochester, MN
May 6	Sarah Burrington Gary League Valerie Pace	Rochester, MN Elmhurst, IL Marshalltown, IA
May 10	Dave Colville John Woodruff	Philadelphia, PA Rochester, MN
May 11	Bill Harreld Hal Henderson Fred Nobrega	Chorokoo, IA Boone, IA Kansas City, MO
May 14	Alison Bach Good	Rochester, MN
May 16	Brian Younge	Edmonton, Alberta
May 17	David Westgard	Minot, ND
May 18	Mark Cairns	St. James, MN
May 19	Brian Murphy	Milwaukee, WI
May 20	Dennis Nigon	Waukon, Ia
May 23	John Brandrup	Mankato, MN
May 24	Carolyn Beck Hilla Cline	Rochester, MN New York City, NY
May 25	Christopher Davis	Decorah, IA
May 27	Bradley Lohrbach	Austin, MN
May 28	Dana Funk George Mathey	Mankato, MN Sarasota, FL
May 30	Barbara Hight-Randall Gwen Amstutz	Rochester, MN Morristown, TN

(If we missed your birthday, please call.)

ZUMBROTA ROTARY – NEW ROTARY CLUB CHARTER NIGHT

Zumbrota Rotary will receive their charter on the evening of May 5 at the VFW in Zumbrota. Your chance to go to a charter celebration and help celebrate the start of a new Rotary club. We don't have the time and other information at this time, but we will announce it when we receive it or call the office. This club will be meeting Thursday noons at the Covered Bridge Restaurant on Hwy 52.



ROTARY NEWS

- We said goodbye to Past President **Dale Rings** at a recent meeting. He and Penny (Greater Rochester Rotary member and Past President) will be moving to Bellingham, Washington. We send best wishes for much happiness in their new home. We will miss both of them in Rochester, not only for their Rotary involvement, but also their great involvement in our community.
- Resignations were received and accepted with regrets from **Dale Rings; John Rose**, retiring from Mayo and moving to California; and **Sharon Zehe**.
- Thanks to all who helped with the Turkish Group Study Exchange Team while they spent a day in Rochester: **Gilda Banfield**, who coordinated the visit, **Al DeBoer, Don Roberts, Judith and Mike O'Fallon, Truda Tyce, Mary Wellik, Bob Cline, Jim Woodruff, Ardell Brede, Penny and Dale Rings**.
- Thanks to all who helped at our Thursday meetings: **Jerry Balm**, desk when we are out of the Kahler. Introduction of Visitors: **Phil Karsell, Mike O'Fallon, Leigh Johnson**. Visitor's Desk: **Cynthia Curelli, Mary Jo Kelly, Betty Devine, Karmen Reid, Dwight Brown**. Invocations: **Chris Bedney, Karel Weigel, Marie Maher, Ann Beatty, Laurel Schacht**. Greeters: **Rod Prouty, Stacey VandenHeuvel, Anna Restovich, Laurel Schacht, Mike Poudlke**. Thanks also to **Bob Priem** and **Chris Bedney** for assisting with the sergeant at arms work.
- Four students attended Camp RYLA sponsored by the Rochester Rotary Clubs. The students selected were **Merica Jo Clawson**, Mayo HS; **Matt Jones**, Century HS; **Eric Bernau**, John Marshall HS; and **David Dahlstrom**, Lourdes HS. A very special thank you to **Doug Rovang** who, as he has done for several years, picks the students up in St. Paul following the Rotary meeting there.
- We will be celebrating Rotary the week of May 10-15 with a display in the Galleria staffed by Rotarians from 11-1 pm. We will have brochures about all three clubs and we need members to staff and greet people as they pass by. Chris Cross will have a sign up sheet at upcoming Rotary meetings. Sign up for an hour of duty. This does count as a makeup.
- We will have information on hotel registration at the desk at upcoming meetings for the 2005 RI Convention in Chicago. It will pay to sign up early.
- We all send best wishes for a safe journey and a fun time to **Sandy** and **Bill Nietz** when they attend the RI Convention in Oasaka, Japan at the end of the month.
- Let's try to get the host families for the young man who is coming from Bolivia in place as soon as possible. This youth exchange student will be here the end of August. Please let us know if you are even interested or have questions. This can be a wonderful experience for you and your family.

MAY ROTARY CALENDAR

May 6	Radisson Hotel - R. Keith Laughman, "Mayo Lab/Celestica Project"
May 13	Second Biennial Rotary Benefit AUCTION . Best Western Apache. (see info in article) This is our regular meeting of the week - if you do not attend, please make up somewhere.
May 20	Kahler Hotel - Jane Yunginger, Master Gardener, "Restoration of Mayowood Gardens"
May 27	Kahler Hotel - Tom Sitzer , Director and Maureen Johnson , Co-Coordinator, "Set Up and Maintenance of a Low Income Dental Clinic".

OTHER MEETINGS AND EVENTS

May 3	District Assembly – Lakeville – 04-05 Board, Key Committee People
May 5	Charter Night, Zumbrota Rotary
May 13	Board of Directors Meeting, 7 am, Charter House
May 10-14	Celebrate Rotary – Rotary Information in the Galleria.
May 19	Rotary information meeting – 12 Noon – Hiawatha Room
May 20	High School Service Above Self Awards

Web Sites

Rotary International:
www.rotary.org

Rotary District 5960:
www.rotary5960.org

POLIO ERADICATION

We asked all of our members to pledge to polio eradication last year. Our hope was that each member would pledge \$200 over three years. Not really a lot of money. A majority did but there is a lot of you that did not. **WE ARE SO CLOSE TO MAKING THE WORLD FREE OF POLIO!** Everyone is so busy and if you forgot to make a donation, it's not too late. Write a check now! Join the rest of us and when you see on the news that polio has been eradicated, you too can know that you made this possible.

ROTARY BENEFIT AUCTION – MAY 13, 2004 STILL TIME TO REGISTER!!!!

- 6:00 – Social – Cash Bar – Entertainment
- 6:00-8:30 p.m. – Silent Auction
- 7:00 – Dinner
- 8:45-10:00 p.m. – Live Auction

Support the following projects:

- Orphanage in Cochabamba, Bolivia
- Salvation Army Dental Clinic
- STRIVE
- Central Park Renovation
- Polio Eradication

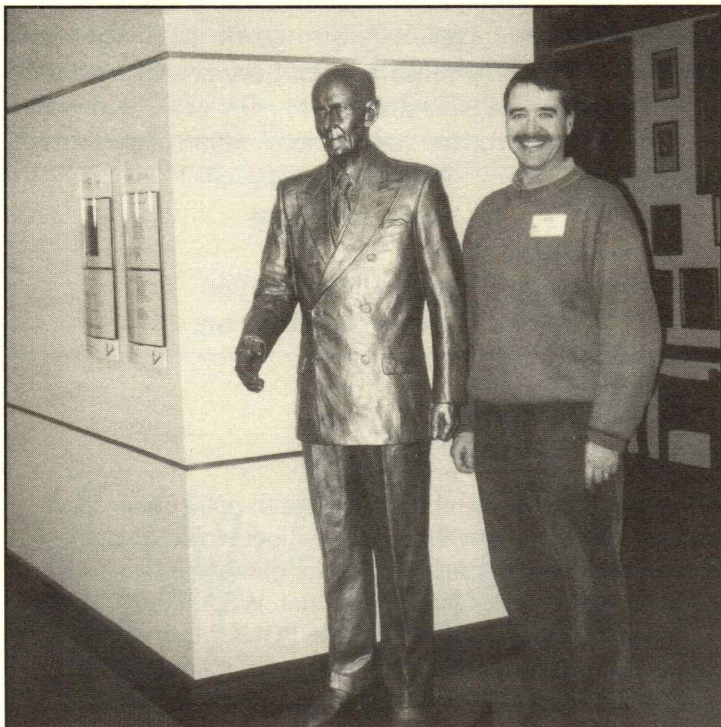
Casual attire requested – jeans are fine – ties are not allowed

All items must be paid for and taken with you at the close of the auction. Bring your checkbook! Credit card payment is **not available**.

We need your articles for auction **NOW**. It helps our hard working committee if they can get everything in place now.

\$15 PERSON, SEND IN YOUR CHECK OR BRING TO A MEETING.

(PS – This is our regular meeting of the week and if you cannot attend, don't forget to make up).



President Elect **Bill Nietz** visits Paul Harris at RI Headquarters in Evanston while attending President Elect Training Session recently.

RAFFLE TICKETS – \$25

More than just a trip of Las Vegas!

Luxury package for two persons

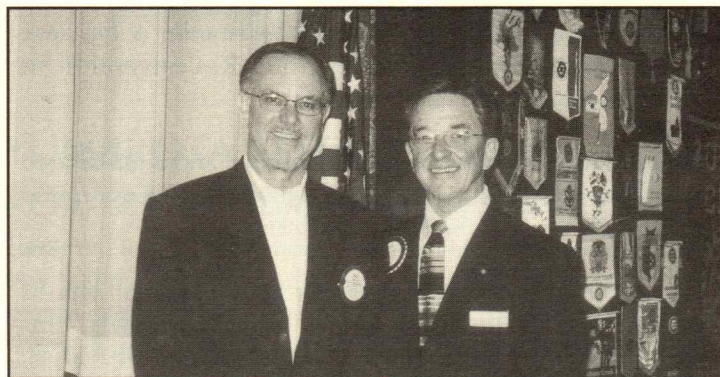
- Air travel from Rochester to Minneapolis to Las Vegas. The winner will receive \$500 for each of two air fare tickets (total of \$1000). Book early and keep the change.
- Four days and three nights at the world famous Bellagio Hotel – breakfast daily at the Bellagio Café for two persons (up to \$300/night for hotel). The Bellagio is the only 5 diamond hotel resort in Las Vegas.
- Two tickets to "O" Cirque de Soleil (value \$300).
- Dinner for two at the gourmet's favorite LeCirque Restaurant (course sampler; value \$300).
- Dinner at one of the other fabulous restaurants at the Bellagio, for example the five diamond Picasso (\$200 certificate).
- Total value of package is about \$2700. Only 500 tickets will be sold.

HAVE YOU?

- Sent in your reservation for the auction – May 13?
- Purchased at least one raffle ticket?
- Pledged to Polio Eradication?



Welcome New Members! Proposer **Vicki Dearth** and new member **Jo Anne Helleshiem**, Today Magazine. Proposer **Steve Sponsel** and new member **Dan O'Neil**, Mayo Clinic, Publishing & Medical Technology



Past President **Dale Rings** and President **Dick Edwards**. Dale said goodbye to our club and he and his wife Penny leave for a retirement home in Bellingham, Washington.

