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VITAL STATISTICS

MEMBERSHIP: 264

AVERAGE FEBRUARY ATTENDANCE: 61.02%

AMBASSADORS: George Allen, Colorado Springs, CO X4; Sarah Burrington, eClubOne; Jerry Downes, Ft Myers, FL X3; Larry Kent, Zumbrota, MN; Valerie Pace, e Club SW; Fred Suhler, Huntington Beach, CA; Brian Younge, Sidney, Australia. Les Stolte, Brian Murphy, Stacey VandenHeuvel, Judith & Mike O'Fallon, Karen & Merlin Ricklefs, Al DeBoer, District Assembly & District Conference, Oakdale, MN.

GREATER ROCHESTER: 3/23/05: Chris Bedney, Paul Barton, Valerie Pace. 3/30/05: Anne Berberick, Mac Hamilton, Michelle Mikkalson, Carla Nelson, Fred Nobrega, Chris Price, Bob Priem, Marsha Redalen, Alan Sessler, Sheldon Sheps, Stacey VandenHeuvel 4/6/05: Melissa Brinkman, Keri Smith. 4/13/05: (list was misplaced at Greater Rochester – if you are not on this list, please let the office know) Mark Dripps, Sue Dripps, Walter Menning, Marcia Redalen, Stacey VandenHeuvel 4/20/05: George Allen, Hilla Cline, Michelle Mikkalson, Marv Ramsay, Chuck Springer.

ROCHESTER ROTARY RISERS: 3/22/05: Marcia Redalen, Alan Sessler, John Woodruff 3/29/05: Dave Colville, Margaret Reiner, Alan Sessler, Jay Toogood, Karel Weigel 4/5/05: Alan Sessler, Karel Weigel, Mark Utz 4/12/05: Dave Colville, Carla Nelson, Judith O'Fallon, Marcia Redalen 4/19/05: Karel Weigel

BIRTHDAYS

HAPPY MAY BIRTHDAYS!

<u>Birthday</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Birthplace</u>
May 3	Tom Fitzgerald	Rochester, MN
	Karel Weigel	Hopkinton, IA
May 6	Sarah Burrington	Rochester MN
	Gary League	Elmhurst, IL
	Valerie Pace	Marshalltown, IA
	Ashleigh Rosson-Hoffmann	Muckogee, IL
May 10	Dave Colville	Philadelphia, PA
	John Woodruff	Rochester, MN
May 11	Bill Harreld	Chorokoo, IA
	Hal Henderson	Boone, IA
	Fred Nobrega	Kansas City, MO
May 14	Alison Bach Good	Rochester, MN
May 16	Brian Younge	Milwaukee, WI
May 17	David Westgard	Minot, ND
May 18	Mark Carins	St James, MN
May 19	Brian Murphy	Milwaukee, WI
May 20	Dennis Nigon	Waukon, IA
May 22	Carla Nelson	Webster City, IA
May 23	John Brandrup	Mankato, MN
May 24	Hilla Cline	New York City, NY
May 25	Christopher Davis	Decorah, IA
May 26	Al Thomson	Bradford, PA
May 27	Bradley Lohrbach	Austin, MN
May 28	Dana Funk	Mankato, MN
	George Mathey	Sarasota, FL
May 30	Barbara Hight-Randall	Rochester, MN
	Gwen Amstutz	Morristown, TN
	Ed O'Connell	Rochester, MN

SERVICE ABOVE SELF AWARDS

The Service Above Self Award is given to a graduating senior from each of our high schools to recognize students that exemplify the following traits: service to their classmates, school, community, church, and participation in a wide range of extracurricular activities. It serves to honor students who contribute on a volunteer basis in all walks of their life. Thanks to Marie Mahrer for chairing this committee.

Receiving awards this year are:

- Jessica Lobl, Mayo High School
- Ethan Savage, John Marshall High School
- Caroline Carr, Lourdes High School
- Emily Karnas, Century High School

ROTARY NEWS

- We welcome back to our membership – **Glenn Miller** – 50-year member.
- Thanks to all who helped with the April meetings starting with **Jerry Balm** who directs members where to go when we are moving about. A really big help! Also thanks to **Chris Bedney** who helps pick up after the meetings. We appreciate the help. Invocations: **Doug Rovang, Denise Sorom, Doug Sparks**. Introduction of Visitors: **Phil Karsell, Leigh Johnson**. Registration Desk: **Harold Perry, Ashleigh Rossen-Hoffman, Suzanne Dinusson, Judith O'Fallon, Mary Jo Kelly**. Greeters: **Jim Sloan, Janice Farris, Cindy Sharp, and Ann Beatty**.
- The Southeastern Minnesota Business Journal is seeking nominations for individuals under the age of 40 who are successes in their chosen field of work/business and show great promise for the future. For more info and application forms go to www.postbulletin.com
- Resignations have been received and accepted with regrets from **Don Hann** and **Rod Prouty**.
- We were surprised and happy when we found out that **Fred Bathke**, now of Hayward, WI, was given an award for his years of service to Rotary at the District Conference. Fred was a past president of Rochester Rotary and is now a member of Hayward Rotary.
- We are publishing the information for members who want to have their community project announced. Please remember the only materials that can be put on the tables at Rotary are Rotary materials or handouts of the speaker. Everything else must be on the back table. We appreciate all the events that everyone is involved in and want to help in some way. This is what the board has determined is the best way to do this. (see page 4)
- The sign-ups for mentors was great – 23 of you volunteered to mentor new members. **Warren Harmon** will be contacting you as we receive new members into membership.
- The Risers will get the quarterly attendance trophy back for this quarter from Greater Rochester. The quarterly attendance was Risers: 68.86%, Greater Rochester: 64.94% and Rochester Rotary: 63.89%.

MAY ROTARY CALENDAR

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| May 5 | Rotation Day
All members will be assigned where to attend this meeting. If you haven't heard by noon, Wednesday, May 4, (check your email) please call the office. |
| May 12 | Kahler Hotel, Elizabethan Room,
Fan Shen, "A Gang of One" |
| May 19 | Kahler Hotel, Heritage Hall,
Eric Wieben, Ph.D., "Genomics - A Path to Personalized Medicine" |
| May 26 | Kahler Hotel, Heritage Hall
Mayor Dave Tank, "One Pilot's Experience Flying C130's to both Afghanistan and Iraq"
(We will recognize our own veterans. Please wear your uniforms or any part thereof) |

OTHER MEETINGS AND EVENTS

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| May 12 | Rotary members' high school seniors are invited to attend our meeting. |
| May 12 | Board of Directors Meeting - 7 a.m. - Charter House |
| May 21 | Rotary Progressive Dinner |
| May 24 | Rotary Information Meeting - 12 noon - Kahler Hotel, Mayo Brothers Room |

- Some nice lady found the disc part of a Rotary pin outside of Casey's on 18th Ave and sent it to us. If you lost this, please let us know.
- **Angie Rustad** has had a change in jobs – she is now with Eagle Crest Home Federal Savings in business development and private banking.

ELECTRONIC MAKEUPS

Can't make it to Rotary? There is an electronic makeup opportunity at www.rotaryclubone.org. Follow the directions found there, read some Rotary information, then fill out an electronic makeup card and turn it in to the Rotary Office or forward it to us.

CAMP RYLA – 2005

Camp RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards) is a district project which is the St. Paul Rotary Youth Leadership Conference. St. Paul Rotary still has a very active role both organizationally and financially for which we are grateful.

In Rochester we send a student from each of our four high schools. We fund two students and Greater Rochester and the Rochester Rotary Risers each support one. This is a five day conference at Camp St Croix near Hudson, WI. About 96 students attend the conference.

Attending this year from Rochester were:

Emily Castellanos, Century HS
Sibley Jeneson, John Marshall HS
Patrick Sitzer, Lourdes HS
Justin Weber, Mayo HS

We thank **Jim Woodruff** for transporting the students to camp and **Doug Rovang** who once again picks the students up following the St. Paul Rotary Meeting on Tuesday.

PROGRESSIVE DINNER – MAY 21

Questions . . .

What are the responsibilities of the hosts and co-hosts? The host provides the home and main course. The Co-host works with host to provide salad and/or vegetables and help during the meal. Hosts will provide persons assigned to their home with directions.

What is the cost? \$12 per person – this covers postage for invitations and also the purchase of wine which each host receives for dinner. It also covers the champagne for the punch which will be at the first site.

What about the hors d'oeuvres and dessert I am being asked to bring? Each person should state whether they can bring either hors d'oeuvres or dessert. These will be delivered to a site that will be announced before the dinner.

This is a great way to get to know other members. We do have enough hosts at this time, please co-host or attend. Call the office 252-0085 or e-mail the office romnrotary@charter.net for your reservation. You can also do this by mail along with your check.

POLIO AND ROTARY

Below is a reprint from The Wall Street Journal's Editorial Page from Tuesday, April 12, 2005. It is a wonderful recognition and makes us all proud to be Rotarians.

Today marks the 50th anniversary of the Salk polio vaccine. Poliomyelitis, also known as infantile paralysis, used to be one of childhood's most feared diseases. A few years after Dr. Jonas Salk announced his vaccine on April 12, 1955, nearly every child in the U.S. was protected. Today polio has disappeared from the Americas, Europe and the Western Pacific and is nearly gone from the rest of the world.

A too-little known part of this feat is the role played by Rotary, the international businessman's club, which 20 years ago adopted the goal of wiping out the disease. Rotary understood that medical breakthroughs are worthless unless people aren't afraid to immunize their children and efficient delivery systems exist to get the vaccine to them. And so it mobilized its members in 30,100 clubs in 166 countries to make it happen.

In 1985, when Rotary launched its eradication program, there were an estimated 350,000 new cases of polio in 125 countries. Last year, 1,263 cases were reported. More than one million Rotary members have volunteered their time or donated money to immunize two billion children in 122 countries. In 1988 Rotary money and its example were the catalyst for a global eradication drive joined by the World Health Organization, Unicef and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control. In 2000 Rotary teamed up with the United Nations Foundation to raise \$100 million in private money for the program. By the time the world is certified as polio-free – probably in 2008 – Rotary will have contributed \$600 million to its eradication effort.

An economist of our acquaintance calls Rotary's effort the most effective private healthcare initiative ever. A vaccine-company CEO recently volunteered to us that the work of Rotary and the Gates foundation, both private groups, has been more effective than any government in promoting vaccines to save lives. It's become fashionable in some quarter to deride civic volunteerism, but Rotary's unsung polio effort deserves the Nobel Peace Prize.

HAPPY 80th BIRTHDAY ROCHESTER ROTARY

1925

The first meeting of the Rochester Rotary Club was held on May 14, 1925. Sixteen "prospective members" were present and they were admonished by the speaker, Reverend G.P. Sheridan, whose Rotary classification was to be "fire insurance," to make haste slowly. Two tenor solos by James Drummond were enjoyed by those in attendance.

Rochester Rotary Club received its charter Thursday evening, June 11, 1925 at a dinner program held in the Kahler Café. One hundred and fifty visiting Rotarians from neighboring clubs and fifteen out-of-state Rotarians were present when Galen A. Merrill, acting for E.K. Whiting made the official presentation address. To Rotarian Whiting of Owatonna, who, as the special representative of Rotary International, was appointed by District Governor Eddie Flynn to further the formation of a Rotary Club in Rochester, goes the credit for the successful establishment of our club and to the members of the Owatonna Club goes our everlasting gratitude. Twenty-four of its members attended the charter presentation. The Austin Club was represented by 15, Winona by 14, Northfield by 14, Faribault by 11, Stillwater by 10 and Minneapolis, St. Paul, and Albert Lea by one each.

On the night of the charter presentation there was a great downpour of rain which caused flood damage within Rochester in the amount of \$200,000 and was reported to be the greatest flood in 17 years. Several visiting Rotarians had narrow escapes from flooding waters as they attempted to make their way home.

ROTARY PHOTO GALLERY



Doug Rovang visits the Easter bunny!



Marcia Fritzmeier and Sally Davis with Marcia's therapy dogs.



Rick Lien with our care packages being sent to the troops in Iraq.

ROCHESTER ROTARY MEMBERS PROCEDURE FOR NON-ROTARY COMMUNITY PROJECTS AT ROTARY MEETINGS

- Requests need to be submitted in advance and approved. To do this, the Rotary office should be called (252-0085) by 3 p.m. Wednesday before the Thursday noon meeting for placement on the agenda.
- The chairperson will announce one time that your event is displayed at the back table.
- You can have brochures on the back table only. You may also have a table sign on the back table. You may leave things out for two meetings.
- We will allow selling of tickets at the back table but we do ask that you do so unobtrusively.
- Rochester Rotary projects will take priority at back table.

ROTARY NEW MEMBERS



New member David Tines with his sponsor Barb Porter.



New member Dean Riggott with his sponsor Nancy Brataas.



New member Matt Camrud with sponsor Dick Edwards.



New member Joanne Cumutt.



New member Peg Winters and sponsor Rich Good.



New member Ashok Patel with sponsor Mike O'Fallon.



New member Mike Larson with sponsor Joe McBride.

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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?

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WEB SITES

Rochester Rotary Club: www.rochesterrotaryclubs.org

Links to STRIVE – Rotary US Bank Holiday Classic

District 5960: www.rotary5960.org

Rotary International: rotary.org

ACTIVE COMMITTEES

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 Golf Day *Rick Lien*
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Rotation Day *Kim Adams*
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COMMUNITY SERVICE

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Library Host *Allan Sessler*
 Rotary US Bank Holiday Classic ... *Paul Barton/Lynn Clarey/*
 *Cal Guyer/Cris Fischer/Al DeBoer/Mark Tasler/*
 *Nate Johnson/Mike Quinn/Doug Rovang*
 Quarry Hill Fall Festival *Laurel Schacht*
 Rotary Reading Project *Norman Hepper*
 Service Above Self Awards *Marie Maher*
 Student Guests *Keri Smith*
 Camp RYLA *Doug Rovang*

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