



# Moccasin Flower

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## VITAL STATISTICS

MEMBERSHIP: 253

AVERAGE MARCH ATTENDANCE: 55.90%

**AMBASSADORS:** George Allen, Colorado Springs, CO X4; Sarah Burrington, eClubOne X2; Dave Colville, Bemidji, MN; Ellen Nelson, Lindstrom, MN; Marcia Redalen, LaCrescent, MN & LaCrosse, WI; Doug Rovang & Lois Nietz, St. Paul, MN.

**DISTRICT CONFERENCE, RED WING, MN:** Phil Karsell, Lois Nietz, Mike & Judith O'Fallon, Karen & Merlin Ricklefs.

**DISTRICT ASSEMBLY, OWATONNA, MN:** Mark Dripps, Hilla Ferguson, Sara Gilliland, Rick Lien, Lorie Luedke, Lois Nietz, Mike & Judith O'Fallon, Linda Rings, Karen Ricklefs, Steve Sponsel.

**GREATER ROCHESTER:** 3/29/06: Melissa Brinkman, Ingrid Neel. 4/5/06: Joe McBride, Marilyn Stewart, Frank Streit. 4/12/06: Kim Adams, Melissa Brinkman, Mark Dunnweber, Charlie Fish, Ingrid Neel, Aynsley Smith, Frank Sharbrough 4/19/06: George Allen, Dana Funk, Denise Sorom, Fred Suhler. 4/26/06: Lynn Clarey, Chuck Briscoe, Mark Dunnweber, Suzanne Dinussen, John Edmonson, Jane Piepgras, Aynsley Smith, Mark St Peter, Fred Suhler, John Woodruff.

**RISERS:** 2/21/06: Charlie Fish, Alan Sessler, Jay Toogood. 2/28/06: Charlie Fish 3/07/06: Jerry Mahon, Marcia Redalen, Tony Sertich, Alan Sessler, John Woodruff. 3/21/06: Charlie Fish, Eric Matteson, Alan Sessler.

## BIRTHDAYS

HAPPY MAY BIRTHDAYS!

<u>Birthday</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Birthplace</u>
May 2	Mark Dunnweber	Minneapolis, MN
May 3	Tom Fitzgerald	Rochester, MN
	Karel Weigel	Hopkinton, Iowa
May 5	Stacy Sinner	Pipestone, MN
	Jeanne Huddleston	Cass City, MI
May 6	Sarah Burrington	Rochester MN
	Gary League	Elmhurst, IL
	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 27	Bradley Lohrbach	Austin, MN
May 28	Dana Funk	Mankato, MN
May 30	Barbara Hight-Randall	Rochester, MN
	Gwen Amstutz	Morristown, TN
	Ed O'Connell	Rochester, MN

## The Rotary Four-Way Test - "Of the things we think, say or do:

1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?"

# ROTARY NEWS

- Congratulations to our newest Paul Harris Fellows: **Mary Callier, Carla Johnson, Nick Kolas.** A surprise for **Pneena Pearl Sheps** from her husband **Sheldon Sheps** and **Dr. Krishnan Unni** from his wife **Sheila Unni.** (Some very nice words for spouses from both Sheldon and Sheila). A memorial Paul Harris was given for **Catherine Lee Karsell Malmquist** by her parents Kay and Phil Karsell.
- The STRIVE banquet was, as always, a great event. Thanks to all of you STRIVE mentors for a great job. The Rochester Rotary clubs can be very proud of this program. While passing out thanks, we have a picture of **Chris Berg,** a member of Greater Rochester Rotary and president-elect, taking all the wonderful pictures and setting up this material on the Clubs' Web site. Check this out on the opening page for all three clubs.
- Resignations have been received and accepted with regrets from **Jerry Mahon** and **Henry Somsen.**
- Our youth exchange student **Olivia (Livi) Kowalewski** from New Zealand is now with the Nora O'Sullivan and Dan Nelson family. Remember to include her in your outings.
- Thanks to all who helped with the April meetings. **Jerry Balm,** always ready in any way. He does direct traffic well. Invocations: **Phil Karsell, Tom McComb, Vicki Allen, Denise Sorom.** Introduce Visitors: **Jim Wiekamp, Phil Karsell, and Keri Smith.** Visitors Desk: **Mike Homan.** Greeters: **Karmen Reid, Carrie Farrow, Warren Harmon.**
- Thanks to **Doug Rovang** who picked up our students from Camp RYLA in St. Paul last week.

# LOST ROTARIANS

We do have to move around frequently at the Kahler. No one likes this, but it is a fact of life. We have tried to make it easier for you to find us by doing the following:

- Announcements at Club meetings
- Calendar on our Web site
- List of programs and sites in the Moccasin Flower
- Pick up the phone and call the office 252-0085 (it is also in the phone book). If no-one answers, the meeting site for all three clubs is listed every week.

# MAY ROTARY CALENDAR

<b>May 4</b>	<b>Ramada Hotel and Conference Center</b> Third Biennial Rotary Benefit Auction. No noon meeting. Social Hour 6:00 PM Silent Auction 6:00 - 8:00 PM Dinner/Brief Rotary Meeting 7:00-8:15 PM Live Auction 8:45-10:00 Must have reservations – call the Rotary office at 252-0085
<b>May 11</b>	<b>Kahler Hotel - Windsor Hall</b> Merlin Ricklefs, "China - An Emerging Global Giant" (Senior students invited)
<b>May 18</b>	<b>Kahler Hotel - Windsor Hall</b> Norm Erickson, "C.E.R.T.S and Our Energy Future."
<b>May 25</b>	<b>Kahler Hotel - Heritage Hall</b> Scott Stulen, "A Short Introduction to Contemporary Art" (Service Above Self Students will be attending)

# OTHER MEETINGS AND EVENTS

<b>May 11</b>	Rotary Board of Directors Meeting 7 a.m. - Charter House
<b>May 24</b>	Rotary Information Meeting 12 Noon, Viking Room, Kahler

# LOOKING AHEAD - MARK YOUR CALENDARS

<b>June 1</b>	Rotary Aviation Day – Rochester Airport – Voted one of the best meetings of the year in 1999. Brian Younge is arranging a close-up of Air Force planes - yes, you can go inside. We will be taking reservations so we can order lunches.
<b>June 15</b>	Rotary Rotation Day We will be looking for hosts, so check your calendars.

# ELECTRONIC MAKEUPS

Can't make it to Rotary? There is an electronic makeup opportunity at [www.rotaryclubone.org](http://www.rotaryclubone.org).

## GREETING FROM LAUREN TEXTOR, our youth exchange student in Costa Rica

For the past eight months I have lived in Costa Rica in the town of Tres Rios. I have lived with two different host families and participated in classes in one private high school and one public university, as well as taught kindergarten and first grade to children in my town.

I came to Costa Rica trying to get to know the world; to meet a world different from the Midwestern middle class, and to learn what unites and divides the peoples of the Americas. What I met actually was myself, and this journey has taught me about strength, love, and a compassion for human beings. I've learned, living abroad, not only a great deal of Spanish, but new perspectives that I'm sure help me to understand people better.

Although Costa Rica is astoundingly beautiful and I did explore the beaches, the rainforest, the mountains and volcanoes, my experience here has been an invaluable one because of the people I met along the way. The culture of Costa Rica is very centered around both family and hospitality. You would never know this by looking at their neighborhoods. Everywhere around me are iron-rod fences, gated-shut windows, and barbed wire, as everyone lives in their own cage in an effort to keep the high crime rate out of their homes. This is why I was shocked to discover with what ease these people, once inside their fortress, open their hearts and lives not only to their families but to strangers as well.

My current host family is, I'm sure, the definition of hospitality. They welcomed me into the home as one of their own, never allowing me to feel like an imposter or uncomfortable in any part of the house or family affairs. This year I passed my first Christmas away from home without my real family, to dread the holiday like a long-overdue dental appointment. But my host family did not let me fade into the background of their celebrations for a memento, and by thrusting me into the center of commotion, amidst dozens of distant relatives, introducing me as their daughter, giving me gifts and receiving them from me with hyperbolic delight, I passed the day without once longing to be home.

I am still here in Costa Rica, teaching kindergarten classes. This week I will move to an impoverished town called Mastatal to volunteer where I can and teach English classes in the high school. It's hard to reflect on what I've learned from an experience I am still living. But I know that it's been an unforgettable time where I've met a great deal of good, interesting people who have taught me much more than Spanish.

*(We will look forward to hearing from Lauren when she gives a program to our club this summer)*

## POLITICAL CANDIDATES POLICY

(This policy was announced at a Rotary meeting a week ago and all slots became filled immediately). For your information, the policy follows:

"Rochester Rotary will respond to requests of major political candidates to come to our Club by our choosing a date that fits our schedule and then giving a candidate an opportunity to have lunch, make a five-minute presentation and mingle with the membership if they desire. We will only have one candidate per meeting and they may put out political brochures."

Your board decided we would limit candidates to the six weeks prior to the November election.



Our Rotary singers entertained us prior to a recent Rotary meeting in the Elizabethan Room at The Kahler Grand Hotel.

## MOCCASIN FLOWER RECEIVES DISTRICT AWARD

At your District Conference in Red Wing, our Rotary bulletin, the Moccasin Flower, was given an award and recognized as the winner of the best bulletin for clubs over 50 members.

The selection criteria was based on the following:

- Use of color
- Bulletin layout or format
- Its effectiveness as a tool for communication with Club members
- A balance of information about the Club, District, and Rotary International
- Contains information that is current, timely, and easy to read
- Use of headline to draw attention to articles
- Contains a variety of story lengths

The selection committee consisted of a Club Service Director from a Rotary Club, the District 5960 District Public Relations Director, a Club Bulletin editor and a non-Rotarian communications specialist.

Editors **Lorie Luedke** and **Lois Nietz** accepted the award at the April meeting.



Lorie Luedke and Lois Nietz were presented with an award for the best newsletter in the District.



Proposer Rick Lien with new member Eric Lundquist from Merrill Lynch (former member of Mpls. Rotary), new member Cletus Pfeiffer from Rochester Central Lutheran School. Cletus was introduced by Mark St. Peter and was proposed by Marv Ramsay.

## GREATER ROCHESTER eBay FUNDRAISER

Earlier this year, Greater Rochester Rotary (GRR) started a new fundraiser: selling donated items on eBay. By the time this is published, they will have sold more than 50 items, grossing well over \$1,000.

They picked this fundraiser because it does not depend on local money: they take donations of materials that their membership and constituents no longer need and sell them to a worldwide audience. One hundred percent of the proceeds go to benefit The GRR Foundation, a 501c (3) corporation.

They have already received several donations from friends and colleagues who have caught the spirit of what they are doing, and now they would like to officially invite fellow Rochester Rotarians to help them.

What to donate? You can get an idea of what has worked (and not) for us so far by looking at the picture listing on their Web site" [www.rochesterrotaryclubs.org](http://www.rochesterrotaryclubs.org) advance to GRR and look at "What has sold on eBay?"

At the end of the year, they will provide you with a receipt of your donations and the amount that they brought.

You can contact Bill Brueck [bill@apluscomputer.com](mailto:bill@apluscomputer.com) , phone is 289-4824, or any GRR member if you have questions or items to sell.



Chris Berg, ace photographer for Rotary, took pictures at the STRIVE Banquet.



Our Rotary Centennial Project, an addition to the Silver Lake Skate Park, is finally started!



# AVIATION DAY at ROCHESTER ROTARY

June 1, 2006 - Airport - 12 noon - 1:30 p.m.

On June 1, 2006, our regular meeting will be held at the airport - (not the International Airport but up the road one turn further - general airport). Brian Younge, who is the State Air Surgeon for the South Dakota Air National Guard, is arranging this program.

We will meet at 12 noon at the airport. You will have the opportunity to see a few Air Force planes and in some cases go inside. Currently, we have three airplanes coming: C130 from the Minneapolis/St. Paul Air Force Reserves, F16 from Duluth Air National Guard, and a Blackhawk helicopter from the Minnesota Army Reserves in St. Paul. Also, we will have the Mayo One helicopter and their fixed wing aircraft, as well as two Citations, a Citation II and 501SP Eagle.

We will be ordering box lunches, and you will need to purchase your lunch in advance of this meetings. We will be selling tickets at our Club meetings during May. Cost will be \$10.00 per person and checks are payable to Rochester Rotary.

We encourage you to bring colleagues and family members who might be interested in planes, the Air Force, or Air Force Reserve or National Guard, to purchase tickets and come to this meeting. Bring your camera!



