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## VITAL STATISTICS

MEMBERSHIP: 263

**AMBASSADORS:** Linda Bonow, Mark Cairns, Borge M. Christensen, LuAnn Hiniker, Brad Lohrbach, Art Raak, E ClubOne. Jerry Downes, Ft Myers FL X2; Bob Sheridan, Venice-Nokomis, FL; John Brandrup, Carefree, AZ; Dana Funk & Doug Rovang, PETS, Hudson, WI.

**GREATER ROCHESTER ROTARY:** 3/19/08: Mike Podulke, Mark Ostrem 4/09/08: John Edmonson, Dana Funk.

**ROCHESTER ROTARY RISERS:** 4/08/08: Mary Jo Kelly 4/22/08: John Woodruff.

## ROTARY US BANK HOLIDAY CLASSIC AWARDS LUNCH

All three Rochester Rotary clubs celebrated 20 years of bringing a great basketball tournament to our community. This year we were able to award \$46,400 to youth and youth related projects in Rochester. This brings the total to \$589,400 for the 20 years of the tournament.



President Kim Adams was the presiding president, and we were honored to have Dane Fischer as our speaker. Dane is a John Marshall graduate who is a



Dane Fischer and Cris Fischer

coach at Rider University at Lawrenceville, NJ. Dane has played in three of our tournaments, and his story of attending the tournament as a child and then playing in it made for a delightful story. Proud (rightfully so) mom, Cris Fischer, introduced him.


At the end of the program she presented Dane with a Paul Harris award. A special thanks to Jerry Williams for a moving invocation.

## BIRTHDAYS

HAPPY MAY BIRTHDAYS!

<u>Birthday</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Birthplace</u>
May 3	Tom Fitzgerald	Rochester, MN
	Karel Weigel	Hopkinton, Iowa
May 4	Borge M. Christensen	
May 5	Stacy Sinner	Pipestone, MN
May 6	Sarah Burrington	Rochester MN
	Ashleigh Rosson	Muckogee, IL
May 8	Tim Miller	Cresco, IA
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 13	Tim Weir	South Bend, IN
May 14	Alison Bach Good	Rochester, MN
May 16	Brian Younge	Milwaukee, WI
May 16	Dave Doty	Rochester, MN
May 17	David Westgard	Minot, ND
May 18	Mark Carins	St James, MN
May 20	Dennis Nigon	Waukon, IA
May 21	Tim Sitzer	Rochester, MN
May 22	Carla Nelson	Webster City, IA
	Lorrie Swancutt	Rochester, MN
	Jon Ewing	Des Moines, IA
May 23	John Brandrup	Mankato, MN
	Lance Papenfuss	Rochester, MN
May 24	Hilla Ferguson	New York City, NY
	Tom Donlon	St Paul, MN
May 27	Bradley Lohrbach	Austin, MN
May 28	Dana Funk	Mankato, MN
	Chris Sanders	Rochester, MN
May 30	Barbara Hight-Randall	Rochester, MN
	Gwen Amstutz	Morristown, TN

## ROTARY NEWS

- We send our deepest sympathy to **Russ Olson** and family. Russ's wife, Jean, passed away recently. We will keep the family in our thoughts and prayers.
- April was another busy Rotary month. Many things going on with many opportunities for service in our community. Thanks to all of you who participated in helping at the Channel One food shelf (carrots are no longer one of Jim Sloan's favorite vegetables). Jim Sloan organized the dinner funded and served by Rotarians at the Boys and Girls Club. Thanks all!  

- We also want to thank all the members of the three Rotary clubs who put together the Rotary insert for the Post Bulletin and to the Rotarians who placed ads in the insert. A super job! A lot of people helped and I know that Kim and husband, Brett, put a lot of hours into this project. Now remember what Kim announced, wear your Rotary pin – chances are someone who saw this insert will ask you about Rotary.
- Remember you can sign-up to do invocations, work at the library, work at the visitors desk, or lead the 4 Way Test at the desk each week. We will also have a sign-up to work helping with White Oaks park each month.
- Thanks to all who helped with the April programs. Introduction of Visitors: **Leigh Johnson, Mike O'Fallon**. Visitors Desk: **Allie Good, Michelle Mikkalson, Janice Farris**. Greeters: **Michelle Mikkalson, Linda Bonow, Tim Weir, Chuck Springer, Steve Rossello, George Thompson**. 4 Way Test: **Frank Sharbrough, Heidi Mestad, Ann Beatty**. Invocation: **Jim Wiececamp, Kay Hocker, Carla Nelson**.



## MAY ROTARY CALENDAR

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| <b>May 1</b>  | <b>No Noon Meeting</b> - Rotary auction at the Ramada - 6 p.m. - Must have a reservation to attend - 252-0085. |
| <b>May 8</b>  | <b>Kahler Hotel – Elizabethan Room –</b> Mary Wellik, "Health Minnesota - Preparing for the Future"            |
| <b>May 15</b> | <b>Kahler Hotel - Heritage Hall -</b> Brenda Berg, "Kids, Books and More"                                      |
| <b>May 22</b> | <b>Kahler Hotel - Heritage Hall -</b> Charity Floen, "Olmsted County's Steadfast Health Plan"                  |
| <b>May 29</b> | <b>Kahler Hotel - Heritage Hall -</b> President Kim Adams, "Rochester Rotary - Our Vision for the Future"      |

## OTHER MEETINGS AND EVENTS

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| <b>May 8</b>  | <b>Rotary Board of Directors Meeting</b><br>7 a.m., Kahler Hotel, Directors Room                            |
| <b>May 8</b>  | <b>District Assembly</b> - Owatonna - 5:30-8:30 p.m. - Training session for incoming officers and directors |
| <b>May 21</b> | <b>Rotary Information Meeting</b> - 12 p.m., Mayo Brothers Room, Kahler Hotel                               |
| <b>May 22</b> | <b>White Oaks Park</b> - 6 p.m. - monthly park clean up   |

## PERU GSD TEAM VISIT



## THANKS ROTATION DAY HOSTS



Rotation Day at Richard Brubakers

Another successful Rotation day thanks to the following:

US Bank – Duane Feragen  
Metal Art – Richard Brubaker  
Rochester Post Bulletin – Laurel Schacht & Jeff Kiger  
KTTC – Jerry Watson, Lance Papenfuss & Rachel Hurt  
University of Minnesota – Steve Lehmkuhle  
Mayo Health System – Chris Rustad  
Residence of Old Town Hall – Jeff Allman  
Bridge Street Plaza – Ashleigh Rosson  
Jaspers – Cynthia Daube  
Cumulus Radio – Chris Fagans  
Sommerby – Tim Shea  
KAAL –TV – David Harbert & Sheryl Barlow  
Rochester Convention Bureau – Brad Jones  
Family Services Rochester – Brad Lohrbach & Brenda Walker  
Breneman, Winbusch & Associates – Mark Breneman  
Tile Superstore & More - Lorrie Swancutt

## NEW MEMBERS



Proposer Karel Weigel - new member Steve Courts, Rochester Area Family YMCA



Proposer Dianna Parks with new member Beth Busscher, Mayo Clinic - Development

## FROM A GRANT RECIPIENT

*(Excerpts of a letter from Bradley and Joanie Trahan)*

On behalf of everyone associated with the RT Autism Awareness Foundation, we would like to thank everyone associated with the Rotary US Bank Holiday Classic Basketball Tournament and the Rotary organization for your generous grant donation received at the Twentieth Annual Awards Luncheon on Thursday, March 27, 2008.

If I may, I would like to share a story with you all. I used to officiate high school basketball and during these years, I figured I personally officiated in what I believe to be 15 of your 20 basketball tournaments.

Like your speaker, Mr. Dane Fischer so eloquently spoke about, the Rotary US Bank Holiday Classic is simply that – it's a Classic! As an official, I really enjoyed it.

As a person, I was proud of what you are doing because all the amenities you do for these teams, players and coaches is second to none. And to top it off I always thought to myself how neat it was that you donated back to the community. Never once during those times as a basketball official did I ever imagine or believe I would be writing you for a grant to help our cause to help children and families.

In closing, thanks to all the volunteers who put in endless hours to make the Rochester Rotary US Bank Holiday Classic the best holiday tournament around. Your valuable time truly touches many individuals and many organizations in ways you may not even imagine. And with organizations and many businesses like you to make this tournament happen along with your generosity, you are able to assist our community in general to be able to do and accomplish tasks that otherwise may not be able to be accomplished.



Proposer Allie Good - new member Sarah Stauder, Rochester Art Center and new member Jody Millerbernd, Boys & Girls Club - proposer Larry Kent.

## FROM OUR YOUTH EXCHANGE STUDENT TANYA HAHN IN ARGENTINA

I have been living with my second family (Ybarra) for a little over two months. The family is amazing, it is a blessing to be able to live in their home and be part of their family. Easter weekend I had the privilege to go to another town, Chavarria, to visit some of our relatives. The town has a population of 1,500. I loved how they use horses to get around. There always were about four horses to every one car in the street.

Everyday I have been going to a public school located one block from my house. The school is bigger than my school in Minnesota, but my classmates are just as nice. They treat me like we have been friends our whole lives. Every morning all the students in the school from ages five to 18 line up in silence for the raising of the Argentina flag. It has to be one of my favorite moments. Often they play the Argentina anthem and if you look around you can see staff and students seriously singing along. A few days a week we have an English class. It is interesting having an English class when I have spoken English my whole life. Instead of concentrating on the material, I have been able to concentrate and learn how they teach English, which is more or less straight from the book. Although the teacher teaches English this way she has told me that she prefers not to, but she has to because all public schools in Corrientes do it that way.



Being in Argentina has been the best experience, and I am extremely glad to be here. I will be able to take new knowledge and many stories back to Minnesota, where I will be attending the University of Minnesota in St. Paul this August. THANK YOU SOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOO MUCH!

Hugs and kisses from Corrientes!

**Tanya**

## GIFT OF LIFE CHILD DISCHARGED

Daniela and Daisy have returned to El Salvador. What a rewarding experience to have these children come to us occasionally for heart surgery.



We cannot say enough about our Rotarians who help these children (and usually fall in love with them). Our little Daniela was helped here by several of our members but **Betty Devine and Brenda Walker** spent the most time with them.

What an experience for a young mother such as Daisy to leave her family and country and come to us with a child who is going to have very serious surgery.

Daisy and Daniela came from a very impoverished area in El Salvador (mud house, no electricity, cook over an open fire). On arrival they had to be shown how to run the shower, etc.

Again we thank all who have helped and it certainly makes us more aware of the wonderful work that the caring place called Ronald McDonald House does for these families.



Daisy and Daniela

## A MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT-ELECT NOMINEE DANA FUNK



The "President-Elect Nominee" was created to increase the continuity in leadership for our Rotary Club. As we all know a Vision or Mission must be carried from year to year in order to complete or succeed its attainment. The position focuses on learning through assisting the Rotary leadership as much as possible and attending local and district meetings.

The President-Elect Nominee is on the Promotion Committee of the Rochester Rotary Clubs. This committee consists of members from all three Rotary Clubs which works to promote Rotary and its works locally. This year we are producing newspaper supplement which will promote Rotary with stories of accomplishments both locally and internationally. All three clubs will be highlighted in an effort to enhance membership pride and increase overall Rotary membership. Your support of this project is appreciated.

The other part of the President Nominees focus is to learn all that is going on in Rotary locally, in the district and internationally. Doug Rovang and I recently participated in District Presidents-Elect training in Hayward, Wisconsin. The district Rotary members helped us set club goals and learn procedures that will help us be better club Leaders. Your enthusiasm, energy and attitudes help in making all of our lives better. Continue to get involved in Rotary.

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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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**PRESIDENT:** Kim Adams

**PRESIDENT -ELECT:** Doug Rovang

**PRESIDENT NOMINEE:** Dana Funk

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Clare Lillis, Forest Lake

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Vicki Decker, Assistant Governor, Winona

**WEB SITES**

Rochester Rotary Club: [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: [rotary.org](http://rotary.org)

**ACTIVE COMMITTEES**

Four Avenues of Service  
Club, Vocational, Community, International

**CLUB SERVICE I**

Linda Rings, Director

Greeters ..... *Bill Wiktor*  
 Membership Development ..... *Doug Rovang*  
 Visitors Desk ..... *Dianna Parks*  
 Sergeant-at-Arms ..... *John Woodruff*  
 Mentors ..... *Mark Neville*

**CLUB SERVICE II**

Dan O’Neil, Director

Club Bulletin ..... *Lorie Luedke, Lois Nietz*  
 Club Web Site ..... *Lorie Luedke*  
 Invocations ..... *Carla Nelson*  
 Programs ..... *Phil Karsell*  
 Public Relations ..... *Dana Funk*  
 Four-Way Test ..... *Ann Beatty*

**CLUB SERVICE III**

Mark Dripps, Director

Bell Ringing - Salvation Army ..... *Paul Bleimeyer,*  
*Mark Neville*  
 Golf Day ..... *Mike Schnell*  
 Music ..... *Jane Belau*  
 Rotary Information ..... *Leigh Johnson*

**VOCATIONAL SERVICE**

Linda Bonow, Director

Rotation Day ..... *Linda Bonow*  
 STRIVE ..... *Audrey Betcher*  
 Vocational Talks ..... *Fred Banfield*  
 Auction 2008 ..... *Bill Nietz*

**COMMUNITY SERVICE**

Karen Ricklefs, Director

Library Host ..... *Allan Sessler*  
 Rotary US Bank Holiday Classic ..... *Paul Barton,*  
*Laurel Schacht*  
 Quarry Hill Fall Festival ..... *Carla Nelson*  
 Rotary Reading Project ..... *Cris Fischer*  
 Service Above Self Awards ..... *Mark St. Peter*  
 Student Guests ..... *Lance Papenfuss*  
 Camp RYLA ..... *Glenn VanLaningham*  
 White Oaks Park ..... *Ashok Patel, Stacy Sinner*  
 Community Food Response ..... *Glenn VanLaningham*

**INTERNATIONAL SERVICE**

Karmen Reid, Director

Foundational Scholarships ..... *Dave Moertel*  
 Group Study Exchange Team ..... *Gilda Banfield*  
 Rotary International Foundation ..... *Rick Lien*  
 Youth Exchange ..... *Hilla Ferguson*  
 Gift of Life ..... *Betty Devine, Brenda Walker*  
 World Community Service ..... *Judith O’Fallon*