

# Moccasin Flower

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## VITAL STATISTICS

**MEMBERSHIP:** 247

**AMBASSADORS:** Doug Rovang, Dana Funk, Karel Weigel, Lois Nietz, Dave Moertel, Judith and Mike O'Fallon, District Conference, River Falls, WI; eClubOne: Mark Breneman, Nicole Pierson; Al DeBoer, Estrella, AZ; Jerry Downes, Ft Myers, FL; Mark Dripps, St Paul, MN

**GREATER ROCHESTER ROTARY:** 4/01/09: Karen Erlenbusch, Anne Berberich. 4/08/09: Christian Milaster, Frank Sharbrough. 4/15/09: Lynn Clarey 4/22/09: Melissa Brinkman, Lynn Clarey, Bob Priem, Judith O'Fallon, Mike O'Fallon. 4/29/09: Lynn Clarey, Frank Streit

**ROCHESTER ROTARY RISERS:** 3/03/09: Gregory Stavrou. 3/24/09: Bill Wiktor, John Woodruff

## WHO TOUCHED YOU?

Paul Harris was touched by the fellowship of a small Illinois town before he conceived the idea of Rotary. While visiting a friend in a Chicago suburb, his host took him for a stroll down Main Street, introducing him to merchants and shop owners along the way. The fellowship he experienced there had much to do with the inception of Rotary International.

Many of us were touched by Rotary before we were Rotarians. Many of us knew Rotary did "good things" in our community, like building a playground, lighting the Aerial Bridge, building Habitat for Humanity homes, or fencing a youth soccer field. We may have attended a Rotary Christmas Party when we were children.

We have all been touched by another Rotarian, the person who asked us to join Rotary. Stop for a moment and recall the person who invited you.

We would all be lucky if Rotary brought us nothing more than the opportunity to extend acquaintance to new people, our fellow Rotarians. The possibility of extending friendship is worldwide in Rotary.

Share Rotary with someone else – whom will you touch?

## 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	Odense Denmark
May 5	Stacy Sinner	Pipestone, MN
May 6	Sarah Burrington	Rochester MN
	Ashleigh Rosson	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 13	Tim Weir	South Bend, IN
May 14	Alison Bach Good	Rochester, MN
May 16	Brian Younge	Edmonton Alberta Canada
	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
May 23	Jon Ewing	Des Moines, IA
	John Brandrup	Mankato, MN
	Lance Papenfuss	Rochester, MN
May 24	Hilla Ferguson	New York City, NY
May 27	Bradley Lohrbach	Austin, MN
May 28	Dana Funk	Mankato, MN
May 29	Tutti Harrington	Sidney, MT
May 30	Barbara Hight-Randall	Rochester, MN
	Gwen Amstutz	Morristown, TN

## ROTARY NEWS

- Thanks to all who helped with STRIVE this year and made a difference in the lives of so many young people. The banquet was a wonderful affair.
- Thanks to **Ashleigh Rosson** who transported our students to Camp RYLA near Hudson, Wisconsin, and to **Mark Dripps** who picked them up following the St. Paul Rotary meeting.
- Don't forget to scan your badge when you come to Rotary. We will have the blue cards for you to sign in on for a few more weeks. Thanks to **Jerry Williams** and **Dan O'Neil** for working on this.
- Thanks to all who helped with the April meetings. Invocations: **Cris Fischer, George Allen, Jim Wiekamp, Vicki Allen**. Introduction of Visitors: **Leigh Johnson, Rick Lien**. Desk: **Ronald Salazar** and **Charlie Moore**. Greeters: **Leon Clark, Jay Wangen, John Brandrup, Steve Rossello**. 4 Way Test: **Denny Nigon, Dave Moertel, Bill Wiktor, Suzanne Dinusson**. Vocational Talks: **Kay Hocker** and **Mark Ostrem**. Cashiers: **Janice Farris** and **Chris Cross**.



## THANKS TO ALL WHO HOSTED ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL ROTATION DAY

**Cynthia Daube** – Jaspers

**Karen & Merlin Ricklefs** – Quality Associates  
International

**Jeff Amundson & James Lundgren** – Olmsted History  
Center – Maywood

**Lorrie Swancutt** – the Tile Superstore

**Fred and Gilda Banfield** – Rochester Family Medicine  
Clinic

**Sheryl Barlow and David Harbert** – KAAL

**Warren Harmon** – Mayo Media Center

**Jim Clausen & Marie Maher** – University of Minnesota

**Stacy Sinner & Mark Ostrem** – Olmsted County Sheriff's  
Department

**Christian Milaster** – Energy efficient green home –  
Lanesboro

**Erika Trempe** – Country Inn and Suites South

**Beth Warren** – Dan Abraham Healthy Living Center

## MAY ROTARY CALENDAR

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|---------------|--|
| <b>May 7</b>  | <b>Kahler Hotel - Elizabethan Room</b> - Matt Dacy "Pioneering Women of the Mayo Family"                               |
| <b>May 14</b> | <b>Kahler Hotel – Heritage Hall</b> - Denny Stotz, "Cascade Lake"  |
| <b>May 21</b> | <b>Kahler Hotel – Heritage Hall</b> – Greg Munson "Cascade Meadow - A Future Educational Resource"                     |
| <b>May 28</b> | <b>Kahler Hotel – Heritage Hall</b> – Terry Adkins, City Attorney, "What Will It Mean to be a City of the First Class" |

## OTHER MEETINGS AND EVENTS

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| <b>May 4</b>             | <b>Channel One Volunteer Night</b> - 6-8 p.m. – Mike O'Fallon, chair  |
| <b>May 12</b>            | <b>Rotary US Bank Holiday Classic - Steering Committee Meeting</b> - 12 Noon - US Bank Downtown - Third floor conference room |
| <b>May 12</b>            | <b>Rotary District Assembly</b> - all incoming board members - Lakeville, Minnesota   |
| <b>May 13</b>            | <b>Community Food Response</b> - Contact Glenn VanLaningham   |
| <b>May 14</b>            | <b>Rotary Board of Directors Meeting</b> 7 a.m., Directors Room, Kahler Hotel   |
| <b>May 19</b>            | <b>Rotary Information Meeting</b> - 12 Noon, Directors Room, Kahler Hotel   |
| <b>May 7, 14, 21, 28</b> | <b>Evening at the Rochester Public Library</b> 6-9 p.m  |

## SAVE THE DATE!

### Loispalooza

### A celebration of Lois' service to Rotary

Thursday, July 23, 2009

Kahler Grand Hotel

4:30 – 6:30 p.m. Windsor Hall Social Hour  
(cash bar)

6:30 – 8:30 p.m. Heritage Hall Dinner and  
Program (*this will replace the  
noon meeting*)

Invitations with more details will be sent in June

# MEET AND WELCOME YOUR NEW ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTOR – PEGGY SCHROEDER

*I am so pleased to have you meet Peggy! You all know how much I love this club, and I am so pleased to have the committee do such a great job in selecting someone who will care as much as I do. Peggy will start working and training with me May 11 – she will take over officially July 1. I asked Peggy to write the following article about herself and this follows -- Lois*

I was born and raised in Oregon. I attended Oregon State University and graduated with a B.S. in physical education with an emphasis in business administration. I moved to Rochester in 1987 with my husband, David, so that he could attend physical therapy school at the Mayo Clinic; he has worked in the Sports Medicine Department for 20 plus years. We have two daughters, Megan, 17 and Lindsay, 12.



Since graduating from Oregon State University, I have had a varied and interesting work history. I have managed an office for a group of anesthesiologists, managed a dental office, worked for an architectural/engineering firm, worked for an orthodontist and was the administrator of a Jewish synagogue.

My dad was a Rotarian (in Redmond, Oregon) for as long as I can remember. My sister was a Rotary Exchange Student in New Zealand in the 1970s and my other sister was actively involved in the Salem, Oregon, club.

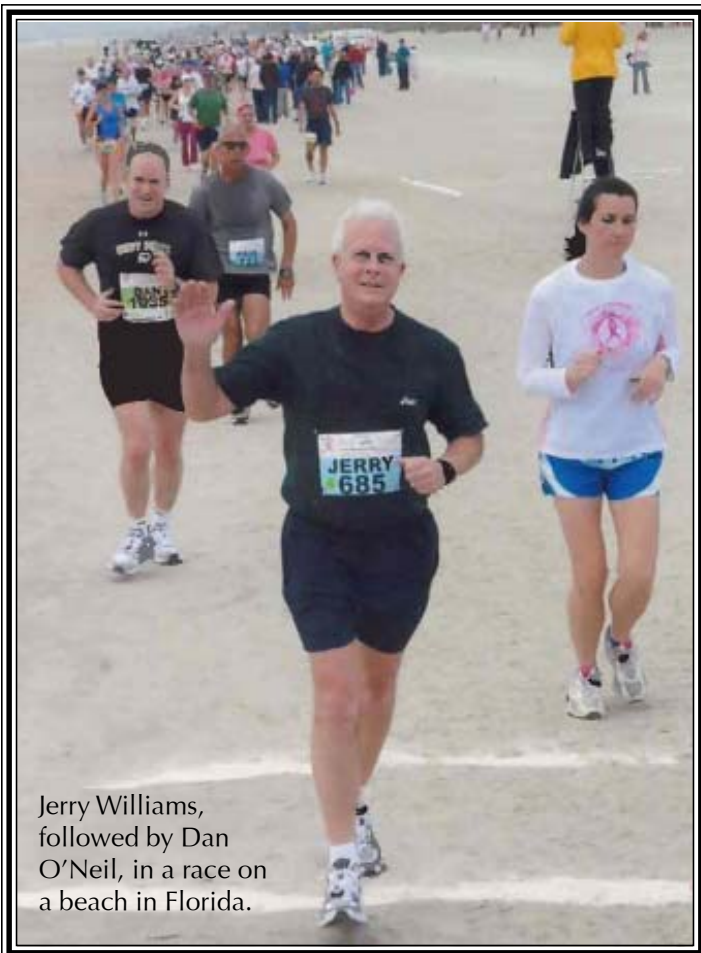
When we are not being avid volleyball fans (both of our daughters play), we enjoy attending their other activities, collecting antiques, spending time outside and watching movies.

I am very excited to start my employment with the Rochester Rotary Club. After meeting and talking to Lois, I look forward to a long term relationship with the club and its members. I know it isn't possible to "replace" Lois after her long relationship with all of you, but I do hope to gradually "fill her shoes," even though mine might be a different size and style!

## New Member



New member Linda Hillenbrand, City of Rochester Human Resources proposed by Audrey Betcher.



Jerry Williams, followed by Dan O'Neil, in a race on a beach in Florida.

## FREDERIC BATHKE 1918-2009

Fellow Rotarian Fred Bathke passed away on April 23, 2009, after a brief illness in Hayward, Wisconsin, where he resided. A dedicated Rotarian for 49 years he was currently a member of Hayward Rotary Club. He will be missed by his many friends and family.

# ROTATION DAY REVISITED



Rotation Days at the Dan Abraham Healthy Living Center with Beth Warren, host, (upper left) and at Christian Milaster's energy efficient green home in Lanesboro.



Have you see this billboard on Highway 52?

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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 -ELECT:** Dana Funk

**PRESIDENT NOMINEE:** Karel Weigel

**SECRETARY:** Jerry Williams

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**ROTARY DISTRICT 5960 GOVERNOR**

Roy Sjoberg, Hudson Daybreak

**ASSISTANT GOVERNOR**

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**

Audrey Betcher, Director

Greeters ..... *Steve Rossello*  
 Membership Development ..... *Dana Funk*  
 Visitors Desk ..... *Christine Beech*  
 Sergeant-at-Arms ..... *John Woodruff*  
 Mentors ..... *Bill Wiktor*

**CLUB SERVICE II**

Dan O’Neil, Director

Club Bulletin ..... *Lorie Luedke, Lois Nietz*  
 Club Web Site ..... *Lorie Luedke*  
 Invocations ..... *Anne Berberich*  
 Programs ..... *Warren Harmon*  
 Public Relations ..... *Karel Weigel*  
 Four-Way Test ..... *Jerry Lobland*

**CLUB SERVICE III**

Ann Beatty, Director

Bell Ringing - Salvation Army .... *Paul Bleimeyer, Fred Suhler*  
 Golf Day ..... *Mark Dripps*  
 Music ..... *Jane Belau*  
 Rotary Information ..... *Leigh Johnson*  
 Progressive Dinner ..... *Karen Ricklefs, Marilyn Stewart*

**VOCATIONAL SERVICE**

Linda Bonow, Director

Rotation Day ..... *Linda Bonow*  
 STRIVE ..... *Linda Herrick*  
 Vocational Talks ..... *Fred Banfield*  
 Auction 2010 ..... *Lorie Luedke*

**COMMUNITY SERVICE**

Stacy Sinner, Director

Library Host ..... *Allan Sessler*  
 Rotary US Bank Holiday Classic ..... *Laurel Schacht*  
 Quarry Hill Fall Festival ..... *Carla Nelson*  
 Rotary Reading Project ..... *Cris Fischer*  
 Rotary Summer Reading Project ..... *Cris Fischer*  
 Service Above Self Awards ..... *Cresta Deeds*  
 Student Guests ..... *Allie Good*  
 Camp RYLA ..... *Jay Toogood*  
 White Oaks Park ..... *Ashok Patel*  
 Community Food Response ..... *Glenn VanLaningham*  
 Rotary Flood Project ..... *Dan Kelly*  
 Channel One ..... *Mike O’Fallon*

**INTERNATIONAL SERVICE**

Karmen Reid, Director

Foundational Scholarships ..... *Dave Moertel*  
 Group Study Exchange Team ..... *Gilda Banfield*  
 Rotary International Foundation ..... *Kim Adams*  
 YouthLINC ..... *Vicki Allen*  
 Rotary Gift of Life ..... *Betty Devine, Brenda Walker*  
 World Community Service ..... *Judith O’Fallon*