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## VITAL STATISTICS

MEMBERSHIP: 240

## Camp RYLA -April 2011

My experience at Camp RYLA was not one I will soon forget. I have already been home a couple of days, and yet I still can't stop telling people about my experience. When I found out I was going to this camp, I was skeptical.



I don't fit in with most of the people that would be considered "leaders" at my school. However, RYLA did not have just one type of person... it had several, and all of them were the

nicest people I will ever meet. They all brought their own personalities and experiences to the table, and they all had struggles that they had to deal with. My group, "Da Duckiez", really came together throughout camp, through good times and through times when we were all a little sleep-deprived and irritable. I do not know about every other group, but I learned from Da Duckiez that it is possible to put my trust in people and still come out all right.



The counselors were *amazing*. The JCs really understood what the campers were going through, but did not coddle us through the hard stuff. They were there only to nudge us back on track when we needed it. The ACs, if anything, were more hands off. On the day that we were supposed to plan both our Footsteps presentation and our end-of-camp skit, the campers of Da Duckiez were left in a room without the counselors for three hours. This independence confused me at the time (Leave a group of teenagers alone at camp? I was barely left alone at school!) but showed that the counselors believed that we could do things on

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## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

<u>Birthday</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Birthplace</u>
May 3	Thomas Fitzgerald	Rochester, MN
May 3	Karel Weigel	Hopkinton, IA
May 4	Borge Christensen	Odense, Denmark
May 5	Kendall Lee	
May 5	Stacy Sinner	Pipestone, MN
May 6	Sarah Burrington	Rochester, MN
May 8	James Seward	
May 10	Peter Carryer	Rochester, MN
May 10	David Colville	Philadelphia, PA
May 10	John Woodruff	Rochester, MN
May 11	Bill Harreld	Chorokoo, IA
May 11	Hal Henderson	Boone, IA
May 11	Fred Nobrega	Kansas City, MO
May 13	Timothy Weir	South Bend, IN
May 14	Alison Good	Rochester, MN
May 16	Brian Younge	Edmonton, Alberta
May 17	David Westgard	Minot, ND
May 18	Mark Cairns	St. James, MN
May 20	Dennis Nigon	Waukon, IA
May 21	Tim Sitzer	Rochester, MN
May 22	Jon Ewing	Des Moines, IA
May 22	Carla Nelson	Webster City, IA
May 22	Lorrie Swancutt	Rochester, MN
May 23	John Brandrup	Mankato, MN
May 27	Brad Lohrbach	Austin, MN
May 28	Dana Funk	Mankato, MN
May 30	Barbara Hight-Randall	Rochester, MN

If we have missed your birthday, please let us know.

# ROTARY NEWS

- If you still owe dues for this Rotary year 2010-2011, please try to take care of this promptly. Address to: Rochester Rotary Club, PO Box 7566, Rochester MN 55906-7566.
- Thanks to all who helped with the meetings in April: Cashiers: **Janice Farris, Jim Wiekamp, Dana Funk, John Woodruff.** Invocations: **Linda Hillebrand, Phil Karsell, Father Mahon.** Greeters: **Jim Sloan, Kathy Lessard, Aaron Johnson, Teresa Blythe, Fred Nobrega, Tank Sholem, Paul Tieskoetter** 4 Way Test: **Chris Holloway, Vicki Allen, Suzanne Dinusson** Visitors Desk: **Tank Sholem, Paul Tieskoetter, Kathy Lessard, Tim Geisler** Introduce Visitors: **Leigh Johnson, Phil Karsell, Dennis Nigon.**
- Thanks to those who helped with Camp RYLA students: **Dana Funk** for coordinating local participation in the event, **Bill Wiktor** for providing transportation to the students, and **Diane Ilstrup** for helping coordinate nominations through the high schools.

## Rotary Anniversaries

Roger Kempers	49 years
Lance Thorkelson	35 years
J. Daniel Skinner	33 years
Robert MacCarty	28 years
Paul Grassle	27 years
Phillip Henoch	27 years
Charles Kennedy	19 years
Sheldon Sheps	17 years
Barbara Hight-Randall	15 years
Richard Lien	14 years
Christine Cross	14 years
Marv Ramsay	14 years
Jane Piepgras	14 years
Thomas Behrenbeck	13 years
Christopher Colby	12 years
Cris Fischer	11 years
Beth Warren	9 years
Nickie Froiland	7 years
Brad Jones	6 years
Lorrie Swancutt	5 years
Betty Hutchins	5 years
Leon Clark	4 years
Maria Brown	3 years
James Seward	2 years



Thank you for your continued service to our Club.

## MAY ROTARY CALENDAR

May 5	<b>Kahler Hotel - Elizabethan Room</b> - Camilla Kiergaard, "YouthLinc"
May 12	<b>Rotation Day</b> - If you signed up to attend Rotation Day, your host will contact you
May 19	<b>Kahler Hotel - Elizabethan Room</b> - Julia Workman, "Hearing What's Wrong." (Service Above Self Awards will also be presented to four high school students)
May 26	<b>Kahler Hotel - Heritage Hall</b> - Kelly Engler, "Leadership Greater Rochester - Youth Homelessness Project" (Recognition of graduating high school seniors)

## OTHER MEETINGS AND EVENTS

May 4	<b>Rotary Board of Directors Meeting</b> - 7:00 am; Directors Room, Kahler Hotel
May 5	<b>Deadline for Progressive Dinner participation</b>
May 11	<b>Community Food Response</b> - Contact Glenn VanLaningham or Paul Bleimeyer
May 21	<b>Progressive Dinner</b>

## LOOKING AHEAD

June 6	<b>Channel One</b> - Contact Thomas Moyer for more information
June 23	Air Show

## REMEMBER: THE ROTARY OFFICE MAILING ADDRESS CHANGED IN JANUARY

The office address for the Rotary Club of Rochester has changed. The Postal Service no longer forwards mail from the former address. Please make note of this change for all written communications, donations, and payments. The address is:

**PO BOX 7566  
Rochester, MN 55903-7566**

## From the desk of Karel Weigel, Rochester Rotary President



The month of April was a busy but productive month for the Rotary Club of Rochester!

The survey of members conducted in March was completed with an excellent response rate and yielded the objective information the Board had hoped to obtain. That information was used as the

basis for a request for proposal sent to both the Kahler Hotel and the Doubletree Hotel (who had approached the Club earlier about the opportunity to move our weekly meeting location). The survey questions were designed to elicit responses about what we look for and value in a meeting site rather than simply a vote for one hotel over the other. We learned that preference should be given to meeting room location, unobstructed view and acoustics, parking, and meal options (size and price), for example. After the letters requesting information were sent, the Doubletree informed us that the growth in large meeting and convention bookings meant they would not be able to meet our meeting preferences unless we were able to change our meeting day to Monday. The Board agreed that this was not an option we wished to pursue at this time. The Rochester Rotary Club meeting location will remain at the Kahler Hotel which has been our home for 85 years. **(please see related article on important changes to the lunch options for Rotary meetings beginning June 1, 2011)**

The Rotary Club of Rochester was well represented at the District Conference April 15 and 16, in Oakdale. Merlin and Karen Rickleffs, District Co-Chairs for Literacy, conducted a break-out session on Education and Literacy. And, as a club we were proud to receive a District Literacy award and a District Governor's award as well. Vicki Allen and Terry Sorenson escorted Camilla Kiergaard our Youth Exchange student, Mike O' Fallon, Assistant District Governor and Judy O' Fallon, World Community Service Chair for Southeast Minnesota, and our leadership group, Mark Dripps, Lorie Luedke, and Karel Weigel were joined by Elizabeth Karsell and Lois Nietz. The entire conference received high marks for program content and execution.

Following the conference, the Argentina Vocational Training Team representing the Global Grant for Medical Supplies to Public Hospitals in Argentina (a grant sponsored by the Blaine/Ham Lake Rotary Club that all Rochester Clubs supported financially and with assistance from the World Community Service Committee) came to Rochester to tour Mayo Clinic and to have the fun of shared

social evening with leadership from all three Rotary Clubs. Rochester Rotary Risers hosted the VTT. The experience for our guests and Rochester Rotarians was a perfect example of this year's Rotary theme as defined by RI President Ray Klingensmith, "Building Communities and Bridging Continents".

The end of April each year brings the STRIVE Banquet held this year on April 27 with Dr. Ed Creagen as the keynote speaker. He challenged the students, their parents, mentors and special guests by repeated emphasis that success has nothing to do with luck and everything to do with hard work. More than 60 students were recognized for their participation in the program, many with perfect attendance. The recipients of the \$2,000 scholarship at each high school, John Marshall, Mayo and Century, were also announced. Recipients thanked parents, teachers, and mentors for the support that, as one student shared, an experience that changed me from not caring about a low grade point average to a top notch student and scholarship winner. All three students were poised and confident and gave convincing testament to the worth of this program. Congratulations to students, parents, teachers, mentors and ALL Rotarians whose fund raising support makes all of this possible!

As we move the calendar to May, can spring be far behind?



Welcome to our newest members and congratulations to our latest Paul Harris Fellow

New members recently introduced to our club include: **Peter Carryer** and **Thomas Shives**, proposed by **Leigh Johnson** and **Shannon Knoepke**, proposed by **Paul Tieskoetter**.

**Bari Amadio** recently surprised her husband, Peter Amadio, with a Paul Harris Fellowship Award.

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our own and that they trusted us to get things done.

I talk about being a leader, but what is that? Before RYLA, I thought that being a leader meant being involved in the most extracurricular activities, or the one in charge, or the one that was the boss at work, or even just the most popular kid in school. Before RYLA, I was some of those things: the Vice-President of two school clubs and the *de facto* leader of another, and involved in several more besides. I train new employees at work. I have a tendency towards outspokenness and my aggression can dissuade others from trying to compete with me. None of these things really mattered at RYLA, because I was a leader among leaders, and everyone had things to share that I had no clue about. One of the things that was emphasized during group time was letting everyone speak up and be a leader, something that I had trouble with until one of the JCs pulled me aside, and we had a conversation that got me to quit lying to *myself*. Because of that, I learned that being a leader is not just about speaking up, it is about speaking out for what is important but also being a follower and staying quiet for someone else to do so as well.

Caring, communication, trust... all things that Da Duckiez learned about during our trust initiatives. We cared about each other from the start, I think, from when we first declared ourselves "Da Duckiez" at dinner on the first day of camp, or even earlier, when we all put on the yellow bandannas that our JC, Emily, brought for us. That sense of "this is my team" was what helped us bond initially. Then we worked together, and that communication piece just clicked into place. By sharing our experiences with an activity where we all



told about the ups and downs in our life, and then by climbing a rock wall or crossing a trust bridge (which is two wires placed at a slight angle to each other, which is crossed by joining hands and leaning into your partner for stability) we showed the trust that we had built. Being a leader is about caring for those who you lead, and trusting other people enough that I can rely on them without trying to micro manage everything they do.

I came into RYLA with a need to be in charge. I left RYLA with an urge to work in a group.

~Morgan (Camp RYLA student)

## Price Increase for Rotary Lunch

The Kahler Hotel has notified us that effective **June 1, 2011**, the price of the weekly lunch will increase to \$12.00 (an increase of \$1.75). This is a business decision the Kahler has had to make and is based on:

1. The price of our Rotary lunch has remained the same for 4 years, in spite of rising cost of food and services.
2. Lunch is a full buffet, but required set up and take down are always fixed costs.
3. Beverages, dessert and tax and tips are included in the cost.

We will be offered different menu selections on a rotating cycle, and we will plan to get member input on those selections. This may not happen before the price increase is implemented.

Karel Weigel, Elizabeth Karsell and Lois Nietz met with the Kahler staff on April 29 to discuss this and other meeting logistics which are a concern to us all.

- Meeting location-Rotary's preferred location is always Heritage Hall, and we are given preference for that as often as possible. Displacement occurs when larger meetings or conventions reserve that space, but, if those plans change, and Heritage Hall is available, Rotary is moved back. If Heritage Hall is not available, we use Windsor. Only when no other space is an option are we assigned to the Elizabethan Room. The Marriott Hotel, while affiliated with IHRCO, is under different management, catering, and banquet staff. We use that when no other sites are available. The size of the Rotary Club of Rochester limits our options.
- All audiovisual equipment is being outsourced and will be managed by a professional technical staff. While we will be charged for its use (planned expense in Rotary budget) we will no longer need to purchase and maintain our own equipment which becomes obsolete very rapidly, so we have access to more sophisticated equipment and tech support.
- The Kahler Hotel has not required contracts with service clubs (Rotary and others) but that will change too, and we will all be asked to sign annual contracts.

Finally, the Rotary Club of Rochester and the Kahler have had an 85 year relationship, and we wish to continue that.

# Rotary District 5960 Conference - April 15-16, 2011

Several members of our Club attended the Rotary District 5960 Conference last month in Oakdale, Minnesota. With the theme, "A River Runs To It," you can imagine that several of the speakers' topics included something about water! Don Shelby, former WCCO news anchor, was the keynote speaker at lunch and set the tone for the conference with a discussion on "Peak Water," a concept on global water usage and the growing demand for its use. Between all of the break-out sessions, interacting with fellow Rotarians and enjoying entertainment - fun and fellowship was enjoyed by all!



Rotary Club of Rochester President **Karel Weigel** pouring water into the Friendship Fountain at the District 5960 Conference.



President-Elect **Mark Dripps** receiving a Literacy and Education award on behalf of our club from Rotary District Governor Craig Leiser.



Members **Judith O'Fallon**, **Karen Ricklefs**, Assistant Governor **Mike O'Fallon**, and **Merlin Ricklefs** at District 5960 Conference.



Member **Merlin Ricklefs** presented Literacy and Education awards with Rotary District 5960 Governor **Craig Leiser** to five Rotary clubs within the District.

RIGHT: President **Karel Weigel**, Admin. **Dir. Elizabeth Karsell**, President-Elect Nominee **Lorie Luedke**, member **Lois Nietz**, and President-Elect **Mark Dripps** at District 5960 Conference.



## ROTATION DAY – May 12

### What Happens on Rotation Day?

Members may host or be assigned a place to go for lunch. This goes back to the early days of Rotary when Rotarians rotated their meeting site each week. It gives you the opportunity to get to know each other a little better and find out about your host's occupation.



### What is the Host's Responsibility?

Hosts sign up and give the number of members they would like to accommodate for lunch. This can vary from a minimum of six to whatever number you are able to accommodate. Hosts are given a list of members, invite

their guests, give directions, etc. Hosts order lunches for all attendees. Members have already paid for their Rotation Day lunches with their dues, so the host simply submits a billing to the office for the lunches. During the meeting time, 12-1:30pm, members introduce themselves, and the hosts tell about their occupation. Some may provide a tour of their facilities. Hosts take attendance and turn it into the Rotary office.

### What Do Those Attending Do?

Guests wait for an invitation by email or phone from your host. Please **respond to the host** to confirm that you are attending and arrive promptly at 12pm on Rotation Day to enjoy the event!

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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: [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, International, Vocational, Community

**CLUB SERVICE I**

Christine Beech, Director

Greeters ..... *Paul Tieskoetter*  
 Membership Development ..... *Mark Dripps*  
 Rotary Information Officer ..... *Leigh Johnson*  
 Visitors Desk ..... *Kathy Lessard*  
 Sergeant-at-Arms ..... *John Woodruff*  
 Mentors ..... *Bill Wiktor*

**CLUB SERVICE II**

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Club Bulletin ..... *Elizabeth Karsell, Lorie Luedke*  
 Club Web Site ..... *Lorie Luedke*  
 Invocations ..... *Phil Karsell*  
 Programs ..... *Stacy Sinner*  
 Public Relations ..... *Lorie Luedke*  
 Four-Way Test ..... *Chris Holloway*

**CLUB SERVICE III**

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 Golf Day ..... *Rick Lien*  
 Music ..... *Jane Belau*  
 Social Events ..... *Jim Wiekamp*

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Camp RYLA ..... *Steve Rossello*  
 Rotary Literacy Coordinator ..... *Stacy Sinner*  
 Rotary Readers Project ..... *Cris Fischer*  
 Rotation Day ..... *Danae Ostern*  
 STRIVE ..... *Linda Herrick*  
 Vocational Talks ..... *Fred Banfield*  
 Youth Protection Officer ..... *Kim Adams, Hilla Ferguson*

**COMMUNITY SERVICE**

Lorrie Swancutt, Director

Channel One ..... *Mike O'Fallon, Tom Moyer*  
 Community Food Response ..... *Paul Bleimeyer, Glenn VanLaningham*  
 Library Host ..... *Alan Sessler*  
 Quarry Hill Fall Festival ..... *Barbara Porter*  
 Rotary Bell Ringing for Salvation Army ..... *Paul Bleimeyer, Mark Neville*  
 Rotary US Bank Holiday Classic .. *Lorie Luedke, Lois Nietz, Mike Quinn, Doug Rovang, Laurel Schacht*  
 Service Above Self Awards ..... *Cresta Deeds, Linda Hillenbrand*  
 Student Guests ..... *Allie Good*  
 White Oaks Park ..... *Ashok Patel, Mike Mahrer*