

"A Local Service Club with a Global Impact - Offering Leadership and Support to our Community and Beyond"



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## VITAL STATISTICS

**MEMBERSHIP:** 205

**MARCH ATTENDANCE:** 44.27%

**AMBASSADORS:** District Conference 5960: Lorie Luedke, Judy O'Fallon, Mike O'Fallon, Karen Ricklefs, Merlin Ricklefs, Stacey Vanden Heuvel, Karel Weigel

**ROCHESTER ROTARY RISERS:** Borge M. Christensen, Lynn Clarey, David Colville, Tank Sholem, John Woodruff

**MEMBERS ON LEAVE:** Emil Koretzky

**NEW MEMBERS:** Nels Pierson, Shan Pollitt

## ROTARY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR ROCHESTERFEST PARADE

The Rotary Clubs of Rochester have joined the Rochester Elks in a commitment to work the 2014 RochesterFest Parade. Rotarians will be needed Friday, June 27, 2014. Most volunteers will be located by street barriers at intersections along the parade route. Those giving service should plan to work from about 5pm until end of parade (9pm or so). Find the sign up under "What's New" on the club's main page.



## 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      |
| May 8           | James Seward         |                   |
| May 10          | Peter Carryer        | Rochester, MN     |
|                 | Dave Colville        | Philadelphia, PA  |
|                 | John Woodruff        | Rochester, MN     |
| May 11          | Bill Harreld         | Chorokoo, IA      |
| May 13          | Tim Weir             | South Bend, IN    |
| May 14          | Alison Bach Good     | Rochester, MN     |
| May 17          | David Westgard       | Minot, ND         |
| May 20          | Kelly Engler         | Virginia, MN      |
|                 | 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       |
| May 28          | Dana Funk            | Mankato, MN       |

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

## BUY KWIK TRIP SCRIP CARDS

Buy a Kwik Trip Scrip gift card; use it like cash at any Kwik Trip, and The Rotary Club of Rochester keeps 10% of the face value of each card. Proceeds will be combined with funds raised at our Biennial



Auction. Scrip cards are available for purchase at the registration table at our Thursday club meetings.



**"LIKE" THE ROTARY CLUB OF ROCHESTER ON FACEBOOK!**

# MAY CALENDAR

## Weekly Meetings

- May 1** **Heritage Hall, The Kahler Grand Hotel**, 11:30 a.m.–1:00 p.m., “Olmsted Medical Center: 65 years of Patient-Centered Service to Southeast Minnesota,” presented by Kathryn Lombardo, MD, OMC President, and Tim Weir, OMC CEO
- May 8** **Rotation Day**, 11:30 a.m.–1:00 p.m., Rotarians host at their places of vocation
- May 15** **Windsor Hall, The Kahler Grand Hotel**, 11:30 a.m.–1:00 p.m., “Rotary Club of Rochester Community Service”
- May 22** **Heritage Hall, The Kahler Grand Hotel**, 11:30 a.m.–1:00 p.m., “Rotary Youth Exchange” presented by Andreza daSilva, Mikkel Kailow, and Margaret Anderson
- May 29** **Heritage Hall, The Kahler Grand Hotel**, 11:30 a.m.–1:00 p.m., “Choosing Astronauts” presented by Steven Altschuler

## Other Meetings & Events

- May 5** **Channel One Service Location:** Channel One Building 6:00-8:00 pm
- May 9** **Rotary Club of Rochester Foundation Board Strategic Planning Session** Eastwood Bank, 7:00-9:00 a.m.
- May 12** **Salvation Army Dinner Service**, Salvation Army Building, 5:30-7:00 p.m.
- May 13** **Rotary Club of Rochester Board Meeting**, OMC Foundation Offices, 7:00-8:00 a.m.
- May 14** **Community Food Response Service**, Bethel Lutheran Church, 1:15-6:45 p.m.
- May 15** **Guys Read**, Boys and Girls Club at Rochester Public Library, 6:15-7 pm
- May 21** **Guys Read**, Franklin Elementary, 3:30-4:30 p.m.
- May 21** **Rotary Information Meeting**, Custom Alarm Conference Room, 4:30-6:00 p.m.
- May 23** **Guys Read**, Riverside Elementary, 3:30-4:30 p.m.
- May 28** **Wine Down Wednesday**, Crossings (Kahler Inn & Suites), 5:00 p.m.

## Welcome New Members!



Rotarian Marilyn Stewart with new member Nels Pierson.



President Vicki Allen with new member Shan Pollitt.

# Rotary 5960 District Conference and Youth Exchange Luncheon and Country Fair



Above left: Andreza and friend.

Above right: Mikkel and friends.



Merlin Ricklefs speaking with a fellow Rotarian after the Literacy breakout session.



Youth Exchange booth from Brazil.



Youth Exchange booth from Denmark.



## 2014 SCHOLARSHIPS

### Top Prizes: \$2,000

Malaz Elkarib - Century High School  
 Abdinasir Omar - John Marshall High School  
 Manal Abbadi - Mayo High School

### 2nd Prize: \$1,000

Darlac Y Nguyen - Century High School  
 Alex Steffl - John Marshall High School  
 Paige Williams - Mayo High School

### 3rd Prize: \$750

Diana Tinajero - Century High School  
 Hanan Wazwaz - John Marshall High School  
 Eric Muro - Mayo High School

### 4th Prize: \$500

Brianna Kimmes - Century High School  
 Brandon Vaught - John Marshall High School  
 Katherine (Kat) Cortes - Mayo High School

### 5th Prize: \$250

Kassim Sheikabdullani - Century High School  
 Megan Underdahl - John Marshall High School  
 Krista Stevens - Mayo High School

### Rochester Public School Foundation:

Hanan Wazwaz  
 Katherine (Kat) Cortes  
 Darlac Nguyen

Register now and join your fellow Rotarians at the June 17th Installation of Karel Weigel as 2014-15 Rotary District 5960 Governor



The Rotary Club of Rochester proudly announces the installation of

## Karel Weigel

2014-15 Rotary District 5960 Governor



June 17, 2014

Minnesota Zoo, 13000 Zoo Boulevard, Apple Valley

6:30 – 7:45 pm Social Hour with Appetizers & Cash Bar  
8:00 Program

Event price: \$40 (parking included)  
Special Zoo rate, 2-6 pm: \$12 (parking included)

Link to event registration under "What's New" at:  
<http://rochesterrotaryclubs.org/trcr/>  
For assistance contact: [romnrotary@charter.net](mailto:romnrotary@charter.net)



## May Rotary Anniversaries



|                       |          |
|-----------------------|----------|
| James Seward          | 5 years  |
| Leon Clark            | 7 years  |
| Betty Hutchins        | 8 years  |
| Lorrie Swancutt       | 8 years  |
| Brad Jones            | 9 years  |
| Nickie Froiland       | 10 years |
| Cris Fischer          | 14 years |
| Christopher Colby     | 15 years |
| Thomas Behrenbeck     | 16 years |
| Jane Piepgras         | 17 years |
| Marvin "Marv" Ramsay  | 17 years |
| Christine Cross       | 17 years |
| Rick Lien             | 17 years |
| Barbara Hight-Randall | 18 years |
| Charles Kennedy       | 22 years |
| Robert MacCarty       | 31 years |
| J. Daniel Skinner     | 36 years |
| Lance Thorkelson      | 38 years |
| Roger Kempers         | 52 years |

### The Rotary Club of Rochester 2013-14 Club Progress to Goals

| CATEGORY   | 2013-14 GOALS | As of May 1, 2014            |
|--|---------------|------------------------------|
| Membership <i>(Began Rotary year with 203)</i>                     | 210           | 205                          |
| Rotary International Foundation Annual Program Fund                | \$12,000      | <b>\$7,616 (63% of goal)</b> |
| Every Rotarian Every Year (EREY)                                   | 100%          | 17%                          |
| Polio Plus <i>(from Auction proceeds and individual donations)</i> | \$2,500       | \$2,940 (117% of goal)       |
| District 5960 Fast for Hope Project <i>(from Auction proceeds)</i> | \$1,000       | \$1,000 (100% of goal)       |



Rotary District 5960 hosts  
**Rally with the Twins  
at Target Field!**



Saturday, July 19 at 6:10 pm

**Minnesota Twins vs. Tampa Bay Rays**

The Twins anticipate demand for single game tickets to continue. Be sure to order early as our tickets are limited (only 100 box seats) and we will not have an opportunity to order additional tickets.

Order Deadline is Tuesday, June 24, 2014

Tickets will be mailed by Thursday, July 10, 2014

**ALL ROTARIANS, FAMILY MEMBERS AND GUESTS**

**WELCOME TO THIS FAMILY EVENT!**

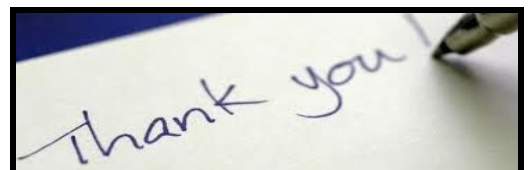
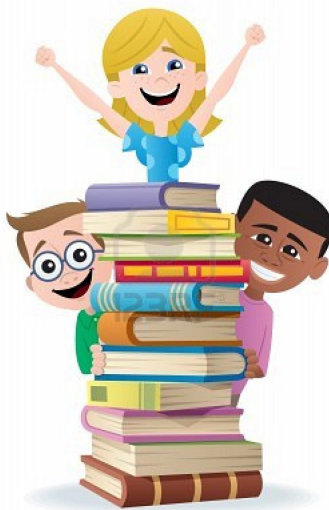
Order tickets at [www.rotary5960.org](http://www.rotary5960.org)

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Questions? Call Kathy Hughitt at 651-636-9054 or 800-636-9054 or email [kathy.hughitt@rotary5960.org](mailto:kathy.hughitt@rotary5960.org)

## MY BOOK DAY

The Rochester Rotary Risers, in collaboration with the Rochester Public Library and Rochester Public Schools, are introducing a new literacy event for Rochester area first graders in the spring of 2014, called My Book Day. The day is a celebration of the student's efforts towards reading with a gift of a hard covered book to each child, readings by local "celebrity" readers, a tour of the library's youth services division and creation of a reading plan by the students to encourage them to continue their reading efforts throughout the upcoming summer. The event will take place on May 9th at the Rochester Public Library, with the first graders of Riverside and Gage Elementary schools participating in our inaugural year. Between these two schools, we will have approximately 250 students participating. Please contact Rotary Riser McKinsey Goodenberger for more information if you are interested in making a donation of time or money toward this effort.



Thanks to all who helped with the April meetings:

Greeters: Sue Dripps, Colin Aldis, Lois Nietz, Anne Berberich, Bari Amadio, Mark Noble; Cashier: Jeff Allman, Mark Neville, Angie Rustad; Sergeant-at-Arms: John Woodruff; Visitors Desk: Bari Amadio, Tank Sholem, Suzanne Dinusson, Invocations: Phil Karsell, Audrey Betcher, JoAnn Stormer; Four Way Test: Dennis Nigon, Dan Kelly, Jen Woodford; Introduction of Visitors: Jerry Downes, Phil Karsell; Presenters: Randy Fett, Nickie Froiland, Jerry Williams, Michael Keller, McKinsey Goodenberger.

# ROTARY CLUB OF ROCHESTER FOUNDATION AUCTION

Rotarians and friends of Rotary gather at the Rochester International Event Center on Thursday, April 17 to enjoy good fun while raising funds for Rotary's good works. Many volunteer hours were given planning the event, decorating the venue, and preparing donated auction items. The theme was western, and party-goers wore their best cowboy hats, boots, denim and more.

Thanks to the generosity of Rotarians, attendees had the opportunity to purchase more than eighty items during silent and live auctions. Raffle tickets were also sold to buy chances to win cash prizes and half a Wine Wall. The event raised approximately \$19,000 to be designated for local and international Rotary projects over the next two years. Thank you to all who participated through donations, attendance, and purchases!



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# ROTARY, UNESCO-IHE ANNOUNCES NEW GRADUATING CLASS AIMS TO IMPROVE WATER AND SANITATION

22-Apr-2014, <https://www.rotary.org/en/node/124446>

"DELFT, The Netherlands (24 April 2014) — The first class of five Rotary sponsored scholars has graduated with Master of Science degrees in water education from the UNESCO-IHE Institute for Water Education. The graduates now will apply their education to water and sanitation projects in their home countries of Argentina, Uganda, Nigeria, Ethiopia and Ghana.

Established in 2011, the partnership between Rotary and UNESCO-IHE -- the world's largest graduate water education facility -- addresses the global water and sanitation crisis by increasing the ranks of trained professionals critically needed to devise, plan and implement solutions in countries where communities lack access to clean water and safe sanitation. Rotary provides scholarship grants that enable local Rotary clubs and districts to select and sponsor eligible students to the program. Rotary members mentor the students throughout the program, building positive relationships that continue after graduation.

"We're proud of the Rotary and UNESCO-IHE partnership and especially proud of our first class of Rotary water scholars, who will now use their expertise to develop sustainable water and sanitation solutions in their home countries," said Rotary Foundation Trustee Stephen R. Brown. "The mentoring of the students by Rotary clubs and Rotary members -- during their studies at UNESCO-IHE, as well as after they return home -- is essential to the success of the scholarship program. These relationships and networks will enable students to effectively implement their skills in their own local communities. Their work to improve water and sanitation conditions will have a positive, lasting impact around the world."

His sentiments are echoed by UNESCO-IHE Rector András Szöllösi-Nagy. "I am confident that as these young professionals return home, they will continue to play a vital role in managing our water systems in a sustainable way for future generations," he said. "As alumni, they will remain part of the largest network of water professionals and become part of an extensive network of fellow Rotary scholarship recipients and Rotarians worldwide."

For example, graduate Bernice Asamoah, of Ghana, plans a hygiene project that will use solar power to disinfect water for communal toilet facilities. Graduate Kenechukwu "Kaycee" Okoli, of Nigeria, knows the value of public education, especially to empower children to become change agents. "The objective is to

visit schools and to teach children and adolescents basic sanitation habits," he said.

Another graduate, Temesgen Adamu, of Ethiopia, points to the World Health Organization's statistics indicating that about 2.5 billion people worldwide do not have access to improved sanitation, and over 783 million people lack access to clean drinking water. "In my home country, the water quality is poor, safe water and sanitation facilities are inaccessible and water based diseases widespread," Adamu said.

Graduate Gonzalo Duró, of Argentina, said he learned the critical importance of "cooperation between partners, institutions and professionals" in developing solutions to water and sanitation issues, while Uganda's Godfrey Baguma appreciated the practical nature of the studies. "I am now able to address water and sanitation issues in a more integrated and technical manner," Baguma said, adding that his interactions with Rotary members helped make Delft "a home away from home."

Building on the success of the first class, the second class of students - 16 in total - began graduate studies in October 2013 and will graduate in 2015. Applications for the scholarship program can be found here: <http://www.unesco-ihe.org/node/15630>

The UNESCO-IHE graduates become part of a vast network of Rotary Foundation alumni, consisting of 120,000 leaders and change agents around the world. Since 1947, more than 43,000 students and fellows have received Rotary scholarships supporting studies in a variety of disciplines representing a total investment of more than US\$557 million.

## About UNESCO-IHE

UNESCO-IHE Institute for Water Education is the largest international graduate water education facility in the world and is based in Delft, the Netherlands. The Institute confers fully accredited MSc degrees, and PhD degrees in collaboration with partners in the Netherlands. Since 1957 the Institute has provided graduate education to more than 14,500 water professionals from over 160 countries, the vast majority from the developing world. A unique combination of applied, scientific and participatory research in water engineering is offered combined with natural sciences and management sciences. More information: [www.unesco-ihe.org](http://www.unesco-ihe.org)."

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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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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)

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**ROTARY COMMITTEES**

**CLUB SERVICE I**

Sue Johnson, Director

- Greeters.....*Colin Aldis*
- Membership Development..... *Paul Tieskoetter*
- Rotary Information Officer .....*Leigh Johnson*
- Visitors Desk ..... *Kathy Lessard*
- Sergeant-at-Arms..... *John Woodruff*
- Mentors ..... *Milt Tostrud*

**CLUB SERVICE II**

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- Club Bulletin ..... *Elizabeth Karsell, Lorie Luedke*
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- Public Relations ..... *Bill Wiktor*
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- Golf Day ..... *Fred Suhler*
- Music ..... *Ann Beatty*
- Social Events ..... *Anne Berberich*

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- Rotary Scholarships .....*Steve Courts*
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- Rotation Day ..... *Danae Ostern*
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- Vocational Talks .....*Alison Good*
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- Community Food Response ..... *Phil Karsell*
- Library Hosts .....*Mary Jo Kelly*
- Quarry Hill Fall Festival ..... *Steve Sponsel*
- Rotary Bell Ringing for Salvation Army ..*Fred Suhler*
- Rotary US Bank Holiday Classic .....*Lynn Clarey, Janice Domke, Elizabeth Karsell, Lorie Luedke, Bill Nietz, Marv Ramsay, Doug Rovang, Laurel Schacht, Steve Stenhaus, Lorrie Swancutt, Jen Woodford*
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- Service Above Self Awards .....*Cresta Valentine*
- Student Guests ..... *Sara Gilliland*
- White Oaks Park .....*Ashok Patel, Mike Mahrer*