

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



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## VITAL STATISTICS

**MEMBERSHIP:** 195

**MARCH ATTENDANCE:** 46%

**AMBASSADORS:** Rotary Club of Fort Myers: **Jerry Downes**; Rotary Club of Wabasha, MN: **Judy O'Fallon, Mike O'Fallon**; Rotary Club of Wautoma, WI: **Bill Hendee**; Rotary District 5960: **Colin Aldis, Vicki Allen, Gilda Banfield, John Brandrup, Cynthia Daube, Suzanne Dinusson, Mark Dripps, Dana Funk, Heather Holmes, Diane Ilstrup, Leigh J. Johnson, Phil Karsell, Lorie Luedke, Mark Neville, Lois Nietz, Judy O'Fallon, Mike O'Fallon, Ashok Patel, Karen Ricklefs, Merlin Ricklefs, Samantha Rother, Doug Rovang, Tank Sholem, Terry Sorenson, Paul Tieskoetter, Stacey Vanden Heuvel, Karel Weigel, Bill Wiktor**

**GREATER ROCHESTER ROTARY:** **Borge M. Christensen, Joel Haak, Karel Weigel**

**ROCHESTER ROTARY RISERS:** **Dave Colville, Ashok Patel**

**ROTARY eCLUB ONE:** none

**MEMBERS ON LEAVE:** none

**RESIGNATIONS:** none

**DEATHS:** **Robert Fontana**

**NEW MEMBERS:** **None**

## MAY BIRTHDAYS

<u>Birthday</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Birthplace</u>
May 2	Cory Simonson	
May 3	Karel Weigel	Hopkinton, Iowa
May 4	Borge M. Christensen	Odense, Denmark
May 6	Sarah Burrington	Rochester MN
May 8	James Seward	
May10	Peter Carryer	Rochester, MN
	Dave Colville	Philadelphia, PA
	John Woodruff	Rochester, MN
May 11	Bill Harreld	Chorokoo, IA
May13	Tim Weir	South Bend, IN
May 14	Alison Bach Good	Rochester, MN
May 20	Kelly Engler	Virginia, MN
	Dennis Nigon	Waukon, IA
May 21	Tim Sitzer	Rochester, MN
May 22	Jon Ewing	Des Moines, IA
	Carla Nelson	Webster City, IA
	Sue Robb	Rochester, MN
	Lorrie Swancutt	Rochester, MN
May 23	John Brandrup	Mankato, MN
	Douglas Porter	Philadelphia, PA
May 28	Dana Funk	Mankato, MN
May 30	Barbara Hight-Randall	Rochester, MN

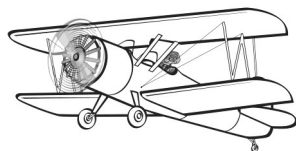
*If we have missed your birthday, please let us know.*

## ROTARY AVIATION DAY

**WHERE:** Rochester Signature Flight Support Hangar C

**WHEN:** Thursday, June 11,

11:30 a.m.– 1:00 p.m.



All Rochester Rotarians and their guests are welcome! Presentations by Rochester International Airport Director John Reed and Rochester Flying Club President Tim Argo. Airplanes and airport equipment on display



**"LIKE" THE ROTARY CLUB OF ROCHESTER**

# MAY CALENDAR

## Weekly Meetings

- May 7**     **Rotation Day**, Mayo Planetarium and Olmsted Medical Center Women’s Health Pavilion, 11:30 a.m.–1:00 p.m.
- May 14**    “Leadership Greater Rochester: The Rochester Mini Library Program” presented by Jim Hegland and Jon Allen, 11:30 a.m.–1:00 p.m. **Holiday Inn Plaza Banquet Room**
- May 21**    “Fast for Hope” presented by Kathy Stutzman, 11:30 a.m.–1:00 p.m. **Holiday Inn Plaza Banquet Room**
- May 28**    “Regional Transportation in the Rochester Area,” presented by Christian Holter, 11:30 a.m.–1:00 p.m. **Holiday Inn Plaza Banquet Room**

## Other Meetings & Events

- May 4**            **Channel One Service**, Channel One Building (131 35 St SE), 6-8 p.m.
- May 11**           **Salvation Army Dinner Service**, Salvation Army Bldg, 5:30-7 p.m.
- May 13**           **Rotary Club of Rochester Board Meeting**, OMC Foundation Offices, 7 a.m.
- May 13**           **SE-MN World Community Service Committee Meeting**, Nietz & Eversman (2212 2nd St SW), 7 a.m.
- May 13**           **Community Food Response Service**, Bethel Lutheran, 1:15-6:45 p.m.
- May 20**           **Rotary Information Meeting**, Custom Alarm Conference Room, 4:30 -6 pm
- May 20**           **White Oaks Park Clean-up**, White Oaks Park (4597 55th St. NW, 6 p.m.
- May 27**           **Wine Down Wednesday**, Twigs,

## May Rotary Anniversaries

Sue M. Johnson	1 year
Samantha Rother	1 year
Christopher Ness	2 years
James Seward	6 years
Leon Clark	8 years
Betty Hutchins	9 years
Lorrie Swancutt	9 years
Brad Jones	10 years
Nickie Froiland	11 years
Cris Fischer	15 years
Christopher Colby	16 years
Thomas Behrenbeck	17 years
Jane Piepgras	18 years
Chris Cross	18 years
Rick Lien	18 years
Barbara Hight-Randall	19 years
Charles Kennedy	23 years
Robert MacCarty	32 years
Lance Thorkelson	39 years
Roger Kempers	53 years



## Thanks to all who helped with the April meetings:

**Greeters:** Kelly Engler, Marilyn Stewart, Ray Johnson, Sue F. Johnson, Cory Simonson, Lois Nietz, Sue Dripps; **Cashier:** Sue M. Johnson, Jennifer Teske, Janice Domke, Danae Gaio; **Sergeant-at-Arms:** John Woodruff, **Visitors Desk:** Kathy Lessard, Caroline Baihly, Dana Funk, George Allen; **Invocations:** Jim Sloan, Jerry Mahon, Bill Wiktor, Joel Haak; **Four Way Test:** Jen Woodford, Tony Enquist, Heather Holmes, Paul Richardson; **Introduction of Visitors:** Dan O’Neil, Jim Sloan, Leigh J. Johnson; **Presenters:** Shan Pollitt, Heather Holmes, JoAnn Stormer, Randy Hemann, Bruce Rohde, Carol Simons.

# STRIVE CELEBRATION!

The 2014-15 Rotary STRIVE program ended with an ice cream social on Wednesday, April 29 at the Holiday Inn Downtown. Distinguished guests included Rochester Public Schools Superintendent and Rotarian Michael Munoz, Century High School Principal Chris Fogarty, John Marshall High School Principal Tim Limberg, Mayo High School Principal Tom Olson, and Rotary District 5960 Governor Karel Weigel. The keynote speaker was Rochester Area Habitat for Humanity ReStore Manager Abigail Davis.

STRIVE is about making a difference in the lives of students, giving hope and direction, setting goals, improving academics, making friendships, and celebrating accomplishments. The mentoring program took place once again during this school year at the three public high schools in Rochester. Many thanks to the coordinators: Diane Ilstrup from The Rotary Club of Rochester and Brett Ness at Century High School, Mike Becker from Greater Rochester Rotary and Rotarian Mary Sorensen at John Marshall High School, and Tom Fleming from Rochester Risers Rotary Club and Jennifer Finch-Mitchell at Mayo High School.

All students make progress through the program, learning social skills, rededicating themselves to school, and working to improve their academics. Scholarships are given to honor students who have made significant achievements. Rochester Public School Foundation "STRIVING to Improve" Scholarships were awarded to the following students by RPSF Representative Regina Seabrook: John Marshall's Mana Mohamed, Mayo High School's Emily Pavon, and Century High School's Sarah Curnow. Rotary STRIVE Scholarships were also awarded as follows: Top Prizes to Naimo Fiqi of Century, Mitchell Haldorson of John Marshall High School, and Yvette Flores of Mayo High School; 2nd Prizes to Jesse Myhrom of Century High School, Zainab Koroma- John Marshall High School, and Alicia Seabright of Mayo High School; and 3rd Prizes to Jacob Gagnon of Century High School, Tyler Tointon of John Marshall High School and Maryan Nur of Mayo High School.





## SERVICE Above Self



Four local students were recently awarded The Rotary Club of Rochester's Service Above Self awards for demonstration of exemplary humanitarian service with an emphasis on personal volunteer efforts and active involvement in helping others. Those honored included Neda Khi from Century High School, Mana Ahmed Mohamed from John Marshall High School, Caitlin Steier from Lourdes High School, and Diana Sorenson from Mayo High School.



ROTARY DISTRICT 5960 HOSTS  
**RALLY WITH THE TWINS**  
**AT TARGET FIELD**  
 SATURDAY, JUNE 20 AT 1:10PM

**MINNESOTA TWINS VS. CHICAGO CUBS**

ORDER EARLY AS SEATS ARE LIMITED.  
**ORDER DEADLINE IS JUNE 02, 2015**  
 TICKETS WILL BE MAILED BY JUNE 11, 2015

[Click here to find more information and registration online.](#)

# SHELTERBOX TEAM IN KATHMANDU AHEAD OF 'WHAT WILL BE A MAJOR OPERATION'

Taken from <http://shelterboxusa.org/news.php?id=1578>

Wednesday 29 April 2015



*Nicola Hinds talks with local aid workers in Kathmandu, Nepal. ShelterBox 2015*

to meet with the Nepali Government and a number of other partners in order to prepare for what will be a major operation." They have already met with local Rotary representatives, who Phil says, "gave us a great briefing on the situation." The situation is tense as numerous aftershocks continue, and Phil says he and his colleague were kept awake by tremors throughout the night.

ShelterBox already had some aid located in Kathmandu, as the charity was working in Nepal last Autumn responding to flooding and landslides. Immediately after news of the earthquake broke, ShelterBox offered these stored tents for use by Kathmandu's overwhelmed hospitals as mobile clinics for the injured or as recovery shelter. As Phil notes, "Most hospitals in Kathmandu have just been condemned, so we are immediately distributing our pre-positioned stocks in the city, to give a space for the medical staff to treat the patients who have been evacuated to the hospital grounds."

Fellow Nepal response team volunteer, Nicola Hinds adds, "We are currently driving towards the hospitals and the devastation is enormous. It really puts things into perspective about how lucky we are when you see the scene here. People are being treated in the open air with limited resources - the difference is staggering."

Much larger volumes of ShelterBox aid are on standby at key transport hubs worldwide, and will be deployed to feed into the co-ordinated international aid push, being headed up by the Red Cross. Five hundred shelter kits, which contain tools, tarpaulins and fixings to create basic shelters or to waterproof damaged roofs, have already been dispatched.

Phil explains, "Staff are working very hard to identify the quickest way to get stock in from Dubai." One concern is a reported logjam at Kathmandu airport, with people trying to fly out of the country while flights of aid and rescue teams wait to land. On Monday four Indian Air Force planes had to return to Delhi after encountering congestion at Kathmandu.

**A ShelterBox team arrived in Kathmandu to face a daunting task. The scale of destruction across the Himalayan country of Nepal since Saturday's 7.8 magnitude earthquake is immense. The United Nations (UN) estimates that eight million people have been affected - over a quarter of the population - and the death toll keeps rising, now past 5,000 and expected to at least double.**

Nepal's prime minister Sushil Koirala today said his government was doing all it could, but was overwhelmed.

Into this tragedy flew disaster relief charity ShelterBox, its first team arriving to begin the process of establishing aid priorities with other agencies. Additional team members are arriving from the United Kingdom today.

Team leader, Phil Duloy said on arrival, "My colleague Nicola and I are preparing

## SHELTERBOX TEAM IN KATHMANDU AHEAD OF 'WHAT WILL BE A MAJOR OPERATION'

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First priority for all humanitarian aid agencies is to identify where the greatest need is, and to establish how best to meet that need. With the UN estimating that a quarter of the population has been affected, need will be widespread, and some rural areas are accessible only by helicopter because roads are damaged or impassable. Nepal's Home Ministry says that water, food and electricity are in short supply, and there are fears of outbreaks of disease.

With hundreds of thousands of people sleeping outdoors in makeshift shelters, thunderstorms forecast, mountain snows melting, and the monsoon season due, the growing risk of landslides and flash flooding will add to the challenges for rescue and relief teams

The ShelterBox team in Kathmandu will be joined by experienced volunteer Becky Maynard, who has attended earthquake responses before, including Haiti. Before leaving she said, "The images coming out are painting a picture of real devastation – families living in pop-up tented cities, afraid to go back to their homes. Storms and flooding could bring another level of desolation."

To make a donation and help provide shelter, warmth and dignity, please visit [www.shelterboxusa.org/nepal](http://www.shelterboxusa.org/nepal).



2015 Camp RYLA students



Youth Exchange Counselor Mark Dripps with student Takeshi



### In Memoriam: Robert Fontana

Robert Scott Fontana, 89, died March 30, 2015, at Rochester Methodist Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Margaret and four children. He was preceded in death by a son. Bob was a member of The Rotary Club of Rochester for many years.

### The Rotary Club of Rochester 2014-15 Club Progress to Goals

CATEGORY	2014-15 GOALS	As of May 1, 2015
<b>Membership</b> <i>(Began Rotary year with 203)</i>	205	195
<b>Rotary International Foundation Annual Program Fund</b>	\$10,000	\$15,112 (151% of goal)
<b>Every Rotarian Every Year (EREY)</b>	100%	18%
<b>Polio Plus</b> <i>(from Auction proceeds)</i>	\$2,500	\$2,750 (125% of goal)
<b>District 5960 Fast for Hope Project</b> <i>(from Auction proceeds)</i>	\$1,000	\$1,000 (100% of goal)

# DISTRICT 5960 CONFERENCE HELD IN ROCHESTER

More than 230 Rotarians and friends attended the 2015 District 5960 Conference held in Rochester, April 30 - May 2. In addition to great fun and fellowship, attendees heard a compelling personal Polio survivors story from Ann Lee Hussey, a Past District Governor of District 7780 and Chair of the Polio Survivors Rotarian Action Group, She is a member of Portland Sunrise Rotary Club in Maine. Rotary International President Representative Gene Hernandez talked about about how to build a Rotary float for the Tournament of Roses parade as well as providing an update on Rotary International. Gene is a Past District Governor District 5300 (California), recipient of Service Above Self award and a member of the Rotary Club of Chino. Nick Mezacapa's keynote was titled, "How to Fly a Small Airplane" where he described the instruments needed to keep a group "up in the air." At the closing session, Ben Thwaits, program development coordinator at Northwest Passage and member of the Siren-Webster Rotary Club spoke about a therapeutic nature photography program for at-risk youth which included beautiful photography from a trip to Costa Rica, a part of the Sister Parks project.

A special thanks to Rotarians from our club who provided inspiring breakout sessions during the conference: Leigh J. Johnson, Jim Sloan, Stacey Vanden Heuvel, Vicki Allen, and Heather Holmes.

Additional thanks to the businesses and members of our club who provided sponsorships: Bremer Bank (Paul Tieskoetter), Daube's (Cynthia Daube), Family Tree Landscape and Nursery (Margaret Hinz), Judy and Jim Sloan Foundation (Jim Sloan), Rochester Area Foundation (JoAnn Stormer), and Karel Weigel.



Allie Good and Suzanne Dinusson

Mark Dripps and Mike O'Fallon

## A Special Thanks TO OUR PLANNING TEAM

<b>Karel Weigel</b> District Governor	<b>Vicki Allen</b>	<b>Dana Funk</b>
<b>Lorie Luedke</b> Conference Chair	<b>Mike Becker</b>	<b>Allison Good</b>
<b>Kathy Hughitt</b> District Office Administrator	<b>Suzanne Dinusson</b>	<b>Heather Holmes</b>
	<b>Mark Dripps</b>	<b>Craig Leiser</b>
	<b>Joanne Roesner</b>	

RIGHT: University of Minnesota's Rockie the Raptor with District Governor Karel Weigel



## EXPLORE THE ROAD TO ROTARY OPPORTUNITIES

2015 ROTARY DISTRICT 5960 CONFERENCE

### APRIL 30 – MAY 2

Kahler Grand Hotel and Rochester Marriott  
ROCHESTER, MINNESOTA



LEFT: Ashok Patel with Rotarians and Shelter Box representatives

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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:** Paul Tieskoetter

**PRESIDENT-ELECT:** Bill Wiktor

**PRESIDENT NOMINEE:** Stacey Vanden Heuvel

**SECRETARY:** Mark Noble

**TREASURER:** Maurice Reiner

**PAST PRESIDENT:** Vicki Allen

**ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTOR**

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**ROTARY DISTRICT 5960 GOVERNOR**

Karel Weigel, Rotary Club of Rochester

**ASSISTANT GOVERNOR**

**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:                                      [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org)

**ROTARY COMMITTEES**

**CLUB SERVICE I**

Colin Aldis, Director

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

**CLUB SERVICE II**

Brian Welke, Director

- Club Bulletin ..... *Elizabeth Karsell, Lorie Luedke*
- Club Web Site & Social Networking ..... *Heather Holmes, Elizabeth Karsell, Brian Welke*
- Invocations ..... *Bill Wiktor*
- Programs ..... *David Harbert, Leigh Johnson*
- Public Relations ..... *Stacey Vanden Huevel*
- Four-Way Test ..... *Steve Sponsel*

**CLUB SERVICE III**

Kathy Lessard, Director

- Biennial Auction ..... *Heather Holmes, Brian Welke*
- Golf Day ..... *Fred Suhler*
- Music ..... *Ann Beaty*
- Social Events .....

**INTERNATIONAL SERVICE**

Steve Courts, Director

- Rotary Scholarships ..... *Steve Courts*
- Group Study Exchange Team ..... *Steve Courts*
- Rotary International Foundation ..... *Vicki Allen*
- Youth Exchange ..... *Cris Fischer*
- Rotary Gift of Life ..... *Betty Devine*
- World Community Service ..... *Judith O’Fallon*

**VOCATIONAL SERVICE**

Fred Suhler, Director

- Camp RYLA ..... *Dana Funk, Diane Ilstrup*
- Rotary Literacy Coordinator .....
- Rotation Day ..... *Danae Gaio*
- STRIVE ..... *Mark Dripps, Diane Ilstrup*
- Vocational Talks ..... *Alison Good*
- Youth Protection Officer .....

**COMMUNITY SERVICE**

Bari Amadio, Director

- Channel One..... *Mike O’Fallon*
- Community Food Response ..... *Kelly Engler, Phil Karsell*
- Quarry Hill Fall Festival ..... *Steve Sponsel*
- Rotary Bell Ringing - Salvation Army ..... *Mark Neville, Fred Suhler*
- Rotary US Bank Holiday Classic ..... *Michael Brennan, Lynn Clarey, Janice Domke, Elizabeth Karsell, Lorie Luedke, Bill Nietz, Laurel Schacht, Steve Stenhaus, Lorrie Swancutt, Jen Woodford*
- Salvation Army Dinners ..... *Heather Holmes Sue F. Johnson*
- Service Above Self Awards .....
- Student Guests ..... *Sue M. Johnson*
- White Oaks Park ..... *Ashok Patel, Mike Mahrer*