

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



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VITAL STATISTICS

MEMBERSHIP: 187

FEBRUARY ATTENDANCE: 48%

ROCHESTER ROTARY RISERS: none reported

GREATER ROCHESTER ROTARY: none reported

ROTARY eCLUB ONE: **Borge M. Christensen**

NEW MEMBERS: **JoMarie Morris**

MEMBERS ON LEAVE: **Robert Olson, Dennis Nigon**

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	
May 10	Peter Carryer	Rochester, MN
	Dave Colville	Philadelphia, PA
	John Woodruff	Rochester, MN
May 13	Tim Weir	South Bend, IN
May 14	Alison Bach Good	Rochester, MN
May 20	Kelly Engler	Virginia, MN
	Dennis Nigon	Waukon, IA
May 22	Jon Ewing	Des Moines, IA
	Carla Nelson	Webster City, IA
	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
May 31	JoMarie Morris	Owatonna, MN

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

HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW ABOUT ROTARY CONVENTIONS?

From newgenerations@rotary.org, 22-April-2016

For 106 years Rotary members from around the world have shared ideas and experiences at the Rotary International Convention. How much do you know about the annual convention? [Take the quiz](#) to test your knowledge and [connect with culture](#) at the Rotary Inter-

Welcome JoMarie!



New Rotarian JoMarie Morris with sponsor Vicki Allen



Be a gift to the world

MAY CALENDAR

Weekly Meetings

- May 5 "Dentistry from the Heart and Other Dental Mission Experiences" presented by Katie Odland and Steve Sperling, Riverview Suites C&D, **Mayo Civic Center**, 11:30 am–1:00 pm
- May 12 "Our Changing Future: It Isn't What It Used To Be" by Merlin Ricklefs, Riverview Suites C&D, **Mayo Civic Center**, 11:30 am-1:00 pm
- May 19 Our 2015-16 Youth Exchange Student Tanish Gurjar, Riverview Suites C&D, **Mayo Civic Center**, 11:30 am–1:00 pm
- May 26 "Community Health Needs Assessment" presented by Pete Geisen, Riverview Suites C&D, **Mayo Civic Center**, 11:30 am–1:00 pm

Other Meetings & Events

- May 2 **Channel One Service**, Channel One Building (131 35 St SE), 6:00-8:00 pm
- May 3 **Rotary Club of Rochester Board**, OMC SE Clinic Conference Room 4-2 (210 9th St. SE), 7:00 am
- May 9 **Salvation Army Dinner Service**, Salvation Army Building, 5:30-7:00 pm
- May 11 **Southeast World Community Service Meeting**, Edina Realty Conference Room (1301 Salem Rd SW) 7:00 am
- May 11 **Community Food Response**, Bethel Lutheran Church (810 3rd Ave SE), 1:15 -6:45 pm
- May 18 **Rotary Information Meeting**, Custom Alarm Conference Room, 4:30-6:00 pm
- May 18 **White Oaks Park Cleanup**, White Oaks Park (4597 55th St NW), 6:00 pm
- May 25 **Wine Down Wednesday**, Terza / La Vetta, 4:00 pm

May Rotary Anniversaries

Sue M. Johnson	2 year
Samantha Rother	2 year
Christopher Ness	3 years
James Seward	7 years
Leon Clark	9 years
Betty Hutchins	10 years
Lorrie Swancutt	10 years
Brad Jones	11 years
Christopher Colby	17 years
Thomas Behrenbeck	18 years
Jane Piepgras	19 years
Rick Lien	19 years
Barbara Hight-Randall	20 years
Charles Kennedy	24 years
Robert MacCarty	33 years
Lance Thorkelson	40 years
Roger Kempers	54 years



Thanks to all who helped with the April meetings:

Greeters: **Kristine Ihrke, Peggy Elliot, Sinéad Chick**; Cashier: **Janice Domke, Caroline Baihly, Angie Rustad**; Sergeant-at-Arms: **John Woodruff**; Visitors Desk: **Joel Haak, Sinéad Chick, Sara Gilliland**; Music: **Mark Neville, Jim Sloan, Judith O'Fallon**; Reflections: **Colin Aldis, Walt Menning, Samantha Rother**; Four Way Test: **Melanie Tschida, Corey Jordan, Mark Dripps**; Introduction of Visitors: **Larry Koshire, Jen Woodford**; Presenters: **Rick Estenson, Pamela Meyer, Angela Lunde**

LOCAL STUDENTS HONORED FOR SERVICE ABOVE SELF



SERVICE Above Self

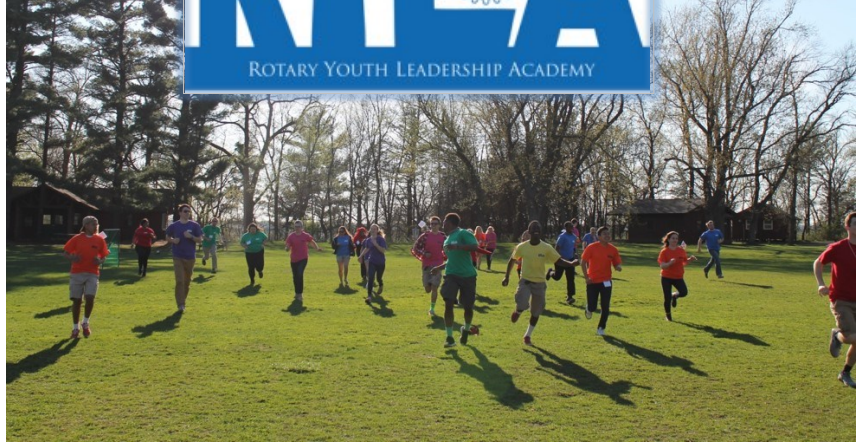
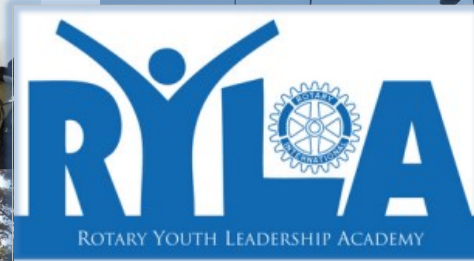
Four local students, Heidi Gerber, Zack Perrault, Ana Sedarski, and Jack Thull, were honored at our April 28 with our “Service Above Self” award. The students were nominated by teachers or counselors at their schools for their extraordinary service, including volunteerism at their churches, various local nonprofits, and with younger students in our community. Each student received a certificate recognizing them “for demonstration of exemplary humanitarian service with an emphasis on personal volunteer efforts and active involvement in helping others” and a check for \$25. Zack Perrault was unable to attend due to a school conflict and therefore is not pictured.



The Rotary Club of Rochester 2015-16 Club Progress to Goals		
CATEGORY	2015-16 GOALS	As of April 30, 2016
Membership <i>(Began Rotary year with 185)</i>	200	187
Rotary International Foundation Annual Program Fund	\$10,000	\$9,004 (90% of goal)
Every Rotarian Every Year (EREY)	100%	21%
PolioPlus	\$2,500	\$300 (12% of goal)
District 5960 Fast for Hope Project	\$1,000	\$0 (0% of goal)
Rotary Club of Rochester Foundation		\$2,534

CAMP RYLA 2016

The three Rochester Rotary clubs once again sponsored one student from each of the four local high schools to attend this year's Camp RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Award). The event is coordinated each year by the St. Paul Rotary Club which provides adult and junior counselors for the attendees. The students were driven to St. Croix YMCA Camp in Hudson, Wisconsin on a Friday evening and spent the next three and a half days forming relationships, building leadership skills, and having a good time. The program is so meaningful, two of the campers we sponsored last year returned to serve as JC's this year. We will hear more about our students' experiences at an upcoming Thursday meeting.



*"Thank you for allowing me to have the opportunity to attend the RYLA Camp. I enjoyed meeting new people and learning about myself in the process. I can use the information that I have learned by helping others speak their voice and find themselves. The best part about this entire experience was creating friendships that can grow and being put through challenges that allowed us to grow and work together! Thank you again, **Sena**"*

*"Thank you so very much for making this camp possible. I was a camper last year and liked it so much that I came back as a JC [Junior Counselor] this year. I learned so much about myself, my campers, and about leadership. I look forward to using my new skills in college (still undecided) and for the rest of my life! Keep being the people that the world needs. Respectfully, **Jack**"*

*"I would like to thank you. This camp not only showed me that I am important and a leader, it changed my life. It truly made an impact on me in starting to look at life much more different. Coming to this camp I would never have thought it would impact me the way it did so. So thank you 1,000 times. Love, **Zahra**"*

*"Thank you so much for giving me the opportunity to attend RYLA. Throughout my weekend, I met many new people, some of whom I will continue to be friends with after this camp. I learned so many new ways to be a leader and a lot about who I am as a person and leader. RYLA was so fun, and I will definitely be coming back again next year. Thank you again for this amazing opportunity. Sincerely, **Read**"*

AROUND THE WORLD BENEFIT

Written by Around the World Co-chair Heather Holmes



AROUND THE WORLD BENEFIT

The Rotary Club of Rochester Foundation

On April 21, we celebrated our eighth biennial benefit supporting the Rotary Club of Rochester Foundation. The “Around the World” theme embodied the diversity and reach of Rotary’s good work. We made a number of changes this year including inviting the public and creating a video to tell Rotary’s story. Participants enjoyed food from Rotary countries as well as entertainment from Asia to Ireland. Decorations provided by Rotarians adorned the room and grand entrance to the event; the atmosphere was truly worldly!

A heartfelt thanks to those who volunteered their time and energy, borrowed their unique treasures, and donated to the live and silent auctions. Thank you to the more than 200 Rotarians and “future” Rotarians who were able to attend; especially those that donned ethnic dress!

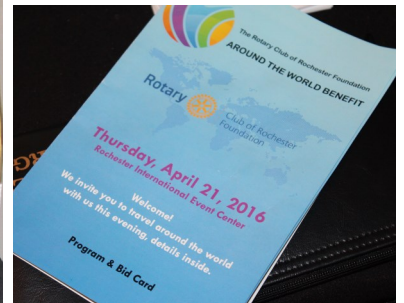
What a celebration of Rotary and its reach. Each and every one of you made it truly special and meaningful.





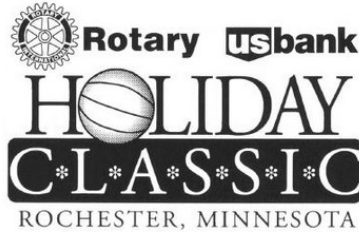
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MORE HOLIDAY CLASSIC THANK YOU'S

Thank You!



"Thank you for your donation to the Reading Center. Your support helps provide services critical for those who struggle to read. Your gift helps change lives."

Thank you again,

Martha Link

Board Member, **Reading Center**

"On behalf of the families and children Families First supports, we extend our sincere appreciation for the donation...received on 3/10/2016, designated to Crisis Nursery.

The donation will help families during an extreme time of stress and crisis. Families have access to short term child care, overnight care, in home counseling, parent education, and referrals to community resources. In 2014, Crisis Nursery services were provided to 551 children and their families. This generous gift will help another child feel safe and secure during a difficult time. Thank you.

Thank you for supporting our mission: *ensuring positive beginnings for all young children and their families* through your gift."

With sincere gratitude,

Jes Johnston

Community Relations Specialist, **Families First**

"I'd like to thank you for the Rotary Clubs of Rochester's donation toward our program. It was an honor to be selected as a 2016 Community Grant recipient. As a new, local nonprofit program we face many start-up costs, but we remain committed to our mission of providing affordable, inclusive, bilingual early childhood education for all children. Our program will be able to serve more children in need thanks to this grant.

In recognition of your generosity and support, the Rotary Clubs is recognized on our website. We will also include Rotary in our annual report in July.

It was a pleasure attending the Rotary Holiday Classic awards luncheon. It's inspiring to see the work you and the other local Rotary clubs are doing to support youth.

Thank you! Your gift truly will make the difference in the life of a child."

Sincerely,

Christina Valdez

Director, **Listos Preschool and Childcare**



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COUNCIL GRANTS CLUBS GREATER FLEXIBILITY IN MEETING, MEMBERSHIP

Arnold Grahl, Rotary News, 18-Apr-2016

The 2016 Council on Legislation may well be remembered as one of the most progressive in Rotary history.

Not only did this Council grant clubs more freedom in determining their meeting schedule and membership, it also approved an increase in per capita dues of \$4 a year for three years. The increase will be used to enhance Rotary's website, improve online tools, and add programs and services to help clubs increase membership.

The Council is an essential element of Rotary's governance. Every three years, members from around the world gather in Chicago to consider proposed changes to the policies that govern the organization and its member clubs. Measures that are adopted take effect 1 July.

The tone for this year was set early, when the RI Board put forth two proposals that increase flexibility. The first measure allows clubs to decide to vary their meeting times, whether to meet online or in person, and when to cancel a meeting, as long as they meet at least twice a month. The second allows clubs flexibility in choosing their membership rules and requirements. Both passed.

Representatives also approved removing six membership criteria from the RI Constitution and replacing them with a simple requirement that a member be a person of good character who has a good reputation in their business or community and is willing to serve the community.

The \$4 per year dues increase was based on a five-year financial forecast that predicted that if Rotary didn't either raise dues or make drastic cuts, its reserves would dip below mandated levels by 2020. The yearly per capita dues that clubs pay to RI will be \$60 in 2017-18, \$64 in 2018-19, and \$68 in 2019-20. The next council will establish the rate after that.

"We are at a moment in time when we must think beyond the status quo," said RI Vice President Greg E. Podd. "We must think about our future."

Podd said the dues increase will allow RI to improve My Rotary, develop resources so clubs can offer a better membership experience, simplify club and district reporting, improve website access for Rotaractors, and update systems to keep Rotary in compliance with changing global regulations.

Also because of this Council's decisions:

- A Council on Resolutions will meet annually online to consider resolutions — recommendations to the RI Board. Council members will be selected for three-year terms. They'll participate in the Council on Resolutions for three years and the Council on Legislation in their final year only. The Council on Resolutions will free the Council on Legislation to concentrate on enactments — changes to Rotary's governing documents. Proponents predict that the Council on Legislation can then be shortened by a day, saving \$300,000.
- Rotaractors will be allowed to become members of Rotary clubs while they are still in Rotaract. Proponents argued that too few Rotaractors (around 5 percent) join Rotary. Sometimes it's because they don't want to leave their Rotaract clubs before they have to, upon reaching age 30. It's hoped that giving them more options will boost the numbers of qualified young leaders in Rotary.
- The distinction between e-clubs and traditional clubs will be eliminated. The Council recognized that clubs have been meeting in a number of ways, and given this flexibility, the distinction was no longer meaningful. Clubs that have "e-club" in their names can keep it, however.
- The reference to admission fees will be removed from the bylaws. Proponents argued that the mention of admission fees does not advance a modern image of Rotary.
- A standing committee on membership was established, in recognition that membership is a top priority of the organization, and polio eradication was also reaffirmed to be a goal of the highest order.

Learn more about the [Council on Legislation](#).

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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

Links to STRIVE – Rotary US Bank Holiday Classic

District 5960: www.rotary5960.org

Rotary International: www.rotary.org

ROTARY COMMITTEES

CLUB SERVICE I

Colin Aldis, Director

Greeters..... *Colin Aldis*
Membership Development..... *Stacey Vanden Heuvel*
Rotary Information Officer *Leigh J. Johnson*
Visitors Desk *Suzanne Dinusson*
Sergeant-at-Arms..... *John Woodruff*
Sponsors / Mentors *Milt Tostrud*

CLUB SERVICE II

Heather Holmes, Director

Club Bulletin *Elizabeth Karsell, Lorie Luedke*
Club Web Site & Social Networking *Samantha Rother, Elizabeth Karsell*
Reflections *Heather Holmes, Kelly Engler*
Programs *Wes Duellman*
Public Relations *Janice Domke*
Four-Way Test *Mark Dripps*

CLUB SERVICE III

Kathy Lessard, Director

Biennial Auction *Heather Holmes, Kristine Ihrke*
Golf Day *Kathy Lessard, Fred Suhler*
Music *Ann Beatty*
Social Events *Kathy Lessard*

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

Alison Good, Director

Rotary Scholarships *Steve Courts*
Group Study Exchange Team *Alison Good*
Rotary International Foundation *Paul Tieskoetter*
Youth Exchange *Samantha Rother*
Rotary Gift of Life *Betty Devine*
World Community Service *Judith O'Fallon*

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Larry Koshire, Director

Camp RYLA *Dana Funk, Diane Ilstrup*
Rotary Literacy Coordinator *Jes Johnston*
Rotation Day *Danae Gaio*
STRIVE *Mark Dripps, Diane Ilstrup*
Vocational Talks *Walt Menning*
Youth Protection Officer *Diane Ilstrup*

COMMUNITY SERVICE

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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 *Diane Ilstrup*
Student Guests *Wendy Shannon*
White Oaks Park *Ashok Patel, Mike Mahrer*