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Moccasin Flower

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VITAL STATISTICS

ROCHESTER ROTARY RISERS: none reported
 GREATER ROCHESTER ROTARY: none reported
 ROTARY eCLUB ONE: none reported
 OTHER CLUBS: none reported
 MEMBERS ON LEAVE: Gary Harmon
 NEW MEMBERS: Christine Beech, Matt Lynch

Rotation Day is May 30

What happens on Rotation Day?

Members may be assigned as an attendee or offer to host where you do business or enjoy a special interest (i.e. a workshop, garden, etc.). Rotation Day goes back to the early days of Rotary when Rotarians rotated their meeting site each week. It gives you the opportunity to enjoy fellowship in a smaller group and to find out about your host's vocation/interest.

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 lunches with their dues, so the host simply submits billing to the Rotary office for lunches. During the meeting time, 11:30 am-1:00 pm, 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 their host. Please respond to the host to confirm that you are attending and arrive promptly at 11:30 am on Rotation Day to enjoy the event!

Please register online [here](#) by Thursday, May 16 to participate, and email the Rotary office if you would like to host.

MAY BIRTHDAYS

Name	Birthday	Birthplace
May 3	Karel Weigel	Hopkinton, IA
May 4	Borge M. Christensen	Odense, Denmark
May 6	Sarah Burrington	Rochester, MN
May 8	James Seward	
	David Colville	Philadelphia, PA
	Jan Hagedorn	Rochester, MN
	John Woodruff	Rochester, MN
May 11	Sinéad Chick	Ireland
May 13	Timothy Weir	South Bend, IN
May 14	Alison Good	Rochester, MN
May 20	Kelly Engler	Virginia, MN
	Jennifer Wilson	Rochester, MN
May 22	Jon Ewing	Des Moines, IA
	Carla Nelson	Webster City, IA
May 28	Dana Funk	Mankato, MN
May 30	Barbara Hight-Randall	Rochester, MN

Is your Rotary anniversary or birthday wrong or not listed? Please update your profile on ClubRunner.

THE FIRST ROTARY MEETING

February 23, 1905



Rotary Club Meetings "rotating" among diverse leaders

MAY Weekly Meetings

- May 2** **Service First Thursday**, Rochester Public Library, Meeting Room C, 11:00 am–1:00 pm
- May 9** **Traditional Meeting**, “Rotary Youth Exchange” presented by our current Youth Exchangestudents, Mayo Civic Center, Suite 101, 11:30 am–1:00 pm
- May 16** **1905 Meetings**, Charter House and Express Employment Professionals, 11:30 am–1:00 pm
- May 23** **Traditional Meeting**, Rotary Speed Networking,” Mayo Civic Center, Suite 101, 11:30 am –1:00 pm
- May 30** May 30 – Rotation Day, hosted by multiple Rotarians’ at their places of vocation, 11:30 am–1:00 pm

Thanks to all who helped with the April meetings:

Greeters: **Mark Dripps, JoMarie Morris**; Cashier: **Jeff Allman, Caroline Baihly**; Sergeant-at-Arms: **John Woodruff**; Visitors Desk: **Donna Greason, Jennifer Wilson**; Music: **Jim Sloan, Kristine Ihrke**; Reflections: **Sara Gilliland, Leigh J Johnson**; Four Way Test: **Deb Poulton, Dana Funk**; Introduction of Visitors: **Leigh J Johnson, Jennifer Teske**; Presenters: **Kevin Miller, Pa Houa Moua, Anna Oldenburg**



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Other Meetings & Events

- May 6** **Channel One Service**, Channel One Building, (131 35 St SW), 6-8:00 pm
- May 7** **Rotary Club of Rochester Board**, OMC Conference Room (102 Elton Hills Dr. Suite 150) 7:00 am
- May 7** **Rotary Club of Rochester Foundation Board**, Bremer Bank (318 1st Ave SW #120), 11:30 am–1:00 pm
- May 7** **Rotary “Buzz” Open House**, Little Thistle Brewing (2031 14 St NW), 5:30–7:30 pm
- May 8** **Rochester Rotary Clubs World Community Service**, House, CR1-131 (211 2 St NW), 7:00-8:00 am
- May 13** **Rotary 3-club Tree Planting**, "Rotary Forest" aka Bear Creek Park, (1237 Marion Rd SE), 4:00 pm
- May 15** **Rotary Information Meeting**, location TBD, 4:30-5:30 pm
- May 15** **White Oaks Park Cleanup**, White Oaks Park (4597 55 St NW), 6:00 pm
- May 17** **Public Image Committee Meeting**, Hy-Vee Market Grille, Barlow Plaza (1315 6 St NW), 12:00-1:00 pm
- May 20** **Rotary Holiday Classic Steering Committee Meeting**, Rochester Area Foundation (102 Elton Hills Dr NW), 11:30 am–12:30 pm
- May 20** **Youth Exchange Committee Meeting**, People’s Food Co-op (519 1 Ave SW), 6:00-7:00 pm
- May 22** **Wine Down Wednesday**, Forager Brewery (1005 6 St NW), 4:30 pm

MAY PARKING NOTICE

A city sewer project will remove 1st Ave SE in front of Civic Center Ramp the month of May. Effective May 1st, there will be no access to that ramp. Rotarians may find [alternative parking options online](#).



Welcome new and returning Rotarians!



Sponsor Jim Sloan with new Rotarian Matt Lynch



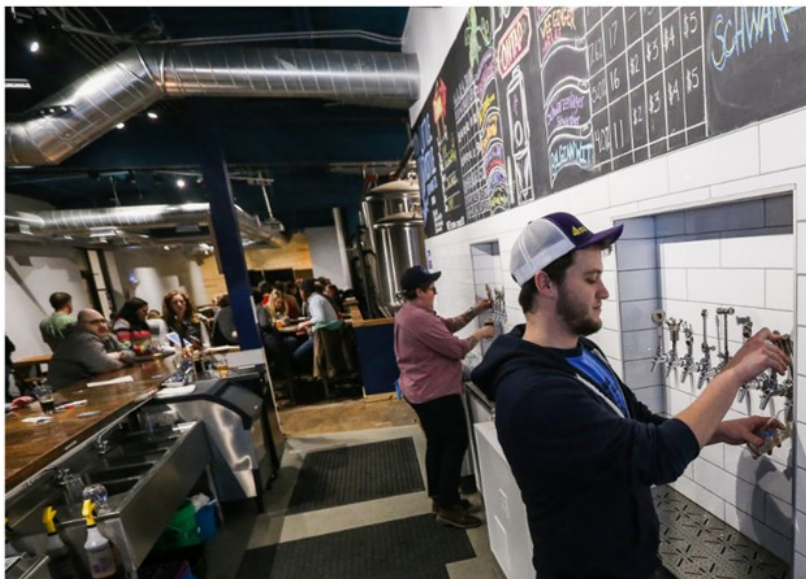
Transferring Rotarian Virginia Kaczmarek with sponsor Doug Rovang



Returning Rotarian Christine Beech with sponsor Heather Holmes

The Rotary Club of Rochester 2018-19 Club Progress Towards Goals

CATEGORY	2018-19 GOALS	As of April 30, 2019
Membership	185	158
Rotary International Foundation Annual Program Fund	\$10,000	\$10,463 (105% of goal)
Every Rotarian Every Year (EREY)	100%	28 members
PolioPlus	\$2,500	\$975 (39% of goal)
District 5960 Fast for Hope Project	\$1,000	\$1,000 (100% of goal)
Rotary Club of Rochester Foundation	\$10,000	\$7,035 (70% of goal)



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ROTARY OPEN HOUSE

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TUESDAY
MAY 7TH, 2019
5:30 - 7:30 PM

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Congratulations Jim and Judy Sloan: RI Major Donor, District Governor Citation and “Be the Inspiration” recipient



District 5960 Governor Mike Becker with RI Foundation Major Donor and District Governor Citation Award recipient Jim Sloan and wife Judy



April “Be the Inspiration” recipients Judy and Jim Sloan with March recipient and presenter Ardell Brede

ROTARY DISTRICT 5690 CONFERENCE OF CLUBS

Submitted in part by Rochester Rotary Risers’ President Joanne Rosener

“On Friday, April 12, 2019, Rotarians from District 5960, which covers south east and east metro Minnesota and western Wisconsin, met at the District 5960 Conference of Clubs at Mayo Civic Center for the annual celebration. Along with great breakout sessions and keynote speakers, including Patty Wetterling, clubs were recognized for their efforts in various categories and based on the size of the club – Large, Medium, or Small – as part of the District’s Awards Program.

Clubs were responsible for submitting examples of their efforts against a checklist for up to six categories – Club Service, Community Service, International Service, Public Image, Vocational Service, and Youth Service. The submissions were then judged by Rotarians from Clubs in a different size category to keep the voting objective. The Rotary Risers and Greater Rochester Rotary Clubs were in the Medium size club category and The Rotary Club of Rochester was in the Large size club category.”

All three Rochester Rotary clubs were awarded the Governor’s Citation, and both the Risers and Greater Rochester received awards in their club size categories for a number of areas of service.



ROTARY YOUTH EXCHANGE AT MAYO CLINIC

Submitted by Rochester Rotary Risers' President Joanne Rosener

Youth Exchange students from around the district were in Rochester for the conference of clubs. Northstar Youth Exchange leadership asked if we could give students a brief tour of Mayo, recognizing that it would be unfortunate for the students to be in Rochester and not step foot at Mayo Clinic. One of the youth exchange student's father owns a hospital, and he was most interested in seeing Mayo. One visitor asked if he could have his picture taken with the students which they obliged.



May Rotary Anniversaries

Frank Allen	2 years
Greg Epsom	3 years
Deb Poulton	3 years
Sue M. Johnson	5 years
Christopher Ness	5 years
Samantha Whipple	5 years
James Seward	10 years



Chris Colby	20 years
Rick Lien	22 years
Barbara Hight-Randall	23 years
Robert MacCarty	36 years
Lance Thorkelson	43 years
Roger Kempers	57 years

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SERVICE
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AWARDS



Service Above Self Students Bailey and Anna



Service Above Self Students Christine and Benjamin (not pictured, Suad)



STRIVE End-of-School Year Gathering

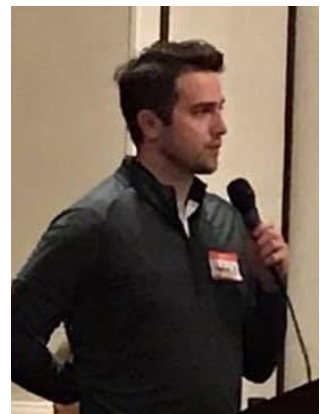


Students Taking
Renewed Interest
in the Value of
Education



STRIVE students and mentors gathered April 24 for their end of the year celebration.

Congratulations to the students; and thank you to all the mentors, school staff, and community supporters who help Rotary make this program a success! Learn more about [STRIVE](#).



Speaker
Dylan
Dudlext



LEFT: Zoe Jantsan with her mentee



RIGHT: Samantha Whipple with her mentee.

HIGHLIGHTS OF 2019 ROTARY COUNCIL ON LEGISLATION

By Arnold R. Grahl, <https://www.rotary.org/en/highlights-2019-rotary-council-legislation>

The 2019 Council on Legislation may not have made as many dramatic changes as the Council [three years ago](#) did, but it made several decisions that will shape the future of Rotary.

Representatives at the 2019 Council on Legislation in Chicago vote on the first proposal of the week: an amendment to the preamble to the Avenues of Service. [Download a list of preliminary voting results.](#)

Among the most important, the Council elevated the status of Rotaract clubs. The change broadens the definition of membership in Rotary International to include Rotaract clubs. The change is intended to increase the support that Rotaract clubs receive from RI and to enhance their ability to serve.

“We need to be an inspiration to our young partners, so they will continue doing the great service that they do,” said RI President Barry Rassin when he presented the measure. “This sends a strong message that they are truly our partners in service.”

In many ways, the Rotaract experience will not change. Rotary clubs will still charter and sponsor Rotaract clubs. Rotaract clubs will still have their own standard constitution and their own unique club experience. Members of a Rotaract club will not be called Rotarians. And Rotaract clubs will not immediately pay dues or receive other benefits, such as the official magazine that Rotary members receive. The Board will determine a dues structure over time.

The measure simply expands the definition of membership in Rotary International to include both Rotary and Rotaract clubs.

Every three years, representatives from Rotary districts around the world meet in Chicago, Illinois, USA, to consider changes to the constitutional documents that govern Rotary International. This year’s Council considered more than 100 proposals.

Representatives authorized the Board to pursue changing RI’s charitable status to a section 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization under the U.S. Internal Revenue Code. It is presently a 501(c)(4). A task force has been studying the possible change for 18 months and says it will offer benefits that include tax reductions and vendor discounts that will reduce expenses.

Dues increase

As for dues, the Council approved a modest increase

of \$1 a year for each of three years, beginning in 2020-21. The previous Council set dues for 2019-20 at \$34 per half year.

With the increase, the dues that clubs pay to RI per member will increase to \$34.50 per half year in 2020-21, \$35 per half year in 2021-22, and \$35.50 per half year in 2022-23. The dues will not be raised again until a future Council votes to change it.



Councils give Rotary members a voice in how our organization is governed. Learn more about the Council on Legislation and the Council on Resolutions on our [Council web page](#) or read our [live blog](#) of the 2019 Council.

The Council also changed the name of the General Surplus Fund to RI Reserve, because that more accurately reflects the purpose of the fund. In another vote, the Council approved calling the general secretary a chief executive officer (CEO) in circles outside Rotary, to increase his stature in dealings with other intergovernmental organizations.

A seemingly small but intensely debated action will reduce the number of nonvoting members at future Councils, by removing past RI presidents and allowing only one RI Board director to attend but not vote.

But in some respects, the Council defined itself as much by what it did not do.

This year’s representatives resisted pressure to limit some of the flexibility that the 2016 Council granted clubs, rejecting several measures that would have placed restrictions on clubs. One unsuccessful measure would have required clubs to meet at least 40 times each year.

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LITERACY UPDATE

Submitted by Literacy Chair Audrey Betcher

Last week Cradle to Career was presented with the Collaboration Award from the Rochester Area Chamber of Commerce. I wanted to share the note that Executive Director, Julie Brock, shared with the community that highlighted Rotary's role:

"Look, I know I say a lot of things, but #rochmn is a thoughtful community and with their backing, Cradle 2 Career is going to impact our community in meaningful and tangible ways. I am lucky to have such a force of a leadership table with vision and passion to equitably address the needs of our kids each and every day.

The work of our partners is critical for our success. Thank you to Families First of Minnesota and Boys & Girls Club of Rochester for convening our Kindergarten and Graduation Collaborative Action Networks. And thank you to the partners who have joined in and said, "together, we can turn the curve on educational and racial disparities."



We believe in excellence for everyone. We believe in surrounding our kids with caring people. We believe that all people deserve to achieve and become the best version of themselves. We believe in Rochester.

There is always an open seat at the table. There is always room for you to make a difference in the lives of our youth. Please be part of this incredible initiative that started when Elaine Case and her colleagues at The Rotary Club of Rochester, Greater Rochester Rotary and Rochester Rotary Risers asked a brave question, "what is the impact of our educational investments?" When the answer wasn't what they wanted, they pressed in, partnered with United Way of Olmsted County and agreed, "together, we can do better."

Our vision is simple: a healthy community for all. Will you be part of the work to get us there? Please message me, call me, text me, shoot, I'd love for some skywriting too, and join in. Our kids need us, all of us, to show up for them.

So, all that to say, thanks Rochester Area Chamber of Commerce for recognizing the passion and vision of our leadership table. You can see them all here: <https://c2cmn.com/ourteam.>

Highlight of 2019 Rotary Council on Legislation *continued from page 8*

Many clubs have been using the innovative and flexible club formats to attract new members and meet their current members' needs.

Representatives also rejected proposals to make it optional for members to subscribe to an official Rotary magazine and to reduce the size of the Council by half and have it meet every two years.

Democracy in action

Several representatives commented on the democratic nature of the proceedings.

"All of the delegates have been very responsible and respectful, no matter what their opinions," said Adriana De La Fuente, the representative from District 4170 and a member of the Rotary Club of Plateros Centro Historico, Ciudad de México, Mexico. She has attended three previous Councils. "That elevates the trust and respect for our organization."

Glen K. Vanderford of District 6760, a member of the Rotary Club of Jackson-Old Hickory, Tennessee, USA, said he appreciated the opportunity to represent the people of his district and gather with like-minded people to voice opinions.

"The process allows us to have a road map forward instead of just going day to day," he said. "I was excited by the outcome of enhancing Rotaract and that we didn't weaken future Councils, but preserved the ability for everybody to have a voice."



Join your fellow Rotarians and friends at Forager on Wednesday, May 22 at 4:30 pm

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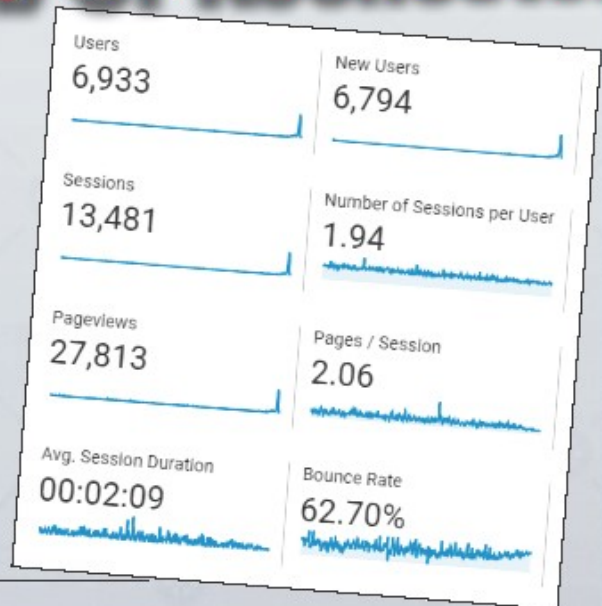
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Rotary International: www.rotary.org

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