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The Rotary Club of Rochester, MN - Organized June 12, 1925  
Club No. 2164 - District No. 5960

**THE ROTARY CLUB OF ROCHESTER – Upcoming Programs & Events**

- 21-Jun-23**    **2023-2024 District Governor Installation of Patricia McCleese  
Floral Hall at Graham Park. 5:30-8:00 pm.**
- 22-Jun-23**    **Rotary 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday: Installation of Ashok Patel, President 2023-24  
The Rotary Club of Rochester**



Outgoing  
President 2022-2023  
**ALISON BACH GOOD  
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Incoming  
President 2023-2024  
**ASHOKOMAR M. PATEL, MD  
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- 29-Jun-23**    **Rotary 5<sup>th</sup> Thursday Rotation Day: Jeremiah Program Rochester**  
<https://portal.clubrunner.ca/5636/Event/rotation-day-8>  
( See article on p. 2 )
- 4-Jul-23**    **Independence Day – Annual celebration of nationhood**
- 6-Jul-23**    **No Rotary meeting – extended July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday**

**Rotary June Birthdays**

Judith O'Fallon	June 9
Kristine Ihrke	June 12
Bill Wiktor	June 12

**Rotary Join Dates**

Dave Moertel -	June-5, 2003
Melanie Tschida	June-5, 2015
Joseph Messick	June 9, 2011
Mark Kotschevar	June 25, 2015
Jim Seward	June 27, 2019
Zoey Jantsan	June 28, 2021
Ingrid Neel	June 30,1997

**TRCR**

**Rotary**

May 28, 2009
Nov 19, 2017

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**PLEASE PAY YOUR MEMBERSHIP DUES  
BY JUNE 28!**



As we near the end of the 2022-23 Rotary year (June 30), it is also the time when members are responsible for paying their membership dues.

Our Rotary Club contributes to Rotary International (RI) and Rotary District 5960 a significant portion of your membership dues.

RI and D5960 use our Active Membership list as of June 30th, and invoice us per member. It is therefore essential for the financial health of our Club to have an accurate account of active / current members in good standing.

***Thank you to those who have made the ongoing commitment to our Club, the District and Rotary worldwide.*** If you wish to pay dues monthly, quarterly or annually, please contact [romnrotary@gmail.com](mailto:romnrotary@gmail.com) or call 507-722-1717.

If you have not paid and are intending to renew your membership, please do one of the following:

1. Review and follow instructions on the dues statement you received in May.
2. Mail a check to: TRCR, PO Box 7566, Rochester Mn 55903-7566. NOTE: If you mail a check, please send an email to the following: [romnrotary@gmail.com](mailto:romnrotary@gmail.com) and indicate you have mailed a check and intend to renew.
3. If you have questions on your balance or dues generally, email [romnrotary@gmail.com](mailto:romnrotary@gmail.com)



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**Please join us for ROTATION DAY for a  
Jeremiah Program Tour**

**Thursday, June 29, 2023  
(5th Thursday)**

**11:30 am -1:00 pm**

**2915 Jeremiah Ln NW, Rochester**

**We are excited for an update and tour from JP Executive Director,  
Ally Hanten Ebert. Arrive between 11:30-12:00.  
Bring your own Lunch & Beverage. Bring a Guest!!**

**NOTE:** Parking is limited in the JP Parking lot, so you and your guests are encouraged to park at Lourdes High School and cross at the stoplight to access the JP Building. This will save valuable space at JP for those who need to park closer.  
Sign up here: <https://portal.clubrunner.ca/5636/Event/rotation-day-8>

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**\* Fellowship \* Membership \* Historical Scholarship \* Stewardship \***

On June 8<sup>th</sup>, PDG Tom Yuzer, D5960 Endowment and Major Gift Advisor, recognized Rochester Rotarians as Triple Crown Donors. Their commitment to the Rotary Foundation includes being a Major Donor, a Bequest donor and making a Paul Harris Society level gift of \$1,000 or more to the Annual Fund or PolioPlus this year. Two members have made major gifts (\$10,000 or more) this Rotary year.



**Rotary Club of Rochester MN  
Triple Crown Donors  
2022-2023**

*L to R: Bill Wiktor, Elaine Case  
(Rochester Riser Rotary)  
Karel Weigel, Tom Yuzer,  
Leigh J Johnson, Phil Karsell.*

*President Allie Good shared  
her congratulations on behalf of  
the Club.*



TRCR welcomes  
into membership  
Ellen Heydon,  
Development  
Director,  
Two Rivers  
Habitat for  
Humanity.

Vicki Allen is  
Ellen's sponsor.

Welcome Ellen!



Above: LJ Johnson, Suzanne Dinusson, Jeff Pieters and Ashok Patel welcome Kirsten Stromstodt, Forum Communications Executive Editor and Grand Forks Downtown Rotary Past President

TRCR June 8<sup>th</sup> Program:  
**Monument Men**  
given by Frank Allen  
shown here with his father,  
George Allen.  
Frank's grandfather  
(George's father-in-law)  
was a member of the  
"Monuments Men" whose  
heroic work rescued some  
of history's most important  
artistic and cultural  
treasures during WWII.



Karel Weigel invited new neighbors  
at The Waters on Maywood  
Barry & Maureen Thibodeaux,  
both past presidents of the  
Henderson NC Rotary.





## Toastmaster Rotary Alliance



Rotarians, are you aware that in 2019 Rotary International and Toastmasters International formed a strategic alliance? Are you wondering what the goal was? This [Rotary-Toastmasters Alliance FAQ article](#) states: *The goal of this collaboration is to leverage our organizations' strengths: Rotary members are experts at making connections and serving communities, while Toastmasters helps its members become more effective leaders and communicators.*

What will this evolving Alliance look like? It will vary by community, but the initial step is that members are educated about the organization that they are not familiar with. As the incoming Division F Director for District 6 in Toastmasters, I am excited about promoting this collaboration in the Rochester community and within our communities in SE Minnesota.

If you want to learn more, visit a Toastmasters club. You are welcome to visit my home club the Rochester Technology Campus Toastmasters or any of the other 9 clubs in Rochester. If you would like to be put in contact with any of these clubs please contact me, Celeste Hofer, as I can facilitate that. You can also search [here](#) to find local clubs.

We have received a request to host another Research Intern from Mexico. This would be like our experience with Edgar Botello-Hernandez and Mariana Gonzalez Treviño. Jaime Flores-Gouyonett will start his internship in August. We have one host, and are seeking two (2) additional host families to provide housing for the year. He will not have transportation, so access to public transportation is needed.

If you are interested in hosting or want more information, please contact Audrey Betcher [asbetcher@gmail.com](mailto:asbetcher@gmail.com) or 507-421-2427



### **Experience the World – Without Leaving Home Host an exchange student for a few months next school year!**

The Rochester Rotary Clubs are sponsoring a female foreign exchange student, **Thea**, from **Denmark** to attend **Century High School** during the **2023-2024 school year**. During the school year, three families within the same high school attendance area are needed to host the student from mid-Aug – early June (approx. Aug-Nov, Dec-Mar, Mar-June). The exchange student benefits by experiencing the different ways in which each family lives and builds relationships with a variety of people.

The exchange student does not require their own room, as they can share a room with a host sibling of the same gender as long as they have their own bed. A proper place to study is also needed and they are required to attend school. Families with young children, no children, older children, single parents, same sex parents, retired and empty nesters are eligible after a required application and background check.

Rotary provides school lunch money and a \$100 per month allowance to the student. A counselor from the Rotary Club is involved and available to help with acclimation or any problems that may arise. The students' airfare and medical insurance is paid for, and they use their own spending money beyond the funds Rotary provides. In addition to a place to live, host families provide meals and a loving family so that the student has the opportunity to fully participate in the life in our community, state, and country.

This is a rewarding lifetime opportunity to develop a lasting relationship benefiting both the family and the students. Please contact Melanie Trimble, Rotary Youth Exchange Officer if you are interested in learning more and are considering being a host family for the 2023-2024 school year. [thetrimbleotherhalf@gmail.com](mailto:thetrimbleotherhalf@gmail.com) 507-250-2579

## News from DISTRICT 5960



<https://www.rotary5960.org/Stories/dg-patricia-mccleese-installation>

### INTERESTING OPPORTUNITIES – CAMP RYLA TEAM

1. **Get Involved!!! Join the Camp RYLA Team** - The Camp RYLA committee is looking for some volunteers. Here is the info.

A. **Marketing Committee** - We need your expertise to make our Camp RYLA website ([www.campryla.org](http://www.campryla.org)), social media, and other avenues grab the attention of students, schools and sponsoring clubs. If your hot skills include marketing, communications, web/graphic design, or social media, this is the place for you! Plan on a time commitment of one 60 min Zoom meeting per month now through Oct. in addition to 1-2 hours/month to execute tasks in your area of expertise.

2. **Curriculum Committee** - Camp RYLA continues to foster young leaders but with changing generations, teaching methods and the lasting impacts on students of distance learning it is time to refresh our tried and true curriculum. There are many resources available from RI and other RYLA programs. If you are interested in helping to modernize and upgrade the Camp RYLA curriculum, we have a place for you! Plan on a time commitment of one 60 min Zoom meeting per month now through Dec. in addition to 1-2 hours/month to execute tasks, research, or curriculum workshops.

For more information please reach out to the 2003-2004 Camp RYLA Chair, Pete Grayson at [graysonlaw@mac.com](mailto:graysonlaw@mac.com) or 612-598-5907.