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

ROTARY CELEBRATES FELLOWSHIPS MONTH IN JUNE

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THE ROTARY CLUB OF ROCHESTER – Upcoming Programs & Events
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- 1-Jun-23 Rotary 1st Thursday: Committee Meeting Day at Even Hotel**
- 8-June-23 Rotary 2nd Thursday: Monuments Men presented by Frank Allen**
- 15-June-23 Rotary 3rd Thursday**
Service option: Prepare Post-Bulletin Photo Archive for Digitization
Rochester Public Library, 2nd Fl; Room B 11:30 am – 1 pm.
Social option: Twigs Restaurant – Noon
- 21-Jun-23 2023-2024 District Governor Installation of Patricia McCleese
Floral Hall at Graham Park. 5:30-8:00 pm. Register by June 15th**
<https://www.rotary5960.org/Stories/dg-patricia-mccleese-installation>
- 22-Jun-23 Rotary 4th Thursday: Installation of Ashok Patel, President 2023-24
The Rotary Club of Rochester**
- 29-Jun-23 Rotary 5th Thursday Rotation Day: Jeremiah Program Rochester
Details to follow: BYO lunch, limited parking - carpool encouraged**
- 4-Jul-23 Independence Day – Annual celebration of nationhood**
- 6-Jul-23 No Rotary meeting – extended July 4th holiday**

Rotary June Birthdays

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

Rotary Join Dates	TRCR	Rotary
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	May 28, 2009
Zoey Jantsan	June 28, 2021	Nov 19, 2017
Ingrid Neel	June 30, 1997	



**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 our 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.

As a TRCR member this 2022-23 Rotary year, you should have received a dues statement in May to renew your membership. 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 or call 507-722-1717. Unfortunately, several members have not updated their dues payments and time is running short for your membership to be continued on an active basis.

For us to give an accurate and realistic number to RI for next year's assessments, TRCR Club leadership has set a deadline of **MONDAY, JUNE 28** for members to be included in the list sent to RI for the 2023-2024 Rotary Year. 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 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

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.

Dr. Jaime Flores-Gouyonett will start his internship in August. We are seeking three (3) 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 or 507-421-2427

Rotarians in the News
New TRCR Rotarian Robert Bouapaengphan

<https://www.postbulletin.com/news/local/paying-it-forward-john-marshall-graduate-speaks-about-rotary-mentorship-program-strive>

**Paying it forward:
John Marshall graduate speaks about Rotary mentorship program STRIVE**

"When you find yourself in a place where you can give back, please do," Robert Bouapaengphan said. "Maybe one day you'll be the adult that you needed when you were a kid."



Robert Bouapaengphan speaks at an award night for Rochester Rotary's STRIVE program, which pairs mentors with high school senior mentees. Now a Rotary member himself, Bouapaengphan was a mentee in the program as a student.

Jordan Shearer / Post Bulletin
May 11, 2023

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**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 507-250-2579



MAY 2023:
**A month filled with Service, Fellowship,
Mentorship & Fun !**

- May 1** **Mentor-Mentee Wrap Up**
- May 10** **The Rotary STRIVE Ice Cream Celebration at John Marshall H.S.**
- May 11** **Inbound YE Presentation: Ruben Del Baño Rivera from Murcia, Spain**
- May 16** **TRCR Rotarians “Cooks 4 Kids” at Jeremiah Program Rochester**
- May 17** **White Oak Park 2023 earth clean-up crew**
- May 18** **Rotary 3rd Thursday *Service option*: Prepare Post-Bulletin Photo Archive for Digitization @ Rochester Public Library**
- May 20** **Celebrate Quarry Hill Nature Center 50th Anniversary as members of the Rochester Rotary Clubs support and plant 350 trees and shrubs.**
- May 25** **Rotary Biking Fun & Social at Cascade Lake Park**

Installation 2023-2024 Rotary District Governor 5960 Patricia McCleese



Installation 2023-24
Rotary District Governor 5960
Patricia McCleese

Wednesday, June 21, 2023
5:30-8:00 pm

Floral Hall, 31 Fairgrounds Ave SE | Rochester, Minnesota 55904

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Note: Registration deadline Jun 15th



The close of the 2020-21 Rotary year is near, and **you're invited** to celebrate the end of a unique, but great, Rotary year!

During this virtual Happy Hour awards recognition, we'll celebrate the clubs that have done a great job in different ways this year. This is a great way to not only celebrate our impact as Rotarians but learn about ideas that we can bring back to your clubs. And...it'll be a great send-off for District Governor Ed Marek and all the Club Presidents for 2020-21 too!

WHAT: District 5960 Awards Recognition Virtual Happy Hour
WHEN: Wednesday, June 30
TIME: 4:00-5:15pm
Click the link above to register

Grab a beverage and snacks and District 5960 Rotarians as we celebrate the Rotary year!