



# Moccasin Flower

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## VITAL STATISTICS

MEMBERSHIP: 254

**AMBASSADORS:** Frank Iossi, Cannon Falls, MN; Mary Jo and Dan Kelly, Pequot Lakes, MN X2: Leigh Johnson, Hayward, WI; Marv Ramsay, LaCrosse, WI; Marcia Redalen, LaCrosse WI X2.

**GREATER ROCHESTER ROTARY:** 8/22: Lynn Clarey, Jerry Downes, Jane Piepgras, Bob Priem, Dan Soderberg 8/29: Suzanne Dinusson, Mac Hamilton 9/5: Gilda Banfield, Charlie Fish, Karen Ricklefs, Sharon Tuntland, David Westgard 9/12: Rich Good, Jane Piepgras, Walter Menning, Dan Soderberg 9/19: Monte Ball, Melissa Brinkman, Charlie Fish, Bob Priem, Frank Sharbrough 9/26: Lynn Clarey, Joe McBride, Dan Soderberg, Jay Toogood, Sharon Tuntland.

**ROCHESTER ROTARY RISERS:** 8/21: Cris Fischer, Bill Wiktor, Mark Utz 8/28: Linda Bonow, Eric Matteson, John Woodruff 9/25: Dave Colville, John Woodruff.

## A TOAST FROM THE ROTARY CLUB OF HERVEY BAY, QUEENSLAND AUSTRALIA

This summer, we received the following email:

"I am the president of the Rotary Club of Hervey Bay, District 0750, Queensland, Australia. At our weekly meetings, we toast other Rotary Clubs to recognize the internationality of Rotary and to remind us of the large Rotary family of which we are all a part. Last night your club was selected by past presidents Cliff Searle and Todd McCutcheon, as the club to be acknowledged. It had special significance as a past member of your club and now a member of the Rotary Club of Mudgee, New South Wales, **Valerie Webb** and her husband **Maurice** visited our club. They had been traveling in the area and visiting world heritage listed Fraser Island and decided to join us for the evening. On behalf of our club and its members, I hope this message finds you and your members enjoying a great year of Rotary fellowship and service and wish you all well for the balance of your Rotary year."

*(It is possible that Val and Maurice Webb will be visiting our club this month while in Rochester)*

## BIRTHDAYS

### HAPPY OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS!

<u>Birthday</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Birthplace</u>
October 1	Mark Dripps	Rochester, MN
October 7	Fred Banfield	New York, NY
October 9	Lyman Grieve	Chatfield, MN
October 10	Vicki Allen	St. Paul, MN
	Michelle Mikkalson	Rochester, MN
October 14	Bill Taylor	Cincinnati, OH
October 16	Kay Hoecker	Galveston, TX
October 21	Jane Belau	Polk County, MN
October 22	Sandra Means	Highcoal, WV
	Marilyn Stewart	Lake City, IA
	Denise Sorom	Bellevue, WA
October 24	Darliss Huss	Harvey, ND
October 26	Michael Quinn	Minneapolis, MN
	Paul Grassle	Rochester, MN
October 27	Dan Skinner	Lafayette, IN
October 29	James Carver	Sioux City, IA

## ERWIN G. "ERV" WALTH 1918 - 2007

Our fellow Rotarian Erv Walth passed away after a brief illness on September 5, 2007.

Erv was a dedicated Rotarian who loved Rotary and its members. He said Rotarians were "real people." He had 25 years of perfect attendance which ended three weeks before he passed away. He was a past president of New Prague Rotary and a member of Rochester Rotary for 40 years. He will be missed.

## ROTARY NEWS

- Thanks to all you helped out at Quarry Hill in the food wagon. Chair **Carla Nelson** and her two-day crew sold 600 M & M cookies, 320 brats and 1,208 hot dogs. By Sunday afternoon, they had sold out of the cookies and the brats. A special thanks to those of you who worked double shifts. From Sue at Quarry Hill: *The food wagon ran so smoothly – I hope everyone had fun as well. There were sure lots of smiling faces all around the park. Thank you again for everything.*
- Also, thanks to **Jim Sloan** and his crew who served dinner at Ronald McDonald House last month.
- A committee has been formed and is being chaired by **Dan Kelly** looking into how we can help the families so deeply affected by the recent flooding. You will be hearing more about this. Thanks so much for your contributions – if you missed this, please don't hesitate to send your donations into Lois.
- Thanks to all who helped with the September meetings. Greeters: **Mark St. Peter, Michael Homan, Audrey Betcher, Kay Hocker, Lance Papenfuss, Sue Dripps, Betty Devine, Vicki Allen.** Invocations: **Monte Ball, Linda Rings, Hilla Ferguson, Mike O'Fallon.** Introduction of Visitors: **Phil Karsell, Leigh Johnson, Mike O'Fallon.** Visitors Desk: **Jeff Amundson, Jeff Allman.** 4-Way Test: **Linda Herrick, Denny Nigon, Fran Kornblum.** Cashier: **Jim Gibson.**
- The STRIVE Committee has been presented with a great fundraising opportunity - an anonymous donor has offered a matching challenge where any donations from Rotarians to the STRIVE program will be matched dollar for dollar up to a total of \$2,000 until Friday, October 19, 2007. Please consider a monetary donation during this period of time so we can maximize the leverage of this donation. Checks should be made out to the Rochester Rotary Foundation.

## ROTARY SHARES

The *Financial Times* has ranked Rotary Intentional one of the top five non-governmental organizations for corporate partnerships. In the newspaper's special supplement, *Corporate Citizenship and Philanthropy*, Rotary came in fifth in the global rankings of 34 finalists.

Published in conjunction with the UN Global Compact Leaders Summit held July 5-6 in Geneva, the supplement reached some 1.4 million senior business executives, industry and government leaders, and private/institutional investors across 140 countries.

## OCTOBER ROTARY CALENDAR

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| <b>October 4</b>  | <b>Rotation Day</b> - All members are assigned where to attend. If you haven't heard from your host by noon on Wednesday, please call the office. Also, please RSVP to your host.  |
| <b>October 11</b> | <b>Marriott Hotel – Ballroom – Second Floor.</b> Dr. Harold McFarlane, director of Space Nuclear Systems & Technology Division at Idaho National Laboratory. He recently finished his tenure as president of the American Nuclear Society. |
| <b>October 18</b> | <b>Kahler Hotel – Heritage Hall –</b> President Kim Adams – “RI Convention Salt Lake City, Utah  |
| <b>October 25</b> | <b>Kahler Hotel – Heritage Hall –</b> Dr. David Claypool, “Mayo One and Mayo Med Aire”   |

## OTHER MEETINGS AND EVENTS

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| <b>October 9</b>  | <b>Rotary Basketball Steering Committee</b> 12 noon, US Bank   |
| <b>October 11</b> | <b>Rotary Board of Directors Meeting</b> 7 a.m., Directors Room, Kahler Hotel  |
| <b>October 17</b> | <b>Rotary Information Meeting</b> 12 noon, Mayo Brothers Room, Kahler Hotel  |
| <b>October 18</b> | <b>White Oak Park</b> - Help clean our Rotary-sponsored city park 6 - 7 p.m. Last clean-up of the year (counts as a make-up) |

(If you have a committee meeting you would like to have added to the calendar, please let Lois know)

The summit, which was chaired by UN Secretary-General Ban Li-moon, featured an international roster of business leaders, government ministers, and heads of civil society and focused on such key challenges to building future markets as human rights and climate change. RI Director Bernard Rosen of Belgium represented RI President Wilfred J. Wilkinson at the event.

## NEW MEMBERS



Proposer **Linda Rings** with new member **Dianna Parks**, Mayo Clinic Development.



New member **Kristine Stensland**, Child Resource Center; proposer **Pat Gannon**; new member **Steve Rossello**, Parsons; proposer **Doug Rovang**; proposer **Stacey Vanden Heuvel**, new member **Pat Carlson**, Zumbro Valley Mental Health; proposer **Carla Nelson**, new member **Mike Pruett**, MLT Group.



Proposer **Rick Lien** with new member **Dave Harbert**, manager, KAAL TV.



## ROTARY DISTRICT 5960 6<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL FOUNDATION EVENT

November 17, 2007

**Lake Elmo Event Center**

6:00 – 10:00 p.m.

\$45 per person

**Speaker: Mark Rosen, WCCO TV**  
*"For the Good of the Team"*

Master of Ceremonies Jack Gibbons,  
District Paul Harris Society Chair

REGISTER NOW! RSVP WITH JINGLE

Registration forms on District Web site  
[www.district5960.org](http://www.district5960.org)

## ROTARY FRIENDSHIP EXCHANGE TO AUSTRALIA YOU CAN APPLY TO BE A TEAM MEMBER

Our district will be sending a Rotary Friendship Exchange (RFE) team of up to 10 persons to D-9790 in Southeast Australia, March 6-18, 2008. RFE teams are comprised of Rotarians and their spouses, and single Rotarians are most welcome to be team members. The application for this exchange is posted on our District Web site, and the application deadline is October 31, 2007.

D-9790 is located in Southeast Australia, an area that includes some of the most scenic areas in the country, and has a diverse range of interests and attractions for visitors. It encompasses part of the city of Melbourne, the irrigation areas of the Goulburn Valley, the gold fields of the 1850s and the clear mountain streams and spectacular mountains of the Great Dividing Range. RFE team members will be housed in the homes of Rotarians while in Australia.

For additional information, go to our District Web site, [www.rotary5960.org](http://www.rotary5960.org), and click on the Friendship Exchange link on the home page.

## ELECTRONIC MAKEUPS

Can't make it to Rotary?

There is an electronic make-up opportunity at  
[www.rotaryclubone.org](http://www.rotaryclubone.org)



# CELEBRATING 20 YEARS OF WOMEN IN ROTARY



A great evening of fellowship and history in our club was held Thursday, September 13. We had special guests **Governor Clare and Kathy Lillis, Jingle Mahon**, district executive administrator and first woman president of Roseville Rotary; **Lorraine Baker**, Jingle's mom and the first woman member of Roseville Rotary and Past District Governor **Roland Wilsey**, who was always a great supporter of bringing women into Rotary. We were pleased to have **Susan Sponsel**, Rochester Rotary's first woman member, come to our meeting. Brief speeches were given by our first woman District Governor **Cathy Smith**, **Al DeBoer** told the history of our club and relived the great debate between now deceased member **Forrest Parry** and current member **George Waters** and our club's first woman president **Marilyn Stewart** spoke as well.

**NOTE: George Waters**, mentioned above, has become one our biggest supporters of women in Rotary. George recently celebrated 60 years in Rochester Rotary. We extend our congratulations!

## FROM THE OCTOBER GOVERNOR'S NEWSLETTER

"Recently my wife, Kathy, and I attended a social event with the Rochester club that honored the women in Rotary, a wonderful evening that traced the first women important to the Rochester club. The program even traced the first debate in the Rochester club about whether women should be allowed in Rotary. An enlightening and enjoyable evening! Look how far women have come in Rotary today with our first woman Trustee of The Rotary Foundation and our first woman Director of Rotary International. We're learning!"

# ROTARY AREAS OF SERVICE

*This month Director of Club Service III Mark Dripps talks about his area.*

Club Service III is a combination of service above self and socialization with other Rotarians and guests. This article explains just a few topics under this area of service.

## **Rotary Information** Leigh Johnson

Before joining Rotary, a prospective member must attend a Rotary Information Meeting. Here they will learn when Rotary was started, by whom and where. This enlightening meeting also lets prospective members know what is expected of them as a Rotarian. They enjoy lunch with their sponsor and meet our gracious hosts while taking a trip into Rotary International.

## **Music** Jane Belau

While enjoying lunch and visiting with Rotary friends, members hear the soothing sounds of the piano played by one of our wonderfully talented musicians. This relaxing atmosphere adds to our meetings and is sometimes accompanied by singing members as well. Jane Belau and her staff make sure there is always somebody around to entertain us.

## **Golf Day** Mike Schnell

Get away from the office and come out to play golf with your fellow Rotarians and friends. Golf day is becoming one of the social events that has been gaining popularity among Rotary members. Get to know other Rotarians and guests outside of the office and without that office attire. A relaxing atmosphere that includes a dinner and program, after a round of golf, where we award prizes, and raffle donated items for a cause within the Rotary circle.

## **Bell Ringing – Salvation Army** Paul Bleimeyer, Mark Neville

Bell ringing is a very rewarding service project. During the holiday season, two hour shifts are scheduled for Saturdays at various locations where Rotarians man the red kettles encouraging others to drop in a little change. This can be done by singing, playing musical instruments or just visiting with people as they walk by, but a manned kettle produces more than six times the donations than an unmanned kettle. These donations help with the expenses of medical care, dental care, housing, clothing, food and financial assistance. During the 2006 campaign, our Rotary club received the Red Kettle Award for raising more than \$9,600 during the hours of our service.



## Rotary Club of Rochester YouthLINC Program

The Rotary Club of Rochester announces its first year of partnership with the YouthLINC program. This program which benefits high-school and college-age youth, our local community, and developing countries with tremendous human service needs.

Founded in 1999, YouthLINC has nearly a decade of experience with international youth service expeditions. For more information, please visit their web site at [www.youthlinc.org](http://www.youthlinc.org).

Students accepted into the program commit to volunteering 100 hours in their local community during the 2007-2008 school year. In return for their service, students in the program will receive \$1,000 in Rotary Club sponsorship toward a service experience to a developing country.

We are currently recruiting up to four students into the program this year. Students will be traveling to the Tharaka

District of Kenya from July 22 - August 4, 2008. While in Kenya, the students will work at a children's community center and a new medical clinic. The students from our community will be a part of a larger group of YouthLINC students from across the United States. Rotarians, university instructors, and/or other mentoring professionals, as well as YouthLINC staff will accompany students on international experiences.

**APPLICATION DEADLINE:** The deadline is October 8. Application instructions and an application are on a link on our Web site. Please submit applications to Hilla Ferguson — do **not** send directly to the YouthLINC office in Utah. (see instructions).

If you have any questions, please contact Hilla Ferguson, Rotary Youth Exchange Officer, at 507-266-4929 (w), 507-529-0552 (h), or at [ferguson.hilla@mayo.edu](mailto:ferguson.hilla@mayo.edu).

# 2009-2010 ROTARY FOUNDATION AMBASSADORIAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE

Applications for the 2009-2010 Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholarships are now available from Rotary District 5960. Please contact the office with questions. Local club deadlines are **April 1, 2008**. **Required**, in-person interviews will be held **Saturday, May 17, 2008**, in St. Paul, Minn. For further information and to print an application, go to The Rotary Foundation (Foundation Educational Grants) section at <http://www.rotary.org/foundation/programs.html> (Click on Ambassadorial Scholarships, application in download).

The scholarships which are designed to further international understanding and goodwill, provide for study abroad for one year in one of the 162 countries and 35 geographical regions where Rotary clubs are located. Some 1,200 scholarships will be available from clubs worldwide.

Academic-year Ambassadorial Scholarships are for one academic year abroad and provide funding for round-trip transportation, tuition and fees, room, board, necessary educational supplies, and language training (if necessary) up to a maximum award of \$23,000 or its equivalent.

During their studies abroad, Rotary Foundation ambassadorial Scholars act as "ambassadors of goodwill." Through appearance before Rotary clubs and district, schools, civic organizations, and other forums, the scholars represent their homelands and work to further international understanding.

The Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholarships Program is the world's largest privately-sponsored international scholarship program. Some \$320 million has been spent on 30,000 international scholarships since the program began in 1947.

## Eligibility Criteria:

- All applications must be citizens of a country in which there are Rotary Clubs.
- Applicants must have completed at least two years of college-level coursework or equivalent professional experience before commencing their scholarships studies. Initial application must be made through a Rotary club in the applicant's legal or permanent residence or place of full-time study or employment.
- Candidates cannot be Rotarians, Honorary Rotarians, or employee of a club, district, or other Rotary entity or of Rotary International. Spouses, spouses of lineal descendants, and ancestors (parent or grandparent by blood) of persons in the foregoing categories are also ineligible. Please note that Rotarians and their relatives remain ineligible for scholarship awards for 36 months after a Rotarian has resigned from the club membership.
- Persons with disabilities and members of Rotaract clubs are eligible and encouraged to apply.
- In addition to the criteria listed above, applicants for Academic-Year Ambassadorial Scholarships must be proficient in the language of the proposed country.

Contact us for more information –

Note: Our District 5960 offers one, one-year Academic Ambassadorial Scholarship each year. They do not offer a Cultural Ambassadorial Scholarship.





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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 Club: [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: [rotary.org](http://rotary.org)

**ACTIVE COMMITTEES**

Four Avenues of Service  
Club, Vocational, Community, International

**CLUB SERVICE I**

Linda Rings, Director

Greeters ..... *Bill Wiktor*  
 Membership Development ..... *Doug Rovang*  
 Visitors Desk ..... *Cindy Sharp*  
 Sergeant-at-Arms ..... *John Woodruff*  
 Mentors ..... *Mark Neville*

**CLUB SERVICE II**

Dan O’Neil, Director

Club Bulletin ..... *Lorie Luedke, Lois Nietz*  
 Club Web Site ..... *Lorie Luedke*  
 Invocations ..... *Carla Nelson*  
 Programs ..... *Phil Karsell*  
 Public Relations ..... *Dana Funk*  
 Four-Way Test ..... *Ann Beatty*

**CLUB SERVICE III**

Mark Dripps, Director

Bell Ringing - Salvation Army ..... *Paul Bleimeyer,*  
*Mark Neville*  
 Golf Day ..... *Mike Schnell*  
 Music ..... *Jane Belau*  
 Rotary Information ..... *Leigh Johnson*

**VOCATIONAL SERVICE**

Linda Bonow, Director

Rotation Day ..... *Linda Bonow*  
 STRIVE ..... *Audrey Betcher*  
 Vocational Talks ..... *Rachel Hurt*  
 Auction 2008 ..... *Bill Nietz*

**COMMUNITY SERVICE**

Karen Ricklefs, Director

Library Host ..... *Allan Sessler*  
 Rotary US Bank Holiday Classic ..... *Paul Barton,*  
*Laurel Schacht*  
 Quarry Hill Fall Festival ..... *Carla Nelson*  
 Rotary Reading Project ..... *Cris Fischer*  
 Service Above Self Awards ..... *Mark St. Peter*  
 Student Guests ..... *Lance Papenfuss*  
 Camp RYLA ..... *Glen VanLaningham, Peg Winters*  
 White Oaks Park ..... *Ashok Patel, Stacy Sinner*

**INTERNATIONAL SERVICE**

Karmen Reid, Director

Foundational Scholarships ..... *Dave Moertel*  
 Group Study Exchange Team ..... *Gilda Banfield*  
 Rotary International Foundation ..... *Rick Lien*  
 Youth Exchange ..... *Hilla Ferguson*  
 Gift of Life ..... *Betty Devine, Brenda Walker*  
 World Community Service ..... *Judith O’Fallon*