



# Moccasin Flower

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## VITAL STATISTICS

**MEMBERSHIP:** 247

**AVERAGE JULY ATTENDANCE:** 55.50%

**AMBASSADORS:** Jane Belau, Detroit Lakes, MN X2; Sarah Burrington, Tom DeRienzo, Ed O'Connell, eClubOne; Jerry Downes, Hayward, WI; Bill Nietz, Wabasha, MN; Bob Priem, Rice Lake, WI & Hayward, WI; Marv Ramsay, Hayward WI X3 & LaCrosse, WI; Marcia Redalen, LaCrescent, MN.

**GREATER ROCHESTER:** 8/2/06: Chris Bedney, Joe McBride, Judy O'Fallon, Mike O'Fallon, Michelle Pyfferoen. 8/9/06: Melissa Brinkman, Lynn Clarey, John Edmonson 8/16/06: ?? 8/23/06: Lynn Clarey, Mark Cairns, Brian Murphy, Judy O'Fallon, Mike O'Fallon. 8/30/06: Mark St. Peter, Mike O'Fallon.

**RISERS:** 8/01/06: Marcia Redalen, Alan Sessler, John Woodruff. 8/08/06: Ann Beatty, John Brandrup, Dave Colville, Fran Kornblum, Alan Sessler. 8/15/06: John Brandrup, Alan Sessler 8/22/06: Marcia Redalen, Bill Wiktor. 8/29/06: Dan O'Neil, Alan Sessler, Mark Utz.

## BIRTHDAYS

HAPPY SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS!

<u>Birthday</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Birthplace</u>
September 3	Jerry Downes	Minneapolis, MN
	Norm Hepper	Underwood, ND
September 4	Cris Fischer	Rochester, MN
September 5	Jerry Watson	Omaha, NE
September 7	Jerry Williams	Princeville, IL
September 9	Marty Anderson	Chicago, IL
September 11	James Gibson	Topeka, KS
September 14	Cynthia Larson	Rochester, MN
	Laurel Schacht	Rochester, MN
September 15	Judith Taylor	Urbana, IL
September 17	Jim Woodruff	Hibbing, MN
September 18	Chris Price	Rochester, MN
September 19	Audrey Betcher	Rochester, MN
September 21	Frank Streit	Humbolt, IA
September 22	Tom DeRienzo	Brooklyn, NY
September 23	Bill Nietz	Rochester, MN
September 24	Karmen Reid	Winterset, IA
September 26	Tom Sitzer	Langdon, ND
September 27	Bob Priem	Austin, MN
September 28	Mac Hamilton	Minneapolis, MN
September 29	Paul Barton	Kansas City, KS
	Gary Harmon	Fargo, ND
	Linda Herrick	Rochester, MN

## LOOKING FOR SERVICE? HERE YOU GO!

**QUARRY HILL FALL FESTIVAL:** Sign-up to help with the food wagon. Getting hot dogs ready and serving sodas is all you have to do.

**STRIVE:** Our first program in September will tell you about the program. Also check the link on the Web site. Sign-up to become part of a great program.

**LIBRARY HOSTS:** Sign-up at upcoming meetings to host at the Rochester Public Library. Every Thursday evening from 6-9 p.m. we have two hosts to be at the library – walk around, greet and just in general present an adult presence there.

*(Remember all of these count as make-ups and for new members, these opportunities count toward your blue badge requirements).*

## ROTARY NEWS

- We extend our deepest sympathy to **Nickie Froiland** and **Mark Murch**. Both of our fellow Rotarians' mothers passed away recently.
- Thanks to all of you for your assistance in making reservations for you and your guests at our August 24 and August 31 meeting. Also, I know some of you were packed in pretty tightly at the Radisson, but I didn't hear a single complaint.
- Are you thinking at all about going to the RI convention in Salt Lake City on June 17-20? Now is the time to obtain hotel rooms and register. Check the RI Web site.
- Congratulations to three of our members who were included in the Southeast Business Journal's Ten Under 40 Group for this year. The winners, business leaders under age 40, were judged on business acumen and contributions to the community. Our Rotarians were **Nickie Froiland, Ashleigh Rosson-Hoffmann** and **Denise Sorom**.
- We will continue to allow announcements (made by the president) of non-Rotary community fundraisers, etc. that members are participating in. Check the office if you want the guidelines. There is a slight change. The only time we will allow selling of tickets, sign-ups, etc. is when we are in Heritage Hall. Space is not available at other sites.
- Resignations have been received and accepted with regrets from **Bill Cooney** and **Diane Schwinghammer**.
- Thanks to all who helped with the August meetings: Sergeant at Arms **John Woodruff** and his assistant **Bob Priem**. Greeters: **Chris Bedney, Bari Amadio, Michael Homan, Marty Anderson, Jeff Amundson, Dave Eberhart**. Visitor's Desk: **Cindy Sharp, Nancy Sears, Stacy Sinner**. Introduction of Visitors: **Leigh Johnson, Bob MacCarty & Jerry Downes**. Invocations: **Matt Camrud, Vicki Allen, Audrey Betcher, Chris Bedney, Marty Anderson**. Cashier at Lunch: **James Gibson**. Music: **Ann Beatty & Jane Belau**.

### ELECTRONIC MAKEUPS

Can't make it to Rotary?

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

## SEPTEMBER ROTARY CALENDAR

<b>September 7</b>	<b>Kahler Hotel - Windsor Hall</b> Vicki Allen, STRIVE
<b>September 14</b>	<b>Rotation Day</b> All members will be assigned where to attend Rotary. If you haven't heard by noon on Wednesday, September 13, please call the Rotary office.
<b>September 21</b>	<b>Kahler Hotel - Heritage Hall</b> Rob Sawyer, Director of Olmsted County Child and Family Service "Strengthening Families/Protecting Children"
<b>September 28</b>	<b>Kahler Hotel - Windsor Hall</b> Pete Giesen, Larry Edmonson, "Community Preparedness for Pandemic Flu"

### OTHER MEETINGS AND EVENTS

<b>September 14</b>	Rotary Board of Directors Meeting 7 a.m. - Charter House
<b>September 15-16</b>	Quarry Hill Fall Festival
<b>September 20</b>	Rotary Information Meeting 12 Noon, Mayo Brothers Room, Kahler Grand Hotel

## BEST PROGRAMS OF THE 2005-2006 ROTARY YEAR

Current program chair **Phil Karsell** recently took a poll of the programs we had for the 2005-2006 Rotary year.

Following are the top five programs for the year:

- 1) Governor Tim Pawlenty
- 2) Garvin McNeilus, "Wind Power"
- 3) Aviation Day at Rochester Airport
- 4) Jerry Williams, Superintendent of Schools
- 5) Ken Powell, "Bataan Death March"

Thanks to **2005-2006 Chair Karen Ricklefs** and her committee for another excellent year.

## GROUP STUDY EXCHANGE – EQUADOR AND AUSTRALIA

Applications are now open for a Rotarian team leader and non-Rotarian team members to participate in TWO exchanges to Australia (Rotary District 9650) from February 19, 2007 – March 26, 2007 and Ecuador (Rotary District 4400) from May 4, 2007 – May 30, 2007. Interviews for all applications will be held on October 7 (Australia) and October 21 (Ecuador). Specifics about the exchange and application instructions are available on the Rotary District 5960 Web site at [www.Rotary5960.org](http://www.Rotary5960.org)

For Rotarians who are unable to participate in the exchange personally, please consider encouraging a qualified employee to apply as a team member. Group Study Exchange change is not just a wonderful travel opportunity – it is a leadership and professional development opportunity for your emerging young professionals. Vocational service and study are strong components of the exchange.

Applications must be sent to our club office by September 15<sup>th</sup>.



## WHITE OAK PARK VOLUNTEER CLEAN-UP BY ROTARY



Participants in the Rotary Club's first clean-up of White Oak Park included Karen Ricklefs, Stacy Sinner and grandson, Caleb, Sue and David Dripps, Mike and Judith O'Fallon, John Woodruff, and Ashok and Kris Patel and their three daughters.

## NEW MEMBER



Jeff Amundson with new member **Lance Papenfuss**, KTTC.

## RI FOUNDATION'S FISCAL HEALTH IS TOP-RATED BY LEADING U.S. EVALUATOR

Charity Navigator, a leading evaluator of public charities, has awarded The Rotary Foundation its top rating of four stars.

Established to help individuals make intelligent choices, the nonprofit Charity Navigator provides free ratings of tax-exempt charities based in the United States that received substantial public support (more than \$500,000). Charity Navigator also considers length of operation and program type before including an organization on its master list for evaluation.

Currently, Charity Navigator evaluates the organizational efficiency, organizational capacity, and overall financial health of more than 5,000 charities.

"Less than a quarter of the charities we evaluate have received our highest rating, indication that The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International outperforms the majority of nonprofits in America with respect to fiscal responsibility," says Trent Stamp, executive director of Charity Navigator, in the letter announcing RI's four-star rating.

## LETTER FROM CHILE!

*Our youth exchange student, Tricia Anklan, has arrived in Chile. Here is a first report as sent to Karmen Reid, our youth exchange chair.*

"Hopefully life is going good. I can't believe I've been in Chile for two weeks, it seems like forever but at the same time like I just got here (probably because my Spanish is pathetic, haha). The flying wasn't fun but hey nothing makes 16 hours of travel better than a 4 hour delay!

I made it to Santiago where we didn't have time to call our parents because we were rushed through customs and baggage inspection crazy quick. There were 24 exchange students in Chile through Rotary this year, 18 from the U.S., 2 from Canada, 3 from Denmark and 2 from Switzerland. Congratulations all you mathematicians, that doesn't add up to 24, and it was something like that anyways.

We had training for two days in a city North of Santiago, going there was crazy because none of us spoke Spanish and the people from Rotary didn't speak English.

I'm living in Calama, Chile. Calama is really three cities combined with about 110,000 people. My parents names are Roberto and Fabiola, and their kids are Dani 16, Roberto 16 (who is an exchange student in Pennsylvania this year, I've never met him), Monica 12 (who lives in Santiago during the school year), and Javiera goes to school with me, which is great because she actually knows what she is doing. I just pretend I do, which usually works pretty well. It's not like I can ask questions! Yesterday was my first day of school, it was really overwhelming but really fun. Today was great, I'm starting to understand the people and a couple of the classes. Oh man, except for Chemistry, last year was miserable with that class, but hey now I get to the same thing again, IN SPANISH. It is ridiculous.

Already a boy asked me for my number (ah!), I got invited to the movies and mall, invited on a trip to SanJuan, invited on a trip to Argentina, and to a barbecue this weekend! I love Chile. Everyone is so nice and interested in foreign exchange students. There are six kids in my grade already that I've met who were foreign exchange students, which is crazy cool. Chile is fantastic.

Hopefully you've enjoyed my novel!

Thanks so much!

Tricia



## POLITICAL CANDIDATES POLICY

Starting in September we will be having political candidates at each meeting giving a five minute presentation to you. The guidelines are as follows:

"Rochester Rotary will respond to requests of major political candidates to come to our club by our choosing a date that fits our schedule and then giving a candidate an opportunity to have lunch, make a five minute presentation and mingle with the membership if they desire. We will have only one candidate per meeting and they may put out political brochures."

(We have all the slots already filled – they filled rapidly once we announced this earlier).

### **The Rotary Four-Way Test - "Of the things we think, say or do:**

1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. 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 ..... *Michelle Mikkalson*  
 Membership Development ..... *Kim Adams*  
 Visitors Desk ..... *Cindy Sharp*  
 Sergeant-at-Arms ..... *John Woodruff*  
 Mentors .....

**CLUB SERVICE II**

Brian Murphy, Director

Club Bulletin ..... *Lorie Luedke, Lois Nietz*  
 Club Web Site ..... *Lorie Luedke*  
 Invocations ..... *Mark Cairns*  
 Programs ..... *Phil Karsell*  
 Public Relations ..... *Doug Rovang*

**CLUB SERVICE III**

Mark Dripps, Director

Bell Ringing - Salvation Army ..... *Fred Suhler*  
 Golf Day ..... *Mark Dripps, Dana Funk*  
 Music ..... *Jane Belau*  
 Rotary Information ..... *Leigh Johnson*

**VOCATIONAL SERVICE**

Laurel Schacht, Director

Rotation Day ..... *Laurel Schacht*  
 STRIVE ..... *Vicki Allen*  
 Vocational Talks ..... *Rachel Hurt*  
 Auction 2008 ..... *Bill Nietz*

**COMMUNITY SERVICE**

Karen Ricklefs, Director

Library Host ..... *Allan Sessler*  
 Rotary US Bank Holiday Classic ..... *Paul Barton*  
 Quarry Hill Fall Festival ..... *Laurel Schacht*  
 Rotary Reading Project ..... *Cris Fischer*  
 Service Above Self Awards ..... *Marie Maher*  
 Student Guests ..... *Keri Smith*  
 Camp RYLA ..... *Glen VanLaningham*  
 White Oaks Park ..... *Stacy Sinner*

**INTERNATIONAL SERVICE**

Stacey Vanden Heuvel, Director

Foundational Scholarships ..... *Dave Moertel*  
 Group Study Exchange Team ..... *Gilda Banfield*  
 Rotary International Foundation ..... *Mike O'Fallon*  
 Youth Exchange ..... *Karmen Reid, Hilla Ferguson*  
 Gift of Life ..... *Mary Jo Kelly*  
 World Community Service ..... *Glenn VanLaningham*