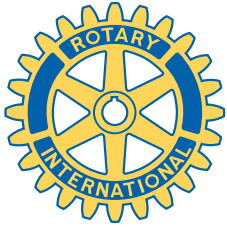


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## VITAL STATISTICS

MEMBERSHIP: 214

JULY ATTENDANCE: 41.29%

**AMBASSADORS (Clubs outside of Rochester):**  
Rotary Club of Hayward, WI: **Jerry Downes**;  
Rotary Club of Rice Lake, WI: **Bob Priem**; Rotary  
Club of Savanna, IL: **Lois Nietz**; Rotary Club of  
Saaremaa, Estonia: **Ingrid Neel**; Baileys Harbor  
Rotary: **Tank Sholem**; District 5960: **Karel Weigel**

**GREATER ROCHESTER ROTARY:** Lynn Clarey

**eCLUB:** Linda Bonow, Sarah Burrington, Borge  
Christiansen

**MEMBERS ON LEAVE:** Gilda Banfield

**RESIGNATIONS:** Linda Herrick, Craig Oslund

**NEW MEMBERS:** Brian Welke

## Welcome new member Brian Welke



New Rotarian Brian Welke and his proposer Kelly Engler.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

<u>Birthday</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Birthplace</u>
September 3	<b>Jerry Downes</b>	Minneapolis, MN
September 4	<b>Cris Fischer</b>	Rochester, MN
September 7	<b>Jerry Williams</b>	Princeville, IL
September 11	<b>Christine Beech</b>	Fairfax, VA
	<b>Michon Rogers</b>	Harmony, MN
September 14	<b>Laurel Schacht</b>	Rochester, MN
September 15	<b>Judith Taylor</b>	Urbana, IL
September 16	<b>Josef Chlachula</b>	Czechoslovakia
September 17	<b>Jim Woodruff</b>	Hibbing, MN
September 19	<b>Audrey Betcher</b>	Rochester, MN
September 20	<b>Betty Hutchins</b>	Chattanooga, TN
September 21	<b>Josh Johnson</b>	Spring Valley, MN
	<b>Frank Streit</b>	Humboldt, IA
September 23	<b>Bill Nietz</b>	Rochester MN
September 24	<b>Susan Ahlquist</b>	West Virginia
	<b>Mark Noble</b>	Jamestown, ND
	<b>Karmen Reid</b>	Winterset, IA
	<b>Kristine Stensland</b>	Cedar Rapids, IA
September 26	<b>Tom Sitzer</b>	Langdon, ND
September 27	<b>Harriet Hodgson</b>	Flushing, NY
	<b>Bob Priem</b>	Austin, MN
September 28	<b>Mac Hamilton</b>	Minneapolis, MN
September 29	<b>Paul Barton</b>	Kansas City, KS
	<b>Gary Harmon</b>	Fargo, ND

If we have missed your birthday, please let us know.

2012-2013  
Rotary International  
Theme



# ROTARY NEWS

- Thanks to all who helped with the August meetings.  
 Greeters: **Jen Woodford, Frank Streit, Sue Johnson, Ray Johnson, Mary Jo Kelly, Maurice Hagen, Karel Weigel, Steve Rossello**, Cashier: **Danae Ostern, Kelly Engler, Jen Woodford, Janice Domke**, Sergeant-at-Arms: **John Woodruff**, Visitors Desk: **John Brandrup, Linda Bonow, Bari Amadio, Steve Rossello**, Piano: **Linda Herrick, Ann Beatty**, Invocations: **Bill Wiktor, Colin Aldis, Phil Karsell, Dennis Nigon**, Four Way Test: **Carla Nelson, Suzanne Dinusson, Paul Tieskoetter, Judith O'Fallon, Mark Dripps**, Introduction of Visitors: **Phil Karsell, Dennis Nigon, Leigh Johnson**, Presenters: **Lou Kuhlmann, Michelle Britton, Lexi Grafe, Ron Petersen, Peter Vodenka, Gregory Stavrou, Willie Tipton, Nicole Williamson**.



**Save the Date!**  
 Friday, November 2  
**Rotary Clubs of Rochester**  
**Third Annual Oktoberfest**  
 Barlow Plaza Event Center

<h2>September Rotary Anniversaries</h2>	
Teresa Blythe	2 years
Terry Sorenson	2 years
Barbara Banner	3 years
Susan Johnson	4 years
Paul Tieskoetter	4 years
David Harbert	5 years
Mark Ostrem	5 years
Cresta Valentine	6 years
Dan Kelly	6 years
Paul Bleimeyer	7 years
Jim Sloan	8 years
Laurel Schacht	11 years
Karel Weigel	14 years
Sue Dripps	16 years
Sandra Means	16 years
Linda Bonow	19 years
Lois Nietz	25 years
Frank Sharbrough	29 years
Jerry Schliep	38 years
George Waters	65 years



## SEPTEMBER ROTARY CALENDAR

- September 6** **Kahler Hotel – Heritage Hall -** 11:30 am - 1 pm, “Emergency Communications Coordination” by Steve Borchardt
- September 13** **Kahler Hotel – Windsor Hall -** 11:30 am - 1:00 pm, “People’s Food Co-Op: Serving Rochester Through Food and Community” by Lizzy Haywood
- September 20** **Rotation Day - Meet at Rotarians’ Place of Vocation,** 11:30 am -1:00 pm
- September 27** **Kahler Hotel – Elizabethan Room -** 11:30 am -1:00 pm, “Minnesota Zoo” by Lee

## OTHER MEETINGS AND EVENTS

- September 10** **Salvation Army Dinner Service,** 5:45-7:00 p.m., Salvation Army Building - Contact Linda Hillenbrand or Sue Johnson
- September 12** **Rotary Board of Directors Meeting -** 7:00-8:00 a.m., The Kahler Grand Hotel, Directors Room
- September 12** **Community Food Response -** 1:15-6:45 p.m., Bethel Lutheran Church - Contact Glen VanLaningham or Phil Karsell
- Sept. 15 & 16** **Quarry Hill Fall Festival Service,** Quarry Hill Nature Center, 10:45 am-5:30 pm
- September 19** **White Oaks Park Clean-up -** 6:00 pm, White Oaks Park
- September 21** **Oktoberfest Service Project -** 5:00-8:30 p.m. Proceeds go to Arc of Olmsted County
- September 24** **Salvation Army Dinner Service,** 5:45-7:00 p.m., Salvation Army Building - Contact Linda Hillenbrand or Sue Johnson
- September 26** **Rotary Information Meeting -** 12:00-1:30 p.m., Kahler Hotel

# “WE WANT YOU BACK” EVENT and VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

This Fall, about 200 students will not return to Rochester public high schools.

- They will be more likely to be unemployed. The jobs they do get will pay much less and not provide them with health insurance.
- They will be less likely to vote, less likely to volunteer, and more likely to be imprisoned.
- They will earn hundreds of thousands of dollars less over their lifetime. They will cost our economy billions.

The costs of dropping out of high school are not just borne by these young people, they are borne by the communities in which they live.

You have the opportunity to make a difference in our community by encouraging these students to come back to school.

Saturday, October 6, will be the first *We Want You Back* Event, where teams of community volunteers and Rochester Public Schools (RPS) staff visit the homes of

high school youth who have not returned to school for the 2012-13 school year.

The United Way of Olmsted County and Rochester Public Schools are looking for 200 community volunteers to join

teams of “Door-to-Door Walkers” from 9:00 a.m. to noon on October 6. Teams will consist of a team leader from the school and 2-3 community volunteers. Each team will be assigned to 6-8 home visits to encourage students to return to school.



Let's make sure every student knows we need them. Volunteer now to say, “We want you back!” Sign up at [www.uwolmsted.org/comeback](http://www.uwolmsted.org/comeback).

## OctoberFest(s)

You have two opportunities this fall to celebrate your German Heritage or maybe just your love of good beer, good food, and good friends.

Rotary is one of this year's sponsors for the local OctoberFest on The Peace Plaza sponsored by Apollo Liquor, Premier Bank and Laser/Fox to benefit The Arc of Southeastern Minnesota. We're looking for 10-15 members from our club to help at the event on September 21, and we invite everyone to attend!



Additionally, we are bringing back our Rotary-only Oktoberfest on November 2nd at the Barlow Event Center. (For more information, see separate advertisement on page 7 of the Moccasin Flower.)

### OctoberFest on the Peace Plaza

Shifts : 4:30-6:30 p.m. and 6:30-8:30 p.m.

#### Volunteers Jobs:

Ticket sales/Wrist Band/ID Check need 4 people per shift

Pour beer/Wine samples: 10 people needed per shift

Set up tables/booths at 1:00: Need 5 people

## It's the Annual Rochester Rotary Golf Outing!!

**Who:** Rotarians and guests – all levels of golfers encouraged to play! This is not a tournament. Play as you like - scramble or individually.

**What:** An afternoon and evening of good times, good fun, and good food with fellow Rotarians!

**Where:** Eastwood Golf Course

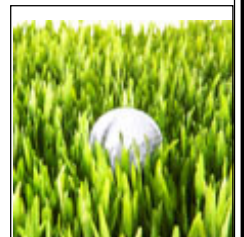
**When:** Tuesday, September 18, 2012,  
Tee Times 1:00 - 2:30 p.m.

**How much?** Rotarians with a full city golf membership pay \$10 for 18-holes cart.

Rotarians without a city golf membership pay \$25 for 18 holes with cart

**NOT A GOLFER?** – Join other Rotarians at Wicked Moose for social time after golf. Beverages and food available for purchase from the menu.

Sign-up today on the Rotary Club of Rochester's home Web page. Register as a foursome or we will pair you with another group.



# WORLD COMMUNITY SERVICE MAKING AN IMPACT IN CAMBODIA

Submitted in part by Judith O'Fallon

The WASH project is an initiative to improve sanitation and hygiene through the provision of 20 sets of compost toilets and sanitation units to residents living in Prolit Village, Cambodia.

Flash floods delayed the project start date, washing out roads and delaying the delivery of materials to the sites. The teams of volunteers and staff, along with village members have done what they can – preparing thatch and continuing education. They have had to continue bring buckets of bricks. The combination of high heat, high humidity, and lack of transportation did slow the work. However, progress continues as reported by Phil Starling, Founder of Making a Difference for Good (MaD). Water testing is ongoing and is going well. The medical awareness work is ongoing and on schedule. Installation has been completed for 18 of the 20 sanitation units. At this time, all necessary supplies are available and will be used to complete the project within the next 60 days.



Four Rotarians, representatives of the four participating Rotary clubs, were the proponents for the project funding provided by their clubs. One Rotarian, Rochester Rotary Riser, has established a partnership with faculty from Rochester Technical and Community College (RCTC), which led to this collaboration. RCTC faculty and students just returned from their 7<sup>th</sup> annual service learning trip with students to Cambodia who had an opportunity to speak with individuals involved with the

project, observe the project progress, and participate in other service projects in the area. Updates were provided mid-late January to each of the Rotary clubs funding the project.

Approximately 265 non-Rotarians benefit from this project which will reduce illness and water born disease, improve the drinking water supply, and promote sanitation and long term health. Making a Difference for Good (MaD) is the on-site NGO who is performing the work to build the toilets and sanitation units and provide the education to the residents. The Rotary Club of Rochester will receive another update through a Rotary program later in the Rotary year.

## THANK YOU for Sharing Rotary!

Thank you to the following Rotarians who helped expand the idea of "Service Above Self" in our area through membership recruitment during our 2011-2012 Rotary year:

Vicki Allen	Carla Nelson
Susan Ahlquist	Merlin Ricklefs
Linda Bonow	Jerry Schliep
Kelly Engler	Marilyn Stewart
Gary Harmon	Paul Tieskoetter
Leigh Johnson	Milt Tostrud
Rick Lien	Stacey VandenHeuvel
Lorie Luedke	Bill Wiktor

A special "thank you" to **Susan Ahlquist** who brought three and **Paul Tieskoetter** who brought two new Rotarians into membership during the year.

## The Rotary Club of Rochester 2012-13 Club Progress to Goals

CATEGORY	2012-13 GOALS	As of August 2012
<b>Membership</b> <i>(Began Rotary year with 215)</i>	240	214
<b>Rotary Foundation - Annual Program Fund</b>	\$12,000	\$500
<b>Every Rotarian Every Year (EREY)</b>	100%	4%
<b>Polio Plus</b> <i>(contribution from Auction proceeds)</i>	\$2,500	\$2,500
<b>District 5960 Fast for Hope Project</b> <i>(from Auction proceeds)</i>	\$1,000	\$1,000

# STRIVE SEEKING MENTORS FOR 2012-2013 SCHOOL YEAR

The STRIVE Program, initiated by Rochester Rotary II in 1999, invites academically challenged high school seniors to participate in a post-high school focused mentoring program. The program was introduced when club officers saw a presentation about Waseca Rotary's success with STRIVE. Rotary approached John Marshall high school and the program was born. The 1999/2000 STRIVE program at John Marshall was extremely successful. In 2000, Rochester Rotary decided to initiate a program with Mayo High School and in 2004 began a program at Century High School.

Students who choose to participate in STRIVE are matched with an adult mentor from one of the Rochester Rotary Clubs. Mentors are not tutors, but are there to

offer support, encouragement and assistance. Students and mentors meet once a month from October through April for about 50 minutes during the school day and talk about how school is going and what their plans are for the future. Meetings also include presentations on topics relevant to life after high school – college, careers, finances, etc. The goal is for students to improve their grades, and scholarships are awarded to those who show the most improvement in their GPA during the first three quarters.

John Marshall meets one Tuesday per month from 8:10 - 9:00 a.m. (Note this time is different than last year!) Mayo meets Wednesday from 8:30 - 9:30 a.m. and Century meets Thursday from 8:30 - 9:30 a.m..

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## ROTARY FRIENDSHIP EXCHANGE TO BRITISH COLUMBIA, MAY 21 – JUNE 2, 2013



The District hosting the Friendship Exchange is located in an area covering Southeastern British Columbia, Canada, Northern Idaho and Eastern Washington State. They have a geographical diversity that includes snow capped mountains, pristine lakes, fertile agricultural areas and mountain deserts. Starting in Grand Forks, the exchange then moves to Castlegar and Cranbrook, BC. It ends in Post Falls, ID. The trip will be approximately 12 days.

District 5080 consists of 64 clubs with a membership of about 2870 Rotarians. If you would like to learn more about District 5080, visit their website at <http://www.clubrunner.ca/portal/home.aspx?did=5080>

The ideal number of participants in this exchange is 8-10 and applicants must be Rotarians, spouses, and/or friends. Please visit (<http://rotary5960.org/scholars/index.cfm?pScholar=BRZ&pDoc=78>) for guidelines, expectations and application. A deposit of \$50 is required and is non-refundable for those applicants accepted for the team. Please make check payable to Rotary District 5960 and send with completed application to Cheryl Kohout, 1519 23<sup>rd</sup> Street, Houlton, WI 54082. Questions? Contact [CherylKohout@aol.com](mailto:CherylKohout@aol.com) or call her at 651/442-7986.

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## Rotary Youth Exchange Students



2010-2011 Inbound Youth Exchange student Camilla Kjaergaard with her parents from Denmark, International Service Director Cris Fischer and 2012-2013 Outbound Youth Exchange student Merissa Wellman with her parents

# ROTATION DAY SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER 20

## What Happens on Rotation Day?

Members may host or be assigned a place to go for lunch. This goes back to the early days of Rotary when Rotarians rotated their meeting site each week. It gives you the opportunity to get to know each other a little better and find out about your host's vocation.

## 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 Rotation Day lunches with their dues, so the host simply submits a billing to the Rotary office for lunches. During the meeting time, 11:30-1:00 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.



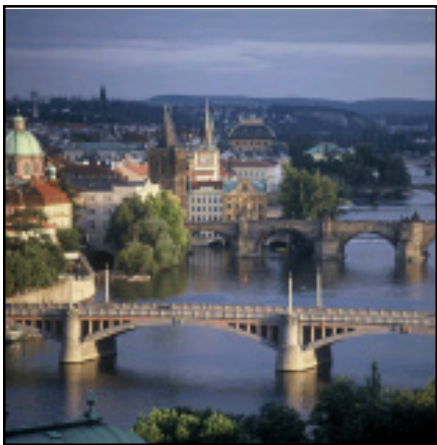
## What Do Those Attending Do?

Guests wait for an invitation by email or phone from your host. Please **respond to the host** to confirm that you are attending and arrive promptly at 11:30 pm on Rotation Day to enjoy the event!

Sign-up on the Rotary Club of Rochester's home page on the Web under "What's New."

## ROTARY SEEKS BUSINESS/PROFESSIONAL PEOPLE FOR EXCHANGE WITH THE CZECH REPUBLIC AND SLOVAKIA

A once in a lifetime opportunity! Group Study Exchange (GSE) is a unique educational experience that furthers international understanding by providing an opportunity for outstanding business and professional people to study another country, its people, its culture and its institutions. Each GSE team visits a Rotary district in another country for four weeks. Team members stay in the homes of Rotarians, if possible, and follow an itinerary of educational and cultural points of interest. Travel and living expenses are covered during the exchange by The Rotary Foundation, Rotarians and Rotary District 5960.



A Rotary District 5960 GSE team will visit Rotary District 2240 in the Czech Republic and Slovakia, from **May 4 - June 1, 2013**. The focus of the exchange will be public policy, public health and economic development. Rotary offers this opportunity to spend a month living with local Rotarians and seeing the country in a way few will ever experience.

The teams will consist of four non-Rotarian professional or business people and a Rotarian team leader. Candidates must be engaged in a recognized business or profession on a full-time basis for at least the past two years. Employers must give permission for the candidate to participate **BEFORE** the interview process. Candidates must be between the ages of 25-45 years and must live or work within the limits of Rotary District 5960 and its clubs (St Paul, southeastern and central MN, parts of western Wisconsin). Applicants cannot be spouses or lineal descendants of current Rotary members. Applicants must be citizens of the United

States of America. **All applications must be received by your local Rotary Club by October 15, 2012.**

District level interviews will be held on Saturday, November 10, 2012. Applicants must be available all day, starting at 11:30 a.m. for interviews which will be held at the Northern Star Boy Scout Council's Hulings Scout Service Center, 393 Marshall Ave., St. Paul, Minnesota.

For an application form and/or local Rotary club information and contact person, please call Jingle Mahan at 651/636-9054 or [jingle@rotary5960.org](mailto:jingle@rotary5960.org).

GSE applications available for downloading at (follow the links to service and fellowship and click on the Group Study Exchange link): <http://www.rotary.org/en/serviceandfellowship/fellowship/GroupStudyexchange/Pages/ridefault.aspx>



# Oktoberfest

The Rotary Clubs of Rochester  
invite you to the 3rd Annual Rotary & Friends  
Oktoberfest

Friday, November 2, 2012  
6 to 10 p.m.

(Beer & wine tasting with appetizers from 6 – 7; Dinner from 7 – 8:30;  
Larry J. Polka Band plays from 6 – 10)

Barlow Plaza Event Center  
(located in HyVee Barlow Plaza)

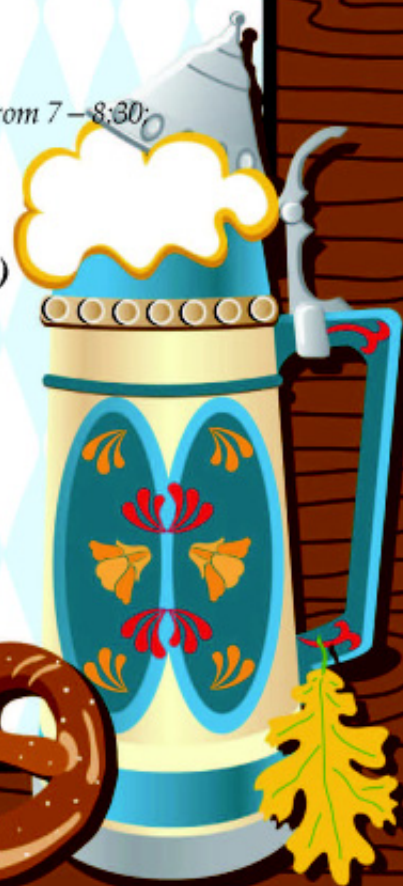
Get out your lederhosen and join  
us for a night of polka dancing,  
German beer & wine tasting and  
German food

Sponsored by:



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hosts ...

Rochester Rotary  
Greater Rochester Rotary  
Rochester Rotary Risers  
Rochester Rotaract



## The Rotary Clubs of Rochester Oktoberfest Celebration Friday, November 2, 2012

Please make \_\_\_ reservations for:

Name/Names \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is a check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (\$20 per person)

*Price includes meal and tastings (cash bar available for other drinks—15% of cash bar proceeds will go to Rotary to support polio eradication efforts).*

Reservations and payment must be received by **October 22nd.**

**Please make checks payable to Rochester Rotary Club**  
Rochester Rotary Club, PO Box 7566, Rochester, MN 55903

Or register online at  
[www.rochesterrotaryclubs.org](http://www.rochesterrotaryclubs.org)

**ROCHESTER ROTARY CLUB**

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- 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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**PRESIDENT-ELECT:** Vicki Allen

**PRESIDENT NOMINEE:** Paul Barton

**SECRETARY:** Caroline Baihly

**TREASURER:** Ray Johnson

**PAST PRESIDENT:** Mark Dripps

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Elizabeth Karsell, 507-252-0085

E-mail: romnrotary@charter.net

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Joe Kovarik, St. Paul Rotary

**ASSISTANT GOVERNOR**

Chris Berg, Greater Rochester Rotary

**WEB SITES**

Rochester Rotary: [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)

**ROTARY COMMITTEES**

**CLUB SERVICE I**

Sue Johnson, Director

Greeters ..... *Colin Aldis*  
 Membership Development ..... *Vicki Allen*  
 Rotary Information Officer ..... *Leigh Johnson*  
 Visitors Desk ..... *Kathy Lessard*  
 Sergeant-at-Arms ..... *John Woodruff*  
 Mentors ..... *Milt Tostrud*

**CLUB SERVICE II**

Bill Wiktor, Director

Club Bulletin ..... *Elizabeth Karsell, Lorie Luedke*  
 Club Web Site ..... *Elizabeth Karsell*  
 Invocations ..... *Bill Wiktor*  
 Programs ..... *Dana Funk*  
 Public Relations ..... *Paul Barton*  
 Four-Way Test ..... *Steve Sponsel*

**CLUB SERVICE III**

Anne Berberich, Director

Biennial Auction ..... *Mark Dripps, Dana Funk*  
 Golf Day ..... *Mark Dripps*  
 Music ..... *Ann Beatty, Linda Herrick*  
 Social Events .....

**INTERNATIONAL SERVICE**

Cris Fischer, Director

Foundational Scholarships ..... *Steve Sponsel*  
 Group Study Exchange Team .....

Rotary International Foundation ..... *Mark Dripps*  
 Youth Exchange ..... *Cris Fischer*  
 Rotary Gift of Life ..... *Betty Devine*  
 World Community Service ..... *Judith O'Fallon*

**VOCATIONAL SERVICE**

Open Position, Director

Camp RYLA ..... *Dana Funk, Steve Rossello*  
 Rotary Literacy Coordinator ..... *Stacy Sinner*  
 Rotation Day ..... *Danae Ostern*  
 STRIVE .....

Vocational Talks ..... *Alison Good*  
 Youth Protection Officer .....

**COMMUNITY SERVICE**

Diane Ilstrup, Director

Channel One ..... *Tom Moyer, Phet Saysomphou*  
 Community Food Response ..... *Phil Karsell,*  
*Glenn VanLaningham*  
 Library Hosts ..... *Mary Jo Kelly*  
 Quarry Hill Fall Festival ..... *Barbara Porter*  
 Rotary Bell Ringing for Salvation Army ..... *Fred Suhler*  
 Rotary US Bank Holiday Classic ..... *Lynn Clarey,*  
*Elizabeth Karsell, Lorie Luedke, Bill Nietz, Lois Nietz,*  
*Mike Quinn, Doug Rovang, Laurel Schacht,*  
*Steve Stenhaug, Lorrie Swancutt*  
 Salvation Army Dinners ..... *Linda Hillenbrand, Sue Johnson*  
 Service Above Self Awards ..... *Cresta Valentine*  
 Student Guests ..... *Sara Gilliland*  
 White Oaks Park ..... *Ashok Patel, Mike Mahrer*