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January 14, 2008

The Rotary Club of Bloomington Noon

Weekly Meetings
12:00 Noon
Mondays
Airport Hilton
Hotel

Mission

An organization of leaders working together to make a difference in our community and the world.

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Directors: LuAnn Paulet, Dave Walock, Phyllis Karasov, Mark Bosch, Lori Nelson, Terry Stirewalt, Karyn Arazi, Colin Evenson, and Ken Nordlie

Next Week's Program

"Ripples of Opportunity" Guest: Lori Olson, Opportunity International

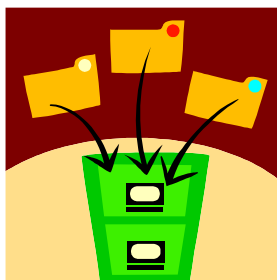
As one of the largest microfinance organizations in the world, Opportunity International is dedicated to the needs and well being of the poorest of the working poor. They provide small microfinance loans -- sometimes as little as \$50 -- as well as banking, insurance and other financial services that allow poor entrepreneurs to start or expand a business, develop a steady income, provide nutritious meals and education for their children and create jobs for their neighbors. Their goal is to help 100 million poor people work their way out of poverty by the year 2015.



Lori Olson has served as their Regional Director since 2005. Formerly a Financial Consultant with RBC Dain Rauscher, Lori became familiar with international financing opportunities/needs through her work with the World Bank in Peru. Lori, her husband, Gary, and their three daughters live in Prior Lake.

This Week's Program

"The Lean Office-Eliminating Waste in Our Companies"
Guest: Art Sneen



Striving to improve our most common day to day business processes can add to our productivity and our quality. Identifying and implementing best practices can also help. Even the smallest business uses processes to accomplish its goals, therefore these practices can apply universally.

Anything you do is a process. It has steps and it can be improved. Audit the things you do. Is what you are doing valued by the customer? Seek input from all parties involved. Seek continuous improvement in your processes. Practice improvements and measure their effectiveness. Make your efforts public, posting ideas, routines, reminders. Work to streamline your movements: walking, filing, searching for items. Practice, practice, practice improvements. It takes time and effort to make a cultural change in any organization, but the value added can be worth it.

January Birthdays

02 Marcy Gerdin
02 Adam Johnston
08 Wally Neal
16 Arlene Axelson
19 Dana House
27 Dick Russell

January Anniversaries

01 Marty Chorzempa 3 yr
01 Dick Russell 37 yrs
01 Dick Smith 25 yrs
05 Chris Schadow 20 yrs
11 Nick Basil 25 yrs
11 Jack Carlson 36 yrs
16 Mike Fewer 18 yrs
16 John Houle 18 yrs
26 Lee Helms 20 yrs
28 Larry Lee 16 yrs

Greeter Schedule

Jan 21: Becky Amble
Jan 28: Jim Wenthold
Feb 4: Dave Walock
Feb 11: Tom Kendall
Feb 18: Ken Nordlie

Invocator Schedule

Jan 21: LuAnn Paulet
Jan 28: Adam Johnston
Feb 4: Don Peterson
Feb 11: Lee Helms
Feb 18: Jack Bouquet

President's Corner - Don Stiles



I mentioned at our Monday meeting that last Saturday was the Bloomington community event honoring local military personnel who either recently returned from duty overseas or are about to be deployed. The event was called "Warriors to Citizens" and many businesses, organizations, and individuals were on hand to offer free services to these military folks as they transition back into their communities now or in the future. Special thanks to our Rotarian **Brian Emerson** who volunteered his free mortgage expertise to these returning soldiers. This was a wonderful event to demonstrate community support for our troops. Thank you, Brian, for sharing. Thank you to **Tom Kendall** for providing the "Remember Me" video honoring our troops and their service fighting and dying for our freedom.

Next Monday January 21 is our monthly Rotary Board meeting. Please give me or any other Board member a call if you have any items you want raised at the meeting.

We have several service projects coming up over the next couple months. The next one is the January 30 STRIVE mock job interviews. See the article below and contact **Lee Helms**, to participate. Thank you to Lee for organizing this event and to the volunteers who make a difference in the lives of these students!

STRIVE – Mock Interviews, January 30th

URGENT! There are over 30 students who need a chance to practice their interview skills. We need more Rotarian volunteers to help us conduct one-on-one job interviews with the STRIVE students so that they can improve their interviewing skills. Your participation and feedback to these students can make the difference in their getting a future job or not. Please call **Lee Helms (952-831-1141)** and let him know you can help on January 30, 7:30 - 8:30 AM at Kennedy High School. Thanks for sharing yourself with a student!

Rotarian Who Shares: Dave Walock

Born in Moorhead, MN and educated in Construction Management at North Dakota State, **Dave Walock** has been active in the construction industry since he was 12 years old. He is currently Vice President of Borson Construction, and serves on the Minneapolis Builders Exchange Board. He is married to Tina (27 years). They have two sons (AJ and Andrew). His hobby is working at his cabin.



Dave joined Rotary in 2003 and became immediately active, serving on the Board, now in his second term. He has worked on the silent auction and signage for the Harold Larson Party; organized Pack To School; and is currently working to organize a spring service project for our club – "Rotary Paint-A-Thon". His enthusiasm is catching! Nice way to share, Dave!

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The 4-Way Test

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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Rotarian Ryne DeVries, Approved for membership—Induction soon! Guest of Jim McDonald

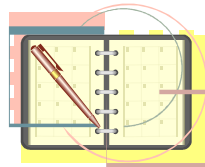
Guests:

Steve Dahlen, Marco Technology, Guest of Don Stiles

Ana Mihaila, Bloomington Rotary Foundation Scholar
Thank you to **VIA Café & Bar**, 6740 France Avenue South, Edina. VIA is Ana's employer. They provided several gift cards for our door prize drawing today and a certificate for a complimentary Sunday Brunch to each rotarian.



Upcoming Meetings



January 21: **"Ripples of Opportunity"** Guest: Lori Olson

January 28: **"Understanding the Arab-Israeli Conflict"**
Guest: Holly Brod Farber

February 4: **"Economic Development"** Guest: Dan McElroy

February 11: **"Minnesota River Valley Audubon Chapter"**
Ron Windingstad

February 18: **"Smile Network International"** Donnell Rank-Mrs. MN

Calendar of Events

January 30: **STRIVE Mock Interviews** -- Mark your calendar! All Rotarians are needed. Sign up in January. Call **Lee Helms (952-831-1141)**

April 25-27: **District 5950 District Conference**, Radisson Arrowwood, Alexandria, MN To register go to: www.rotary5950.org

May 8: **Bloomington Ethics Seminar** on White Collar Crime

Rotary on Cable, Channel 14

"STRIVE Luncheon"

Saturday, January 19, 2008 7:00 PM
Sunday, January 20, 2008 1:00 AM, 7:00 AM, 1:00 PM

"Youth Venture"

Monday, January 21, 2008 11:00PM
Tuesday, January 22, 2008 5:00 AM, 11:00 AM, 5:00 PM



Opportunity to Support VEAP – See Page 4 RIB

Support VEAP while enjoying a great meal at the TASTE of the NFL



The Taste of the NFL is a benefit for hunger relief in the United States and it takes place the day before the Super Bowl in the city where it is held. Wayne Kostroski, of Tejas restaurant in Edina founded of this event 18 years ago. The weekend before Super Bowl Wayne hosts a gourmet dinner at Tejas to benefit the Taste and promote a local organization. This year it is VEAP. The event is on Friday Jan 25th and Sat Jan 26th for 80 people each night. There are usually former Vikings there along w/local sports announcers, writers etc. VEAP will make a presentation at each of the dinners.

Ticket Info below

Volunteers Enlisted to Assist People - VEAP founders believed that helping a neighbor in need ultimately strengthens the community as a whole. VEAP has been operating under this principle for 35 years, providing a range of services to help low-income people meet immediate needs and reach their long-term goal of stability. VEAP serves the residents of Bloomington, Richfield, Edina and south Minneapolis utilizing a unique mix of professional and volunteer services.

The VEAP service area is now the largest retail and hospitality region in the state of Minnesota. Also contributing to the prospering local economy is the extensive health care industry including a regional hospital and numerous related medical centers. Low wages in the retail, hospitality and medical industries [home health and nursing home aids, etc.] in addition to increased cost of living expenses [fuel, utilities, housing and medical costs] make the VEAP service area one of the largest geographical sectors of working poor households in the metro area.

These families have children to support and must find a way to pay for rent, utilities, food, insurance, day care and transportation. As a result, working poor families live paycheck-to-paycheck trying to avoid a financial crisis. Unexpected medical expenses - high utility bills - car repairs - and/or reduced hours at work which can lead to situations that people may have to go with out food in order to pay bills. Even then it may not be enough to guarantee basic needs are met and without help from VEAP, could result in loss of transportation, employment and housing.

VEAP currently runs the largest food program in the metro area serving more than 4,000 individuals a month.

VEAP services can help stabilize a family's situation. A stable family has a home for their children, a car that can get the parents to work who can then feed their children who can then go to school fed, be prepared to learn to go out into society and become an independent adult. Stable families mean strong communities.

Business can support VEAP in many ways and this event is just one of them.

Ticket Information

Name: _____

Company: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip code: _____

Work Phone: _____ Home Phone: _____

Fax: _____ E-mail: _____

Which night will you attend? Friday, January 25

CIRCLE ONE Saturday, January 26

Number of Corporate Tables @ \$600 each _____ x \$600 = \$ _____

Table seats 8 guests

Number of Individual Tickets @ \$75 each _____ x \$75 = \$ _____

MN Tax (6.5%) \$ _____

TOTAL DUE \$ _____

Check included. Please make checks payable to: Tejas/Taste of the NFL (75% is deductible)

Charge my credit card: (Circle) VISA MC AMEX

Credit Card Number: _____

Cardholders Printed Name: _____

Authorized Cardholders Signature: _____

Send Payment to: Taste of the NFL Or fax: (952) 926-8444

Attn: Kristin Albrecht

3910 West 50th St.

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Please call with any questions (952) 926-7478 or e-mail kristin@cuisineconcepts.com