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February 7, 2006

The Rotary Club of Bloomington Noon

Weekly Meetings

**12 noon
Tuesdays
Thunderbird
Hotel**

Mission

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

The Rotary Club of Bloomington Noon

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Next Week's Program

Metropolitan Council: How it is serving our area.

Guest: Ms. Peggy Leppik

Metropolitan Council District 6 Representative

The Metropolitan Council is the regional planning agency serving the Twin Cities seven-county metropolitan area and providing essential services to the region. The Council works with local communities to provide these critical services:

- operates the region's largest bus system
- collects and treats wastewater
- engages communities and the public in planning for future growth
- provides forecasts of the region's population and household growth
- provides affordable housing opportunities for low- and moderate-income individuals and families
- provides planning, acquisitions and funding for a regional system of parks and trails
- provides a framework for decisions and implementation for regional systems including aviation, transportation, parks and open space, water quality and water management.



The 17-member Metropolitan Council has 16 members who each represent a geographic district and one chair who serves at large. They are all appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the governor. The State Senate confirms Council member appointments.

Rotarian Peggy Leppik, Golden Valley Rotary Club, is the District 6 representative on the Met Council. District 6 includes Crystal, Golden Valley, New Hope and St. Louis Park, a portion of the city of Minneapolis. She has been involved in community affairs for most of her adult life. Raised in California, she earned her B.A. from Smith College in Massachusetts and moved with her husband to Golden Valley in 1976. Her interest in public policy eventually led to her appointment to the Golden Valley Planning Commission, where she served for eight years; and in 1990, she was elected to the Minnesota House of Representatives. From 1999 until her retirement in 2003, she was chair of the Higher Education Finance Committee. Following her retirement from the legislature, Peggy was appointed to the Met Council by Governor Pawlenty.

February Birthdays

- 1 Abul Sarah
- 14 Terry Stirewalt
- 20 Dick Herberger
- 21 Susan Freeman

February Anniversaries

- 4 Susan Freeman, 3 yrs
- 5 Dave Getsch, 3 yrs
- 9 Tom Arnold, 24 yrs
- 10 Krishna Ramalingam,
2 yrs
- 11 Dave Pederson, 14 yrs
- 11 Skipp Saaf, 9 yrs
- 12 Sharon VanWinkel,
3 yrs
- 17 Ken Nordlie, 2 yrs
- 18 Dave Senness, 20 yrs

Greeter Schedule

- Feb 7: Mark Bosch
- Feb 14: Dave Senness
- Feb 21: Adam Johnston
- Feb 28: Jim Truax
- Mar 7: Vocational Visit
- Mar 14: David Pederson

This Week's Program

Speak Softly and Carry a Big Stick Guest: Teddy Roosevelt As portrayed by: Chuck Chalberg

It was 1918, you could hear a pin drop as we waited for our guest, President Theodore Roosevelt to arrive, or as he requested, "Colonel" Roosevelt...the current President was a democrat...and he did not want the association. A rather blustering character appeared. Quite average in height, with a very vigorous personality, he immediately took over the room. As we saw, he was opinionated and outspoken and much of what he said would not be appropriate to print here.



Theodore Roosevelt was on his Farewell Tour around the country and was visiting with us in Bloomington. He shared about his childhood suffering with asthma but quickly lost our sympathy as he mentioned what he considered his cure: black coffee and cigars! He told us about his first wife, Alice, who died before he became president. His second wife was Edith Carow, with whom he had two children. He and Edith loved the hour before sunrise, when he and she would sit out on the porch with a cup of coffee. They lost their son who was shot down in the war in 1918.

Roosevelt served as President from 1901 to 1909. He vigorously led Congress and the American public toward progressive reforms and a strong foreign policy. During his Presidency, Roosevelt was a great environmentalist as a supporter of reforestation and conservation. He was also quite a birder...during his stay in the White House, he noted 57 different varieties of birds on the White House grounds. He championed a reservoir in a portion of Yosemite National Park, citing that use for needs of the people was more important than setting aside the land. He took the view that the President as a "steward of the people" should take whatever action necessary for the public good unless expressly forbidden by law or the Constitution. and was quite a hawk on war feeling that President Wilson, the current President was showing a weakness in character. Roosevelt said, "We should have been in the war right after the attack on the Lusitania" "A just war is better for a man's soul than a prosperous peace." His political philosophy is clearly summed up in his comment, "Speak softly and carry a big stick." A country needs a military powerful enough to not have to go to war. If they are, they have the power to speak softly to achieve a peace. Roosevelt died in 1919.

Quite a comedian in his presentation, our guest, **Chuck Chalberg**, is an historian and a professor at Normandale Community College. Chuck is the author of a biography of Emma Goldman and a dual biography of Jackie Robinson and Branch Rickey. He is widely published in magazines including: *Commentary*, *National Review*, the *Weekly Standard*, and the *Elysian Fields Quarterly*. His repertoire of characters currently includes President Theodore Roosevelt, H.L. Mencken, G.K. Chesterton, Branch Rickey, Bobby Jones, and George Orwell.

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Rays of Sunshine

Welcome back Jack Carlson! It is good to see you on your feet again.

Tim Culver shared that the School Board is beginning to gather community input for their Superintendent search. More information: www.bloomington.k12.mn.us

Thomas Truszinski requested our prayers for safe travel as he leaves for the Olympics on Saturday to be the Chaplain for the USA Men's Hockey Team.

Adam Bengtson and Mike Brunkow are happy to announce that many Rotarians are serving on the 2006 Bloomington Chamber Board:
Mike Brunkow, Chair; **Adam Johnston**, Incoming Chair; **Laura Bjorgo**; **Carolyn Pratt**; **Rod Axtell**; **Bonnie Carlson**; **Kathy Hiyane-Brown**; **Gary Prest**; and **David Shaw**. Thank you all for your great work!

Neil Peterson announced that his granddaughter, Linda, a senior at Drake University has just been named as a Fulbright Scholar Finalist, potentially to Mexico. Neil wanted his friends to know first hand that this just proves: The apple does not fall far from the tree! We are all very proud with you, Neil!

Lee Helms read a thank you from the Salvation Army for the Bell Ringing we did in 2005. Kettle donations for 2005 saw a n 8% increase. Many Thanks!

Jim Lucas has been appointed to the Planning Commission for a three year term by the City Council.

Susan Freeman and VEAP are very proud of the excellent article on VEAP in the Star Tribune on Friday last week.

Guests and Visitors

Ghidei Zedingle, Guest of Don Stiles, NCC Math Professor

Leo Christianson, Guest of Don Stiles, NCC History Professor

Rotary Foundation

The Rotary Foundation's good work is only successful with each of us contributing. If you have not made your contribution for the year to the Foundation, please consider making it now. Our club goal this year is 100% participation, whether that means \$5.00, \$50.00, or \$500.00. **We need YOU!**

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EVERY
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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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Upcoming Meetings

February 14: **Metropolitan Council**, Guest: Ms. Peggy Leppik

February 21: **Hazelden**, Guest: Ivy Bernhardson and William Moyers

February 28: **Employer Support for the Guard and Reserve**, Guest: Brigadier General Denny Schulstad

March 7: **Park Nicollet Heart and Vascular Center** at Methodist Hospital. Sign up for this Vocational Visit at one of our next meetings. Parking will be free.

Calendar of Events

April 21-22: **District 5950 Conference**, Airport Hilton, Bloomington

April 28: **2nd Annual Crown and Wheel Social and New Member Orientation**
Contact: Skipp Saaf saafs@msn.com

May 5: **Golden Valley Rotary Club Fundraiser**. They sponsored two tables at our Harold Larson Party. Mark your calendars. Let's help support them, too.

May 19: Club Social - **Bloomington Civic Theater musical "Wonderful Town"**
Contact: Carolyn Pratt. Tickets will be approximately \$28.00 for the evening.

June 11-14: **Rotary International Convention**, Malmo/Copenhagen Register at:
<http://www.rotary.org/events/conventions/malmo-copenhagen/index.html>
Housing at: <http://www.congresscopenhagen.dk/>

Rotary Information

Bloomington Noon Rotary

www.bloomingtonrotarymn.org

Rotary International

www.rotary.org

Rotary District 5950 Newly Renovated...visit and watch our progress!

www.rotary5950.org

Meeting Make-ups

http://www.rotary5950.org/where_meet.html

Rotary on Bloomington Cable, Channel 14:

David Ornstein, Bloomington City Attorney

Thursday, February 9, 2006 11:21 PM

Friday, February 10, 2006 5:21 AM, 11:21 AM, 5:21 PM

Joel Maturi, Director of Athletics, University of Minnesota

Monday, February 13, 2006 10:30 PM

Tuesday, February 14, 2006 4:30 AM, 10:30 AM, 4:30 PM,

Friday, February 17, 2006 10:30 PM

Saturday, February 18, 2006 4:30 AM, 10:30 AM, 4:30 PM, 7:00 PM

Sunday, February 19, 2006 1:00 AM, 7:00 AM, 1:00 PM