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February 14, 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

President: John Swaney
Pres Elect: Diann Kirby
Vice Pres: Don Stiles
Secretary: Karyn Arazi
Treasurer: Brett McMahon
Past Pres: Larry Lee
Dist Gov: Dan Barnett
Sgt in Arms: Rick Sitek
Exec Sec: Kathy Koehler
Directors: Marcia Gerdin,
Carol Hoeft, Adam
Johnston, Carolyn Pratt,
Dave Senness, Laura
Bjorgo, Dave Walock

Next Week's Program

**Hazelden, Alcohol and Drug Addiction Treatment in MN
Guest: Guest: Ivy Bernhardson and William Moyers**

Hazelden Center City campus, pictured here, is just one part of what has become the largest, most respected, and best-known private alcohol and drug rehabilitation center in the world. Hazelden touches the lives of people every day. Since 1949, Hazelden has been helping individuals, families and communities struggling with addiction to alcohol and other drugs to transform their lives through high quality treatment, continuing care services, education and research.



With sites in 4 states (Minnesota, Oregon, Illinois, and New York), and 7 facilities, people from all 50 states and 42 foreign countries have turned to Hazelden to find expertise, quality care, and leading authorities on addiction and recovery issues. Its mission remains the same as when first established: to help alcoholics and addicts who need help.

Our guest speakers will be Ivy S. Bernhardson, JD, Chief Legal Officer, and William C. Moyers, VP of External Affairs at Hazelden. With extensive leadership experience in non-profit health, education, community, and professional organizations, Bernhardson also has over 25 years experience as a corporate general counsel and business law attorney. Before joining Hazelden, where she provides legal counsel to the organization on a wide variety of legal issues, she worked with the law firm of Leonard, Street and Deinard, and with General Mills.

William Moyers (yes, the son of the author Bill Moyers) carries the message about addiction and recovery into the public arena, especially to policy makers and civic groups across America. He uses his own personal experiences to highlight the power of addiction and the power of recovery. He has appeared on Larry King Live, the Oprah Winfrey Show, Today, and has been featured in scores of newspapers and other publications. He joined Hazelden in 1996 after a 15 year career in journalism and will soon publish a memoir with Viking Press.

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

Metropolitan Council: How it is serving our area.
Guest: Ms. Peggy Leppik
Metropolitan Council District 6 Representative

The mission of the Metropolitan Council is to develop, in cooperation with local communities, a comprehensive regional planning framework, focusing on transportation, wastewater, parks and aviation systems. They guide the efficient growth of the metropolitan area. They operate transit and wastewater services and administer housing and other grant programs.



In the photo, our guest, Rotarian Peggy Leppik, District 6 representative to the Met Council is escorting her grandson, John, on the new Light Rail system. In its record-making first year of operation, 7.8 Million passengers used the system. Significant impact on other transit modes was achieved as 58% of the users came from previous auto commuters. Highway congestion was lessened by adding 36 miles of shoulder only roadway to improve bus transit. And, with plans for the future that include a Central Corridor between St. Paul and Minneapolis and a 2009 opening of the North Star line between Minneapolis and St. Cloud, we should see additional improvements.

In other areas of housing, parks and wastewater management, it is forecast that our metropolitan area will see a growth in population of one million people over the next 25 years. This past year alone, the Council distributed \$16.5 Million in grants to support affordable housing growth at the community level. They have developed a comprehensive plan for expansion of our regional parks system that includes 3 new parks, 7 additional trails and expansion of land at 6 of our current 22 sites and made significant improvements in the efficiency and capacity of our wastewater management plant at Pigs Eye. The Council's goal is to work with our communities to plan for growth. This regional planning system is a key factor in the quality of life we experience and the efficiencies of government our area is known for.

Election of Officers/Board

Elections were held by paper ballot for the following offices at our meeting Tuesday, February 14, 2006. Election results will be presented Tuesday, February 21st.

- President, 1-year Term: **Diann Kirby**
- President-Elect, 1-year Term: **Don Stiles**
- Vice President, 1-year Term: **Carolyn Pratt**
- Treasurer, 1-year Term: **Brett McMahon**
- Secretary, 1-year Term: **Karyn Arazi**
- 3 Directors, 3-year Terms: **Lori Nelson, Terry Stirewalt, Mark Bosch**
- 1 Director, 1-year Term: **Mark Bellestri**

Bloomington Rotary
Youth Exchange

Youth Exchange
Officer: Mark Bellestri
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2005-2006 Student:
Leonardo Cordeiro
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Rays of Sunshine

Welcome back Carol Hoeft! It is good to see you again...and what a tan!

Guests and Visitors

Assistant District 5950 Governor, Rotarian Gerry McCoy

Rotarian Peggy Leppik, Golden Valley Rotary Club, Public Service

Rotarian Sharon Zauhar, Eagan Rotary Club, Administrative Services

Rotarian Judy Vicars, Eagan Rotary Club, Graphic Design

Sarit Sharma, Guest and Spouse of Sandhya Gupta, Engineer

Ron Simmons, Guest of Gary Prest / Larry Lee, Principal, Kennedy High School

Jimmy Steffen, Guest of Jae Mellin, Jeweler, **Thanks for the Valentine Chocolates!**

Gigi Brecht, Guest of Diann Kirby, approved for membership.

Jim Wenthold, Guest of Jack Bouquet, Commercial Real Estate, newly approved for membership

New Member

An emerging woman leader in Bloomington, active in the League of Women Voters and serving as the Vice President of the India Association of Minnesota, **Sandhya Gupta**, was inducted as our newest member today. She is sponsored by John Houle.

Sandhya was born in Danapur, India. She was educated in India and the United States, and in 1998, received her PhD as an electrical engineer. She works at VTC as a Principal Process Development Engineer.



She is married to husband, Sarit Sharma, and has a three year old daughter. Her hobbies are running and biking. As she tells it, she was the first girl to ride a bicycle in her community in India and is still riding. She is anxious to be a part of Rotary, to get to know everyone and to "start doing her part to build a stronger community."

Meeting Change

Our May 2nd meeting date will change to Thursday, May 4th, so that our club can participate with the rest of District 5950 in the 2006 Minnesota Business Ethics Awards program, much like we participate in the Veteran's Day program in November. Dan Barnett has highlighted ethics this Rotary year. This is one way we can support our District Governor. More news on this event later!

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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Upcoming Meetings

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.

May 2: **Cancel Meeting Date, Reschedule for Thursday, May 4th!**

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. Reception scheduled before the play. 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:

Joel Maturi, Director of Athletics, University of Minnesota

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