



# RIB

February 28, 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

**Park Nicollet Heart and Vascular Center  
Vocational Visit: Methodist Hospital  
6500 Excelsior Boulevard  
St. Louis Park, MN (map - page 5)**

Next week, our program is off site at the new Park Nicollet Heart and Vascular Center located within Methodist Hospital in St. Louis Park. The center offers patients the latest technology and patient amenities, combined with an innovative model of care. Designed around the patient experience, this remarkable new center minimizes the steps patients walk between services while reducing waiting time. The center also offers:

- Leading diagnostic and treatment services
- Cardiac rehabilitation, including walking track and fitness center
- Demonstration kitchen to learn healthier cooking skills
- Education center and patient health library
- Shops offering doctor-recommended healthier care products

Methodist Hospital, working closely with Park Nicollet Heart and Vascular Center, has been named one of the 100 Top Cardiovascular Hospitals in America. The honor is given to less than 2% of American Hospitals who excel in seven areas of clinical practice and operational efficiency. The areas are minimum number of procedures, medical mortality, surgical mortality, complication index, percent of coronary artery bypass patients with internal mammary artery use, average length of stay, and average cost. Don't miss this event...parking will be free in the new patient lot, lunch provided, and tours offered after our program.



## This Week's Program

**ESGR Employer Support for the Guard and Reserve  
Guest: Brigadier General Denny Schulstad**

Rotarian, Republican, and former 22 year Minneapolis City Council member, Brigadier General Denny Schulstad, chairs the Board of Directors for the ESGR, Employer Support for the Guard and Reserve.

**March Birthdays**

03 Jim Feilzer  
03 Skipp Saaf  
07 Rod Axtell  
15 Carol Hoeft  
15 Jim Truax  
17 Frank Grazzini  
18 Jack Bouquet  
24 Krishna Ramalingam  
28 Dan Barnett  
31 Gene Fuller

**March Anniversaries**

03 Dick Young 19 yrs  
09 Becky Amble 13 yrs  
19 Pat DiPlacido 10 yrs  
21 John Swaney 6 yrs  
28 Neil Peterson 17 yrs  
30 Brett McMahon 13 yrs

**Greeter Schedule**

Mar 7: Vocational Visit  
Mar 14: David Pederson  
Mar 21: Frank Grazzini  
Mar 28: Don Stiles  
Apr 4: Colin Evenson  
Apr 11: Susan Freeman  
Apr 18: Dick Young  
Apr 25: Dave Getsch  
May 2: Diann Kirby  
May 9: Adam Bengtson  
May 16: Larry Lee

**This week's program continued:**

Since WWII, the overall operating philosophy for our national defense has taken a significant paradigm shift to run a smaller active duty force with the best technology and the best training in the world that could defeat any military quickly and decisively with as little loss as possible. This superior force is then backed up by a larger force, equally trained, that can be called up as support in time of war...our National Guard and Reserve.

Today, in Minnesota, we have 18,000

Reservists and National Guard who can be called up to supplement seamlessly the normal functions of all tasks our active duty troops are asked to perform. With this new paradigm, most of our defense forces function in the civilian world for the majority of their years, but are asked to risk their lives, to leave family and friends, to live in uncomfortable and often frightening situations for commonly a year and a half at a time. ESGR is there to assure that during their time away from family and jobs, their family has basic needs met, and that when they return, their move back into civilian life is made as easy as possible.

ESGR facilitates two foundations, the Minnesota Military Family Foundation and the Minnesota Military Appreciation Fund. These foundations raise money from people like us, to supplement financial support for the families of our troops. Through the "**5-Star Employer Program**" ESGR promotes pride in employers who treat our troops with special assistance, supporting the family left behind and the trooper when he/she returns to civilian life. Recognition and appreciation of the sacrifice our troops make for us is the most important thing any of us at home can do. Say "Thank You" to our troops whenever we see them.

You can get more information on support of our troops at [www.esgr.org](http://www.esgr.org) . Be a 5-star employer, donate to one of the foundations, or just say "thanks" to the troops serving you when you see them at the airport or the state fair.

Eleanor Roosevelt's Wartime Prayer

Dear Lord,  
Lest I continue  
My complacent way,  
Help me to remember that somewhere,  
Somehow out there,  
A man died for me today.  
As long as there be war,  
I then must  
Ask and answer  
Am I worth dying for?

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## **Election of Officers/Board**

At our meeting Tuesday, February 14, 2006, the following members were elected to offices on the Board of Directors for the coming year, 2006-2007:

- 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**

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Bloomington Rotary  
Youth Exchange

Youth Exchange  
Officer: Mark Bellestri  
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2005-2006 Student:  
Leonardo Cordeiro  
(Leo)

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## Rays of Sunshine

**Carol Chapman**, our Banquet server is a finalist on March 2<sup>nd</sup> for a Diamond Service Award, honoring Service Industry workers. Congratulations, Carol...to us, you would win overwhelmingly!



**Jim Lucas's** mother passed away last week. Services took place this Tuesday. Our prayers are with you and your family, Jim.

**Karyn Arazi's** mother passed away this past Sunday. Services are being held Friday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>. Our prayers are with Karyn and her family.

**Jim Truax** is at Methodist Hospital in Rochester, MN. The doctors are working to find the cause of an unusually low platelet count. His number is 507-287-5344.

**Don Stiles** reports that STRIVE took 30 students on an educational tour of the State Office Building and State Capitol. Many thanks to **Rotarian and Representative Neil Peterson** for the Inside tour!

**Linda Jewell and Dan Barnett** competed in the NorthStar Dance Competition on Saturday and won one gold, four silvers and four bronze medals dancing the waltz, fox trot, tango, rumba, cha-cha, and swing.

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## Guests and Visitors

**Curt Hanson**, Guest of John Swaney

**Jeff Johnson**, Guest of John Swaney

**Dave Wenthold**, Son of New Member Jim Wenthold, Northmarq Capital

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## Membership

**Our newest inductee: Jim Wenthold**

An Iowa Hawkeye through and through, Jim was born and raised in Iowa and still owns and manages a dairy farm there. His classification is Commercial Real Estate and he specializes in industrial sales and leasing, investment sales and land. He is Vice President of Colliers Turley Martin Tucker. He has his MBA from the University of Iowa.



Jim and his wife of 35 years, Kathy, have two children, Kristi and Dave. They have lived in Bloomington for 34 years and are active members of St. Edward's Catholic Church. Jim's college baseball career made him a "natural" as a youth baseball coach where he coached the 1998 – 12 Year Old State Champions and the 1993 – 15 Year Old Babe Ruth State Champions. He also loves golf and fishing!

Welcome, Jim.

### 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?

RIB Editor:  
Karyn Arazi

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## Upcoming Meetings

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.

March 21: **State of the City Address**, Mayor Gene Winstead and City Manager, Mark Bernhardson, 11:30 – 1:30, Thunderbird

March 28: **Paul Harris Fellowships**

May 2: **Cancel Meeting Date, Reschedule for Thursday, May 4<sup>th</sup>!**

## Calendar of Events

**March 19: Taste of Chocolate**, Fundraiser for Bloomington Fine Arts Bloomington Center for the Arts, 1:00 to 5:00 PM, A Rotary Community Partner.

**April 21-22: District 5950 Conference**, Airport Hilton, Bloomington, It is time to send in your registration! This will be a fun filled family weekend.

**April 28: 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Crown and Wheel Social and New Member Orientation**

Contact: Skipp Saaf [saafs@msn.com](mailto: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](http://www.bloomingtonrotarymn.org)

### Rotary International

[www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org)

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

[www.rotary5950.org](http://www.rotary5950.org)

### Meeting Make-ups

[http://www.rotary5950.org/where\\_meet.html](http://www.rotary5950.org/where_meet.html)

### Rotary on Bloomington Cable, Channel 14:

#### Major General Larry Shellito, Minnesota National Guard

Saturday, March 4, 2006 7:00 PM

Sunday, March 5, 2006 1:00 AM, 7:00 AM, 1:00 PM

### Critical Incident Stress Management: Sue Johnston

Tuesday, March 7, 2006 11:15 PM

Wednesday, March 8, 2006 5:15 AM, 11:15 AM, 5:15 PM

Thursday, March 9, 2006 10:05 PM

# Vocational Visit, Tuesday, March 7, 2006

12:00 Noon

## Map to Methodist Hospital

6500 Excelsior Boulevard

St. Louis Park, MN

For March 7th: Enter Methodist Hospital from Excelsior. Go to the main entrance and the parking lot entrance is right off of the main entrance circle. Enter the building through the main doors and go down the central staircase to conference rooms B and C for a sandwich buffet lunch and meeting.

Parking vouchers will be provided at the lunch by the Park Nicollet marketing department.

