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March 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

Bloomington State of the City 2006

Guests: Mayor Gene Winstead

City Manager: Mark Bernhardson

Arrive Early...our luncheon begins at 11:30 AM.

Join us as Bloomington Noon Rotary partners with the Bloomington Chamber to host the 2006 State of the City presented by Mayor Gene Winstead and City Manager Mark Bernhardson. The presentation will include a development update on projects such as Bloomington Central Station, the \$700 million mixed-use development that's using the light rail station as its driving force. The event will mark the public debut of the city's strategic planning process known as *Imagine Bloomington 2025*. And we'll celebrate the public and private partners that collaborate to keep Bloomington one of the strongest communities in the state. Note the time change for this event. Lunch starts at 11:30, followed by the program at 12:15 p.m. Please invite guests to this informative event.



This Week's Program

Bloomington Schools Update - 2006

Guest: Dr. Gary Prest, Superintendent

Living by the Bloomington Schools mission statement to assure district students are "provided dynamic learning experiences in a supportive environment", Dr. Gary Prest sets aside 21 full days of each year to spend in district classrooms, working with the students. Bloomington, a diverse community, has 10,500 students, 1,700 employees (800 teachers), and is the 12th largest school district in the state.

Bloomington has 5 National Blue Ribbon schools, 4 national award winning elementary schools, and is ranked third in the state in the Minnesota Comprehensive Assessment tests star ratings.

With the \$107Million capital referendum passed by the voters in 1999, the entire face of the community changed. Every building in the



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 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:

Bloomington system received a face lift and with the renovations, increased capacity was built in to handle the projected increase in school age population that Bloomington is just now beginning to experience. For the past 3 years, school funding has remained relatively level while costs have increased, but throughout Bloomington has been able to maintain its level of class size. And, Bloomington remains the lowest school taxed municipality in the metro area. Bloomington continues to pursue excellence in all areas with our womb to tomb approach to community education, a merger with Richfield in Community Ed and Adult Basic Education, two new Fitness Centers serving multi-generational participants, and earning a National Civic Star Award for our Business Partnership program.

Day Chair: Mark Bosch

Some **key words** to remember about our Day Chair, Mark Bosch, are **wheat whacker** (his first job), **WARHAWK** (a US Army Air Calvary citation he earned), and **hunter-fisherman** (organizer of the 7-day northern Canada wilderness fly-in fishing trip that Frank Grazzini has made so famous). Mark was raised in a family of nine children on a North Dakota farm. He graduated from North Dakota State University with a BS in Construction Management. He is currently Vice President of Bossardt Corporation, providing professional construction management services to public and private sector clients. Married to wife, Jackie, for 31 years, they are very proud of their "child", a 4 year old Golden Retriever.



District Conference

Being held at the Hilton Hotel, Bloomington, you are encouraged to attend the District Conference on April 21 and 22, 2006. On Friday afternoon April 21st, from 3:00 to 4:00 the conference will celebrate "Why I am a Rotarian" at a special reception. Rotarians from all clubs in District 5950 are being asked to contribute their story. Write your short comments on **Why you are a Rotarian** and e-mail to Mary Brindle at mbrindle@mn.rr.com before April 1st. If you have not registered your attendance, **Register Today!** Its simple...just e-mail our own Kathy Koehler at Kkoehler@usinternet.com.

Member Survey Still Underway
Deadline is March 28

To make Bloomington Rotary a club that better serves your needs, complete the member survey that you received earlier this month. Doing so will help us set goals and activities for the upcoming 2006-07 Rotary year that reflect the wants and needs of our membership. So far, 42 members have taken the opportunity to tell us what they think. For a copy of the survey, check the club web site or contact Diann Kirby at 952-563-8818 or dkirby@ci.bloomington.mn.us .

Bloomington Rotary
Youth Exchange

Youth Exchange
Officer: Mark Bellestri
(612) 481-0406

2005-2006 Student:
Leonardo Cordeiro
(Leo)

News Leo has now won two letters, the first for his performance in swimming, the second, an academic letter. Congratulations, Leo! We are all very proud of you.

E-mail:

leocordeiro182@hotmail.com



Meet me at the Wheel & Crowne

The Second Annual New Member Orientation and Social is scheduled for Friday, April 28, 2006, at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Hwy 494 and Hwy 100, Bloomington. New member orientation will take place from 4:30 to 5:30, then all Rotarians and their families and/or guests are invited to arrive for a social time to mix and meet an enjoy light appetizers and refreshments that will run from 5:30 to 7:00. For more information contact Jay Stevens (952) 230-9020, jstevens16@mn.rr.com or Skip Saaf (952) 944-5340, saafs@msn.com .



Rays of Sunshine

Ruthe Batulis announced that her son, Dave, a University of Minnesota student, has been offered an internship with Kaiser Permanente.

Carolyn Pratt's son, Jack, a student at Winona State, has been offered an internship with the Madison, WI, Police Department.

Guests and Visitors

Rotarian Ruthe Batulis, Eagan Rotary, Classification: Chamber

Leo Cordeiro, Youth Exchange student **from Brazil**, Guest of Mark Bellestri

Bryon Fraser, Youth Exchange Host Father, Guest of Mark Bellestri

Tom Kendall, Commercial Real Estate, Guest of Adam Johnston

Heather Tietz, Underwater Adventure, Guest of Adam Johnston

Juan Ramirez, Consultant, Guest of Becky Amble

Milen Myankov, from Bulgaria, Bio Technology, Guest of David Getsch

Community Partner

The Education Foundation of Bloomington

The Education Foundation of Bloomington announced a new program recently instituted to provide freshman year college scholarships for senior students of Kennedy High School and Jefferson High School. In its inaugural year the Foundation hopes to provide 10 scholarships in the amount of \$1,000 each. Applications for scholarships are available in the counselor's office at each high school. The Bloomington Federation of Teachers assisted the Foundation in its kick off by raising an initial \$7,000. The Foundation is inviting other community members to participate by making a donation to the Foundation designated for Senior Scholarships. For more information or to donate, please contact Karyn Arazi, (952) 854-0049 or karynarazi@aol.com .



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

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

March 28: **Rachel Blount, 2006 Winter Olympics**, Star Tribune Sports Reporter

April 4: to be announced

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

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: 2nd Annual Wheel and Crown Social and New Member Orientation Crowne Plaza Hotel, 4:30 – 7:00 PM 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.

July 14-16: Gopher State Prep Showcase Basketball Tournament Save these dates on your calendar...all club members are needed to make this a success!

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:

President Teddy Roosevelt

Friday, March 17, 2006 4:30 AM, 10:30 AM, 4:30 PM, 10:30 PM

Saturday, March 18, 2006 4:30 AM, 10:30 AM, 4:30 PM

Peggy Leppik – Met Council

Friday, March 17, 2006 3:00 AM, 9:00 AM, 3:00 PM

Hazelden – Ivy Bernhardson and William Moyers

Friday, March 17, 2006 3:40 AM, 9:40 AM, 3:40 PM

Brigadier General Denny Schulstad, Retired

National Guard and Reserve

Tuesday, March 28, 2006 10:25 PM

Wednesday, March 29, 2006 4:25 AM, 10:25 AM, 4:25 PM

Thursday, March 30, 2006 9:00 PM