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March 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
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Johnston, Carolyn Pratt,
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Bjorgo, Dave Walock

Next Week's Program

**Minnesota Chamber of Commerce
Guests: David C. Olson, President**

The Minnesota Chamber represents over 2,600 Minnesota companies, 130 local chambers and 65 business trade associations at the Minnesota Legislature on a variety of issues that impact Minnesota's economy. Our guest, David C. Olson is the President of the Minnesota Chamber, a position he has held since August, 1991. The largest business advocacy organization in the state, the mission of the Minnesota Chamber is to advance public policy and job growth, and to create an environment for businesses statewide to prosper. The Minnesota Chamber works to compliment local chambers by concentrating on business related legislative issues at the Capitol. Some of the issues they are concentrating on are slowing the growth of health care costs, increasing transportation funding, civil justice reform, and protecting property tax reform.

David Olson served the TwinWest, the Burnsville, and the Greater Minneapolis Chambers before joining the Minnesota Chamber as its president. He holds a Master of Science in Public Administration from Mankato State University and a Bachelor of Arts in Urban/Political Science from St. Olaf. **Don't miss this event!**

This Week's Program

**2006 Winter Olympics, Torino, Italy
Guests: Rachel Blount, Reporter**

Our guest, Rachel Blount, has covered 5 Olympics, 9 Kentucky Derbys, the NBA, the NHL and Gopher Hockey. She has been with the StarTribune, Minnesota's largest newspaper, since 1990. Rachel believes the Olympics foster communication between different peoples, different nations, and different cultures. It goes beyond politics and beyond competition.

Her favorite story to find is the human interest behind the achievement, the inspirational story about how sports empower people. An example is the Speed Skater who donated his \$40,000 of total winnings to an organization called "Right to Plan", for underprivileged African athletes. And, then there was the "streaker" who livened up the curling event. Rachel shared how our 5 Bemidji neighbors were



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

- 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
- May 23: Terry Stirewalt
- May 30: Ed Vogt
- June 6: Dan Jordan
- June 13: Jack Bouquet
- June 20: Jim Wenthold
- June 27: Dave Walock
- July 4: Dave Senness

This week's program continued:

truly moved as they received their Bronze medals. She was very proud to be from Minnesota at that time. She confirmed that many events were lightly attended, but that was to be expected when ticket prices could be as high as \$960 (Opening Ceremony). We learned that our athletes do receive support from the United States Olympic Committee through funding for training, coaching, equipment, and housing. They also received a cash stipend upon winning a medal. \$25,000 Gold, \$15,000 Silver, and \$5,000 Bronze.

She shared a little behind the scenes information on Bode Miller, Sid Hartman, and the Dan Munson/Joe Maturi resignation story. When asked if she was disappointed in athletes who don't live up to role model expectations, she was very realistic, indicating that athletes are just people and some will handle their fame well and other won't. It is not fair to expect all to be perfect. A very interesting talk!

Guests and Visitors

Rotarian Mike Parson, Lakeville Club, Classification: Transportation

District Conference

Being held at the Hilton Hotel, Bloomington, you are encouraged to attend the District Conference on April 21 and 22, 2006. **Register Today!** It's simple...just e-mail our own Kathy Koehler at Kkoehler@usinternet.com.

Paul Harris Fellowship



Frank Grazzini presented the special Paul Harris Fellowship to our own Dan Barnett. Dan is receiving this award because of his contributions to the Rotary International Foundation at the Paul Harris Fellowship level, \$1,000 or more. The Foundation supports numerous world-wide projects. RI projects promote health, education and understanding. RI also benefits our own club's international projects through matching grants. Our club has a proud history of giving to the Foundation.

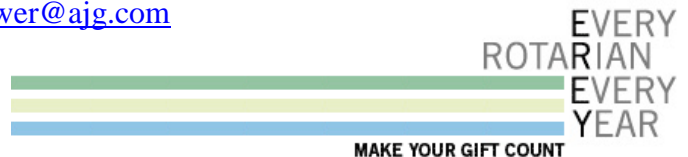
This year our goal is for every member of the club to participate. Please join us in keeping up our fine tradition.

Every Rotarian, Every Year.

Your contribution letter and envelope arrived by mail last week. There are two ways to donate: Participate at the Paul Harris Fellowship level, \$1,000 per year, or make an annual gift at a level of your choice. **Respond this week.**

By doing so, you are truly making a difference in the world.

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MAKE YOUR GIFT COUNT

Bloomington Rotary
Youth Exchange

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

2005-2006 Student:
Leonardo Cordeiro
(Leo)

News ...Leo received the Rookie of the Year award along with many gifts at his swim team banquet, including a box of Wheaties with a picture of him doing the butterfly on the box.

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Meet me at the Wheel & Crowne

RSVP! Sign up at the next meeting! 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 and 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.



Sunshine

Dick Young's wife, Carolyn, is having a landscape art show at the Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge Center, from April 4 thru May 13th. Please Visit.

Carol Heoft gave us her good news/bad news. Carol was successful in her bid on a new home in Tucson, AZ. The closing is in two weeks, and then she is planning a trip to Germany where she will spend the entire month of May. Unfortunately, this means she is resigning her membership in Bloomington Noon. Today was her last formal meeting with us. We will miss you, Carol, and hope to see you when you visit Minnesota.

We were sad to say good bye to **Carol Chapman**, our favorite server. Carol has accepted a position at the Hilton Hotel, Bloomington. The club gave Carol a warm round of appreciation and a gift certificate to the Mall of America as a Thank You for her many years of excellent service to us.

Meet Colin Evenson

Our Vocational Talk today increased our knowledge of one of our newer Rotarians, Colin Evenson. He is Vice-President and Co-Owner of Cities Edge Architects in Bloomington. He manages the day-to-day operations of the company. Cities Edge specializes in the hospitality industry, water parks, food service, restaurants, multi-family housing, and commercial.



Colin grew up in the small agricultural town of Parshall, ND. Colin loved wrestling, hunting and fishing. He went into architecture because it combined his two loves of art and business. He attended North Dakota State in Fargo graduating with a Bachelor of Architecture degree. He met his future wife during this time.

Colin and wife Lavonne have two children, Carley, 14, and Aaron, 12. Family is where he likes to spend most of his time, and they enjoy skiing and spending time at their "perpetually under construction" lake home in Wisconsin. Colin says we have the "Perfect Club" because we have the "Perfect group of members" to execute the "Perfect Plan". Now, to know exactly how that story ends, you will need to ask Colin. He left us rolling in the aisles with his surprise ending!

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

April 4: **Minneapolis Chamber of Commerce, David C. Olson, President**

April 11: to be announced

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

Calendar of Events

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:
Brigadier General Denny Schulstad, Retired
National Guard and Reserve

Thursday, March 30, 2006 9:00 PM

Friday, March 31, 2006 3:00 AM, 9:00 AM, 3:00 PM

Bloomington Schools Update, 2006
Dr. Gary Prest, Superintendent

Monday, April 3, 2006 10:30 AM

Tuesday, April 4, 2006 4:30 AM, 10:30 AM, 4:30 PM

Friday, April 7, 2006 10:30 PM

Saturday, April 8, 2006 4:30 AM, 10:30 AM, 4:30 PM, 7:00 PM

Sunday, April 9, 2006 1:00 AM, 7:00 AM, 1:00 PM