



# RIB

April 4, 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

**Meetings, Bloody Meetings**  
**Training Video, starring John Cleese**

Too many meetings are genuine nightmares. They lack preparation, direction, and worst of all, results. This award-winning program, remade in 1993, is essential viewing for anyone who chairs meetings. You'll learn how to make your get-togethers shorter, more focused, and more productive. And John Cleese ensures you get plenty to laugh at along the way.

### KEY LEARNING POINTS

- Plan meetings in advance
- Prepare a detailed agenda
- Pre-notify attendees
- Control the discussion
- Summarize and record decisions



**Designed for anyone who chairs meetings!**

## This Week's Program

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

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. With Great pride in a new program called Grow Minnesota, our guest, David C. Olson, President of the Minnesota Chamber, gave us the highlights of its initial two years. With a goal to keep business in Minnesota, Grow Minnesota, a CEO to CEO program, has made over 1300 visits to top executives of Minnesota companies to Thank them for doing business in Minnesota and ask them what Minnesota can do to help them to continue to do business here. The program is keeping our state competitive in an active recruiting environment, where leaders in other states are offering significant incentives for our businesses to move.



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**April Birthdays**

- 01 Sharon VanWinkel
- 06 Tim Culver
- 09 Mike Brunkow
- 14 Jack Carlson
- 18 Becky Amble
- 19 John Hanson
- 19 Dave Walock
- 23 Linda Jewell
- 23 Jim McDonald
- 28 Gary Prest

**April Anniversaries**

- 01 Kathy Koehler 7 yrs
- 09 Charlie Pokladnik 3 yrs
- 19 Bernie Bryant 1 yr
- 19 Kathy Hiyane-Brown  
1 yr
- 25 Gene Fuller 17 yrs
- 26 Adam Bengtson 1 yr
- 27 Terry Stirewalt 2 yrs
- 30 Jim McDonald 21 yrs

**Greeter Schedule**

- Apr 11: Susan Freeman
- Apr 18: Dick Young
- Apr 25: Dave Getsch
- May 2: Diann Kirby
- May 9: Adam Bengtson
- May 16: Terry Stirewalt
- May 23: Larry Lee
- 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:**

In 2006, the Minnesota Chamber lists Transportation Funding and Efficiency as one of its priorities. David implied a constitutional amendment being considered for the ballot in this November's election relative to the state's Motor Vehicle Sales Tax, adding \$300M in highway funding is the most important issue facing us currently. This is a one time shot and if not passed, the legislature is clear that they will not consider this again. The Minnesota Chamber supports this ballot question, no matter what the final language specifics. Keep yourself informed. It sounds like this could be a very important vote.

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**Guests and Visitors**

**Rotarian Reed Robinson**, Golden Valley Club, Classification: Architect

**Rotarian Jim Bird**, Golden Valley Club, Classification: InRe Services

**Rotarian Chad Boger**, Golden Valley Club, Classification: Dentistry

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**Rotary Business Cards**

Active members of the Bloomington Noon Rotary Club will soon be receiving a piece of mail that will include a small set of Rotary business cards. These cards are generic and give the day and time of our regular meeting. Please keep these cards with your business cards and pass them out to prospective members. Tell them the card can be exchanged for one complimentary lunch with our club.

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**Every Rotarian Every Year**

Support the Rotary International Foundation. By doing so, you will truly make a difference in the world. 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, such as Abul Sharah's International Village Clinic.



There are many ways to donate: Participate at the Paul Harris Fellowship level, **\$1,000 per year**. Commit to be a member of a group of four at **\$250.00 per year** where one of the four receives the Paul Harris Fellowship award each year over the four year period. **Make an annual gift at a level of your choice**. Any gift counts toward the Every Rotarian, Every Year. We are proud of our club and the fact that this year our District Governor, Dan Barnett, is from our own club. We want to succeed in this club goal. **Respond this week.**

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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.

E-mail:

[leocordeiro182@hotmail.com](mailto:leocordeiro182@hotmail.com)



## 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](mailto:jstevens16@mn.rr.com) or Skip Saaf (952) 944-5340, [saafs@msn.com](mailto:saafs@msn.com).



## Sunshine

**Wally Neal** welcome back. You are looking great! It was good to hear that your cancer has gone into remission.

**Sharon VanWinkel** announced, our Community Partner, **Courage Center's Wheel Chair Basketball team, Junior Timberwolves Youth**, took 4<sup>th</sup> in the Nation in a recent tournament. Congratulations to all the participants.

**Jae Mellin** announced the Tenth Anniversary of his *Mellin Chiropractic Care* clinic. The clinic is having an open house this Thursday, April 6<sup>th</sup>, 11:30AM -2PM, 5:00 – 7:00PM. They are capping the event with a fund raiser designed to raise dollars to support the BSA Friends of Scouts and to fight Leukemia.

## Day Chair: Dan Jordan

Active in roller hockey, skilled as a skeet shooter, daring as a formula Ford auto race car driver and a volunteer at Stillwater State Penitentiary, you couldn't get more diverse if you tried. Dan Jordan has a lot of hidden interests that will be challenging to surface as you get to know him better.



Dan was born and raised in Bloomington. He is a product of the Bloomington schools. He graduated from St. Cloud State University in Marketing. Dan worked for Master Lock for 12 years, winning many production awards. His father is thrilled that he now works for Walser Buick-Pontiac-GMC on 494 and France because it is close to his father's home and "dad can get free coffee and car washes".

Dan loves the outdoors. He has guided hunters in hunting waterfowl, turkey and deer. He fished on the Professional Walleye Trail as an amateur for three years and at the BassMaster's Top 100 Tournament. Dan is very excited about Rotary and is looking forward to being very active. His closing words of wisdom:

**You can't fail if you never give up.**

### 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 11: Meetings, **Bloody Meetings**, Film starring John Cleese  
April 18: To be announced  
April 25: To be announced  
May 2: **Cancel Meeting Date, Reschedule for Thursday, May 4<sup>th</sup>!**

## 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: 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Wheel and Crown Social and New Member Orientation**  
Crowne Plaza Hotel, 4:30 – 7:00 PM 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.

**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](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:**

**Bloomington Schools Update, 2006**

**Dr. Gary Prest, Superintendent**

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

**State of the City 2006**

**Gene Winstead and Mark Bernhardson**

Tuesday, April 11, 2006 6:00 PM

Wednesday, April 12, 2006 12:01 AM, 6:01 AM, 12:01 PM

Sunday, April 16, 2006 8:31 PM

Monday, April 17, 2007 2:31 AM, 8:31 AM, 2:31 PM

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# District Conference Agenda

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](mailto:Kkoehler@usinternet.com).

The District Conference Agenda has been finalized:

Friday, April 21

3:00 - 4:00 Annual Business Meeting  
4:00 - 6:00 Hospitality  
6:00 - 8:00 Dinner and Keynote by RI Pres. Rep.  
8:00 - 10:00 Themed Event with WONDERFUL DESSERT  
AND FESTIVITIES...this will be a highlight of the Conference!!

Saturday, April 22

7:30 - 9:00 Awards Breakfast  
9:10 - 10:10 Plenary session with Dr. Harry Hull, State Epidemiologist, who will talk to us about Polio and Pandemic concerns.  
10:20 - 11:20 Two concurrent break-out sessions:  
(1) In-Bound and Out-Bound Korean GSE  
(2) Ambassadorial Scholar and U of M student, Christina Hellmich, who will share her insights into the inner logic of Al Qaeda  
11:30 - 12:30 Plenary session with Bev and Tom Burnett...learn how the tragic loss of their son, Tom Jr., on United Flight 93 in a Pennsylvania pasture on 9/11/2001, motivated them to "Do Something!"  
12:45 - 2:15 Lunch and keynote by Bill McLaughlin, Chairman and CEO of Select Comfort...  
"Building an Ethical Business...the Importance of a Positive Mission"

Registration brochures can be printed from the District website.

## **Reminder... April 8<sup>th</sup> is the Cut Off:**

SPECIAL NOTE: AS YOU KNOW, THE HILTON HAS OFFERED OUR GROUP AN EXTREMELY LOW HOTEL ROOM RATE OF \$79 PER NIGHT FOR FRIDAY, APRIL 21<sup>st</sup> AND SATURDAY, APRIL 22<sup>nd</sup> UNBELIEVABLY LOW RATE FOR A HOTEL OF THIS QUALITY. THE RATE IS ONLY GOOD IF YOU BOOK YOUR ROOM BY APRIL 8.