



RIB

April 11, 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

A Snapshot of the Past - A Look into the Future

Diann Kirby, Bloomington Noon Rotary Incoming President

The results are in - now hear what Bloomington Noon Rotarians had to say about the club in the member survey conducted last month. Incoming President Diann Kirby will share the survey results and compare them to the last survey conducted in 2002. The poll had an excellent response rate, with 69 percent of members filling it out. Diann will reveal what Bloomington Rotarians like best about membership, what they say are the club's major strengths and weaknesses, and what changes they suggested.

Diann will also share her vision for the 2006-07 Rotary year. Her vision grew out of a challenge put forth by Past President Jim Lucas. Find out how Jim's challenge brought Diann full circle to tie into Rotary International's 2006-07 theme, "Lead the Way."

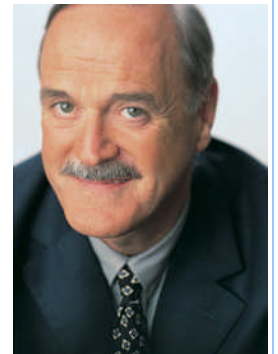


This Week's Program

Meetings, Bloody Meetings

Training Video, starring John Cleese

Such an innocent man...he was doing everything he could, or was he? In our video presentation, "Meetings, Bloody Meetings", John Cleese, portrayed an erstwhile manager who thought he was doing a good job managing his department until a dream woke him up! His people were loosing motivation, were irritated at inefficiency, and were definitely loosing respect for Cleese as their manager. His meetings were genuine nightmares. They lacked preparation, direction, and worst of all, results.



With his wide-eyed naïve look and all the wrong moves, Cleese, through humor, taught us five elements important in any successful meeting. **Plan meetings in advance** knowing the intent of the meeting and defining your desired outcome. **Notify all attendees** of their role, defining discussion items, what information they are responsible for, and the basic outcome expected.

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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 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:

Prepare a detailed agenda assigning appropriate time to each item and ordering the agenda to take first things first. Then, stick to the agenda. **Control the discussion and the structure** of the meeting by keeping all on task and topic, holding side-bar items to a future agenda. **Summarize and record conclusions and decisions** on all agenda items in writing to all members preserving the historical record. Cleese and his humor helped us discovered that these five essential skills can ensure efficient, effective work sessions and banish unproductive meetings from our daily routine.

Guests and Visitors

Rotarian Char Dennhardt, Lakeville Rotary Club, Personnel Services

Brian Gaar, Guest of Dave Walock, from Isanti, MN with Borson Construction

Rotary Business Cards

Invite Visitors! 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.

Every Rotarian Every Year

Have you responded to the request?

Support the Rotary International Foundation. 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 asking every Rotarian to respond. One way our club has benefited is through the Ambassadorial Scholar program. We have sponsored many young people throughout the years to spend a year in post graduate study in another country with the goal in mind to give something back to the world based on their study.

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.**

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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:

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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

Our prayers are with **Linda Jewell** Wednesday and throughout the coming days as she goes through surgery to remove Grade 2-3 breast cancer found on a routine mammogram recently. She will be recovering at home where her family, Tim, Sue and granddaughter will be there to assist her. She invites your notes, calls, and prayers. Linda's address is 8332 Norman Creek Trail, Bloomington MN 55437 Phone (952) 835-2687.

Rotarian Char Dennhardt announced the Lakeville Rotary Club fund raiser, "Taste of Lakeville", Thursday, May 5th, 5:00 to 9:00 PM. Wine Tasting, restaurant samplers, and entertainment are sure to keep you having fun! Purpose: funding the many local and international philanthropic programs of Lakeville Rotary Club. Information at: www.taste-of-lakeville.org

International Partner

International Village Clinic Abul Sharah

Friends of IVC: On Thursday morning, March 30, 2006, at 8:00 AM, the new out patient clinic building that has been under construction at International Village Clinic, India, opened to patients.



Bloomington Rotarian Abul Sharah, IVC Director, indicated that it had been a long wait, but well worth it as he saw the many patients who lined up to seek treatment that first day. International Village Clinic helps bring health care services to 60+ poor villages (over 55,000 patients) in India. IVC helps save children from blindness and malnutrition and has saved young lives by expanding the vaccination program, offering baby delivery and in-patient services.



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 18: **A Snapshot of the Past - A Look into the Future**, Diann Kirby, Bloomington Noon Incoming President

April 25: To be announced

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

May 9: To be announced

Calendar of Events

April 21-22: District 5950 Conference, Airport Hilton, Bloomington, Page 5 RIB
LAST CALL: Register Today with Kathy Koehler Kkoehler@usinternet.com

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:
Winter Olympics**

Rachel Blount, Star Tribune Reporter

Monday, April 17, 2006 10:30 PM

Tuesday, April 18, 2006 4:30 AM, 10:30 AM, 4:30 PM

Friday, April 21, 2006 10:30 PM

State of the City 2006

Gene Winstead and Mark Bernhardson

Sunday, April 16, 2006 8:31 PM

Monday, April 17, 2006 2:31 AM, 8:31 AM, 2:31 PM

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.

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.