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May 9, 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

### Vocational Visit - RSVP needed!

**Goodwill / Easter Seals Minnesota**

**553 Fairview Avenue North, St. Paul**

**Tuesday, May 16<sup>th</sup> -- Map page 5 & 6 RIB**

RSVP to: [ajohnston@hendler-johnston.com](mailto:ajohnston@hendler-johnston.com)



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## This Week's Program

### Bloomington Police Department To Protect and Serve.....

#### Guest: Chief John T. Laux

Bloomington Police Chief John Laux painted a picture of where Bloomington has been and where it's going in the area of public safety. He noted that there have been tremendous changes in Bloomington in the 43 years that he's owned a home here. Bloomington is significantly below the national average for crimes, but Chief Laux said that some of the "dark side" has crept in the back door.



Providing an inside look at homicide in Bloomington, Chief Laux noted that there have been three homicides in 2006. The average is 1.1 homicides per year since 1973. Chief Laux noted that only seven homicides of the last 37 remain unsolved. He expects that the latest one last week, which appears to be gang-related, will probably be solved as well.

The Mall of America takes up nine percent of the Police Department's call load. The number one issue there is shoplifting. While the mall has one of the biggest concentrations of gangs in the metro area, Chief Laux said that it's like a "Little Switzerland" because of its excellent security system. He added that gang members know that there's a heavy price to pay in Bloomington if there is trouble, which keeps problems to a minimum.

### **May Birthdays**

- 04 Dick Young
- 05 Pat DiPlacido
- 06 Dave Shaw
- 12 Steve Wirth
- 27 Kathi Hiyane-Brown
- 29 Tom Arnold, M.D.

### **May Anniversaries**

- 01 Phyllis Karasov 13 yrs
- 01 Jim Mortensen 13 yrs
- 02 Rick Sitek 17 yr
- 05 Gary Prest 8 yrs
- 17 Rod Axtell 1 yr
- 18 Dana House 2 yrs
- 24 Mike Brunkow 1 yrs
- 25 Dave Shaw 2 yrs
- 31 Tsu Hue Vang 1 Yr

### **Greeter Schedule**

- 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 Continued:** The mall is considered a "profiled target" when it comes to terrorism. But Chief Laux said there has never been a credible threat against. He added that the Mall of America has one of the finest security forces around, and has a plan in place to be self-reliant if something should occur.

The Bloomington Police Department's goal is to stay progressive and up-to-date. Recent changes include a new radio system that will eventually connect all of public safety in Minnesota so they can talk to each other, new records management system to track data, automatic ticket writers and electronic dictation devices.

The South Metro Public Safety Training Facility in Edina also helps Bloomington Police stay well-versed in the latest techniques. The facility is a collaborative effort of the cities of Bloomington, Eden Prairie and Edina and Minneapolis St. Paul International Airport. The facility provides a variety of police and fire training opportunities on a three-acre campus. "When you call, I want my officers to respond to any situation that comes up," said Chief Laux. "The only way they can get proficient is to train, train and train some more."

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## **Membership**

Only five Rotarians have sponsored new members into the club this year. It's time for the rest of us to do our part. Let's reverse that trend in 2006-07. **John Houle** reminded us that it's up to us to extend an invitation to prospective members.

### **Top Ten Reasons to Join Rotary**

- 10. Friendship:** This is the #1 strength of Bloomington Rotary, according to a membership poll. It's also one of the reasons Rotary International began back in 1905, and Bloomington Rotary started in 1961.
- 9. Service Above Self:** It's the motto of Rotary, and it's why we're here. For instance, Bloomington Rotarians have committed their time and talents to mentor local high school students. Financially, we have supported a safe water project in the Dominican Republic and formation of a tutoring center for students with disabilities at Normandale Community College.
- 8. Networking:** Everyone needs to network. Rotarians come from all walks of life. They help each other.
- 7. Personal growth:** Personal fulfillment is guaranteed!
- 6. Leadership development:** Rotary is an organization of leaders and successful people. You, too, can learn how to motivate, influence and lead leaders.
- 5. Citizenship:** The average Rotary club consists of the most active citizens of any community.
- 4. Continuing education:** Every week, there is an opportunity to listen to different speakers ranging from government leaders to successful entrepreneurs.
- 3. Fun:** Each meeting, every service activity, any social event emphasizes fun.
- 2. Public speaking skills:** Meetings offer the opportunity to hone your speaking skills.
- 1. Citizenship in the world:** There are few places in the world that do not have a Rotary club. Every Rotarian is welcome to attend any of the 29,000 clubs in virtually every nation of the world.

Bloomington Rotary  
Youth Exchange

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

2005-2006 Student:  
Leonardo Cordeiro  
(Leo)

Leo has had a  
successful year here in  
Bloomington. He will  
be graduating soon.  
Leo, we are all very  
proud of you and your  
accomplishments!

E-mail:

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# STRIVE – Kennedy High School

Banquet, Wednesday, May 31, 2006

Wednesday, May 31st at 6:00 PM. This is your opportunity to help recognize our STRIVE students by attending a banquet in their honor. We will be awarding the STRIVE scholarships as well as recognizing all the students for their participation throughout the year.



Speakers include the Kennedy High School Principal Ron Simmons, Rotary President John Swaney, representatives from both Normandale Community College and Hennepin Technical College, and the highlight of the evening ... we will hear from the students themselves.

The event begins at 6:00 PM and will be over before 8:00 PM, and includes a Ramada Thunderbird Banquet dinner. The cost is only \$25 and will be included on your Rotary quarterly billing. Please RSVP to Don Stiles (952-941-7380 or [DonStiles@mn.rr.com](mailto:DonStiles@mn.rr.com)) by May 20th. Thank you for your support of the STRIVE Program. You are making a difference in the lives of these young adults!

*Pictured: STRIVE students at the capitol with Neil Peterson and Ann Lenczewski.*

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## Sunshine

John Houle announced that Bloomington **Rotarian Tsu Hue Vang** has resigned. He's moving with his family to Oklahoma. Tsu worked for John for 15 years and is a former Hmong refugee.

**Marty Chorzempa** invites our prayers for his **wife Jan**, recently diagnosed with cancer of the peritoneal lining in the abdomen. She will undergo six chemotherapy treatments between now and September. Jan, we will keep you in our prayers.

**Linda Jewell** received great news from her body scans. No sign of metastasis. Her surgical date for bilateral mastectomy has not been scheduled yet. After surgery, she will begin her chemotherapy. Our prayers and wishes go with Linda.

**Sharon Van Winkel** brought the news that on Friday at the Golden Valley Rotary Gala Event, \$19,000 was raised to be donated toward the \$1,000,000 Courage Center Endowment. This \$19,000 will be matched by our own Lee Sundet, getting us closer to the \$1,000,000 fund goal.

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## Visitors and Guests

**Rotarian Ron Curme**, Minnetonka Rotary Club

**Rotarian Bruce Halbasch**, Apple Valley Rotary Club, General Contractor

**Rotarian Gerry McCoy**, Eden Prairie AM Rotary Club, Retired

**Guest Jimmy Steffen**, Grand Blanc, MI, Ben Bridge Jeweler

### 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

May 16: Vocational Visit: **Goodwill/Easter Seals**, 553 Fairview Avenue North, St. Paul, MN RSVP to Adam Johnston [ajohnston@hendler-johnston.com](mailto:ajohnston@hendler-johnston.com)

May 23: To be announced

May 30: To be announced

June 6: Dr. C. Ben Wright, President, Dunwoody College of Technology

June 13: To be announced

June 20: Annual Awards Meeting

June 27: To be announced

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## Calendar of Events

**May 19:** Club Social - **Bloomington Civic Theater musical "Wonderful Town"**  
Contact: Carolyn Pratt. [carolynsings@hotmail.com](mailto:carolynsings@hotmail.com) Reception scheduled before the play. **SOLD OUT!** Let Carolyn know if you want to be on standby.

**May 31: STRIVE Banquet**, Ramada Thunderbird, all Rotarians are invited!

**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!  
Thank you to **Jim MacDonald** and Brady Forseth for the design of the Brochure and to **Adam Johnston** for printing.

**Nov. 18: Harold Larson Party**

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## 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:

#### Minnesota Chamber of Commerce

##### David Olson, Director

Friday, May 12, 2006 10:30 PM

Saturday, May 13, 2006 4:30 AM, 10:30 AM, 4:30 PM, 7:00 PM

Sunday, May 14, 2006 1:00 AM, 7:00 AM, 1:00 PM

# Vocational Visit

**Date & Time: May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2006 – 12:00 – 1:30**

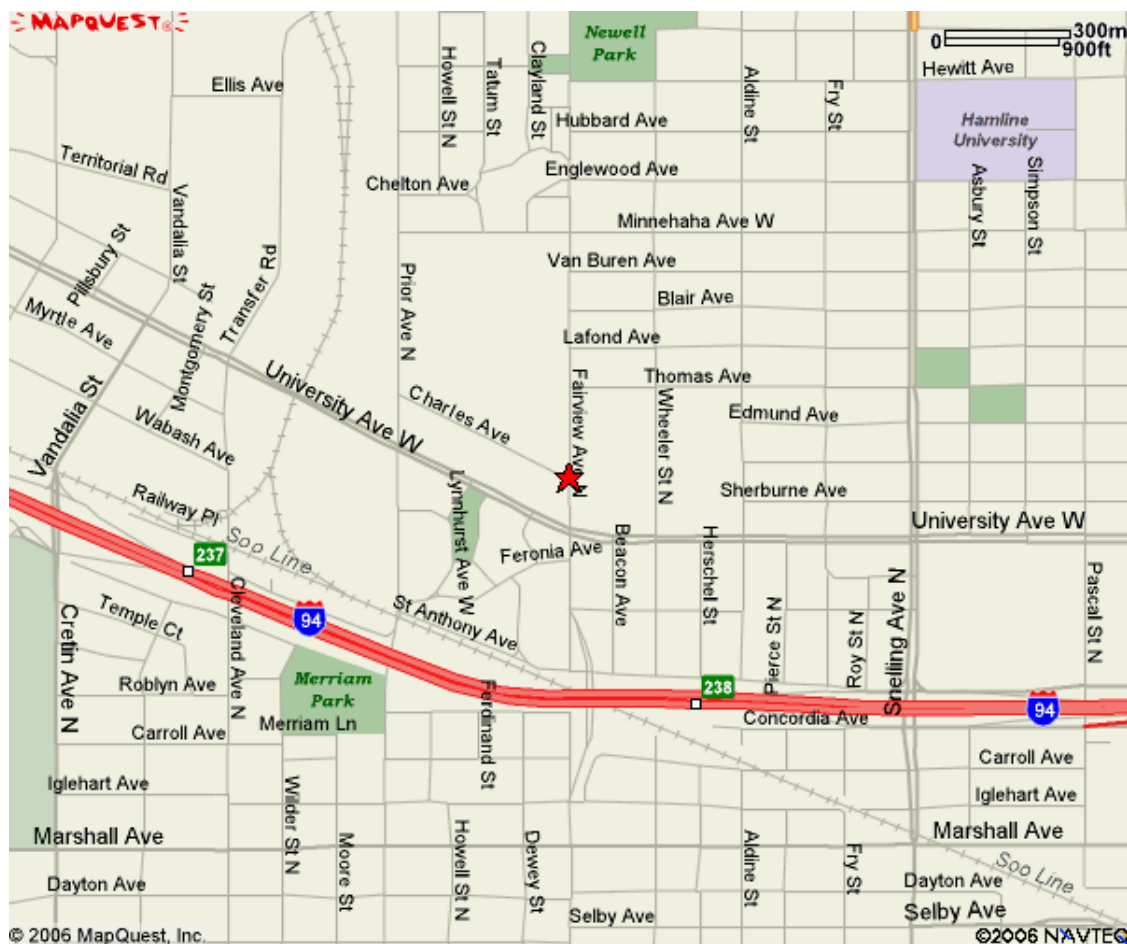
**Goodwill Easter Seals: 651-379-5800**

**553 Fairview Ave N**



**St Paul MN 55104 US**

## Strong Rotary Ties

- **A former Rotarian – Edgar Allen – was instrumental in establishing Easter Seals.** (Allen founded a hospital 1907 in Elyria, Ohio, after his son died in a streetcar accident. He dedicated his life to creating community-based services for children with disabilities, recruiting Rotarians to create a network of programs that became Easter Seals in 1919.)
- **Rotary has been a strong supporter of Goodwill and Easter Seals.**
- In addition to playing an important role in founding Easter Seals, Rotary clubs have worked with local Easter Seals organizations as volunteers and event sponsors through direct grants and gifts.
- Since 1988, Rotarians across the country have contributed more than \$3.9 million to ensure Easter Seals resources are available to help people with disabilities. This last year (2005) they have contributed more than \$700,000.
- In 2001, Rotary International and Goodwill Industries teamed up to create an alliance to help 500,000 people with disabilities enter the workforce.



## Directions from I494 and I35W

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|    | <b>1:</b> From I-494 W  | miles <a href="#">Map</a>      |
|    | <b>2:</b> Merge onto I-35W N via EXIT 5A toward MINNEAPOLIS.                                | 8.6 miles <a href="#">Map</a>  |
|    | <b>3:</b> Merge onto I-94 E / US-12 E / US-52 S via EXIT 16B toward ST PAUL.                | 2.9 miles <a href="#">Map</a>  |
|    | <b>4:</b> Take the MN-280 exit on the LEFT.   | 0.2 miles <a href="#">Map</a>  |
|    | <b>5:</b> Take the exit toward UNIVERSITY AVE.  | <0.1 miles <a href="#">Map</a> |
|    | <b>6:</b> Turn SLIGHT LEFT onto CROMWELL AVE.   | <0.1 miles <a href="#">Map</a> |
|    | <b>7:</b> Turn RIGHT onto FRANKLIN AVE / CR-33.   | <0.1 miles <a href="#">Map</a> |
|   | <b>8:</b> Turn SLIGHT RIGHT onto UNIVERSITY AVE W.  | 1.2 miles <a href="#">Map</a>  |
|  | <b>9:</b> Turn LEFT onto FAIRVIEW AVE N.  | <0.1 miles <a href="#">Map</a> |
|  | <b>10:</b> End at <b>Goodwill Easter Seals</b><br>553 Fairview Ave N, St Paul, MN 55104, US | <a href="#">Map</a>            |