



RIB

May 10, 2007

The Rotary Club of Bloomington Noon

Weekly Meetings

12:00 Noon

Mondays

Airport Hilton
Hotel

Mission

An organization of leaders working together to make a difference in our community and the world.

The Rotary Club of Bloomington Noon

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Next Week's Program

"Sing Me a Home", Habitat for Humanity

Guest: Kathy Romey

To be presented at St. Olaf Catholic Church in downtown Minneapolis on May 19, "Sing Me a Home" is a landmark collaboration with Twin Cities Habitat for Humanity (TCHFH), using music to explore the idea of "home" and to deepen awareness of issues relating to affordable housing and poverty. This is the 2007 installment of the Minnesota Chorale's *Bridges* community outreach series.

Four high school choirs will join the Chorale, led by Kathy Saltzman Romey, in songs drawn from the many cultures represented by TCHFH homeowners (African American, Caribbean, East African, Southeast Asian, and others). Newly commissioned choral settings, based on TCHFH families' stories with texts written by area high school students, will be complemented by projected photographs. Together, the music, words, and images will make vivid the vital work in which Habitat is engaged and will embody the Chorale's belief in song as a force for social good.

Join us to learn about this celebration while there will still be time to purchase tickets. For more information about the program contact Bob Peskin (612) 333-4866, ext 4. "Sing Me a Home" promises to be an evening of discovery, hope, and celebration.



Batter Up! ...Club Social

"Twins Baseball Outing"
June 12th, 7:10 PM start

Everyone Invited...this is a great family event!
Our Twins Outing club social is coming up on Tuesday, June 12th. Game time is 7:10 PM. Our seats are very near the Bull Pen. Tickets are \$29.00. Sign up next week or e-mail Brian Emerson at bje@mriloan.com.



May Birthdays

- 04 Dick Young
- 06 Dave Shaw
- 12 Steve Wirth
- 27 Kathi Hiyane-Brown
- 29 Tom Arnold, MD

May Anniversaries

- 01 Phyllis Karasov 14 yrs
- 01 Jim Mortenson 14 yrs
- 02 Rick Sitek 18 yrs
- 17 Rod Axtell 2 yrs
- 18 Dana House 3 yrs
- 24 Mike Brunkow 2 yrs
- 25 Dave Shaw 3 yrs

Greeter Schedule

- May 7: NO MEETING
- May 14: Wally Neal
- May 21: Gigi Brecht
- May 28: NO MEETING
- June 4: Ken Nordlie
- June 11: Skipp Saaf
- June 18: Dave Senness
- June 25: Jay Stevens
- July 2: Jim Lucas
- July 9: David Pederson

Charitable Partners

Companies to Classrooms

At our April 23rd meeting, Companies to Classrooms Executive Director Cary Weatherby was our guest to accept a **\$1,000 grant check** that our Board of Directors approved from the 2006 Harold Larson Party proceeds. Currently serving Bloomington school's teachers and students, Companies to Classrooms provides unwanted, but perfectly usable business supplies and equipment to staff in our schools. Their space is set up as a store room where school staff can visit and "shop" for free. Businesses donate usable, but no longer wanted items. In this first year of operation, Companies to Classrooms has supplied over \$75,000 worth of materials to over 750 registered staff through over 1300 visits to the storehouse.



Until June 30th, the storehouse will be located at 10724 France Avenue. During the summer their location will move and they will begin serving Richfield schools as well. Served through over 1800 hours of volunteer work (including 600 students), Companies to Classrooms has allowed more than 6,073 calculators and 9,062 crayons to be distributed to Bloomington classrooms along with a multitude of other items. More than 120 businesses in our community have donated in kind materials to this service.

Education Foundation of Bloomington

Addie Mattson, member of the Board of Directors of the Education Foundation of Bloomington, was our guest April 30th to receive a **\$2,500 grant check** from our Harold Larson Party proceeds. The EFB raises funds that help meet needs of students in the Bloomington Public Schools. The Foundation was established by concerned community leaders, parents and teachers in 1986 to provide students with learning opportunities that make the Bloomington Public Schools a cut above the rest.

Two programs will benefit from these funds:

Classroom Innovation Grants

...a program that enables K-12 classroom teachers to explore and evaluate new and effective learning projects that engage and challenge their students.

Food for Thought

...a program that provides free school meals for elementary students whose

families can't always afford to pay even though their income is not low enough to qualify for federally funded free- and reduced-price meals. These families have experienced a short term difficulty such as loss of job or major illness.

EDUCATION
FOUNDATION
OF BLOOMINGTON



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 14: “Sing Me a Home” Guest: Kathy Romey (Habitat for Humanity)

May 21: “Skills USA Team” Guests: Skills USA students, Kennedy High School

May 28: **NO MEETING** - MEMORIAL DAY

June 4: “Stroke and TIA Recognition-Current Status and Justification Education” Guest: Dr. Sandra Hanson, Park Nicollet Health Services

June 11: “Industry & Trade in China – Bob & Larry’s Adventure” Guest: Lawrence A. Pobuda, Stewart Lawrence Group

June 18: “Club Awards Day & Mahendra Nath Rotary Foundation Challenge Celebration” Guests: DG Rod Shilkrot and Dick Ramberg

June 25: “My Trip to Thailand” Group Study Exchange, Guest: Becky Cahn, Donaldson Corporation, member of GSE team from Minnesota to Thailand

Calendar of Events

May 11: Theater -- “Funny Girl”, Pre-play social at Don & Leslie Stiles home

May 31: STRIVE Banquet, 6:00 – 8:00 PM, Hilton Hotel, All Rotarians invited!

June 12: TWINS GAME, 7:10 PM Tickets: e-mail Brian Emerson at bje@mriloan.com

June 17-20, 2007: RI Convention in Salt Lake City, Utah

Rotary Information

Bloomington Noon Rotary

www.bloomingtonrotarymn.org

Rotary International

www.rotary.org

Rotary District 5950

www.rotary5950.org

Meeting Make-ups

http://www.rotary5950.org/where_meet.html

Safe Water Plus Web Site

www.safewaterplus.org

Rotary on Bloomington Cable, Channel 14:

No programs scheduled at this time.