



# RIB

May 14, 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

President: Diann Kirby  
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LuAnn Paulet, Mark  
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Terry Stirewalt, and Dave  
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## Next Week's Program

"SkillsUSA" Team, Kennedy High School

Guests: Kevin Chederquist & the 2007 team

SkillsUSA students at Kennedy High School have taken first place for the 4<sup>th</sup> year in a row in the SkillsUSA competition and they are bringing their presentation on a road trip to our club meeting. Under the leadership of Kevin Chederquist, Dean of Students at Kennedy High School, the SkillsUSA Team will present their competition performance for our club. Rotarians will assist them by critiquing the presentation to help them to improve their skills. This makes your role as important as theirs!

SkillsUSA provides quality education experiences for students in leadership, teamwork, citizenship and character development. It builds and reinforces self-confidence, work attitudes and communications skills. It emphasizes total quality at work: high ethical standards, superior work skills, life-long education, and pride in the dignity of work. SkillsUSA also promotes understanding of the free-enterprise system and involvement in community service.



## This Week's Program

"Sing Me a Home", Habitat for Humanity

Guest: Kathy Romey, Minnesota Chorale



The Minnesota Chorale was founded in 1972 and currently has over 200 singers. They serve as the primary chorus of the Minnesota Orchestra. As Conductor of the Chorale, Kathy Romey brings her passion for educational outreach to the variety of programs offered by the Chorale.

The Bridges Outreach Program for 2007 is a collaboration with Twin Cities Habitat for Humanity, four local high school choirs and local composers. The works that will be presented this coming Saturday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, at St. Olaf Catholic Church in Minneapolis are based on the stories of six Habitat home owners put into poetic form by high school writers and set to music by local composers. The Chorale sees music as a way to express sorrow, loss, joy, and new ways of thinking. Through the Bridges Program musical and social bridges can be built between different cultures and different social groups.

**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

## Normandale Community College

**President Diann Kirby** presented a check in the amount of \$4,000 today to Steve Klingaman, Executive Director of the Normandale College Foundation. These funds were raised through our 2006 Harold Larson Party.

Normandale Community College will be using these funds to help launch the Academy of Math and Science. This program will allow for small learning situations that encourage students who might otherwise not succeed in math or science studies to have a more comfortable situation within which to learn and increase their chance of success in these two fields.



## Guests and Visitors

**Steve Klingaman**, Normandale Community College, guest of Diann Kirby  
**Newton Kirby**, spouse and guest of Diann Kirby

**Brad Ries**, Sales, brother of Ed Ries and guest of Adam Johnston  
**Rotarian Jon Hohenstein**, Eagan Rotary, Local Government

## Vocational Talk

### Adam Bengtson

As Executive Director of the Bloomington Chamber of Commerce, Adam Bengtson is responsible for developing membership, overseeing educational programs, and structuring partnerships that promote a robust local business climate. Previously, Adam worked with the Northern Dakota County Chamber and as a Dale Carnegie Training Consultant, as well as with a family business.



Adam grew up in Burnsville, graduated from Gustavus Adolphus College, and has made his home in Rosemount with his wife, Nicole and their dog Lola. Growing up, he was a sports enthusiast and has always found hard work and striving to accomplish his goals very rewarding. His current goals include running in the Twin Cities Marathon this fall, building a family with his wife, and building the Bloomington Chamber to 1,000 members. Adam is extremely positive about life, saying, "The longer I live, the more I realize the impact of attitude on life." He states attitude is more important than any other aspect of life. We each have a choice every day regarding the attitude we embrace for that day. "I am convinced that life is 10% what happens to me, and 90% how I react to it."

**Batter  
Up!**  
Last chance to  
sign up! May  
21<sup>st</sup> deadline.

**"Twins  
Baseball  
Outing"**



Our Twins Outing club social is coming up on Tuesday, June 12<sup>th</sup>. 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](mailto:bje@mriloan.com).

May 21<sup>st</sup> is our deadline for the ticket discount and we only have 19 signed up right now of the 25 needed!

## President's Column

Diann Kirby –



Your Bloomington Rotary Board of Directors held their monthly meeting this week. Here are the actions that were taken at the meeting:

—The board approved additional donations from the 2006 Harold Larson Party to the following charitable partners: Bloomington Fine Arts Council (\$3,000); Cornerstone (\$4,000); Friends of the Minnesota Valley (\$2,500); Meals on Wheels (\$1,500); VEAP (\$4,000); and Peace House (\$2,500).

—**Tom Burke was approved for membership.** Tom is Membership Director at the Southdale YMCA and is sponsored by Membership Chair Terry Stirewalt.

—The board agreed to raise the lunch fee by \$1 due to an increase in the Hilton's price. The fee will rise from \$16 to \$17 on July 1.

—A nomination for Rotarian of the Year was accepted by the board; a vote of the general membership will take place later this month.

**Extraordinary people doing extraordinary things!**

## Sunshine

Our prayers are with **Adam and Lori Johnston's** baby Arianna who broke her femur in an accidental fall on Mother's Day. Today she sees the Dr. to determine if a cast will be necessary for healing. Mom suffered some severe bruises.

**Sandy Seibert**, former Bloomington Rotarian writes: "Congratulations to Bloomington Noon Rotary for all the honors bestowed upon you at District Conference. I am so proud and grateful that I was a member of the Club for 18 years. I miss you, but carry you close to my heart.

Our good Rotarian, **Jim Feilzer**, retired dentist, is a full-time care-giver for his wife, Peggy, who suffered a stroke. She is currently at home and doing better. Jim and Peggy moved to a downtown condo in Feb. 2006. His cell # 952-221-3668. He would love to be included on our E-RIB weekly newsletter. His email address is : [jfeilzer@usfamily.net](mailto:jfeilzer@usfamily.net) I let him know that our Club has made a donation to the Rotary Foundation in his honor and to express our wishes for Peggy's speedy recovery.

## Name That Rotarian

Today's Rotarian was born in Illinois – Waukegan, the home of Jack Benny. He received his BA in economics from Carleton College, and MBA from the University of Minnesota. This Rotarian's career path ran the gamut, from singer, actor, and carpenter to chemical plant operator and tax consultant. After 26 years in the tax field, he retired as chief tax officer for ING/Reliastar. He is currently a "professional volunteer", serving on the Normandale College Foundation and Bloomington Historical Society. This member joined Bloomington Rotary in 2001, and started chairing the STRIVE program the following year. He was named New Rotarian of the Year in 2003, and Rotarian of the Year in 2006. He will be president in 2007-08.

**Is it?**

**a) Lee Helms**

**b) Nick Basil**

**c) Don Stiles**

**d) Jack Carlson**

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### 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 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 31: STRIVE Banquet**, 6:00 – 8:00 PM, Hilton Hotel, All Rotarians invited!  
**See Page 5 RIB for Invitation and details.**

**June 12: TWINS GAME**, 7:10 PM Tickets: e-mail Brian Emerson at [bje@mriloan.com](mailto:bje@mriloan.com)

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

**June 18: Bloomington Noon Annual Awards Day**

**August 6: Vocational Visit to VEAP**

## Rotary Information

**Bloomington Noon Rotary**  
[www.bloomingtonrotarymn.org](http://www.bloomingtonrotarymn.org)

**Rotary International**

[www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org)

**Rotary District 5950**

[www.rotary5950.org](http://www.rotary5950.org)

**Meeting Make-ups**

[http://www.rotary5950.org/where\\_meet.html](http://www.rotary5950.org/where_meet.html)

**Safe Water Plus Web Site**

[www.safewaterplus.org](http://www.safewaterplus.org)

**Rotary on Bloomington Cable, Channel 14:**  
**“Temple Israel Cantor Barry Abelson”**

Tuesday, May 29, 2007 10:15 PM

Wednesday, May 30, 2007 4:15 AM, 10:15 AM, 4:15 PM

Thursday, May 31, 2007 9:35 PM

Friday, June 1, 2007 3:35 AM, 9:35 AM, 3:35 PM

**Name That Rotarian:**

**(c) Don Stiles**

**Bloomington Rotary  
STRIVE Recognition Banquet  
Thursday, May 31, 2007  
Airport Hilton  
Social - 6:00 PM, Dinner - 6:30 PM**



Most of you are familiar with our **Rotary STRIVE Program** in which members of our Rotary Club mentor students at Kennedy High School. A special thank you to all our volunteer mentors! As part of the program, we provide a special recognition banquet for those students and their parents. We also award our STRIVE College Scholarships at this banquet.

**I would like to extend a warm invitation to all Rotarians to join us for this banquet celebration at which we honor all the STRIVE students. The banquet will be held Thursday, May 31, 2007, at the Airport Hilton.** Social time begins at 6:00 PM, Dinner at 6:30 PM, and the Awards Program at 7:00 PM. We will wrap thing up by 7:45 PM. The cost is only \$25.00 per person and it will be billed to your Rotary account unless you choose to pay directly.

Prior to this week, the following had indicated they would be attending this special event:

Michelle Christenson (Kennedy HS)  
Dee Englehart  
Diann Kirby  
Lee Helms  
Don Stiles + Guest

Carole Carlson (Hennepin Tech)  
Kris Krenz (Kennedy)  
Kathi Hiyane-Brown (Normandale)  
Ron Simmons (Kennedy)  
Les Fujitake (Bloomington Superintendent)

Join us for this wonderful opportunity to share your congratulations with these worthy students. If you did not have a chance to sign up at your table this week, please sign up at next Monday's meeting or contact Don Stiles at [Stiles.Don@gmail.com](mailto:Stiles.Don@gmail.com) . We need to give an accurate count to the Hilton.



Photos on this page are from our 2006-2007 STRIVE activities.

