



RIB

May 30, 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
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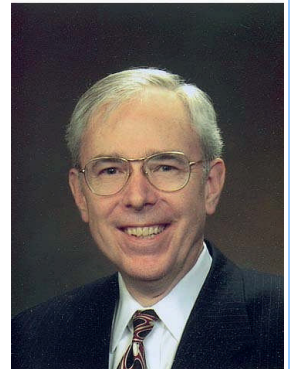
Next Week's Program

**Dunwoody College of Technology
Dr. Ben C. Wright**

Dr. Wright has served Dunwoody College of Technology for over 21 years, as vice president of development from 1984 to 1990, as vice president of institutional advancement from 1990 to 2001, and as president since 2002.

During Dr. Wright's three years as president, "Dunwoody Institute" has become *Dunwoody College of Technology*, Dunwoody's Printing program has been named "college of the year" *twice*, and Dunwoody has begun significant building projects to accommodate its increased student enrollment – including the design and construction of an expanded parking lot. President Wright's commitment is to establish the college as the "best-in-class" leader and innovator in workforce development.

Dr. Wright has been a member of the community faculty at Metropolitan State University and an adjunct professor at Saint Mary's University of Minnesota. He is currently a member of the board of directors of WomenVenture. His wife is coordinator of the Early Childhood Special Education program of the Hopkins School District.



This Week's Program

View From Under the Bleachers – MN State Legislature Representative (and Rotarian) Neil Peterson

Always interesting to listen to, Representative (and Rotarian) Neil Peterson did not disappoint. Neil took us behind the scenes to understand how the legislative process works (or doesn't work) from bill writing, through the committee process to the floor of either the House or the Senate, then on to Conference Committee for rewrite since both the Senate and the House version of any bill will differ and only ONE version can come out of the legislative process into law. This legislative session saw 4400 bills enter the committee process.



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June Birthdays

- 04 Ed Vogt
- 07 John Houle
- 11 Mahendra Nath
- 19 Don Stiles

June Anniversaries

- 01 Linda Jewell 10 yrs
- 03 Addel Abdelwahed
26yrs
- 03 Mark Bosch 3 Yrs
- 07 Shawn Corwin 1 yr
- 10 Laura Bjorgo 3 yrs
- 13 Frank Grazzini 11 yrs
- 19 Steve Wirth 22 yrs
- 28 Bonnie Carlson 18 yrs
- 29 Jim Feilzer DDS 35 Yrs
- 30 Karyn Arazi 6 Yrs

Greeter Schedule

- May 30: Ed Vogt
- June 6: Dan Jordan
- June 13: Jack Bouquet
- June 20: Jim Wenthold
- June 27: Dave Walock
- July 4: Dave Senness
- July 11: Jim Truax
- July 18: Adam Johnston
- July 25: Lori Nelson
- Aug 1: Gigi Brecht
- Aug 8: Jay Stevens
- Aug 15: Ken Nordlie
- Aug 22: David Pederson

This Week Continued:

Representative Peterson stated that when he makes his decisions on bills or other issues before the House, he will use his 5C's to determine his best option. Conscience, Community, Constituents, Caucus Majority, and Campaign are the filters through which Neil sifts his choices and in that order. It is most important to Neil that his conscience feels right and that the decision will be good for his community and his constituents. He cited a passage paraphrased from Jeremiah in the Bible, "Ask for the good way, and take it."

Neil served on the Bonding Committee where he found most of his power as a freshman member came from his relationships so he worked hard to develop good relationships with leading members of the committee. The Twins Stadium issue came before him on the Governance Committee where he felt comfortable supporting the Twins proposal without referendum because he believed that it was healthy for the whole state (an important part of Minnesota culture and history) and would benefit the metropolitan area in many ways.

With the session over, Neil is gearing up for the fall campaign. "It was a great year!"

Visitors and Guests

Rotarians:

Rotarian Quinn Tierney, Downtown #9, Classification: Fundraising – Non Profit

Rotarian Bob Stehlik, Edina, Classification: Banking

Rotarian John Jack, Fort Myers, FL, Classification: Performance Appraisals

Guests:

Courtney Poja, Cornerstone, Guest of John Swaney

Chris Clements, Horse and Hunt Club, Guest of Sharon VanWinkel

Rose Adams, Courage Center, Guest of Sharon VanWinkel

Dr. David Simmen, Chiropractor, Guest of Jae Mellin

Jerry Fruetel, Retired, Guest of Larry Lee

Sunshine

Linda Jewell's bilateral mastectomy surgery was successful. She is recovering comfortably and will be looking ahead to chemotherapy in the near future. Linda, we are keeping you in our prayers and our wishes for a continued and swift recovery are with you.

Carolyn Pratt will be the featured soloist with the *Bloomington Chorale*, June 3rd (7:30 PM) & 4th (3:00 PM) at the Schneider Theater, Bloomington Arts Center. Tickets available at the door. Adults - \$10, Seniors/Students -\$7

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Bloomington Rotary
Youth Exchange

Youth Exchange
Officer: Mark Bellestri
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2005-2006 Student:
Leonardo Cordeiro
(Leo)

Thursday, May 25, Leo was awarded an academic letter and a special award as a foreign exchange student by Jefferson High School. Thank you to the club members and host family that were there to honor Leo.

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Charitable Partners

Bloomington Noon Rotarians raised \$50,000 at the Harold Larson Party. With this fabulous fundraising, our Club will donate a total of \$33,750 this year. Two Charitable Partners are receiving their award today:

Cornerstone -- \$3,500 Award – Courtney Poja

Founded in 1983, Cornerstone provides comprehensive support services to women, men and children who are victims of domestic violence in order to help restore stability and hope in their lives. The agency's programs include emergency safe housing, transitional housing, legal services, counseling and support for children and teens who have witnessed family violence. Cornerstone provides emergency shelter to anyone in need. Its community programs serve residents of the South Hennepin County cities of Richfield, Bloomington, Eden Prairie, Edina and St. Louis Park. In addition, Cornerstone offers programs in the schools aimed at helping youth cope with anger in non-violent ways, dating violence and violence at home. For more information on Cornerstone, visit www.cornerstonemn.org.



VEAP -- \$3,000 Award "Volunteers Enlisted to Assist People" Rotarian Susan Freeman

VEAP's goal is to provide financial, emotional, and physical support to low-income individuals and families living in our community. VEAP's programs are designed to meet both the **present** and **projected needs** of low-income, elderly, and disabled citizens. We respond to the needs of hunger, poverty, disability, isolation and the ongoing effects of these conditions through our programs: **Food, Seasonal**, (Back To School, Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas) **Social Services and Transportation**.

VEAP is a grassroots agency that was founded in 1973 by members of thirteen churches. VEAP was founded for the purpose of neighbors coming together to help other neighbors experiencing hardships in their community.

VEAP fulfills its mission through donations of money, goods and volunteer services coordinated by a professional staff, which creates a *neighbor helping neighbor* program and strengthens the community as a whole. Each year **over 1000 volunteers** with support from Businesses, Faith Communities, Foundations, Government, Individuals, Organizations and Schools **work together** improving the lives of people in our community. In 2005 VEAP Provided over 36,000 services to more than 11,000 low-income individuals in Bloomington, Edina, Richfield and South Minneapolis.



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

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

June 13: Charles Mooty, CEO International Dairy Queen

June 20: Annual Awards Meeting

June 27: Rob Wassenaar

July 4: No Meeting

July 11: To be announced

Calendar of Events

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

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:

Chief John Laux
Bloomington Police Chief

Tuesday, June 6, 2006 10:30 PM
Wednesday, June 7, 2006 4:30 AM, 10:30 AM, 4:30 PM
Thursday, June 8, 2006 9:00 PM
Friday, June 9, 2006 3:00 AM, 9:00 AM, 3:00 PM