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June 4, 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

Pres Elect: Don Stiles

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Dave Senness, Lori

Nelson, Mark Bosch,

LuAnn Paulet, Mark

Bellestri, Laura Bjorgo,

Terry Stirewalt, and Dave

Walock

Next Week's Program

"Industry & Trade in China – Bob & Larry's Adventure" Guest: Lawrence A. Pobuda, Co-founder, Stewart Lawrence Group



Our guest, Larry Pobuda, spent 12 days in China exploring and learning about commerce in there. He will bring stories and photos of his experience shopping in a Wal-Mart (a big hit in China!), discussing Wal-Mart's China strategy, and visiting their distribution center. His tour included two of the deep water ports in China and a day at the Yantian International Container Terminal in Shenzhen – an experience that graphically depicted the US trade deficit! They met with Procter & Gamble executives and toured the P&G facility in Guangzhou. Pobuda says, "You'll see a lot of photos – it was a fascinating trip!"

Larry Pobuda is co-founder of Stewart Lawrence Group, a partnership formed with Stew Stender, involved in acquiring and developing commercial real estate assets. Their work is focused on business trends in China, with primary focus on commercial real estate development and the unbelievable construction boom that is taking place in China presently.

This Week's Program

"Stroke and TIA Recognition" Guest: Sandra Hanson, M.D., Park Nicollet Health Services

"Stroke is the third leading cause of death in the US", said Sandra Hanson, M.D., Neurologist with Park Nicollet Clinic. Stroke is defined as a constricting of blood flow to the brain or tissue. There are three types: Ischemic (plaque buildup to blockage), Cardio-embolism (clot from heart travels to brain), and Hemorrhagic (breakage of blood vessel). Her unit at Methodist Hospital is working to develop a Stroke Unit and Stroke Code Team to bring a higher level of education and early stroke care to patients. Care within 8 hours of symptoms emergence leads to a higher level of recovery.

Warning Signs

- Numbness or weakness on one side.
- Loss of speech, slurred speech.
- Partial loss of vision, double vision.
- Sudden severe headache.
- Abrupt nature in the onset of symptoms.

June Birthdays

- 07 John Houle
- 11 Mahendra Nath
- 19 Don Stiles

June Anniversaries

- 01 Linda Jewell 11 yrs
- 03 Addel Abdelwahed
27 yrs
- 03 Mark Bosch 4 Yrs
- 13 Frank Grazzini 12 yrs
- 13 Brian Emerson 1 yr
- 19 Steve Wirth 23 yrs
- 27 Mike Carlson 1 yr
- 28 Bonnie Carlson 19 yrs
- 29 Jim Feilzer DDS 36 Yrs
- 30 Karyn Arazi 7 Yrs

Greeter Schedule

- June 11: Dan Jordan
- June 18: Dave Senness
- June 25: Jay Stevens
- July 2: Jim Lucas
- July 9: David Pederson

President's Column

Diann Kirby –

It was my privilege to congratulate the 21 graduates of our 2007 STRIVE program on May 31. The winner of the \$2,000 scholarship for best improvement in grade point average was Latika Carter. Latika was obviously stunned when her name was called, but thrilled nonetheless.

After the program, I had the opportunity to meet Latika's mother and 8-month old brother. Her mother told me that Latika had struggled while attending high school in Minneapolis. She transferred to Kennedy in her junior year, where she had a renewed interest in school. In her senior year, STRIVE was just the boost that Latika needed to succeed. She improved her overall grade point average by three-quarters of a point, a remarkable achievement when you consider that a GPA covers all four years of a student's high school career.

Congratulations to coordinators Don Stiles, Lee Helms (pictured right) and Gigi Brecht and to these mentors for their extraordinary work with the STRIVE class: Jeff Andrews, Nick Basil, Dee Engelhart, Gene Fuller, Sandhya Gupta, Jeff Hatton, Dick Herberg, Larry Lee, Jae Mellin, Mahendra Nath, LuAnn Paulet, Dave Pederson, Terry Stirewalt, John Swaney and Dave Walock. You've truly changed the lives of 21 young people this past year.



Extraordinary people doing extraordinary things!

Guests and Visitors

Brent Rice, Merrill Lynch, Stock Broker, Guest of Jim McDonald.

Tom Burke, State YMCA, Guest of Terry Stirewald, Former Richfield Rotarian.

Judy Erickson, Public Affairs, Friends of the MN Valley, Guest of Lori Nelson.

Name That Rotarian

Today's Rotarian grew up in Nebraska, where he met and married his high school sweetheart. He graduated from Hastings College in Nebraska and moved to Mason City, Iowa, where he worked for Northwestern National Bank. The bank transferred him to Minneapolis in 1968. He moved to Bloomington in 1972. This Rotarian was elected to the Bloomington City Council seven times, and served as Mayor for five years. He was elected state representative in 2004, serving House District 41B in western Bloomington. This member was inducted into Bloomington Rotary in 1987 with the classification of commercial real estate.

Is it?

a) Dana House b) Neil Peterson c) John Houle d) Jack Carlson
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**Congratulations
to our New
Officers and
Board of
Directors 2007-
2008**

The following
Rotarians were
elected
unanimously as
Officers and Board
for the 2007-2008
Rotary Year:

President:
Don Stiles

President-Elect:
Carolyn Pratt

Vice President:
Adam Johnston

Secretary-
Treasurer: Brett
McMahon

Sergeant-at-Arms:
Brian Emerson

Director 2007-2008:
Phyllis Karasov

Directors
2007-2010:
Karyn Arazi
Colin Evenson
Ken Nordlie

Sunshine

Adam Johnston reports that Arianna is healing nicely and will be getting her cast off today, June 4th. With the cast, Arianna began crawling backwards rather than forwards. Lori has healed physically, but is still upset about falling with Arianna.

Don Stiles reports that over 75 attendees had a wonderful STRIVE banquet on May 31st. All 21 of the STRIVE students received TARGET gift cards and Bloomington Rotary presented \$7,000 in scholarships. Thank you to Terry Stirewalt and Richfield Bloomington Credit Union for adding \$100 to each of the seven Attendance Scholarships.

John Swaney's son will be spending a month in Paris this summer living with the family of an International Student Exchange boy the Swaney's hosted last summer.

John Hanson, (Past President 1994-95), sends his greetings to everyone. He has been traveling every week this year and has been unable to attend our regular meetings.

Charitable Partners –

Proceeds from our Harold Larson Party will make a difference locally, regionally, and internationally through three of our Charitable Partners:

Friends of the Minnesota Valley

Lori Nelson (pictured – left) accepted a check today in the amount of \$2,500 on behalf of the Friends of the Minnesota Valley. These dollars will go toward their Water Quality & Community Clean Up program. During 2007's cleanup over 1000 lbs of phosphorous was removed along with 10,000 lbs of trash through the efforts of 3000 volunteers.

Peace House International

Diann Kirby presented a check to **Dana House** and Paula Dy-Haug (middle) in the amount of \$2,500 to be used for Peace House International's Literacy program for AIDS orphans in Africa. Three years ago the land they are housed on in Africa was completely bare. Today, there are 20 buildings under construction. This September they will open their doors to their first class of 120 live-in students and will serve another 550 children from the surrounding communities.

Courage Center

Sharon Van Winkle and Don Taylor (right) received a check in the amount of \$10,000 for benefit of the Sports and Recreation Programs of Courage Center, paying another portion of the Bloomington Noon Rotary pledge of \$75,000 total to the \$1Million endowment fund for this program. We now have only \$35,000 remaining of that pledge to pay. Frank and Sandy Grazzini will generously be adding another \$8,000 gift. This program is changing lives of kids and adults who have recently been injured.



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 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: **Rotary 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

July 2: “**Recap of Rotary Intl Conference + 2007-08 Goals**”, **Bloomington Noon Rotary Club President Don Stiles**

July 9: “**International Village Clinic – Your Dollars Making a Difference**” **Rotarian Abul Sharah, Founder, IVC**

July 16: “**Sheltering Man’s Best Friends – Humane Society**” Guest: Amy Rosenthal

Calendar of Events

June 12: TWINS GAME HAS BEEN CANCELLED!

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

June 18: Bloomington Noon Annual Awards Day

August 6: Vocational Visit to VEAP

August 27: Pack To School

November 17: Harold Larson Party, Golden Valley Golf & Country Club

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

Name That Rotarian:
b) Neil Peterson