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June 11, 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
Vice Pres: Carolyn Pratt
Secretary: Karyn Arazi
Treasurer: Brett McMahon
Past Pres: John Swaney
Dist Gov: Rod Shilkrot
Sgt in Arms: Rick Sitek
Exec Sec: Kathy Koehler
Directors: Adam Johnston,
Dave Senness, Lori
Nelson, Mark Bosch,
LuAnn Paulet, Mark
Bellestri, Laura Bjorgo,
Terry Stirewalt, and Dave
Walock

Next Week's Program

**"Club Awards Day & Mahendra Nath Rotary Foundation
Challenge Celebration"**

Guest: Dick Ramberg

Past President, John Swaney, has a great celebration planned to highlight 2006-2007 accomplishments of Bloomington Noon Rotarians. Our guest, Dick Ramberg, will "jazz" up the room with his music as we gather. We will have a chance to honor our Paul Harris Fellows and congratulate the many great contributions in talent, time and treasure that have made this Rotary year so very successful.



This Week's Program

"Industry & Trade in China – Bob & Larry's Adventure"

Guest: Lawrence A. Pobuda, Co-founder, Stewart Lawrence Group

"Fascinating!" was the most common remark as our guest, Larry Pobuda, shared his impressions of China's economic and commercial development. China is no longer a low cost manufacturer. They are now producing over 50% of the world's flat panel TV's. Retail there is ranked 3rd in the world with annual growth now at 10%. New development in China strives to be the biggest, fastest, tallest or longest. Example: Three Gorges Dam development, a 350 mile reservoir the size of Lake Superior which displaced 1.1 million residents to build. The Chinese government role in all of this is the unique Chinese characteristic that makes the scope and pace of their development possible. The government owns all the land and developers must pay rent to the government in order to build or develop there. With this rapid development, the infrastructure is taxed to its limit and air and water pollution are significant. China presents a contrast of old and new everywhere you look. They are moving forward with lightning speed, competing globally. Below is pictured today's modern city of Shanghai – artist's rendition.



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

President's Column

Diann Kirby –

Our Bloomington Rotary Board of Directors held its final meeting of the 2006-07 Rotary year this week. Here's what we accomplished:

--International Chair Dave Senness reported that several local clubs have shown interest in partnering with us on matching grants for International Village Clinic. Our board has already committed \$6,000 toward the health promotion project, which will be submitted to District 5950 for matching grant consideration later this summer.

--The board appointed a subcommittee to review the proposed bylaws which are being amended to conform with the new Club Leadership Plan from Rotary International.

--The board voted to raise ticket prices for the 2007 Harold Larson Party from \$60 to \$65 per person.

--Club Service Chair Mark Bosch discussed possible social opportunities for club members and families in the coming year.

--Incoming President Don Stiles reported that he will be looking for more member involvement during the 2007-08 Rotary year; look for the committee sign-up on June 25.

Extraordinary people doing extraordinary things!

Name That Rotarian

Today's Rotarian was born in India, where he grew up in New Delhi. He earned a degree in mechanical engineering from the University of Delhi, and then a M.S. in industrial engineering from the University of Minnesota. His first job was engineer for Sperry Univac in the Twin Cities. He is now President and CEO of his own company, a \$150 million organization that manages restaurants, hotels and real estate. The company also offers accounting, payroll and financial reporting services to franchisees and other business owners. This member joined Bloomington Rotary in 1988 and has served on the club's board of directors. He was named Rotarian of the Year in 2003. He and his wife Asha have two children.

Is it?

a) Abdel Abdelwahed b) Abul Sharah c) Mahendra Nath d) Jack Carlson
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Mahendra Nath Rotary Foundation Challenge

Today we recognized Mahendra Nath for encouraging 100% participation from our club in the Rotary International Foundation fund drive with his \$3,000 challenge. We achieved this goal! Proud of all Rotary does internationally, Nath said,

“The best part of my life has been being a Rotarian. What we do for the world is just unparalleled.” Nath committed to continuing this challenge tradition.

**Congratulations
to our New
Officers and
Board of
Directors 2007-
2008**

Your new Board
Chair, Don Stiles, is
asking every
Rotarian to work
on at least one
project/committee
this coming year.
Be thinking how
you will be joining
your Board in
making 2007-2008
another stellar
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

Kathi Hiyane-Brown (right) announced that she will be leaving Bloomington and Bloomington Rotary to accept a position as President of Watcome Community College in Billingham, WA, on August 1st. Our best wishes follow her in this new position.



Becky Amble announced that school was out! She may change her tune be the end of the summer.

Sharon VanWinkel, Courage Center, was coaching at the Junior Disability Games in Oklahoma this past week. On Friday, one of their 23 year old athletes benched pressed 460 pounds. Also, the wheelchair basketball team took second place in the three on three basketball tournament.

Jay Stevens, Peoples Bank of Commerce, Edina, announced a customer appreciation event being held on Wednesday, June 13, 2007. All welcome.

David Getsch announced that his daughter-in-law was due to deliver his third grandchild (a girl) any minute....he was checking his phone every two minutes!

Carolyn Pratt will be the featured soloist at the Medalist Band concert on July 3, 2007 at the Bloomington Summer Fete celebration.

Guests and Visitors

Tom Burke, State YMCA, Former Richfield Rotarian; **Proposed New Rotarian Junior Active Rotarian Matt Lucas**, Minneapolis #9, Nephew of Jim Lucas.

Rotarian David Stein, CPA, Plymouth Rotary Club

Rotarian Don Salverda, HR Development, Roseville Rotary

Alex and Pasha Amble, Guests and sons of Becky Amble

Paul Schaeffer, Bloomington Drug, Guest of Jim Wenthold

Ed Wines, VP Finance & Operations, NCC, Guest of Kathi Hiyane-Brown

Charitable Partners –

Bloomington Fine Arts Council

Proceeds from our Harold Larson Party continue to make a difference through our Charitable Partners. All eight (8) of the Art groups that make up the Bloomington Fine Arts Council will benefit from our **\$3,000** grant, accepted today by **Rotarian Carolyn Pratt** on behalf of the Council. These funds will be directed toward youth, with an emphasis on three areas: the youth theater group, “9 Mile Creek Theater”; our youth choir, “Angelica Cantanti” (right) and their participation in a festival with other youth groups; and the “Continental Ballet” and their production of the Nutcracker this coming December, 2007.



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 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 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:

Bloomington Rotary STRIVE Banquet

Monday, June 25, 2007 11:00 PM

Tuesday, June 26, 2007 5:00 AM, 11:00 AM, 5:00 PM

Saturday, June 30, 2007 7:00 PM

Sunday, July 1, 2007 1:00 AM, 7:00 AM, 1:00 PM

Name That Rotarian:

c) Mahendra Nath