



# RIB

June 18, 2007

## The Rotary Club of Bloomington Noon

### Weekly Meetings

12:00 Noon

Mondays

Airport Hilton  
Hotel

### Mission

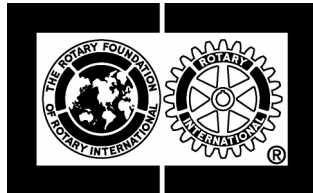
An organization of leaders working together to make a difference in our community and the world.

### 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

**"My Trip to Thailand" Group Study Exchange, Guest: Becky Cahn, Donaldson Corporation, member of GSE team from Minnesota to Thailand**



Group Study Exchange, a program of the Rotary Foundation, is a cultural and vocational exchange opportunity for young professionals, ages 25-40. The District 5950 GSE team went to Thailand for 26 days this year. Team Member Becky Cahn will join us to share their experiences.

Becky Cahn has 11 years of experience in internal and corporate communications. She is currently the Manager of Communications at Donaldson Company, a \$1.6 billion industrial filtration manufacturer based in Bloomington. Her responsibilities include communication planning, corporate brand strategy, crisis communications and media relations. She has been a Director on Donaldson's Foundation for nine years. A graduate of Hamline University, Becky holds a master's degree in business communication from the University of St. Thomas. She serves on the Board of Directors for the Southdale YMCA, is Accreditation Chair for the International Association of Business Communicators, Twin Cities chapter, is a United Way Emerging Leader, a teacher of Junior Achievement at Oak Grove Elementary, and volunteers with Loaves and Fishes at the Creekside Community Center.

## This Week's Program

**"Club Awards Day" Host: John Swaney  
Guest: Dick Ramberg**

**Past President, John Swaney**, hosted a great celebration of the 2006-2007 Bloomington Noon Rotary Club year. Our guest, **Dick Ramberg**, added a little pizzazz. **Past District Governor, Mike Mullin**, St. Cloud Rotary Club, was with us to celebrate our Paul Harris Fellows and present our Major Donor awards.

**President Diann Kirby** continued the celebration noting that, "The assist is as important as the goal", as she presented her President's Awards to the 2006-2007 Board members and Committee Chairs who helped make our year so successful. Diann closed our celebration with a gift to each Rotarian – a bound *History of the Rotary Club of Bloomington Noon*, compiled by Diann Kirby. Thank You, Diann!



**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

**Paul Harris Fellows:** Pictured below are the current



multiple Paul Harris Fellows along with our newest Paul Harris Fellow, **Charlie Pokladnik**. (**Ghidei Zedingle** will be recognized at an upcoming meeting.) Sorry, **Jack Carlson**

did not get into our picture! To become a Paul Harris Fellow, a Rotarian donates \$1,000 or more to the Rotary Foundation. This Fellowship was started in 1957 to honor all Rotarians who contribute at this level. See page 5 RIB for a full club listing. Past District Governor, **Mike Mullin** presented a special recognition to **Frank and Sandy Grazzini** and to **Nick and Karen Basil** for their Major Donor level of giving to the Rotary Foundation.



**Rotarian of the Year**

A surprised **Frank Grazzini** accepted the award for Rotarian of the Year from **Past President John Swaney** and **President Diann Kirby**.



**New Rotarian of the Year**

**Colin Evenson** accepted the club award for New Rotarian of the Year from **Past President John Swaney**.



**Rotary Trip to Haiti Aug. 9 – 17**

A Rotary trip to Haiti is planned for Aug. 9 - 17. This is a great opportunity to see some of the Rotary Safe Water Plus wells and to be part of a well inauguration, as well as visiting the sponsoring Hinche Rotary Club in Haiti. Also, you will be able to work on a project building desks and blackboards for a new public school addition. Haiti Outreach is the organization that will lead this trip. The cost is \$1400 which includes all flights, room and board in Haiti. We currently have 6 people signed up and need at least 4 more to make this trip a reality. The deadline for signing up and giving your deposit is June 29. For more information or to get your questions answered, please call **Dale Snyder** at Haiti Outreach, 612-929-1122, or Rotary Volunteer Trip Coordinator **Marshall MacKay** at 651-687-9080.

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

**EVERY MEMBER  
CONTRIBUTING  
Sign Up June 25<sup>th</sup> !**

**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

## President's Column

### Diann Kirby –

One of the key reasons the 2006-07 Rotary year has been so outstanding is because of the commitment of our Bloomington Noon Rotary Board of Directors. This has truly been a working board – extraordinary people accomplishing extraordinary things this past year. My deepest appreciation goes out to the following:

- **Past President John Swaney** whose hospitality at this year's Harold Larson Party at the Golden Valley Golf and Country Club was superb. In addition to coordinating Awards Day, John added new responsibilities as honorary chair of the Mahendra Nath Rotary International Foundation Challenge.
- **Incoming President Don Stiles** who orchestrated the record-breaking Harold Larson Party and coordinated activities for our STRIVE program.
- **Vice President Carolyn Pratt** who took on the monumental task of planning the weekly programs and made it her own, bringing in arts speakers, planning a trip to the new Guthrie and actually getting our club to sing.
- **Secretary Karyn Arazi** who produces one of the best newsletters in District 5950, receiving a first place in the District contest for the second year in a row.
- **Treasurer Brett McMahon** who helped keep our budget on target this year.
- **Club Service Chair Mark Bosch** whose meticulous planning and detail helped to make Pack to School and the Harold Larson Party's silent auction big successes.
- **Vocational Service and Community Service Chair Adam Johnston** who coordinated vocational visits, set up several well-attended community service projects and maintained our web site.
- **International Service Chair Dave Senness** who worked out the myriad details involved in matching grant funding for Abul Sharah's International Village Clinic in India.
- **Membership Chair Terry Stirewalt** whose committee is producing a new membership directory complete with photos of all members, planned a prospective member event and strategized other activities for member recruitment and retention.
- **Board member LuAnn Paulet** who coordinated one of our club's most treasured activities, the Sunshine News.
- **Board member Mark Bellestri** who is helping to pave the way for our Youth Exchange student from Brazil this fall.
- **Board member Lori Nelson** who updated our bylaws to conform to the Rotary's new Club Leadership Plan and led the park clean-up service project in April.
- **Board member Dave Walock** who created a charitable partner brochure that won first place at the District awards. Dave also co-chaired the Harold Larson silent auction and Pack to School.

**Extraordinary people doing extraordinary things!**

#### 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 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

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](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:**

#### **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

## Paul Harris Fellows

### Major Gifts \$10,000+

Harold Larson\*  
 Nick Basil  
 Martin Chorzempa  
 Frank Grazzini  
 Carol Hoeft\*  
 Lee Sundet\*

### \$5,000 - \$9,999

John Houle  
 Mahendra Nath  
 Don Stiles  
 Dick Young

### \$3,000 - \$4,999

Abdel Abdelwahed  
 Tom Bjorgum\*  
 Pat DiPlacido  
 Vern Elliot\*\*  
 Milo Englestad  
 Michael Fewer  
 Richard Herberg\*  
 Paul Jorgenson\*  
 Jim Lucas  
 Wallace Neal  
 Carolyn Pratt  
 Rick Sitek

### \$2,000 - \$2,999

Mark Bosch  
 Jack Carlson  
 Stu Fraser\*  
 Marcia Gerdin  
 John Hanson  
 Jeffrey Hatton\*  
 Linda Jewell  
 Kathy Koehler  
 James McDonald  
 Brett McMahon  
 Jim Mortenson  
 David Pederson  
 Christina Purington\*  
 David Senness  
 John Swaney  
 Bernie Thompson\*  
 James Truax  
 Steven Wirth  
 Charlie Zahn\*\*  
 Connie Zins\*

### \$1,000 - \$1,999

John Anderson\*  
 Lynn Anderson\*\*  
 Thomas Arnold  
 Dave Aronsohn\*  
 Arlene Axelson  
 Dan Barnett  
 Kay Beam\*  
 Lloyd Bergquist\*  
 Bob Bjorklund\*  
 Bob Bogen\*  
 Hartley Bruder\*\*  
 Mike Brunkow  
 Jon Bushard\*  
 Richard Campbell\*\*

Pat Cline\*  
 William Dean\*\*  
 Char Dennhardt\*  
 Jan Featherstone\*  
 James Feilzer  
 Debra Fincham\*  
 Edward Flanigan\*  
 Richard Foss\*\*  
 Gene Fuller  
 Jerry Fruetel\*  
 Dave Gabrielson\*  
 David Getsch  
 Steve Gottry\*  
 Roger Groth\*\*  
 Russell Hagen\*

Gregory Hanson\*  
 Hugh Heinecke\*  
 Lee Helms  
 Norval Hodgson\*\*  
 Mike Holmberg\*  
 Tom Horak\*  
 Dana House  
 Richard Jacobsen\*  
 John Jensvold\*  
 Adam Johnston  
 Ken Jorgensen\*  
 Robert Jung\*  
 Robert Keller\*  
 Ned Kimberly\*\*  
 Diann Kirby  
 Lee Kitzenberg\*  
 Kevin Knight\*  
 Wally Kolsrud\*  
 Dennis Laroque\*  
 Duane Larson\*  
 Larry Lee  
 Robert Lervick\*

Jack Liemandt\*\*  
 Don Lien\*  
 Robert Matheson\*  
 Fred Mears\*  
 Jay Mellin  
 Clyde Meredith\*  
 Doug Olson\*  
 Robert Page\*\*  
 Arthur Paske\*  
 William Peterson\*  
 Neil Peterson  
 Charlie Pokladnik  
 Randy Royse\*  
 Skip Saaf  
 Christopher Schadow  
 Spencer Schram\*  
 Sandra Seibert\*  
 Abdul Shara  
 Richard Smith  
 Charles Snyder\*  
 Kent Stever\*  
 Christopher Sullivan\*  
 Tom Truszinski\*  
 Jerry Tuckner\*  
 Richard Urban\*  
 Sharon Van Winkel  
 Chris Vaughn\*  
 Darwin Voltin\*  
 Ed Vogt  
 Paul Walser\*  
 John Werness\*\*  
 David Wilbur\*  
 Edward Willow\*\*  
 Clyde Wishart\*  
 Lisa Marie Wright\*  
 Ghidei Zedingle

\*former member  
 \*\*deceased

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