



RIB

June 20, 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
Pres Elect: Diann Kirby
Vice Pres: Don Stiles
Secretary: Karyn Arazi
Treasurer: Brett McMahon
Past Pres: Larry Lee
Dist Gov: Dan Barnett
Sgt in Arms: Rick Sitek
Exec Sec: Kathy Koehler
Directors: Marcia Gerdin,
Carol Hoeft, Adam
Johnston, Carolyn Pratt,
Dave Senness, Laura
Bjorgo, Dave Walock

Next Week's Program

**Rob Wassenaer, Pastor of Sports and Local Outreach
Grace Church, Eden Prairie**

Rob Wassenaar grew up in Edina, MN where he led his American Legion Baseball team to the World Series title in 1983. He then went to Stanford University and was a 4-year letter winner and finished his senior year on the 1987 NCAA College World Series Champions. After graduation, Rob immediately started his 7-year baseball career in the minor leagues, traveling all around the country chasing his lifelong dream. He played 4 seasons in the Minnesota Twins organization, finishing his final three seasons in AAA. While he did not make the Major Leagues, Rob says, "I have no regrets and am grateful that I had the chance. I chased a dream, played with and against the world's best players, and I loved every minute of it. Most importantly, I witnessed how sports can be used to reach and touch people with the life-saving message of faith in Jesus Christ."



Rob is currently the Baseball Chapel Leader for the Minnesota Twins. Through this ministry, Rob provides Chapel services for home and visiting teams, umpires and front office personnel each Sunday, facilitates small group bible studies and initiates one-on-one discipleship.

This Week's Program

**Annual Awards Meeting, See Photos, page 2
Hosted by Past President, Larry Lee**

Today's meeting was the club's opportunity to thank some special people who made this Rotary Year a success. The photos tell the story. Please read on.....

Meeting date/location change!

On July 10th, Bloomington Noon Rotary Club meeting day will permanently shift to Monday. Our location will change to the Airport Hilton at Hwy 494 and 34th Avenue, 3800 W. 80th Street. See Survey results Page 4 RIB.

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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

- 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:

We honored our growing list of **Paul Harris Fellows** (donating \$1,000 to the Rotary Foundation) by awarding two new Fellowships and recognizing several multiple awardees:

Adam Johnston, Dana House (new); Marty Chorzempa, Carolyn Pratt, Nick Basil, Don Stiles, Dave Senness, and Linda Jewell (repeat).



The next awards were for **Don Stiles as Rotarian of the Year (right)** and **LuAnn Paulet as New Rotarian of the Year (below).**



Don Stiles made our STRIVE Program the best in the district. He worked on our Harold Larson Party, Meals on Wheels, Pack to School, and is in line to be our 2007 Club President. Don is a volunteer in many other venues. He is a Rotarian who exemplifies the motto of Service Above Self.



LuAnn Paulet gave 100% to her Membership Committee work, producing our new Membership Directory. She was also our club connection for Sunshine news. Congratulations, LuAnn, job well done!



John Swaney then honored his **Board of Directors** for all the support they gave him throughout the year. See list on Page 1.

Visitors and Guests

Rotarian Frank Starke, Minneapolis #9, Classification: Private College – Dunwoody College of Technology

John Paulet, Guest/Spouse of LuAnn Paulet

Leslie Stiles and Tom Stiles, Guest/Spouse and Son of Don Stiles

Gary Harrington, Guest/Spouse of Linda Jewell

Dr. Ghidei Zedingle, Guest of Bernie Bryant, prospective member and professor of mathematics at Normandale Community College.

Dr. Paula Smith-Hawkins, Guest of Bernie Bryant, Dean of Social Sciences and the Library, Normandale Community College, new to Bloomington from Tucson.

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Bloomington Rotary Youth Exchange

Youth Exchange
Officer: Mark Bellestri
(612) 481-0406

Leonardo Cordeiro's (Leo) Year at a Glance:

Leo's Sports: He began with soccer, but tore his ACL, so went on to swimming for the Jefferson Jaguars.

Leo's Trips: Leo went to Milwaukee, Chicago, Mount Rushmore, and Montana where he rode horses and hunted.

Leo's New Experiences: Leo attended all the home Lacrosse games for Jefferson High School. He learned that baseball was a difficult game that took skill. He really got into the Gophers Football and did everything Snow, like snowboarding, building a snowman, and a snow fort.



Rotary International

2006 RI Convention Wrap-up Diann Kirby



The Rotary flags that flew outside the Bella Convention Center in Copenhagen, Denmark, for the 2006 Rotary International Center were lowered on June 14, but the memories remain. More than 14,000 Rotarians attended the conference from 140 countries. I met Rotarians from Australia, St. Lucia, Germany, Ivory Coast, and of course, Denmark and Sweden. The presentations included an update on Rotary's efforts to eliminate polio (it is now endemic in only five countries) as well as the more recent emphasis on literacy, health and hunger. I had the opportunity to meet both the outgoing president, Karl Wilhelm-Stenhammer from Sweden, as well as incoming president Bill Boyd from New Zealand. I'll share my RI convention stories and photos on July 17. Until then, farvel (good-bye) from Scandinavia!

Gopher Prep Showcase

Less than a month to go to our **3rd Annual Gopher Prep Showcase Basketball Tournament**. Thanks to all who have signed up to volunteer for admissions and time keeping/scoring. We currently have 26 teams signed up and we hope to have 35 to 40 teams represented. Hope for COOL weather!



Sponsors needed! Thank you also to those who have stepped forward to sponsor the tournament. We are still looking for court sponsors at \$300 and program sponsors. If interested in becoming a sponsor at either level, give Dave Senness a call (952) 893-0107.

Sunshine

Jim Mortenson got hit in the chest by a golf ball last week while golfing at Stonebrooke Golf Course. Good news is that Jim was able to tough it out and play through the pain and finish the round with a little help from liquid medication. Dave Walock, Frank Grazzini, and Colin Evenson were all there to assist him.

Lori Nelson was back in the hospital Monday. Keep Lori in your prayers that all will be better for her soon.

Phyllis Karasov has been elected as President of the United Jewish Fund and Council of St. Paul for a two year term. This group is the fund-raising and planning organization for the St. Paul Jewish Community.

Diann Kirby writes of her travels in Oslo, the "Norway in a Nutshell" tour, overnight in Bergen, and then off to Serbia for more new experiences. She is having a marvelous time and the countryside is breathtaking!

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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

June 27: Rob Wassenaar, Baseball Chapel Leader Minnesota Twins
THUNDERBIRD

July 4: No Meeting

**JULY: DAY/LOCATION CHANGE FOR ALL FUTURE MEETINGS:
MONDAYS, AIRPORT HILTON, 3800 EAST 80TH STREET**

Monday July 10: District 5950 Governor Rod Shilkrot, "My Maiden Voyage"

Monday July 17: President Diann Kirby, "What I did on my Summer Vacation: RI Convention in Copenhagen"

Monday, July 24: Judson Tharin, Senior Community Relations Specialist, "The Company in Our Own Backyard: The Toro Giving Program"

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! Register for your time slots at our next meeting. Two four hour spots are requested from each Rotarian.

October 30: Vocational Visit to the Guthrie with backstage tour at **10:30 AM**

November 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:

Bonnie Carlson, Bloomington Convention & Visitors Bureau

Friday, June 23, 2006 10:30 PM

Saturday, June 24, 2006 4:30 AM, 10:30 AM, 4:30 PM, 7:00 PM

Sunday, June 25, 2006 1:00 AM, 7:00 AM, 1:00 PM

STRIVE Banquet, 2006

Monday, June 26, 2006 10:30, PM

Tuesday, June 27, 2006 4:30 AM, 10:30 AM, 4:30 PM

Neil Peterson, MN State Legislature

Tuesday, June 27, 2006 10:30 PM

Wednesday, June 28, 2006 4:30 AM, 10:30 AM, 4:30 PM

Thursday, June 29, 2006 9:00PM