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June 27, 2006

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: John Swaney
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Past Pres: Larry Lee
Dist Gov: Dan Barnett
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Directors: Marcia Gerdin,
Carol Hoeft, Adam
Johnston, Carolyn Pratt,
Dave Senness, Laura
Bjorgo, Dave Walock

Next Program-Monday, July 10

**District 5950 District Governor Rod Shilkrot
My Maiden Voyage**

Rod Shilkrot is the 93rd Governor of Rotary International District 5950. Shilkrot has been a member of the Rotary Club of St. Louis Park since 1996, serving as its president in 2000-2001. He was also the club Board Secretary, Youth Exchange Officer, Membership Chair and the annual fund-raising chair. His District 5950 leadership experience includes service as Public Relations Chair, Program Chair, two terms as District Trainer, Membership Development Chair, Assistant Governor (Area 5) and he also co-chaired the 2003 District 5950 Conference.



Shilkrot, a native of Rice Lake, Wisconsin, and a Journalism graduate from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, is the vice president of Marketing and Retail Sales for St. Louis Park-based AAA Minneapolis, an organization he has been employed with for nearly 22 years. Shilkrot also serves on the Board of Directors of the Leland-Johnson Common Vision program. He has been married to Cheryl Levy-Shilkrot since 1979. They live in Plymouth and have two children: daughter Jayme, 23, and son Josef, 21.

This Week's Program

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

Striving for "his life to reflect what he believes", Rob Wassenauer, has been fortunate to be able to bring together his two life's passions, his love of sports and his faith. Rob serves in a sports ministry associated with Grace Church in Eden Prairie. **Impact Sports** is a ministry that is spiritually minded, and sports oriented that initiates, creates, plans and implements clinics, sports leagues and teams, and events that faithfully and intentionally share a Christ centered faith story.



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 10: Jim Truax
- July 17: Adam Johnston
- July 24: Lori Nelson
- July 31: Gigi Brecht
- Aug 7: Jay Stevens
- Aug 14: Ken Nordlie
- Aug 21: David Pederson

Please note your new greeting date as we move to Mondays!

This week continued:

Rob served several years in the Twins' Minor League program. Life in the Minor Leagues is a "little like the cinema", in that there are the pranksters, a lot of fooling around, disappointment, anger, and defeat. Through it all, Rob found himself separated from his God and his faith, and at times doing things he would later regret. This is where he learned the importance of his statement, "Does your life reflect what you believe?" He has served 9 1/2 years in his ministry with Grace Church and still shows his excitement. He is fulfilling his call and his ministry is changing lives.

Rotary International Foundation



John Swaney was proud to give the final Rotary Foundation giving report today. **We achieved our goal for Per Member giving, raising around \$220 per member this year.**

Visitors and Guests

Dr. David Simmer, Guest of Jae Mellin

Sunshine

Mahendra Nath gave us the good news about his wife, Asha. Earlier, she was diagnosed with Breast Cancer, had a lumpectomy, discovered additional tissue involvement and recently completed a bilateral mastectomy. The tissue reports were all clear, including the nodes, therefore, she will not be completing any additional chemotherapy or radiation. Our prayers remain with Asha for continued good health.

Carolyn Pratt says, "Hold the Date!" Saturday, Sept 16, 2006, 7:30PM, at the Bloomington Center for the Arts, a vocal and piano concert, **Isn't It Romantic? A Salute to Richard Rodgers.**

New Member

Reverend Mike Carlson, Joint Member with Dave Shaw

Milo Englestad, our longest standing member, presented the Rotary pin to our newest member, Reverend Mike Carlson, today. Mike has served as Chaplin at Martin Luther Manor for the past 12 years. He will be a joint member with David Shaw. He began his service in Bloomington at Atonement Lutheran Church. Milo stated that, "Mike Carlson exemplifies service above self in his long service in Bloomington."



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Bloomington Rotary
Youth Exchange

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

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Gopher Prep Showcase

Two and one half weeks 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 still need additional time keepers and scorers!** Call Dave Senness at (952) 893-0107 to get on our volunteer list. We have 26 teams signed up so it looks like we will have about the same size tournament that we had last year.



Sponsors needed! Thank you to **Terry Stirewalt, Richfield Bloomington Credit Union**, who stepped forward to be the Program Sponsor. **Mark Bosch, Jim McDonald, and Lee Helms** are spearheading the volunteer coordination and food concessions. **Jae Mellin and Dave Simmer** have volunteered to be our trainers.

Community Partner

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. Our Charitable Partner receiving their award today is:

Courage Center, Sharon VanWinkel, \$10,000



The mission of Courage Center, a not-for-profit rehabilitation organization, is to empower people with physical disabilities to reach for their full potential in every aspect of life. We are guided by the vision that one day, all people will live, work, learn and play in a community based on abilities not disabilities.

Sharon shared two stories today about how Courage Center is touching the lives of Bloomington Rotarians. "Lives are being changed," quoted VanWinkel. The nephew of Skip Saaf, and a very close friend of Dan Jordan, are both finding hope where there was none and enriched lives where they were once feeling there was little they could do.

Bloomington Rotarians Change Lives

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

July 4: NO MEETING, NO RIB PUBLISHED

**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:

STRIVE Banquet, 2006

Friday, June 30, 10:30 PM
Saturday, July 1, 4:30 AM, 10:30 AM, 4:30 PM, 7:00 PM
Sunday, July 2, 1:00 AM, 7:00 AM, 1:00 PM

Neil Peterson, MN State Legislature

Friday June 30, 2006 3:00 AM, 9:00 AM, 3:00 PM