



# RIB

July 5, 2005

**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

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 Hoefft, Adam  
Johnston, Carolyn Pratt,  
Dave Sennes, Laura  
Bjorgo, Dave Walock

## Next Week's Program

### From Eden Prairie to IRAQ and Back

**DONALD URAM**, *Certified Management Accountant and Certified Finance Manager* Donald's experience includes nineteen years working for the city of Eden Prairie where he held many positions as a member of the executive team reporting to the City Manager. In 2003, Don left his position to join the Research Triangle Institute as a Senior Public Finance Administrator in Iraq. Don was a member of a Local Governance Project team in Samawah, Iraq, training public officials and staff on basic financial principles and activities. In 2004, Don went to Utteranchal and Jharkhand, India where he worked with Ministry officials on public finance activities in these newly created states. Join us to learn what it really is like in Iraq and India as Americans assist these countries to establish successful governance.

## This Week's Program

### "What did you do and Who did you meet?" at Chicago's 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Rotary Celebration

Awsome! Exciting! Educational! Social! International! ...were just a few of the words that described the experiences of our five members who had the wonderful opportunity to attend the Rotary International Convention held this past week in Chicago, Illinois. Here are just a few of the highlights our five presenters shared.

This was **Dan Barnett's** fourth convention. Dan states, "He is always impressed by the vastness and internationality of Rotary." Dan attended a Mpls-University/Banglore(India) reception. These two clubs have a sister club relationship working on a joint project to improve blood processing in India. What impressed Dan most was that there were about 40-50 people in the room including a good representation from India. The room was loud and full of energy. People were excited about the project, about saving lives. As Dan listened to the chatter and excitement, it occurred to him that NOT ONE person was getting anything out of this personally (in a material sense) only the satisfaction of knowing they helped make the world better. This was truly what Rotary was all about!

**July Birthdays**

- 3 Jae Mellin
- 27 Milo Englestad
- 27 Duane Larson

**July Anniversaries**

- 6 LuAnn Baker, 1 year
- 18 Arlene Axelson, 26 yrs
- 27 Jack Bouquet, 1 year

**Greeter Schedule**

- July 12: Char Dennhardt
- July 19: Dave Shaw
- July 26: Mark Bosch
- August 2: Karyn Arazi
- August 9: Adam Johnston
- August 16: Mark Bellestri
- August 23: Lori Nelson
- August 30: Mike Mellin
- Sept. 6: John Houle
- Sept. 13: Nick Basil
- Sept. 20: LuAnn Baker
- Sept. 27: Wally Neal
- Oct. 4: Don Stiles

**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?



## Rotary International Convention **continued:**

**Karyn Arazi** attended two of the Plenary Sessions and learned a lot about the Rotary Foundation with its five areas of emphasis: Education, Clean Water, Disaster Relief, Housing and Shelter, and Health. “We heard about several projects around the world addressing these issues that were being facilitated by clubs as close as Winona, MN.” she said. These projects included dams, hearing aids, schools and clean water wells. The most impressive moment for her was the ceremony presenting the 168 flags of the participating countries in Rotary International.

**Don Stiles** met people from all over the world...Australia, New Zealand, Japan, Germany, UK, Italy, Mexico, Canada, South Korea, and all across the United States. The Waukegan, IL Rotary Club hosted several Rotarians at a local cook out. When the Bloomington contingent arrived, Waukegan had the state or country flag of every club represented at the event, including our Minnesota state flag. Our club members had a chance to leisurely eat and mingle with Rotarians from around the world. What a great time!

“I was privileged to be a part of something so big with such great history!” said **Marcy Gerdin**. Marcy spent most of her time with the Youth Exchange events at the convention. The highlight for her was when Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar, our new International Rotary President, addressed the Youth Exchange banquet. She agrees with his belief that if every 17 year old teenager had the opportunity to be an exchange student, we would never drop bombs on one another again.

The Workshops on Membership Recruitment and Club Leadership were most helpful for **John Swaney**. He brought back many great new ideas on club organization to share with our Bloomington board that he hopes will make our club even better this coming year. He particularly enjoyed learning more about Rotary Fellowships, especially the Rotarians’ Wine Appreciation Fellowship. Maybe John will share some of his knowledge and interest in this area with our club as well!

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## Gopher Prep Showcase is here!

**July 8-10, 2005**



This weekend we host the second annual Gopher State Prep Showcase sponsored by Bloomington Rotary. The teams include Bloomington Kennedy and Jefferson and last year’s boys’ winner, Eastview High School. The basketball tournament will be held at Kennedy High School. Volunteers are still needed for scorekeeping to fill in a couple of spots.

If you can fill in at Scorekeeper, contact **Lee Helms** at 952-831-1141. Contact **Dave Senness** for more information at 952-893-0107.

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**Bloomington Rotary**  
**Youth Exchange**

**2004-2005 Student:**  
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*Leaving July 27th*

**2005-2006 Student:**  
**Leonardo Cordeiro (Leo)**

*Arriving August 17th*

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## Visitors and Guests

**John Jack, Rotarian** Fort Meyers, Florida Classification: Performance

**Bob O'Brien, Rotarian** Lakeville, MN Classification: Banker

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## Upcoming Meetings

July 12: **From Eden Prairie to Iraq and Back** Guest: Donald Uram

July 19: **International Village Clinic** Guest: Abul Sharah

July 26: **History of Bloomington** Guests: Steve St. Martin & Jim Goodermont

August 2: **Who is the man we have long admired?** Guest: Milo Engelstad

August 9: **Third District Update** Guest: Congressman Jim Ramstad

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## Calendar of Events

July 8-10: Bloomington Rotary Gopher State Prep Showcase, Kennedy HS

October 11: RI President Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar, Thunderbird Hotel

November 11: Southwest Veterans Day Luncheon, Minnetonka Marriott

November 19: Harold Larson Party, Golden Valley Country Club

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## Rotary Information

**Rotary International**  
[www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org)

**Rotary District 5950**  
[www.rotary5950.org](http://www.rotary5950.org)

**Meeting Make-ups**  
[www.rotary5950.org/where\\_meet](http://www.rotary5950.org/where_meet)