



# RIB

July 10, 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: 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  
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## Next Week's Program

**Bloomington Noon Rotary Club President Diann Kirby  
"What I Did on My Summer Vacation:  
RI Convention in Copenhagen"**

June was an important month for Scandinavia. It marked the first time in Rotary's history that the organization held its international convention in the Nordic region. It was the first time Rotary held a convention in two different countries - Denmark and Sweden - and two cities - Copenhagen and Malmo. And it was the first convention in Rotary's second century of service.



**Outgoing Rotary President Carl-Weilhelm Stenhammer** of Sweden welcomed thousands of Rotarians from 130 countries who gathered for the 2006 RI Convention. **Diann Kirby** was one of those Rotarians in attendance. She'll share her photos and memories of the convention in Copenhagen, including Danish culture, her brush with royalty, and her visits with **President Stenhammer** and new **RI President William Boyd** (pictured here with his wife Lorna and our Diann.)

## This Week's Program

**District 5950 District Governor Rod Shilkrot  
"TripTik®"**

1968 was **Rod Shilkrot's** first introduction to Rotary when he accompanied his dad, a Rotarian, to the Rice Lake Rotary meetings as the "Rotary Boy of the Month". Rod's position with AAA inspired him to develop his message on a safe and productive 2006-2007 Rotary Journey by providing us with a "TripTik®".

Rod stressed 10 challenges that he hopes will bring opportunities for more Rotary members to truly become Rotarians during the 2006-2007 rotary year. Locally, Rod has challenged us to Promote Adult Literacy, one of four International focuses. There are significant numbers of older teens and adults right here in Bloomington who could lead more productive lives by completing their GED. Are there ways our club might assist these neighbors?



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**July Birthdays**

03 Jae Mellin  
08 Mark Bosch  
27 Milo Engelstad

**July Anniversaries**

06 LuAnn Paulet 2 yrs  
18 Arlene Axelson 27 yrs  
27 Jack Bouquet 2 Yrs

**Greeter Schedule**

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:**

Rod highlighted nine ways our club members could become more effective Rotarians. Invite a more diverse membership that truly reflects our community's population. Assure we are being respectful to all our members as we invoke, discuss politics, and accept each other's differences.

As a club, we can work to envision where we see ourselves in the future. We should develop new sources of leaders, improve our internal communications and public recognitions, as well as our public image. Retention is the key to growth, so stress keeping the members we have. Annual Rotary Foundation giving is always an important element to the international work we facilitate. And, finally, let's involve the whole family of rotary in our invitations to visit, (former youth exchange, GSC, etc.).

**To Be A Rotarian**

To be a Rotarian is to dig wells,  
From which you may never drink.

To be a Rotarian is to write music,  
To which you may never dance.

To be a Rotarian is to plant trees,  
Under which you may never sit.

To be a Rotarian is to give a book  
to a child,  
From which you may never read.

To be a Rotarian is to build a  
community,  
From which you may never benefit.

To be a Rotarian is to  
**LEAD THE WAY!**

*Anonymous*

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**Visitors and Guests**

**Jeff Andrews**, Guest of Adam Bengtson, Mortgage Broker, requesting to become a new member.

**Rotarian Dick Ramberg**, Daymakers Club, Financial

**Rotarian Sharon Burnham**, Daymakers Club, Financial

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**Sunshine**

**Bonnie Carlson** shared that Shawn Corwin has recently been diagnosed with cancer in her lungs and bones and will be on medical leave from the Bloomington Convention and Visitors Bureau until further notice. Please keep Shawn and her family in your thoughts and prayers. If you would like to send a card, her home address is 20550 Jura Trail, Lakeville MN 55044

**Marty Chorzempa** shared that Jan has had a set back in her chemotherapy. The doctors will be making a recommendation for future care. Your prayers welcome.

**John Swaney** and family have welcomed a foreign exchange student into their home for the month of July. Armand-Andre Henry, France, is a part of International Student Exchange. His goals are to see as much of the Twin Cities as possible in one month and to improve his English speaking skills.

**Mark Bellestri** reports he just returned from the Sierra's where he successfully hiked Mr. Whitney, the tallest mountain (at 14,505 ft.) in the lower 48 states.

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Bloomington Rotary  
Youth Exchange

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

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## Gopher Prep Showcase

It's Here! The 3rd Annual Gopher Prep Showcase Basketball Tournament is this weekend! Remember, it is at Kennedy High School Activity Center on Nicollet and 98<sup>th</sup> street. Call Dave Senness at (952) 893-0107 if you need anything. We have 33 teams participating.



## Board of Directors

### Meeting Highlights

District Governor Rod Shilkrot joined our Board today to hear first hand the exciting plans our club has for the 2006-2007 Rotary year. Committee highlights included:

**Community Service:** 2 new service activities focused on water, hunger or literacy.

**International Service:** Deepen our commitment to IVC, Abul Sarah's clinic

**Membership:** Increase to 88 members by June 30, 2007

**Rotary Foundation:** Every Member, Every Year month long campaign

**Programs:** Wide variety of programs promoted through our RIB

**Fun:** 2 new social activities outside of club meetings and adding a meeting activity called "Name that Rotarian"

**Other Action:** The Board of Directors today sadly accepted the resignation of **Dr. Gary Prest** as he retires from his position with the Bloomington Schools.

### ***Extrodinary People doing Extrodinary Things***

## President's Corner

### Diann Kirby, President

Welcome to our 45th year of Rotary in Bloomington!

The Rotary Club of Bloomington was founded in September 1961 with 21 charter members. One of those charter members is still with us today - **Milo Engelstad**. Much has changed over the years in the Bloomington Rotary Club. Perhaps the change that most affects me personally occurred in 1987 when women were welcomed into the club. Today, I am your fourth female president, following in the footsteps of **Debra Fincham, Linda Jewell and Connie Zins**.



I'm looking forward to our upcoming year. I believe our club is filled with extraordinary people poised to do extraordinary things. We have an outstanding Board of Directors who met in May to strategize our activities for the coming year. These include adding two new community service projects, planning more social activities and putting renewed emphasis on membership recruitment and retention. I'll expand on those and other initiatives in upcoming newsletters.

Finally, I want to extend my thanks to **Outgoing President John Swaney** for his leadership and dedication this past year. Under his direction our finances are on track, our fundraisers have been successful and we have a wonderful new place to call home. **Now let's "Lead the Way" in District 5950 in 2006-07!**

### 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: DAY/LOCATION CHANGE FOR ALL FUTURE MEETINGS:  
MONDAYS, AIRPORT HILTON, 3800 EAST 80<sup>TH</sup> STREET**

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

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

July 31: **Rotarian Abul Sharah**, International Village Clinic Update

August 7: **Colleen Simpson, Operations and Community Services, Park Nicollet Foundation**, "Builds Strong Bodies 12 Ways", Park Nicollet Foundation Healthy Community Program,

## Calendar of Events

**July 14-16: Gopher State Prep Showcase Basketball Tournament**, Kennedy HS

**August 21: 934<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing Tour** of the base and a C-130, Lunch at Officer's Club and firing range simulator opportunity

**August 28: Pack To School**

**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](http://www.bloomingtonrotarymn.org)

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

**Rotary District 5950 Newly Renovated...visit and watch our progress!**  
[www.rotary5950.org](http://www.rotary5950.org)

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

**Rotary on Bloomington Cable, Channel 14:**  
**F. Lamar Hamilton, "Life Lessons Aboard the USS Enterprise"**

Monday, July 17, 10:30 PM

Tuesday, July 18, 4:30 AM, 10:30 AM, 4:30 PM

Friday, July 21, 10:30 PM

Saturday, July 22, 4:30 AM, 10:30 AM, 4:30 PM, 7:00 PM

Sunday, July 23, 1:00 AM, 7:00 AM, 1:00 PM