



# RIB

July 12, 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  
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## Next Week's Program

**International Village Clinic Guest: Abul Sharah**

**THE PICTURE** below of Dr. Abul Sharah and Mother Theresa says it all! While on a visit to India, Mother Theresa urged Dr. Sharah to pursue a mission of "love and human service". In October 1999, Abul founded International Village Clinic to transform his dream into reality. He had been thinking about his life and its meaning for several years. Just to live a comfortable life was not good enough. He wanted to give back, to make a difference.



Dr. Sharah decided to retire from the corporate life early and return to the poor villages of Uttar Pradesh - where he was born - in northern India, to help establish a medical clinic, where villagers could get nutrition, vaccination, and health-education programs. The clinic would employ qualified medical personnel in an area where illiteracy and disease were rampant. Join us to hear an update on the progress at

IVC and how the Bloomington Noon Rotary Club will team with the Rotary Foundation to make a \$22,000 donation to IVC for the purchase of Ultrasound and X-ray equipment.

## This Week's Program

**From Eden Prairie to IRAQ and Back**

**DONALD URAM, Guest** In 2003, Donald Uram joined the Research Triangle Institute as a Senior Public Finance Administrator in Iraq. It was Don's job to advise and train local Iraqi leadership on economic and finance issues. From the harsh environment (average temperature 109 degrees and dry sand everywhere the eye could see) to goals that were way ahead of the local infrastructure, and sharing his living space with a body guard carrying an AK-47 at all times, Don still found hope. *Continued on Page 2*



**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 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

## **Donald Uram continued:**

Don believes that his efforts are beginning to pay off in small baby steps. Living in Iraq is getting better. We should not give up hope. Because religious beliefs run so deep, it will take education over the span of at least two generations for permanent changes to take root. Don's program was very engaging. It will be broadcast over Bloomington Cable, Channel 14 in the near future. We will publish the times in a future RIB.

## **Gopher Prep Showcase a Success!**

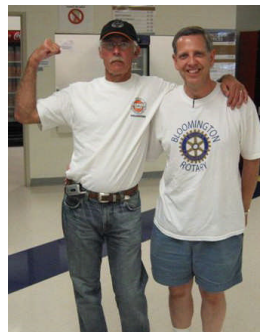
### **Thanks to all for your Support.**



Our Gopher State Prep Showcase basketball tournament was another successful event for the athletes, coaches, families and friends of all who participated. We had 36 teams that played in 82 games over the course of the weekend. Several college coaches were on hand to scout and talk to the players and their parents as well. In the near future, when we get a full accounting of the tournament we will make an announcement as to how we did financially.

Thanks to all of the Bloomington Rotary volunteers who made the tournament run so smoothly. From concessions, to admissions, to timing and scorekeeping, the work of our volunteers was outstanding, and contributed to the success of the tournament. Even the heat couldn't deter the good humor of our Rotarians; it only contributed to the sale of water and Powerade!

A special thanks to our sponsors, Jack Bouquet, Frank Grazzini, Dick Herberg, Jim McDonald, Jae Mellin, Brett McMahon, Nick Basil, Dave Senness, and Terry Stirewalt, and a very special thanks to our lead sponsor, Mahendra Nath.



**WE COULD NOT  
HAVE DONE IT  
WITHOUT YOU!**

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**Bloomington Rotary  
Youth Exchange**

**2004-2005 Student:  
Florent Righi (Flo)**

Host Family:  
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8641 Queen Ave. S.  
Bloomington, MN 55431

Phone:  
952-346-8340

E-mail:  
[zesnake87@hotmail.com](mailto:zesnake87@hotmail.com)

Leaving July 27th

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

Arriving August 21st

Host Family:  
Britta & Curtis Nelson  
4515 Sedum Lane  
Edina, MN 55435

Phone:  
952-920-9357

E-mail:  
[leocordeiro182@hotmail.com](mailto:leocordeiro182@hotmail.com)

## Dual Membership:

### John Jensvold, Construction & Development

John is the Manager of Business Development for PCL Construction, the 12 largest general contractor in North America. John is returning to our club as a Dual Member with Jim Mortensen, his proud sponsor.

John is a native Minnesotan who grew up in Faribault and earned his BA Degree in History and Religion from St. Olaf College in Northfield in 1985 and an MBA from the University of St. Thomas in 2001. He went to work for the City of Faribault in its Planning Department and held three positions there until leaving the city as Assistant City Administrator in 1992. He joined Northern States Power in Minneapolis as a Senior Economic Developer. In 1995, John joined Kraus-Anderson Construction and worked his way up to St. Paul Division Vice President. In 2002, he took a new position with PCL Construction.

He resides in Apple Valley with his wife of 15 years, Madeline, and daughters Brielle (12), Mallory (9) and Liza (7) (and Sophie the dog). His free time interests include trips to the North shore with his family, reading, writing, sports and swimming in the backyard pool. John looks forward to renewed friendships here.

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## Day Chair: Paul St. Germain, Jr.

The son of a career Navy Man, known as “The *Senior* Chief”, Paul grew up in the Philadelphia / Southern New Jersey part of the world. Educated at the University of Texas and the Cox School of Business, Paul is currently the branch manager of American Home Mortgage in Bloomington where he is building a new office and establishing a new staff. Paul’s proudest accomplishment in business is the building of Apogee Industries into a \$65 million a year provider to Petco, PetSmart, Target and Costco. Paul sold his share in Apogee in 2001 to explore new ventures in business.



Paul’s biggest honor is having the opportunity to be a parent and mentor to his **three** great children. (2 daughters and 1 son). All live in Apple Valley. Anyone close to Paul knows his passion for anything Philadelphia ~ Philadelphia Eagles, Sixers, Villanova, Temple and the coveted Philadelphia Cheesesteak. One look at him and you KNOW he has eaten a few. !!! Paul has a soft spot for flowers and gardening and he is looking forward to starting a new life with Shannon Daly after their October 14<sup>th</sup> wedding. Paul’s advice:

**“Be Kind to the person sweeping the floor, they just may be the owner.”**

**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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## Visitors and Guests

**Dan Jordan**, Guest of John Houle Employer: Walser Automotive

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## Upcoming Meetings

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 19: Harold Larson Party Committee meeting, 11:00 AM Thunderbird

September 27: Joint meeting with Golden Valley Rotary Club, GVGCC

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

November 11: Southwest Veterans Day Luncheon, Minnetonka Marriott

November 19: Harold Larson Party, Golden Valley Golf & Country Club, GVGCC

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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**

[http://www.rotary5950.org/where\\_meet.html](http://www.rotary5950.org/where_meet.html)