



RIB

July 19, 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

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

Fourth generation Bloomington residents, Steve St. Martin and Jim Goodermont will bring the early years in our great city to life through their stories and pictures.



Steve St. Martin is the great grandson of the first missionary to settle in Bloomington, Gideon Pond. Jim Goodermont's ancestors were farmers who joined this community shortly thereafter.

Both have been members of the Bloomington Historical Society sharing their family stories with many interested adults and children. Steve grew up in the now Historical Register Pond Home on the river bluffs in East Bloomington. Jim's family home was replaced by the development of 35W and 94th street. The picture above is of the Old Town Hall and Oak Grove Presbyterian Church at Penn Avenue and Old Shakopee Road around the turn of the century.

This Week's Program

International Village Clinic Guest: Abul Sharah

In October 1999, Abul Sharah founded International Village Clinic to transform his dream into the reality of offering health care to the poor rural areas of northeastern India. The clinic has been growing ever since. In 2004, IVC treated 52,000 patients like this young boy pictured on the right. They treated 668 emergency visits. They provided 630 children age pre-natal to 5 years with good nutrition and vaccinations for one full year as a part of their five year care plan for this age group.



They operate with minimum overhead working with all volunteer staff in the United States and an \$80,000 annual operational budget covering their three doctors and 15 clinic staff in their three clinic areas in India. All of this on only three hours of power a day and a gasoline generator to supplement.

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 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

IVC continued:

In 2005, they look forward to serving two additional villages bringing their total to five. They will begin a baby delivery service, pathology testing along with ultrasound and x-ray services with the equipment given by Rotary matching funds.

You are invited to visit. An apartment for visitors has been completed. Abul will make your trip memorable and you can experience the clinic first hand.

Board Meeting Highlights

July 12, 2005

Fundraisers: Our summer fundraiser, **Gopher State Prep Showcase** ran smoothly. We had 36 teams participate (6 female, 30 male, Varsity and Junior Varsity). MYAS, who organized all the registration, the pairings, the referees, and the trophies, will complete the wrap up and report back to us.

The **Harold Larson Party** committee is beginning to meet and stepping up its efforts in preparation for our November 19th evening. Please respond with help when you are called upon.

Community Service: Don Stiles is seeking volunteers for the **2005-06 STRIVE Program** year which starts September 6th. We serve Kennedy High School students. Please sign up as the sign up sheet is passed around at our noon meetings or contact Don directly.

International Service: Later this fall, the Bloomington Noon Rotary through the matching funds program of the Rotary Foundation (International) is making it possible for a \$22,000 gift to be made to Abul Sharah's International Village Clinic in India for the purchase of Ultrasound and X-ray Equipment.

Our club will be participating in the **Safe Water** project in Haiti and the **Peace House** project in Tanzania, Africa. Carol Hoeft and Dana House respectively will be our contacts. Watch future bulletins for more information.

Other Business: Adam Johnston is working on developing a web site for our club. Visit the new site at www.bloomingtonrotarymn.org. An upkeep committee is needed. Please contact Adam to volunteer your services.

At the 2005 Rotary Convention, club organization was a central focus with recommendations for possible organization change to help clubs focus on promotion and marketing as well as community/international service. The Board is studying the information presented and will be introducing thoughts on change to the club over the coming year.

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Bloomington Rotary
Youth Exchange

2004-2005 Student:
Florent Righi (Flo)

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Leaving July 26th

Thank You! Before I
leave, I want to say
Thank You so much
to the Rotary
International of
Bloomington to have
been so nice,
friendly, and
generous with me
during all this year. I
had the greatest year
of my life so far and I
will never forget
what everybody did
for me to make it
always nicer!

Best Regards to
everyone.

Flo

2005-2006 Student:
Leonardo Cordeiro (Leo)

Arriving August 21st

Host Family:
Britta & Curtis Nelson
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Edina, MN 55435

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Visitors and Guests

Dan Jordan, Guest of John Houle Sales Executive, Walser Automotive

Pete Stiles, Guest of Don Stiles Medical Student

Rotarian Art Puotinen, from Elgin, IL Classification: Clergy

Address Change

Sandy Seibert, moved to Iowa City

135 Broadmoor Lane
Iowa City, IA 52245

Phone: (319) 338-7795

E-mail: sjseibert@mchsi.com

Day Chair: LuAnn Baker

Another Iowan! Raised in Iowa City, LuAnn moved to Minnesota after her graduation from the University of Iowa. She began working in the Insurance Industry as a customer service specialist. She has transitioned to sales recently in commercial property/casualty and worker's compensation coverage for businesses of all types. She is leading her office this year in new business sales. Congratulations, LuAnn!

She and her husband, John, live in Apple Valley with her son Scott. Her daughter, Carrie lives in Denver, CO. She loves golf. She loves gardening, even loves mowing the yard! Her pastimes are reading, traveling, and playing with her yellow lab.

LuAnn rejoined rotary about a year ago. She has really enjoyed participating in our community events and the great people she has gotten to know. Her dreams include travel to Europe, with Italy and Greece on the top of her list. Her words of wisdom for us: "Be careful where you set your goals as you are likely to achieve them. Never underestimate yourself."

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

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

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

August 16: **Governor Tim Pawlenty** Joint meeting with the Chamber

August 30: **Pack to School** Community Service Project—Assemble at meeting

September 6: **VEAP** Guest: Susan Freeman

October 4: **District 5950 Governor** Guest: Dan Barnett

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

Rotary Information

Bloomington Noon Rotary

www.bloomingtonrotarymn.org

Rotary International

www.rotary.org

Rotary District 5950

www.rotary5950.org

Meeting Make-ups

http://www.rotary5950.org/where_meet.html