



# RIB

July 23, 2007

*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.

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and Ken Nordlie

## Next Week's Program

**"Internet Security and Online Predators",  
Neil Nelson, St. Paul Police and Bloomington  
Police Officer James Caauwe**



Internet Security is an issue that concerns anyone who uses the internet for either recreation or for business. We have a heightened concern for our youth who are especially vulnerable. Commander Neil Nelson is a 30 year veteran of the St. Paul Police Department with 21 years of supervisory and investigative experience in the areas of narcotics, homicide and internet crimes against children. He has worked on a number of high-profile cases over the years, and he is the recipient of the Department's Medal of Merit for his contributions to the investigative work that led to the convictions of four suspects in the slaying of a Wisconsin man in 1998. Joining him is Officer James Caauwe of our Bloomington squad. Learn about this very real threat and who to contact for assistance, if needed.

## This Week's Program

**"Making a Family Business Work", Joan  
Thompson, Executive Director  
Minnesota Wire & Cable Co.**



Joan Thompson provided a fascinating look into the behind-the-scenes of a family-owned business. Joan has been executive vice president and chief financial officer for Minnesota Wire & Cable Co. for 16 years, moving up through the ranks since she joined the company. The business makes wire and cable for industries including medical devices, defense contracting, and telecommunications. It was founded by Joan's father, Fred Wagner, in 1968. Today, the company has two manufacturing plants in Minnesota and Wisconsin and 208 employees. One of nine children, Joan started working for her father in 1981 when he needed a helping hand. "We just clicked," said Joan. She did the jobs her father didn't like, working on legal, accounting and insurance issues. Other family members followed. Today, five siblings and two brothers-in-law are working in the business, and it is now entirely run by the family's second generation. Her father's philosophy was to "do what comes naturally" – lead by example, make meaningful contributions, and provide as many jobs as possible. The result is that Minnesota Wire & Cable has only lost money twice in its 40 years of existence.

### July Birthdays

03 Jae Mellin  
08 Mark Bosch  
27 Milo Engelstad

### July Anniversaries

06 LuAnn Paulet 3 yrs  
18 Arlene Axelson 28 yrs  
27 Jack Bouquet 3 Yrs

### Greeter Schedule

July 9: David Pederson  
July 16: Ghidei Zedingle  
July 23: Milo Englestad  
July 30: Jim Wenthold  
Aug 6: Vocational Visit  
Aug 13: Jim Mortenson  
Aug 20: Jae Mellin  
Aug 27: Elizabeth Henderson  
Sept 3: NO MEETING  
Sept 10: Brian Emerson  
Sept 17: Ken Nordlie  
Sept 24: MEALS ON WHEELS

## Visitors & Guests:

Former Bloomington Rotarian **Steve Gottry** and his daughter **Michelle Johnson**.

Rotarian **Pat Heller**, Anchorage, Alaska, retired from the U.S. Senate.

**Steve Johnson**, guest of Tom Kendall.

**Richard Carter**, guest of Adam Johnston.

**Jordan DeBoer**, guest of speaker and St. Paul Rotarian Joan Thompson.

## Rotarians Who Share



Today's Rotarian who shares is charter member **Milo Engelstad**. Milo was born in Aneta, ND. He attended Concordia College in Moorhead, MN, followed by Luther Seminary, St. Paul. He met his wife, Ruth, while he was a seminary student and they had four children. Milo helped establish Christ the King Lutheran Church in Bloomington. One of the founders of Bloomington Rotary in 1961, Milo served as club president in 1969-70 and helped form the Bloomington Rotary Foundation. He is currently involved with the weekly greeters and Pack to School. Milo received the Harold Larson Distinguished Service Award in 1993. He is truly a Rotarian who shares with his community.

## President's Column

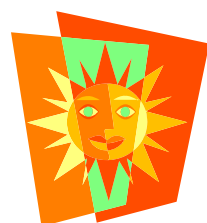
### Don Stiles

We had a full house at the July 23 Rotary meeting, including several visitors from as far as Alaska. Our Club ratified the new Club Bylaws that will now align us with the recommended structure at Rotary International. Special thanks to **Lori Nelson**, **Phyllis Karasov**, and **Carolyn Pratt** for their extra work in finalizing the technical and legal language.

I made a special request to members at this week's meeting for volunteer families for our Youth Exchange student. Leo will be arriving in a month from Brazil to attend Jefferson High School and we need to secure his host families for the year. With some last minute complications and cancellations, we are in the "scramble mode" to find at least two host families. Please contact myself, **Mark Bellestri**, or **Elizabeth Henderson** if you know of anyone in Bloomington (or nearby) that might be interested in hosting a high school student in their home for 4 to 6 months. Thanks for your help as we share our community with a foreign student.



## Sunshine



**Dan Barnett** competed in the Twin City Open Ballroom Dance Competition on July 12. He danced in seven events in the Intermediate and Full Bronze categories as an over 70 dancer. He finished first in six events and placed second in one. When Dan was in seventh grade, his music teacher told him, "You dance like an ox." Not anymore, Dan. Congratulations!

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*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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## New Rotarian

### Welcome! Tom Burke

Sponsored by Terry Stirewalt, our newest Rotarian is the Membership and Marketing Director for the Southdale YMCA. Tom Burke grew up in Beloit, WI, and graduated from the University of St. Thomas with a degree in philosophy and theology in 1990. Tom has also worked for the Centers for Victims of Torture at the University of Minnesota and the Archdiocese of Minneapolis/St. Paul. He was a member of the Richfield Rotary Club from 2001 – 2006. He married wife Karin in 1999 and they have four children ages 6 and under. It is understandable that he says his hobby is parenting! He is an avid Bob Dylan fan. Take time to get to know him better.



## Upcoming Meetings

- July 30: **“Internet Security and Online Predators”** Guests: Neil Nelson, St. Paul Police and Bloomington Police Officer James Caauwe
- August 6: **Vocational Visit VEAP**, 9728 Irving Avenue South, Bloomington
- August 13: To be announced
- August 20: **“I Like M & M’s”**, District Governor Tammy Laurent
- August 27: **Pack To School**
- September 3: **NO MEETING**

## Calendar of Events

- August 6: Vocational Visit to VEAP**
- August 27: Pack To School**
- September 3: Labor Day, NO MEETING**
- September 24: Meals on Wheels**
- October 1 and 8: Meetings Location Change to Bloomington City Hall**
- October 29: Children’s Theater**
- November 17: Harold Larson Party, Golden Valley Golf & Country Club**

## Rotary on Cable, Cannel 14

### “My Trip to Thailand” – Becky Cahn

Monday, July 23, 2007	11:00PM
Tuesday, July 24, 2007	5:00 AM, 11:00 AM
Saturday, July 28, 2007	7:00 PM
Sunday, July 29, 2007	1:00 AM, 7:00 AM, 1:00 PM