



# RIB

July 24, 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  
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Directors: Adam Johnston,  
Dave Senness, Lori  
Nelson, Mark Bosch,  
LuAnn Paulet, Mark  
Bellestri, Laura Bjorgo,  
Terry Stirewalt, and Dave  
Walock

## Next Week's Program

### "International Village Clinic" Rotarian Abul Sharah

**Rotarian Dr. Abul Sharah**, a naturalized American citizen, was born in a small village, Tirganwan, located in a poor rural area of Eastern India. He completed his primary, secondary and undergraduate education in India. He did his graduate studies in Japan and Canada, earning a Master's degree in mechanical engineering from the University of Tokyo and a Ph.D. degree in engineering physics from Carlton University respectively. He immigrated to the U.S. in 1972. In his 27 year professional career in the U.S. he held executive and management positions with companies like MTS Systems and Honeywell.



Dr. Sharah founded International Village Clinic (IVC) in September 1999 to transform his dream of bringing health care to the poor villages of India into reality. Dr. Sharah had been thinking about his life and its meaning for the past several years. Just to live a comfortable life was not good enough. He wanted to give something back to humanity-to make a difference. In 1996 Dr. Sharah met **Mother Theresa** at her "Home for Dying Destitute" in Calcutta, India. Her message of love and human service gave him further impetus to pursue the dream. Dr. Sharah took early retirement in July 1999 to devote full time to the establishment of International Village Clinic. He is devoting the rest of his life to this cause.

## This Week's Program

### "The Company in Our Own Backyard: The Toro Giving Program"

**Judson Tharin**

**Senior Community Relations Specialist**



Toro's world headquarters is a Bloomington neighbor. Founded in 1914, then a manufacturer of engines, Toro has become a world leader in outdoor lawn beautification equipment. Toro is the preferred provider of services to such organizations as Walt Disney World Sports, and St. Andrews Golf Course. But this company does not rest on its business laurels. They believe that they need to walk the talk of good corporate citizenship.

**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 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:**

With a focus on the environment, Toro has developed a legacy of giving in four areas: Donations of cash through their foundation; Scholarships; Volunteerism; and In-Kind donations of product to non-profit organizations either as auction items or for maintenance of their facilities. In 2005, Toro donated over \$50,000 in cash donations, and \$20,000 in In-Kind donations.

Many local organizations have benefited from Toro's generosity including Olson Middle School as their Corporate Partner; Cornerstone and Bridging with lawn maintenance assistance; Habitat for Humanity, Meals on Wheels, and Loaves & Fishes through their employee volunteerism program (20 hours of paid time for volunteer work throughout the year); and Kennedy High School with their e-mentoring program where students can communicate with Toro employees about career planning and work related questions.

Research and development departments are located at the corporate headquarters while the manufacture of parts is handled in the Shakopee plant. Consumer product is manufactured in Windom, MN and Juarez, Mexico. Commercial product is manufactured in Tomah, WI and Irrigation Equipment in California and Mexico.

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**Visitors and Guests**

**Les Fujitake**, guest of Tim Culver, Superintendent of Bloomington Schools

**David Stibbe**, guest of Adam Bengtson, non-profit

**Jeff Andrews**, guest of Adam Bengtson, Mortgage Broker, Jeff has applied for membership.

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**Sunshine**

**Phyllis Karasov** has been listed as a Super Lawyer by the **Twin Cities Business** magazine. Jack Carlson was totally jealous!

**Companies to Classrooms**, a community partner, is hosting an open house this Wednesday, July 26<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 to 6:00PM. Members of the Chamber of Commerce and the Bloomington Noon Rotary are encouraged to visit at 10724 France Avenue South. Companies to Classrooms helps companies distribute their excess "usable stuff" to our local classroom teachers, complete free of charge.

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**Name That Rotarian**

**This Bloomington Kennedy graduate joined Rotary in 1993, serving as it president in 2002-2003. An avid outdoorsman, he lets nothing get in the way of his fishing and hunting trips. Is it?**

**A: Frank Grazzini B: Dick Herberg C: John Swaner D: Jack Carlson**  
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Bloomington  
Rotary Youth  
Exchange

Youth Exchange  
Officer:  
Mark Bellestri  
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Our Youth  
Exchange student  
this year will be  
coming from  
South Africa with  
arrival in January  
due to their  
different school  
year cycle.

You can help find  
a host family...or  
invite a  
Bloomington  
youth to consider  
becoming an  
outbound student  
sponsored by our  
club. Mention our  
program to others  
and invite their  
interest. Rotarian  
families can now  
participate both  
inbound and  
outbound.

## Gopher State Prep Showcase



*Gopher State Prep Showcase, The Movie*, played at the beginning of our meeting. With the mystery of the admissions table, the excitement of the game, the drama of the scorer/timkeepers, the comedy of the refreshments stand, and the simmering heat, we witnessed the full entertainment of the three day event hosted by the Bloomington Noon Rotary Club. A big Thank You to Adam Johnston for his video and photo expertise as Producer, Director, and Cinematographer. Congratulations to **Eastview High School**, our tournament winner!



**A special Thank You to Mahendra Nath, Tournament Sponsor.** Adam presented Mahendra with a commemorative Gopher State tee shirt. Again, thank you to all of the Rotarian volunteers who made this event run smoothly, including **John Swaney**, left out of last week's RIB and the special work of our organizers: **Dave Senness** and **Adam Johnston**, Coordinators; **Lee Helms**, ScoreKeepers and Timers; **Mark Bosch**, Admissions; **Jim McDonald**, Concessions; **Dave Simmer** and **Jae Mellin**, Trainers; **Jim Mortenson**, fans!

## President's Corner

### Diann Kirby, President

To make an organization like Bloomington Noon Rotary great, it takes a team of dedicated individuals working together. Your new board of directors is made up of extraordinary Rotarians doing extraordinary things in 2006-07.

President-Elect **Don Stiles** is already putting the pieces in place for this year's Harold Larson Party. Vice President and Program Chair **Carolyn Pratt** has a number of interesting programs planned, including a behind-the-scenes visit to the new Guthrie Theater. Secretary **Karyn Arazi** volunteered once again to edit our award-winning RIB newsletter, while Treasurer **Brett McMahon** is keeping an eye on our finances for the seventh year in a row. Past President **John Swaney** will be working closely with our Every Year, Every Rotarian campaign.

**Adam Johnston** is doing double-duty, chairing both the Vocational Service and Community Service committees. **Dave Senness** is finishing his term on the board as International Service Chair, while **Mark Bosch** begins his term as Club Service Chair. Also serving on the board are **LuAnn Paulet** (Sunshine), **Mark Bellestri** (Youth Exchange Chair), **Laura Bjorgo**, **Lori Nelson**, **Terry Stirewalt** (Membership Chair) and **Dave Walock** (Pack to School). And finally, Bloomington Noon Rotary is fortunate to have the expertise of Executive Secretary **Kathy Koehler**, whose calm demeanor and efficient service make her one of our greatest assets. Thanks to these Rotarians for their Service Above Self in 2006-07!



***Extraordinary People doing Extraordinary Things***

### 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 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

August 14: **Rotarian Doug Schmitt, Vice President Business Development** and City of Lakes Rotary Club Past President, "Making Music in Minnesota, the History of the Schmitt Music Company"

August 21: **934<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing Tour**, Lunch at Officer's Club, Air National Guard

## Calendar of Events

**August 18: VEAP Business Coffee**, 9728 Irving Ave., 7:30 AM

**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**, Dave Walock, Coordinator

**September 4: No Meeting**

**October 30: Vocational Visit to the Guthrie** with backstage tour at **10:30 AM**

**November 10: South Metro Veterans Day Program** (Nov 6 – No meeting)

**November 18: Harold Larson Party**, Don Stiles, Coordinator

**April 26-28, 2007: Rotary District 5950 Conference**

## 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:**  
**There are no Rotary presentations scheduled at this time. Stay tuned next week for a current update.**

**Name That Rotarian answer: A. Frank Grazzini**