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July 30, 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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Arazi, Colin Evenson,
and Ken Nordlie

Next Week's Program



Vocational Visit to VEAP

Volunteers Enlisted to Assist People

**LOCATION : 9731 James Avenue South, Bloomington
(952) 888-9616**

For 35 years, VEAP has provided a range of basic services to low income people who need help to fulfill an immediate need and position them for long-term stability. Based on the idea of neighbors helping neighbors, VEAP meets the multiple needs of households in crisis, from putting food on the table tonight to providing assistance with transportation, employment and affordable housing. Serving the residents of Bloomington, Richfield, South Minneapolis, and Edina, VEAP works to coordinate the use of many professional services and volunteers to develop a specific plan to address the unique needs of each client. VEAP brings hope and provides a needed safety net that helps clients work toward self-reliance and active participation in their community. Join us to tour their new facility and learn first hand of their work. We will gather in the first floor Community Room at Noon. **Park either in the City of Bloomington parking area or in the VEAP lot on James Avenue and enter via the James Avenue door.**

This Week's Program

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



The information shared today about the potential threat to our children while they use the internet was the most sobering program that we have had since the images of Katrina and New Orleans. St. Paul Police Officer, Commander Neil Nelson, presented some startling facts: 33% of children and youth are exposed to sexually explicit information over the internet; 20% will receive some form of sexual solicitation; 10% will be threatened in some way; and 4% will open themselves up to an aggressive solicitation where gifts or meetings are arranged. The computer is the most powerful tool in our home today, and just like any tool, education about its safe use is our most powerful ally in providing protection. The web site www.netsmartz.org helps educate parents, kids, and teens about keeping safe on the internet. Technology is now so prevalent that relationships developed over this technology are a significant part of our children's lives as much as their home life. Safety skills are critical.

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:

Rotarian Sharon Burnham, Day Makers Rotary

Rotarians Kathy Emily and Mike Emily, PonteVedra Beach Sunset Rotary, FL, Medical Writing and Bldg Materials Distribution respectively

Les Fujitake, Guest of Don Stiles, Superintendent, Bloomington Schools
Prospective Member!

Kim Stanley, Guest of Diann Kirby, Autism Info Group, **Charitable Partner** – Our final \$1,500 of 2006 Harold Larson Party revenue was distributed. The AIG works to educate and support families and schools about Autism in children.

Rotarians Who Share



Today's Rotarian who shares is Frank Grazzini. Frank is the owner of Carciofini Company, specializing in caulking, fire stopping, expansion joint systems, tuck pointing and traffic coatings. Married to Sandy, they raised three children and currently have one grandchild. Frank grew up in Bloomington and served a four year tour in the U.S. Air Force. He joined Rotary in 1993 and has participated in many activities and as a member of the Board. He was Club President in 2002-2003 and chosen as Rotarian of the Year in 2007. He states, "People are my passion – I like to help others when I can."

President's Column -- Don Stiles

We certainly had an eye-opening presentation on internet predators this week by Officer Neil Nelson. The statistics are alarming, but we all can do something about it. Those who saw this presentation (and those who will watch the future cable broadcast), please spread the word to others.

I apologize to **Frank Grazzini** for leaving out his 2007 Rotarian of the Year recognition when I introduced him as this week's Rotarian who Shares. Frank does so much for our Club and Community. Thank you again, Frank, for sharing!

Finally, I have great news. **Scott Fricke** has stepped forward to volunteer his home as the initial Youth Exchange Host Family for our student from Brazil. Our student arrives August 26, and will attend Jefferson High School. We are still looking for additional host families for the remainder of the school year in 2008, so please let me or **Mark Bellestri** or **Elizabeth Henderson** know if you can be such a host. Or perhaps you know someone else in the community or from your church that might be interested in sharing their home. Call us!

See you all at VEAP next Monday on August 6 (Box Lunches provided).

Sunshine

After 7 weeks on the market, **Jim and Judie Mortenson** have sold their home and are moving to a town home. Yea!

Jim Wenthold announced the birth of his first grandchild this week. It's a boy, Evan Patrick Doherty, born 7/26/07, weighing in at 8 lbs and 15 oz. Congrats! His daughter and her husband are doing fine!

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

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Meals on Wheels

Rotary members can again deliver Meals on Wheels in Bloomington, this time likely without snow. The date is **Monday, September 24, 2007**. Please note this date on your calendar now. Starting in August, there will be sign up sheets at your table. There are about 14-16 routes. With two members delivering as was done last year, we will need about 30 members. Bloomington Meals on Wheels is now located at St. Stephen Lutheran Church, 8400 France Ave. S. For those doing this for the first time, here is what we do: We pick up insulated meal carriers at between 11 and 11:15. Each two-Rotarian pair makes about five or six deliveries to homebound clients, then returns to St. Stephen. There we eat the same meal clients receive. We will have a short meeting and plan to adjourn at 1:30 p.m. More detailed instructions will be provided in September.

Upcoming Meetings

- August 6: **Vocational Visit VEAP, 9731 James Avenue South, Bloomington**
- August 13: **"Invention: Inspiring a Generation of Entrepreneurs"**, Guest: Phil Reinhardt
- August 20: **"I Like M & M's"**, District Governor Tammy Laurent
- August 27: **Pack To School**
- September 3: **NO MEETING**
- September 10: **"Medical Products"**, Guest: Greg Guettler

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 – St. Stephen Lutheran Church, 8400 France**
- 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, Channel 14

"International Village Clinic" – Abul Sharah

Monday, August 13, 2007 8:00 PM
Thursday, August 16, 2007 1:00 AM, 7:00 AM, 1:00 PM

Announcements and Other Business

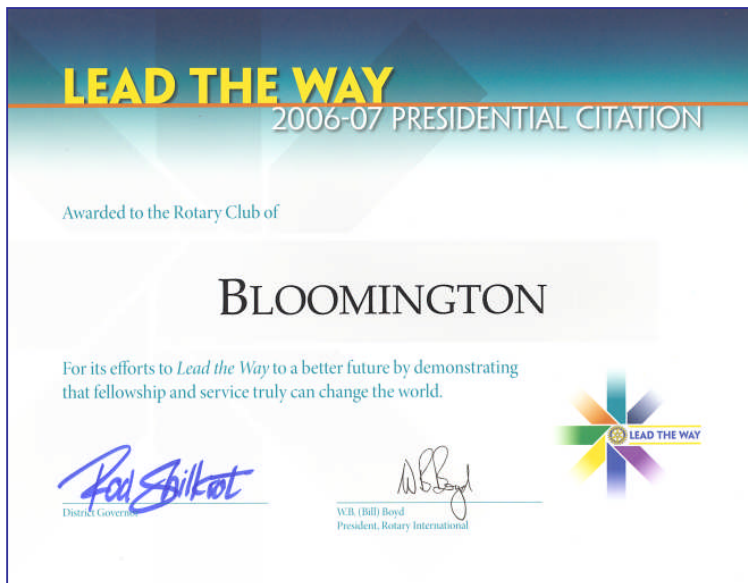
2007 Harold Larson Party Carolyn Pratt, Chair

Congratulations Bloomington Noon Rotary Club on a successful Harold Larson Party in 2006—our 40th annual event! Through your hard work and dedication, we raised nearly \$57,000 and over \$10,000 in STRIVE scholarships. Wow! Now it is time to turn our attention to the 2007 Harold Larson Party, scheduled for Saturday, November 17th at the Golden Valley Country Club. It promises to be another highly successful event, **WITH YOUR HELP!!**

Now is the time to sign-up to **volunteer** for the event, **solicit** silent and live auction items and **purchase** your tickets. We need everyone's help and support to make this year the best yet!

Rotary Minute – John Houle Ethics

One Objective of Rotary is to promote High ethical standards in business and the professions. 2006-07 Rotary President Bill Boyd said, "As Rotarians, we should have the Four-Way Test in the back of our minds – if not the front – in every decision we make, all day long. As we go through our lives at work, at home, and in our communities, we must be conscious of our responsibilities as Rotarians: to speak the truth, to be fair, to build goodwill and better friendships, and to always try to do the best we can for everyone we encounter."



Presidential Citation – Past President, Diann Kirby

This week, we received our official 2006-07 Presidential Citation in the mail signed by Past Rotary International President Bill Boyd and Past District Gov. Rod Shilkrot. The Presidential Citation recognizes clubs that met criteria for membership, club service, vocational service, community service and international service during the 2006-07 Rotary year. Bloomington Noon is one of just 16 clubs in District 5950 to qualify for the citation out of 62 clubs.

**Congratulations!
Bloomington Noon!**

Tear Off and Turn In or Mail:

Pack to School

I _____ agree to donate _____ packs at a cost of \$30 each to Bloomington Rotary Club for the 11th Annual Pack to School community service project.

Payment Options:

_____ I have enclosed a check for \$ _____
_____ Please add _____ to my account billing.

Complete the form and either drop off to Kathy Koehler at a club meeting or mail to Bloomington Noon Rotary, P.O. Box 20300, Bloomington, MN 55420. If paying by check, make payable to Bloomington Noon Rotary Club.