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July 31, 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
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LuAnn Paulet, Mark
Bellestri, Laura Bjorgo,
Terry Stirewalt, and Dave
Walock

Next Week's Program

"Builds Strong Bodies 12 Ways", Park Nicollet Foundation Healthy Community Program, Guest: Rotarian Colleen Simpson, Operations and Community Services

St. Louis Park **Rotarian Colleen Simpson** is the Director of Operations and Community Services for Park Nicollet Foundation. Park Nicollet Foundation makes sure Park Nicollet's patient care reaches beyond clinic walls, touching as many people as possible. As the fund-raising arm of Park Nicollet, the Foundation uses philanthropy to build healthy communities in Minnesota by supporting patient care, research and education.

With 20 years of experience in fundraising, Colleen Simpson directs the operations of the Foundation, including several annual special events, conducts an employee fundraising campaign, and designed and directs the Foundation's grant process that distributed nearly \$3 million dollars last year. Colleen is the staff leader assigned to raising \$5 million for the Foundation's Healthy Community Major Gifts Campaign. A pre-med graduate of Iowa State University, Colleen and her husband, Kirk, reside in Deephaven and have two grown sons, Jeff and Steve.



This Week's Program

**"International Village Clinic"
Rotarian Abul Sharah**

Meeting the medical needs of the small rural villages near the city of Varanasi, India, International Village Clinic was founded in September, 1999. **Rotarian Dr. Abul Sharah's** dream, the clinic has been transformed since the addition of a new building housing a 12 bed hospital. This year a partnership has formed between IVC and St. Olaf College. Medical students have the opportunity to spend their J Term month of January at the clinic, experiencing and assisting in the medical care of the community members. Abul's guest, **Bryan Henck**, from St. Olaf, shared photos and stories of his experiences including working with the Mobile Clinic, playing cricket with the staff, and experiencing Indian home life and the celebration of the Muslim festival of Bacreet.

August Birthdays

- 08 Abdel Abdelwahed
- 12 Jim Mortensen
- 12 Dave Senness
- 17 Chris Schadow
- 24 Kathy Koehler
- 25 Mike Fewer
- 27 Marty Chorzempa
- 29 Dave Pederson

August Anniversaries

- 17 Diann Kirby 7 yrs
- 28 Wally Neal 22 yrs

Greeter Schedule

- Aug 7: Jay Stevens
- Aug 14: Ken Nordlie
- Aug 21: David Pederson
- August 28:
- Sept. 4: NO MEETING

This week continued: International Village Clinic

In 2005, the clinic treated 55,000+ patients; provided vaccination and nutrition for a whole year to 701 children; 151 pregnant women received prenatal care, nutrition and vaccination for the whole year; conducted 7 polio eradication drives in the outlying areas where 815 children were vaccinated; 62 tuberculosis patients received full course treatment (9 months); conducted eye clinics, cataract surgeries, gynecology clinics and health education seminars. These services are vital in this rural community.

In 2006, increased comfort and better diagnostic services are the plan with the completion of the clinic building construction (March) and its inaugural use of the two 6 bed wards (men's and women's in April, 2006). Prior to the building completion patients slept on the floor of the clinic and sometimes even outside on the ground. Additional diagnostic equipment provided through our Rotary matching grant will include an x-ray and an ultrasound machine, the funding for which will be transferred soon. The best is yet to come as club members will be invited to participate in a mission trip to the clinic later this year. See President's column for additional details.



Visitors and Guests

Pete Stiles, guest of Don Stiles, St. Olaf College student

Bryan Henck, guest of Abul Sharah, St. Olaf College student

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

Don Peterson, guest of Brian Emerson, General Manager Comfort Inn

Diane Confer, District 5950 Secretary

Rotarian Holly Callen, Minneapolis University, Investments

Rotarian Chris Holm, Minneapolis #9, Property Management

Rotarian Rod Shilkrot, District 5950 Governor

Name That Rotarian

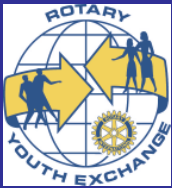
This Grand Forks, North Dakota native joined Bloomington Rotary in 1993, sponsored by Chris Schadow. A resident of Woodbury, this Rotarian's passions include Tae Kwando, bicycling, raising money for the MS Society and two bundles of joy from Russia. Is it?

A: Mark Bosch B: Bonnie Carlson C: Becky Amble 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.

Sunshine

It was great to see **Linda Jewell** again. She is going through another round of chemotherapy. We continue to keep you in our prayers, Linda.

Marty Chorzempa reported that **Jan's** oncologist has changed her chemotherapy treatment and so far her reaction has been good. Her tumor count is down, good news! Thank you to all the Rotarians for their calls, cards, and concern.

LuAnn Paulet just returned from her first fishing trip in 25 years where she caught a 28 inch Walleye, 8-9 pounds. Exciting!

Dave Senness shared that he will be getting married to his fiancé, Marcia, this Saturday, August 5th, at his alma mater, Macalester College. The very best of wishes from all of us to Dave and Marcia.

Rod Shilkrot, District 5950 Governor, honored **Dan Barnett, Retiring District Governor** today sharing the top 21 reasons Dan's Rotary year was so successful, including a visit to all 60 District clubs, 87 fabulous members a part of the District Leadership team, 2 new clubs started, and the creation of a Blue Ribbon Committee to help clubs "create respectful environments".

President's Corner

Diann Kirby, President

At our meeting this week, we heard about the extraordinary accomplishments of our own Abul Sharah and his International Village Clinic (IVC). IVC is dedicated to providing medical services to the poor villages of India. Abul founded IVC after taking an early retirement to devote his life to helping the poor in his home country. IVC's patients are the poorest of the poor, where babies develop cataracts due to Vitamin A deficiencies, tuberculosis is spreading at a high rate, and fewer than five percent of villagers can afford to see a doctor.



This year, Bloomington Noon Rotary is putting the spotlight on IVC. We're making a contribution to the clinic in the name of our speakers. We're contacting other clubs about collaborating in a matching grant with our club. And we're looking for Bloomington Rotarians who might be interested in making a trip to visit the clinic early next year. Abul has made a standing offer to put us up at IVC and give us a tour of the surrounding area. This is the year we could take him up on that offer. If you are interested in seeing the extraordinary work being done by Abul and IVC, let me know at 952-563-8818 or dkirby@ci.bloomington.mn.us.

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

August 7: **Rotarian 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: **934th Airlift Wing Tour**, Lunch at Officer’s Club, Air National Guard

August 28: **Pack To School**, join us for our annual event to put together back packs for elementary and middle school students from our schools.

Calendar of Events

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

August 21: 934th 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

Rotary International
www.rotary.org

Rotary District 5950
www.rotary5950.org

Meeting Make-ups
http://www.rotary5950.org/where_meet.html

Rotary on Bloomington Cable, Channel 14:

Rod Shilkrot, District 5950 Governor

“2006-2007 Rotary 5950 Journey”

Tuesday, August 15, 2006, 10:30 PM

Wednesday, August 16, 2006 4:30 AM, 10:30 AM, 4:30 PM

Thursday, August 17, 2006 9:00 PM

Friday, August 18, 2006 3:00 AM, 9:00 AM, 3:00 PM

Name That Rotarian answer: C. Becky Amble