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August 2, 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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Carol Hoeft, Adam
Johnston, Carolyn Pratt,
Dave Senness, Laura
Bjorgo, Dave Walock

Next Week's Program

Third District Update

Guest: U.S. Congressman Jim Ramstad

Jim Ramstad was first elected to Congress in 1990. He is a member of the House Ways and Means Committee and Chairman of its Oversight Subcommittee. He is also a member of the Health Subcommittee. Ramstad also co-chairs the Congressional Law Enforcement Caucus, the Medical Technology Caucus, the Bipartisan Disabilities Caucus and the Addiction, Treatment and Recovery Caucus.

Jim Ramstad has authored five anti-crime bills that have become law and was named "Representative of the Year" by the National Association of Police Organizations in 1997 and 2000. Jim has championed efforts to provide access to treatment for people suffering from chemical addiction and mental illness. He was named "Legislator of the Year" by the National Association of Alcoholism and Drug Addiction Counselors in 1998 and the National Mental Health Association in 1999. Ramstad is the recipient of the "Fulbright Distinguished Public Service Award."



Jim Ramstad was born in Jamestown, North Dakota, the third generation member of a small business family. He received his B.A. degree from the University of Minnesota in 1968 (Phi Beta Kappa) and his J.D. (with Honors) from George Washington University in 1973. Jim Ramstad served his country as a First Lieutenant, U.S. Army Reserve, from 1968-75. Jim is a former Criminal Justice attorney and adjunct professor of government and Constitutional law.

Jim Ramstad has a long history of civic and community involvement. He currently serves as a board member of Minnesota D.A.R.E. and the Lake Country Food Bank. Jim is also a member of American Legion Post 118, Minnesota Prayer Breakfast Committee, Plymouth Lions Club, North Metro and Wayzata Area Chambers of Commerce and Wayzata Community Church.

Join us to hear an update on the 2005 Congressional session and the latest on pending legislation.

August Birthdays

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

August Anniversaries

- 17 Diann Kirby, 6 year
- 27 Mike Mellin, 3 yrs
- 28 Wally Neal, 21 year

Greeter Schedule

- 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

This Week's Program

Who is the man we have long admired?

Guest: Milo Engelstad

Milo grew up in a farm family during depression and drought. He learned to read by lantern, and was lucky to listen to the radio once in a while. Choosing North Dakota over California in his first call to ministry, Milo and wife Ruth drove their 1937 Plymouth to Watford city to find that their church had burned down the night before they arrived. This was certainly one way to get to know your parishioners better. Detroit, MI, was their second call and their welcome was just as warm. While his car was parked on the street, someone broke into it and stole all of their belongings.

Bloomington, MN was the third call to begin a new church in July, 1955, Christ the King Lutheran. Milo has watched significant change in Bloomington over the years. Kindergarten used to be available only in the churches, not the schools. Instead of sending all criminals to jail, judges would send some to Milo for a conference to determine if they were sufficiently repentant and if yes, they were free to go. Rotary was men only and was not internationally focused. Things have changed for the better by far over the years. Milo has often wanted to simplify his life and leave Rotary, but Ruth always said, "Rotary is good for you. You can be good for Rotary." He has been good for rotary for 44 years now.

Milo's parting comment: **"Let your someday be today."**

Rotary Volunteer Opportunities

Strive Contact Person: Don Stiles (952) 941-7380

Need: Be a Mentor; Bring Treats; Lead a Program; Just be there!

Web Site Contact Person: Adam Johnston (952) 346-9258

Need: One assistant to help with writing

Pack to School Contact Person: Dave Walock (952) 883-3515

Need: Purchase materials in advance

Sign up this month to pack bags during our August 30th Rotary meeting. Pack to School is sponsored this year by Mahendra Nath, The Nath Companies.

Harold Larson Party Contact Person: Diann Kirby (952) 563-8818

Need: Harold Larson Party Auction Items

While the Harold Larson Party is more than three months away, now is the perfect time to start collecting items for the silent and live auctions. Mark Bosch or Diann Kirby will be happy to take your donated items. And don't forget to reserve the evening Saturday, November 19, for the Harold Larson Party at the Golden Valley Country Club.

Bloomington Rotary
Youth Exchange

Youth Exchange
Officer: Mark Bellestri
(612) 481-0406

2005-2006 Student:
Leonardo Cordeiro
(Leo)

Arriving August 21st

Host Family:
Britta & Curtis Nelson
4515 Sedum Lane
Edina, MN 55435

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Visitors and Guests

Rotarian Bruce Halbasch, Apple Valley Rotary General Contractor

Rotarian Jeff Shellberg, Maple Grove Rotary

Walt Seibert, Guest of Sharon VanWinkle, Courage Center

Arlene Bush, Guest of Jack Carlson, Bloomington School Board

Ruth Engelstad, Guest of Milo Englestad

Rays of Sunshine...

From Sandy Siebert:

I'm in the process of transferring to the Iowa City Noon Club which meets at the University Club on Thursdays. They have been wonderful to me and I am looking forward to getting to know all of them. Even though I know I will enjoy being a member here, my heart will always belong to the Bloomington Noon Club. You are the greatest. My best wishes to everyone.

From Florent Righi (our French exchange student):

I am in France now and the keyboard of the computer is totally different so I'll have some problem to write correctly my e-mails. My trip was awful because my bags were too heavy and they broke during the trip so it was so hard to carry them around the subway in Brussels and Paris. Moreover the weather was pretty bad because it was raining and really hot out...but I made it. I cried as soon as saw my old country...I was so disappointed to see France again! And I cried a second time when I saw my parents after two days of traveling....I cried because I was so happy. I'm fine now but I already miss you and America a lot. I want to speak English and not French....thanks to everybody for everything.

From Marty Chorzempa

Last Thursday, my wife's mother Garnett Krichner died. The memorial service is tentatively scheduled for Monday, August 8.

From Larry Lee

Last month, my daughter, Brenna landed her first full-time job in her college major (clothing design) with Kuhlman Company located in Minneapolis. She thereby showed the value of her Dad's advice..."You'll never be able to get a design job here in the Twin Cities. You'll have to go to New York!"

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

August 23: **State House and Senate Update** Guests: Ann Lenczewski, Geoff Michel

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

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

September 27: **Joint meeting with Golden Valley Rotary Club, GVGCC**

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

October 11: **RI President Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar**

Calendar of Events

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

Rotary on Bloomington Cable, Channel 14:

Eden Prairie to Iraq and Back

Friday	August 12:	10:30 P.M.		
Saturday	August 13:	10:30 A.M.;	4:30 P.M.;	7:00 P.M.
Sunday	August 14:	7:00 A.M.;	1:00 P.M.	