



# RIB

Aug 6, 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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## Next Week's Program

**"Invention: Inspiring a Generation of Entrepreneurs", Guest: Phil Reinhardt**

INVENT Minnesota is a program that connects schools with businesses to create real inventions. Designed to inspire students in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) education, the program is modeled after the nationwide Lemelson-MIT InvenTeams grants initiative. These programs inspire creativity and innovation in children across the state: Lego Leagues, the Minnesota Student Inventors Congress, INVENT Minnesota, and others. Join us to hear several examples of how Minnesota schools have successfully introduced innovation & invention into the curriculum. Discover how these initiatives can benefit your company, community, and state and how you can get involved.

Phil Reinhardt, M.Ed., is an advisor with INVENT Minnesota. He has a diverse background in education, business, and non-profits and is currently an instructor of management at the College of St. Scholastica. In his spare time, Phil enjoys writing about local history and innovations in business and technology. He lives in Saint Paul with his wife and two daughters.

## This Week's Program

**Vocational Visit to VEAP**  
**Volunteers Enlisted to Assist People**

Our visit today found us in the main community meeting, training and staging area in the lower level of VEAP's newly expanded space. With a 10 fold increase in need

since 1990, VEAP now serves the largest sector of working poor in Minnesota, providing food, transportation, employment services, and connections to affordable housing. As we toured the building, we got a sense of the vast amounts of food and household items VEAP needs to store to be able to set up assistance packages.

Besides the storage on site, Freightmasters Inc. offers them additional storage for 130 skids of supplies. The ability to store over time and then to quickly access these items allows VEAP to stretch its buying power and offer food items to people at a cost of pennies on the dollar. This year VEAP will serve 2000 kids with Back to School items and over the summer, they provided 15 meals a week for 10 weeks to 300 children. VEAP is able to take our donations and get them to people who need them.



**Neighbors helping neighbors!**

### August Birthdays

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

### August Anniversaries

- 17 Diann Kirby 8 yrs
- 28 Wally Neal 23 yrs

### Greeter Schedule

- 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
- Oct 1: Terry Stirewalt
- Oct 8: David Wang
- Oct 15: Ed Ries
- Oct 22: Adam Johnston
- Oct 29: VOCATIONAL VISIT

## Visitors & Guests:

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

**Rotarian Debbie Belfry**, Day Makers Rotary

**Karin Meier**, guest of Susan Freeman, Development Director VEAP

**Karen Nordstrom**, Guest of John Houle, At Large City Council Member

**Ray and Carol Evenson**, Parents of Colin Evenson, Phoenix, AZ

## Rotarians Who Share



Sharing is today's Rotarian Who Share's middle name. Since 1976, Susan Freeman has been Executive Director with VEAP, building VEAP into the second largest food shelf in MN. Susan was one of the first VISTA Program participants, serving in Tennessee and Florida. She has a BA degree in social welfare from the Uof M. Susan has two grown children and has lived in Minneapolis since 1970. Susan has shared her involvement with her church, The Nature Conservancy, the MN Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, and the MN Archeology Society. For her contributions, she was named "Daymaker of the Year - 2007" by the Bloomington Daymaker's Rotary club.

## President's Column -- Don Stiles

I am continually impressed every week with all the ways our Rotary Club members share their time and talents to help others in our community. This week we had a great turnout for our vocational visit to VEAP, one of our charitable partners here in Bloomington, which is directed by one of our own Rotarians Susan Freeman. We learned about the many needs of families around us and how VEAP and Rotarians can help.

**Urgent Need for Youth Exchange:** Last week I reported to you that we thought we had a host family for our Youth Exchange student Leo from Brazil. This host family did not work out as we had hoped, so we are urgently looking for someone to step forward at this late date and take on this challenge. Leo is scheduled to arrive August 26, and we do not want to turn him away because we could not find a host family for this Fall 2007. Please consider it yourself or ask someone you know who might be a good host family fit. It's a once-in-a-lifetime experience that you will not regret. Call me at 952-212-0228. Thanks for your consideration to share your home with this youth visitor.

## Sunshine

**Jim Truax** shared the sad news that Barbara, his wife, passed away this Sunday, August 5<sup>th</sup>. "Mayo made the event of Barb's death bearable for all. She was appropriately sedated when her life support systems were turned off and she slipped away quickly and in comfort. We'll be having a memorial service for her, probably on the 18th (our daughter Michelle and family are in Virginia and won't be able to get back until the 17th). Place and time aren't set as yet." Cards may be addressed to Jim at: Jim Truax, 1416 Presidential Drive, Northfield, MN 55057

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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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# Harold Larson Party

## Rotary Shares.....

### .....Making a difference

Our new theme for the 2007 HLP states: **YOU CAN** make the difference for Bloomington Noon Rotary and our charitable partners by volunteering to help with this event, our only fund raising project for 2007! There are many jobs available, before, the day of, and during the event. All of us working together will make this a smooth operation and fun for everyone! Thank you to all who have volunteered to chair the committees and participate in one (or several!) areas. If you have not already signed up for a job, look over the list at the next Rotary meeting. Unable to attend? Please contact **Carolyn Pratt\*** President-Elect and Chair of the 2007 Harold Larson Party. Together we will find the best fit for you to **share** your talent and **make a difference**. THANKS!!

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## Upcoming Meetings

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 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**

April 26-28: **District 5950 District Conference, Radisson Arrowwood, Alexandria, MN** To register go to: [www.rotary5950.org](http://www.rotary5950.org)

## Rotary on Cable, Cannel 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