



# RIB

August 9, 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  
Pres Elect: Diann Kirby  
Vice Pres: Don Stiles  
Secretary: Karyn Arazi  
Treasurer: Brett McMahon  
Past Pres: Larry Lee  
Dist Gov: Dan Barnett  
Sgt in Arms: Rick Sitek  
Exec Sec: Kathy Koehler  
Directors: Marcia Gerdin,  
Carol Hoeft, Adam  
Johnston, Carolyn Pratt,  
Dave Senness, Laura  
Bjorgo, Dave Walock

## **Next Week's Program**

### **Governor's Update**

**Guest: Governor Tim Pawlenty**

### **Joint Meeting with the Chamber of Commerce**

Tim Pawlenty was elected Governor of Minnesota in 2002, with the state facing an historic \$4.5 billion budget deficit. Just months later, the Legislature adopted Pawlenty's plan to eliminate the deficit without raising taxes or cutting funding for K-12 classrooms. In addition to balancing the budget, Governor Pawlenty fought for and passed a dramatic overhaul of the state's education standards, significant welfare reform, lawsuit reform, a range of new government efficiency initiatives, and passed the largest transportation package in modern history.



His prior public service career includes being a prosecutor and Eagan City Council member. Pawlenty served 10 years in the Minnesota House of Representatives, including four as House Majority Leader. Join us to hear about the challenges facing the state of Minnesota. It promises to be a lively meeting. There will be a large crowd as this is a joint meeting with the Chamber of Commerce. Plan to arrive early, about 11:45.

## **This Week's Program**

### **Washington Legislative Update**

**Guest: Representative Jim Ramstad**

"Congress has actually gotten some things done." said Jim Ramstad of the 109<sup>th</sup> Congress in Washington DC. He was proud of the tax cuts that are working to create jobs and increase economic growth. Also, a major highway and transit bill passed finally after nine years that includes many Minnesota projects benefiting our metro area. He mentioned a comprehensive energy bill which achieves a balance between conservation, renewable resources and increased supply, reducing our dependence on foreign oil. Congress continues to offer strong bipartisan support of our troops.

### 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 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

## Representative Jim Ramstad Continued:



What are the challenges still ahead? Ramstad mentioned several he felt were priorities:

- Homeland Security, especially border security.
- Education Funding, fully funding Special Education.
- Alternative Minimum Tax reform.
- Health Care cost containment through drug reimportation and getting generic drugs to market sooner.
- Access to Health Care for persons with mental illness.

*Pictured:* Jim Ramstad with Bloomington Noon Rotary President John Swaney

## Day Chair: Susan Freeman

An Illinois cattle farm girl, with a BS in Social Welfare from the U of M, Susan has been executive Director for VEAP since 1976. Susan has two adult children and one “fabulous” grandson! She was one of the first to participate in VISTA and has won many speech and drama awards...the cattle were her practice audience.



She loves her job; admires the people VEAP serves; adores the volunteers; is touched every day by their acts of kindness; and is moved by the generosity of the community. She enjoys family, friends, gardening and cooking. She grows more than 50 herbs yearly from which she creates many gifts and has published two family cook books. Susan joined Rotary in 2003, saying, “Rotary takes you out of yourself for at least two hours every week and that is good for everybody.”

## Rays of Sunshine...

These smiling faces were made possible through the generosity of Ann and Harald Lohn, KaBeeLo Lodge, Ear Falls, Ontario, who hosted five individuals with disabilities (from Courage Center) and their guardian/parent to a week long once in a life time fly-in fishing expedition.



Rotarian Frank Grazzini was the “middle man” who set this up. Rotarian Mike Fewer donated the fishing rods and reels given each participant. Tom Koury donated all the tackle boxes and tackle. KaBeeLo Lodge has been an annual contributor to our Harold Larson Party. Thanks to all! What a trip!

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  
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Edina, MN 55435

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## Visitors and Guests

**Rotarian John Jack**, Fort Meyers, FL, Performance

**Rotarian Jeff Shellberg**, Maple Grove, Banker

**Rotarian Doug Jensen**, Edina-Noon, Manufacturing

**David Miller, Jayme Kruse, Bryan Nelson, Lance Olson, Ryan Gaug**, Guests of Representative Jim Ramstad

**Dan Jordan, Coral Houle**, Guests of John Houle

**Harvey Rockwood**, Community Editor, Sun Current Bloomington Edition

**Grant Parker**, Bloomington Cable Channel 14

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## Volunteer Opportunities

**Harold Larson Party:** *Need* Seek and collect Live and Silent Auction items from local businesses that you frequent.

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## Our Community Partners...

The Education Foundation of Bloomington became a Community Partner in 2005. The EFB is an all volunteer organization whose purpose is to raise funds for the schools where our tax dollars fall short. Since it's founding in 1986, the Foundation has provided over \$300,000 through its three grant programs to students of Bloomington Public Schools. *Student Stipends* assure that all students, no matter what their economic status, can participate in classroom and enrichment activities. *Innovation Grants* allow staff to bring an enhancement to their planned curriculum and *Prodigy Awards* honor Excellence in Team Work among school staff.

*Pictured:* Several Bloomington Rotarians participated in the EFB's 12<sup>th</sup> annual Chip in for Schools Golf Tournament.



### 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 23: **State House and Senate Update** Guests: Ann Lenczewski, Geoff Michel, Moderator: Neil Peterson

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**

November 8: **NO MEETING**, attend the Southwest Veterans Day Luncheon

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## Calendar of Events

November 11: **Southwest Veterans Day Luncheon**, Minnetonka Marriott

November 19: **Harold Larson Party**, Golden Valley Golf & Country Club, GVGCC

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## Rotary Information

### Bloomington Noon Rotary

[www.bloomingtonrotarymn.org](http://www.bloomingtonrotarymn.org)

### Rotary International

[www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org)

### Rotary District 5950

[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:

**From Eden Prairie to Iraq and Back Speaker: Donald Uram**

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.	