



# RIB

August 16, 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  
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Directors: Marcia Gerdin, Carol Hoeft, Adam Johnston, Carolyn Pratt, Dave Senness, Laura Bjorgo, Dave Walock

## Next Week's Program

**State House and Senate Update**

**Guests: Ann Lenczewski, Geoff Michel**

**Moderator: Neil Peterson**



### State Representative Ann Lenczewski

represents House District 40B. She was elected to the Minnesota State House of Representatives in 1998 and is serving her fourth term. Ann serves on the Local Government Committee, the Property and Local Tax Division Committee, and the Taxes Committee. Ann is listed as Chief Author on 30 House Bills currently.

Ann lives in Bloomington and works as a full time legislator. She is mother and wife to a wonderful and active family. Ann's education is in Psychology from the College of St. Benedict. She studied Public Policy at the Hubert H. Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs, University of Minnesota.

**State Senator Geoff Michel** represents Senate District 41. He was elected to the Minnesota State Senate in 2002 and is serving in his first term. His special legislative concerns are in the areas of education, transportation, and taxes. He currently serves on the Finance Committee, State Government Budget Division as the Ranking Minority Member. He also serves on the Commerce Committee and the Education Committee. He is currently chief author on 23 Senate Bills.



Senator Michel lives in Edina with his wife Annie. They have four children. He works as Legal Counsel for Minnesota Life. He was educated at Dartmouth College and received his law degree from the University of Minnesota.

**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 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



## State House and Senate Update Continued:

Our Moderator will be State Representative Neil W. Peterson. Neil represents District 41B and is serving in his first term. He lives in Bloomington with his wife Pat and is a member of our Rotary Club. Neil is chief author of seven House Bills currently and has assignments on the following committees: Capital Investment; Governmental Operations and Veterans Affairs; and Local Government. Besides moderating our program, Neil will join in the Question and Answer session with our guests. Join us for a lively panel.

## This Week's Program

### Governor's Update

### Guest: Governor Tim Pawlenty

"Minnesota is the greatest state in the union!", said Governor Tim Pawlenty in his opening comments. It is important that the state of Minnesota envisions how it can be the smartest, most innovative, most creative place to live. Paraphrasing a Peter Drucker quote, Pawlenty said, "The things that got us here will not get us there!" He noted that what used to separate us from the rest of the world



has now melted away. We must control tax costs so that we do not deter our businesses and entrepreneurs from wanting to begin, stay, and grow here.

Highlights of his vision include:

- changes in the way we spend our state dollars on Education by adding Performance Pay for our teaching staff, aligning our resources with improvement in student learning.
- Another enhancement to education is Get Ready/Get Credit bringing higher level learning directly into our high school classrooms expecting all students to go beyond the basic level of education during their K-12 education years rather than waiting until post secondary schooling to prepare for tomorrows jobs.
- A significant slowdown to Zero percent on Health Care cost increases.
- Keeping Minnesota an attractive place to live by investing state resources in the arts, recreation, sports, and other quality life amenities.

His final comments centered on our troops in the Armed Services asking employers and neighbors to support in any way they can all of our volunteers who serve this nation. The simplest, most important thing we can do is to "Thank" them.

Bloomington Rotary  
Youth Exchange

Youth Exchange  
Officer: Mark Bellestri  
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2005-2006 Student:  
Leonardo Cordeiro  
(Leo)

Arriving August 21st

Host Family:  
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Edina, MN 55435

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## Visitors and Guests

We hosted about 150 members of the Bloomington Chamber of Commerce along with many community civic leaders.

## Volunteer Opportunities

**Harold Larson Party:** Contact: Diann Kirby (952) 563-8818 *Need* Seek and collect Live and Silent Auction items from local businesses that you frequent.

**Pack to School:** Contact: David Walock (952) 883-3515 *Need* Sign up and participate in the August 30<sup>th</sup> meeting where we will put together the backpacks and folders for students in the Bloomington Schools. Thanks to the Nath Companies and Mahendra Nath for sponsoring all the packs.

**Strive Program:** Contact: Don Stiles (952) 941-7380 *Need* Sign up and Volunteer to assist as an Instructor, Mentor, Treat Provider, Phone Caller, One-on-One, or for a Career Day Visit. Thanks to the over 20 Rotarians who made this program a great success last year. As many and more are needed this year.

## Board Meeting Highlights

### August 9, 2005

**Preliminary Budget:** The Board discussed the preliminary budget and made recommended adjustments. The final budget will be presented for approval at the next Board meeting. Every committee Chair should have reported their needs to John Swaney by this time.

**Harold Larson Party:** Courage Center will be our highlighted philanthropic partner. The fundraising goal for 2005 is \$50,000, a \$3,000 increase over last year. Ticket prices will be \$60.00 per person with an expectation that we might be able to sell 350 to 400 seats. Our location will be Golden Valley Golf and Country Club, a beautiful venue. This year's raffle grand prize is a stay at the Sofitel in Tahiti with airfare included. Raffle ticket sales will begin in September. Corporate sponsored tables will again be available.

**Vocational Service:** Plans are in the works for vocational visits to Underwater Adventures at the MOA and to the Park Nicollet Heart Vascular Clinic.

**International Service:** A motion was passed to authorize the club to apply for a matching grant from the Rotary Foundation to benefit Abul Sharah's International Village Clinic in the amount of \$5,500. When matched, this grant would grow to around \$19,000 and would provide funds for the clinic to purchase a second mobile unit to serve three additional outlying villages and to purchase a much needed diesel generator.

**Web Site:** Our web site continues to improve. Each committee has a page dedicated to their work and is responsible for their own web page content. Please contact Adam Johnston and provide him with the highlights of your committee work.

### 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 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:

**Guthrie Theater, "Guthrie on the River Project"**

Monday	August 22:	10:30 P.M.	
Tuesday	August 23:	10:30 A.M.;	4:30 P.M.
Friday	August 26:	10:30 A.M.;	10:30 P.M.
Saturday	August 27:	4:30 P.M.;	7:00 P.M.
Sunday	August 28:	7:00 A.M.;	1:00 P.M.