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Aug 20, 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

"Pack-To-School" Service Project



We again gather at the Hilton (Upstairs Ballroom) to prepare 125 Back Packs/Folders for students in our Bloomington Schools. Our 11th annual Pack-To-School community service project serves students in two of our most diverse schools: Indian Mounds Elementary and Valley View Middle School.

With a major Charitable Partner donation from Wal-Mart and Sams Club (see page 4 RIB), we are more than fully subscribed to our commitment. Join us to help pack the supplies into folders and back packs which will be delivered to the schools for students who have a special need. A tremendous thank you to our organizers, Dave Walock and Jim Mortensen, and a thank you to Jim McDonald who will help to deliver the packs. This is a fun social time as well...don't miss this week!

This Week's Program

"Love M&M's", Guest: District Governor Tammy Laurent



Bubbly, enthusiastic, and really rocking with Rotary passion, our District Governor, Tammy Laurent, shared her pride for Rotary at our meeting this week. "There is nothing else I believe in more than Rotary.", stated Tammy as she shared the reason she took on the big job of District Governor.

Her pride in this District was infectious! Did you know that District 5950 is a world leader in giving to the Rotary International Foundation? We are among the top 10! It is possible that the next RI world health project will be in the area of safe drinking water. The Haiti Safe Water project, the model for this idea, started right here in District 5950. Our District boasts the largest Youth Exchange program.

Tammy's goals for District 5950 include every club participating in an International Project; every club growing by NET one member; and as a District, raising \$1Million for the Rotary Foundation, being the first District to reach that goal in the world! She shared her pride in the Bloomington Noon club as she complimented us on our work in each of these areas. 2007-2008 can be our best Rotary year yet!

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 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:

Former Rotarian Lee Sundet, guest of Jack Carlson

Rotarian Tammy Laurent, District Governor, District 5950

Steve Holman, Sams Club General Manager, Guest of Dave Walock

Curt Knipp, Wal-Mart General Manager, Guest of Dave Walock

New Rotarian Les Fujitake, Superintendent of the Bloomington Schools, approved for Dual Membership with **Ron Simmons**, Principal of Kennedy High School. Also approved for membership, was City Council Member **Karen Nordstrom**.

President's Column -- Don Stiles

The strength of any organization lies within its members. I am constantly impressed with our Club's strength. Rotary District Governor Tammy Laurent praised our Club as one of the top Clubs in one of the top Districts in the world. We should be proud of that recognition and strive to continue to improve our leadership position.

We will soon be inducting three new members into our Club: **Les Fujitake, Karen Nordstrom, and Ron Simmons**. Please make a point to introduce yourselves to these new members at future meeting. Our Board met Monday August 20 and not only approved these three new members, but also approved the purchase of a new DLP projector and speaker for future program presentations. We have been fortunate that the City of Bloomington has allowed us to use their projector equipment for the past few years. Many thanks to our City for their generosity and willingness to share!!

A special thanks to **Marcy Gerdin** for arranging the Owatonna Rotary Club transfer of our Youth Exchange student. And finally, special thanks to **Dave Walock** and **Jim Mortenson** for obtaining the Walmart/Sam's Club donations for our Pack-to-School. We found out after Monday's meeting the \$4,000 gift grew to \$5,000. The children will benefit indeed!



Sunshine

The sunshine in **Don Stiles'** life this week came from his days with wife and son Tom in the Boundary Waters Canoe Area. Tom, a summer guide in the BWCA, invited his parents up for an adventure in the middle of the BWCA...Don discovered muscles he didn't know he had!

Becky Amble and son Alex enjoyed their trip to Seattle where they visited the Boeing plant and flew in a simulator doing three barrel rolls!

Adam Johnston's baby daughter, Arianna, turns ONE on August 21st. HB2U!

Sharon VanWinkel noted the upcoming National Wheelchair Softball Tournament will take place August 23, 24 at Midway Stadium. Mpls/St.Paul Magazine had a nice 8 page article in the August issue.

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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

Why We Support the Harold Larson Party

All of us share in the great feeling of supporting 13 charitable partners with over \$40,000 in donations last spring. This year we hope to support our partners with at least that amount or more—all raised at the Harold Larson Party on Saturday, November 17th. One of the ways we raise these funds is through the sale of event tickets and sponsored tables. I hope you will join me in supporting the Harold Larson Party this year by purchasing at least 2 tickets to the event or consider sponsoring a table, by yourself or with other Rotarians. Can't attend the event this year? Please consider donating the cost of two tickets (or more!) to support our only fund raising event this year. Thank you for your support!

The gift you share will make a difference in our community

Upcoming Meetings

September 3: NO MEETING

September 10: "A Walk About America", Guest: Eric Latham

September 17: "Minnesota State Demographer", Guest: Tom Gillaspay

September 24: "Meals on Wheels", St. Stephen's Lutheran Church

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

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"Animal Humane Society" – Amy Rosenthal

Tuesday, August 28, 2007 6:00 PM
Wednesday, August 29, 2007 12:00 AM, 6:00 AM, 12:00 PM
Sunday, September 2, 2007 8:30 PM
Monday, September 3, 2007 2:30 AM, 8:30 AM, 2:30 PM

"Family Business" – Joan Thompson

Friday, August 31, 2007 10:30 PM
Saturday, September 1, 2007 4:30 AM, 10:30 AM, 4:30 PM
Friday, September 7, 2007 10:30 PM
Saturday, September 8, 2007 4:30 AM, 10:30 AM, 4:30 PM

Announcements and Other Business

Pack To School

This year, a special donation totaling \$5,000 from our neighbors, Sams Club and Wal-Mart, will assist us in fully subscribing to our Pack To School project. Presenting their check to Dave Walock are, Steve Holman of Sam's Club and Curt Knipp of Wal-Mart. Curt, after 19 years with the company, is General Manager of the Bloomington Wal-Mart. Curt lives in Apple Valley with his wife Stacy and five children. Steve is the General Manager of the Bloomington Sams Club. He has been with Sams for 7 years. He lives in Farmington, MN, with his three children and wife Katie.

Thank you to these two generous organizations!



Rotarians Who Share:

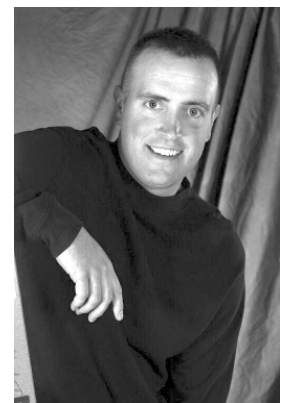
Always ready to lend a hand, whether it is driving back packs to Indian Mounds Elementary, or serving hot dogs at a basketball tournament, today's Rotarian Who Shares is Jim McDonald. Jim grew up in Palo Alto, CA, the son of a life long Rotarian. Jim, and wife, Lynne, have one daughter, Shawn. Jim is Vice President of Administrative Affairs for Northwestern Health Sciences University, having been with them for the past 30 years. Jim joined Rotary in 1985, Classification: College Development. He has served on the Board of Directors and was President in 1991-1992. Jim founded Bloomington Daymakers Rotary Club with Nick Basil, was instrumental in setting up our fundraiser Basketball Tournament, and started our Pack-To-School Service Project. Jim is a co-chair of our Rotary International Foundation Campaign. Jim is attracted to Rotary because of the "great fellowship". His passions include growing orchids, and skiing. Thank you, Jim!



Paul Harris Fellow Award

At our August 20th meeting, we were proud to award a Paul Harris Fellow to Adam Johnston. A Paul Harris Fellow is given in recognition of anyone who contributes a gift of \$1,000 or more to the Rotary International Foundation. Adam received a certificate, a pin and a medallion from Jim Lucas, our RI Foundation Club Co-Chair.

Adam began his working career in banking with Twin City Federal, where he met his wife of seven years, Lori. They have two beautiful daughters, Arianna and Autumn. Adam grew up in NE Minneapolis and graduated from Mankato State University. He began his own company, Hendler-Johnson, a full-service ad agency that specializes in creating corporate identity. Adam has two other companies he works with, Matreks Printing, an on-demand full service print shop, and Pop-a-Lock, the nation's only franchise locksmith company. He enjoys basketball, golf, reading, flying, family vacations and Daddy Date night with his girls!



Attention! STRIVE Mentors....

There will be a STRIVE Mentor Meeting for all STRIVE mentors next Monday at 11:30 at the Hilton. If you are interested in joining the program, please attend and learn more about the program. On August 15th, **Lee Helms and Jeff Andrews** attended a student sign-up. Ten (10) students signed the Student Commitment Form. 8 of these students had parents with them who signed Permission Slips authorizing them to take school bus trips on the College Tour and to the Airport Hilton for lunch with the Rotary Club on December 10th. There will be an additional Student/Parent Commitment Meeting on Thursday, September 6th at 6:30PM in the Kennedy High School Cafeteria at which the remaining 20 students will be signed up.