



# RIB

August 23, 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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Secretary: Karyn Arazi  
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Past Pres: Larry Lee  
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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

### Pack To School Community Service In Action

We need you to **BE THERE!** Thirty-Three (33) Rotarians have already committed to be there and help assemble back to school folders and backpacks for elementary and middle school students whose families are unable to afford all the costs associated with the start up of school.

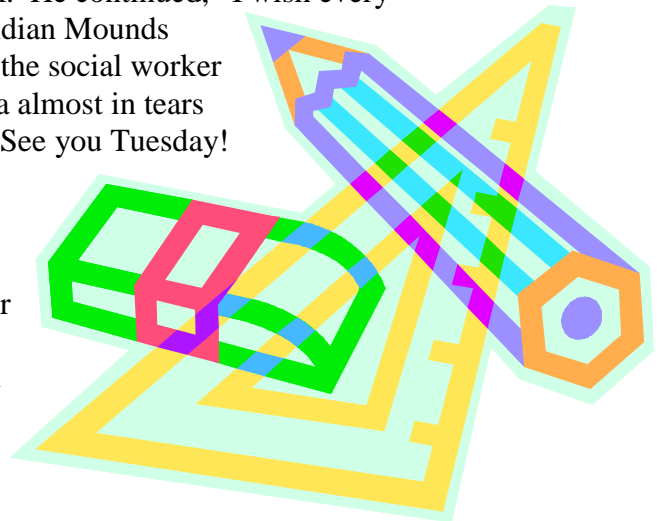
With great appreciation to the Nath Companies and Mahendra Nath for the pledge of up to \$3,000 to cover our costs, this year we will supply 50 elementary school backpacks to Indian Mounds Elementary School and 75 middle school folders to Valley View Middle School.

At each school, the social worker evaluates the need for families who contact them for assistance. The Social Worker will determine the best use of the packets that we drop off for them. Both Valley View Middle School and Indian Mounds Elementary have a high level of diversity and over 1/3 of their families on free and reduced lunch.

Thanks to Dave Senness, Mark Bosch, Jim MacDonald and David Walock for purchasing the backpacks and all of the supplies that will be used to assemble each pack. "The greatest value of this program is that club members can have a hands-on experience." said David Walock. He continued, "I wish every club member could have been at Indian Mounds Elementary School last year to see the social worker and the Principal Kathleen Baldrice almost in tears when the packs were delivered." See you Tuesday!

## Volunteer Opportunity:

*Need* a Driver with a Van to deliver the packs to the schools. Contact David Walock (952) 854-8444 and bring your van to the meeting Tuesday!



### 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 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

## State Legislative Update -

### "The Good, The Bad and the Ugly"

## Guests: State Senator Geoff Michel, State Representatives Ann Lenczewski, and Neil Peterson

Our own Representative Neil Peterson moderated a lively discussion highlighting "The Good, The Bad, and The Ugly" of the recent legislative session.



**The Ugly:** an embarrassingly contentious legislative stand off that led to a state shut down. What happened?

- Representative Ann Lenczewski, who represents central Bloomington and a portion of east Bloomington felt that every legislator needed to take some responsibility for the stalemate. Special interest groups were very active and very few legislators had any incentive to compromise.
- Senator Geoff Michel, representing Edina, noted the state's statistical dead heat in party representation and the rise of the "permanent campaign" leading up to the 2006 elections.

**The Bad:** Polarization. Is the legislature dysfunctional due to the polarization?

- Michel stated there is a good possibility of a special session bringing up several issues. He holds little hope as the key leaders still don't get along.
- Lenczewski said there is much left to get done. The governor can call a special session, but only the legislators can get anything out. She believes the governor's recommendation of no pay for not completing work, will never be effective. House terms are too short and campaigns are too long. Legislators are always concerned about the next election.

**The Good:** The Education Omnibus Bill is "the best education bill he has seen in years." said Bloomington Superintendent Gary Prest. Did the end justify the means?

- Michel and Lenczewski agreed: "NO!" Partisan politics are not good.

Questions: Even though there was an opportunity cost loss in delay of the Bonding Bill, the bill was much larger than if it had passed earlier, therefore much better for us. Lenczewski pointed out that all our Bloomington legislators serve the community in a bi-partisan way rather than placing the party line first. Michel mentioned his participation in a visioning group call the "2020 Caucus" looking out to the future. Peterson indicated that in the future he will demand more from his caucus leadership working to avoid more partisan politics.

Bloomington Rotary  
Youth Exchange

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

Arrived Safely August  
21st

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## Visitors and Guests

**Rotarian Denny Schulstad**, Edina, MN U.S. Air Force

**Rotarian Bruce Halbasch**, Apple Valley, MN General Contractor

**Rotarian Bob Hosch**, Eagan, MN Mechanical Contracting

**Rotarian Jeff Schellberg**, Maple Grove, MN Banker

**Dan Jordan**, Proposed New Member, Walser Automotive, Sales Executive

**Quinn Bellestri; Alex and Pasha Amble** Guests of parent Mark Bellestri and Becky Amble respectively.

**Patricia Martinkovic**, Minnesota Valley Wildlife Refuge Manager, and **Kevin Bigalke**, Conservation Director MVWR, Guests of Lori Nelson.

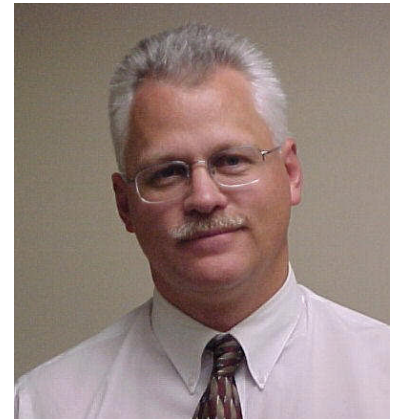
**Shannon Pierce**, StageTime Productions, Guest of Lee Helms

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## Day Chair: David Waloch

### August 23, 2005

Dave learned construction early and stuck with it. Born in Moorhead, MN, he followed his father's large construction projects around the country. Dave graduated from North Dakota State in Civil Engineering and Construction Management. He was an Academic All American Honor wrestler there. Dave is currently Senior Project Manager and Estimator in Multifamily Housing at BORSON Construction Company.



Dave joined Rotary because of the diverse involvement we offer and the great fellowship he feels weekly. He likes that Rotary is involved in service to the larger community, both nationally and internationally.

Dave's passions are spending time with his family at their lake home (a work in progress) and coaching his sons in wrestling. He is the current Valley Athletic Association Wrestling Commissioner and believes in devoting time to the youth of the community. Dave is most proud of his 25 year marriage to wife Tina and his two sons, A.J. and Andrew.

**Dave's words of wisdom:** *"If you never learn the language of gratitude, you'll never be on speaking terms with happiness."*

### 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

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

September 13: **Bloomington City Attorney** Guest: David Orenstein

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**

October 25: **Vocational Visit at Underwater World – Mall of America**

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"**

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.