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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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No Meeting, September 3rd

Next Program, Sept. 10th

"A Walk About America" Guest – Eric Latham



Taking his steps with a purpose, Eric Latham founded Walk About America in September, 2004, raising awareness and funds for cancer research. Eric's mother survived cancer, which inspired him to walk across the United States for cancer research. His father does cancer research in Bristol, VA. Eric also volunteered at Massey Cancer Center in Richmond, VA, where he became friends with many people whose lives were affected by the deadly disease.

In the spring of 2003, Eric received a communications studies degree at Virginia Tech with a concentration in broadcast journalism. Recently completing his new book, "Take Steps With a Purpose", he crafted his writing and speaking abilities while working as a news producer for ABC television in Las Vegas. Join us to hear how Eric's project, walking about America, is making a difference.

This Week's Program

"Pack-To-School" Service Project



What a great day we had! We not only enjoyed the camaraderie of each other's company as we worked, but we could feel a great sense of pride as we packed all of the notebook and backpack kits for our Bloomington students.

Thank you to our Charitable Partners Wal-Mart and Sams Club for their generous donation of \$5,000 toward the cost of the supplies. Their donation, along with the donations of our Rotary members will allow Bloomington Rotary to not only provide these school supplies to Valley View Middle and Indian Mounds Elementary in Bloomington, but to be able to contribute

significant dollars to VEAP's Back To School Program, providing school supplies to many more students in our neighborhood schools. Thank you to our committee who planned this event: **Elizabeth Henderson and Jim Mortensen, Co-Chairs, Dave Walock, Jim McDonald, Colin Evenson, Mark Bosch, Dave Pederson, Frank Grazzini, Pat DePlacido, Jim Wenthold, and Milo Engelstad.**

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:

New Rotarian Les Fujitake, Superintendent of the Bloomington Schools.

Les is approved for Dual Membership with **Ron Simmons**, Principal of Kennedy High School. Also approved for membership, is City Council Member **Karen Nordstrom**. All three will be inducted in upcoming weeks.

President's Column -- Don Stiles

I would like to thank **Ed Reis** again for sharing his background with the Club during his vocational talk this week. Thanks also to all the Rotarians who pitched-in to assemble the 125 "Pack-to-School" backpacks and bags. Many hands do make light work! Special thanks to CoChairs **Jim Mortenson and Elizabeth Henderson** and their committee for organizing this wonderful assembly-line event.

For those of you who missed this Monday's meeting, I announced a special recognition that our Rotary Club just received: the **2007 Normandale Community College Partnership Award**. This award is made annually to the outstanding organization that has partnered with Normandale Community College: "From the STRIVE Program to the Bloomington Rotary Academic Support Center to the remarkable pattern of overlapping volunteerism and service, Bloomington Noon Rotary is the best friend a college could have." This award will be presented at the annual awards ceremony on September 12 at City Hall. All of us should be proud of this special recognition of our Club and the services we perform. Thanks to all who shared their time and talents to earn this community recognition.

Harold Larson Party

Calling all Rotarians! It's silent auction time! Time to gather cool gifts, great services and exciting entertainment certificates to donate to the Harold Larson Party. We need everyone to participate! You may donate an item you purchase yourself or solicit donations from area merchants and businesses.

It's easy! Just fill out a form for each donation and give the form and item to David Wang at a Rotary meeting. Donating a certificate? We need those as soon as possible to create the displays for the auction.

Soliciting a donation from a business or local merchant? Use the form with the blue 100 years Rotary logo, **Page 7 RIB**. It gives information on the event as well as asking for the donor's information. Most businesses require a request on letterhead and appreciate knowing what their donation is supporting.

Need ideas? Check out the ideas list and the top sellers lists. **Need more forms?** (because you have LOTS of items to donate!): Just download and print more forms on your computer. It's easy and convenient! **See Pages 5, 6, and 7 RIB**
Don't wait until the last minute! It takes time to get the items tracked and ready for the auction, so we need them ASAP.

*Remember, if **you** would bid on the item, other Rotarians and their guests will too!*

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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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Noon Rotary
www.bloomingtonrotarymn.org

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International
www.rotary.org

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Sunshine

Great News from **Linda Jewell**! I have finished my 15 months of chemo and will now start my journey back to physical and mental strength and health. Gary and I are leaving for three weeks in Italy and Greece on Wed. Aug. 29th as a celebration of the end of this struggling journey. I can't wait to get back to the club and all my wonderful friends and angels there. Hope I can see you in October. Safe travels!

Don Stiles announced that **Normandale Community College is matching \$2,250 in STRIVE scholarships** this school year. Thank you to all Rotarians who have made these scholarships possible.

Upcoming Meetings

September 3: **NO MEETING**

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

September 17: "Demographic Change in Minnesota", Guest: Tom Gillaspay

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

October 1: "Identity Theft", Office Jim Caauwe, Bloomington Police Dept.

Calendar of Events

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

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

Rotary Minute: Why is a District Governor Important?



On August 20th, **Larry Lee** gave us a nice synopsis of the importance of a District Governor for Rotary. In summary, **Past District Governor Dan Barnett** offers the following: The DG's duties can be summed up in four words: represent, lead, serve and support. The DG represents the District to Rotary International and RI to Clubs in the District. Leading includes recruiting approximately 100 members of the District leadership team, accomplishing the membership and International Foundation goals of RI and special initiatives such as Polio Plus and the Haiti Safe Water project. The DG and the district leadership team serve and support club initiatives and projects, and are available to help with problems and concerns the clubs cannot resolve on their own.

Agreeing to serve as DG is really a 3-year commitment. **Dr. Sandy Schley**, the current District Governor Nominee, will spend this year learning about the District and RI's policies, procedures and programs. **Chris Holm**, the current District Governor Elect, will use his year to set goals and priorities, to develop strategies to advance these goals and to appoint the leadership team. In my opinion, the DGE year is the most important of the three.

I treated being DG as a full-time job. I gave 90 talks, drove 10,000 miles and averaged 30 e-mails and 5 to 10 phone calls a day. The day after Katrina, I received 60 e-mails from Rotarians asking how they could help. Serving as DGN, DGE and DG was an awesome experience. I learned that Rotarians are the same great people the world over. Thanks, Dan for this information and thank you for your contributions as a District Governor!

Rotarians Who Share: Jim Mortensen

Working hard for Pack-To-School is just one way **Jim Mortensen** shares. Jim was born in Minneapolis and grew up in St. Louis Park. He graduated from Dunwoody Institute with an Architectural Engineering Drafting degree. In his early career, he worked for MA Mortensen, Weis Builders, and BOR-SON Construction. He is currently Construction Manager at PCL Construction where he has managed projects such as the new Science Museum of Minnesota and affected the Bloomington skyline with his work on Northland and Southpoint office buildings.



Jim joined Rotary in 1987. He has served on the Board of Directors, headed up raffle tickets sales for the Harold Larson Party, been a Bell Ringer, had 100% attendance, and received multiple Paul Harris Fellows for his contributions to Rotary International Foundation. Jim has been married to Julie for 45 years and they have two children and two grandchildren. Keep up the good works, Jim! Thank you!

Vocational Talk – Ed Reis:



Getting to know more about **Ed Reis** today, we learned Ed is really into SPORTS! But, prefers NON-contact sports—unlike his fellow basketball enthusiast Rotarians. He and his wife love “everything that involves exercise”. An outdoor person, Ed really does love basketball (is pretty good at it!) and skiing along with almost any other outdoor activity. Ed earned a sports management degree in college. His first job involved sales, then for a short time, he owned his own business. Currently, Ed is in school preparing to take the CPA exam. He is working with David M. Senness, CPA, and has appreciated the mentoring that he is receiving from Dave. Ed has worked as a Certified Financial Counselor, counseling people on how to get out of debt and worked in the area of payroll services. Ed is excited about Rotary and the things this Rotary club does.

2007 Harold Larson Party

Silent & Live Auction Donation Ideas

Gifts

Artwork

Collectibles

Books

Wine and Wine baskets (with a selection of wines, glasses, charms)

Music or movies

Sports memorabilia (footballs, baseballs, bats, autographed uniforms, photos, duck decoys, prints)

Sporting goods (golf balls and clubs, hunting and fishing equipment, rain shirts, GPS, fishing rods/reels)

Jewelry

Household goods and furnishing

Lawn and garden items (i.e., patio furniture or grills)

Toys and other children's items

Homemade items (knit or crocheted clothing and blankets, pottery, art)

Entertainment

Restaurant gift certificates or dinner in your home

An evening or weekend at a hotel, cabin or B & B

Gift certificates to theater, orchestra, or movies

Sporting event tickets

Rounds of golf

Vacation get-aways for up to a week
(time-share, condos, cabins)

Services

Health and beauty services (spa, massage, manicure, facial)

Grocery store gift certificates

Gift Baskets

Gourmet (kitchen implements, recipes, cookbook)

Tea for two (assorted teas, cups and saucers, candles)

Stationery (homemade cards, pens, paper)

Car care (bucket, cleaner, wax, tools)

Gardening (tools, bulbs, seeds, books, gloves)

Best of Minnesota (mugs, books, food, gift certificates)

Best of Bloomington (restaurant and store gift certificates)

Chocolate lovers (chocolate assortment, cocoa mix)

Top Sellers from Past HLP events!

4 Tickets to St. Paul Saints/Collector Program

Decorative Ceramic Teapot

Gas Gift Cards

Bath and Body Baskets

Dansk Cocktail Glasses and Pitcher Set

Pottery Bowl

iPod and music downloads

\$100 Kincaids Gift Card

Resort Collection Bath Products

Electronics

DVD player

PDA

I-Pod

Computer hardware and software

Digital camera

Television

GameBoy

X-Box

18 Hole Rounds of Golf at local Golf Courses

Hilton weekend Junior Suite Package

Local hotel Weekend night stays

Portable DVD player

Gift Certificate for Dinner at local restaurant

Electronic Dart Board

Gameboy / Electronic Entertainment

Hand-painted Duck Decoy

Timberwolves Tickets



ROTARY CLUB OF BLOOMINGTON NOON
District 5950 Rotary International

2007 HAROLD LARSON GALA FUND RAISER

Saturday, November 17, 2007
Golden Valley Golf and Country Club

AUCTION DONATION FORM

Item Name: _____

Item Description: _____

Estimated Value: _____

Rotary Contact/Solicitor: _____ **Phone:** _____

Donor Name: _____

Company Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Please e-mail or fax this completed form to:

David Wang

david.wang@associatedbank.com

FAX: 651-554-8706

Or hand deliver to David Wang



BLOOMINGTON ROTARY
41st Annual Harold Larson Gala
Saturday, November 17, 2007
Golden Valley County Club

**Rotary
Club of
Bloomington
District 5950**

Don Stiles
President
Carolyn Pratt
President Elect
Adam Johnston
Vice President
Brett McMahon
Secretary/Treasurer

The Rotary Club of Bloomington Noon is celebrating their 41st Annual Harold Larson Gala Fund Raiser. The event supports our Charitable Partners: Courage Center, Normandale Community College, VEAP, Cornerstone, Education Foundation of Bloomington, Bloomington Fine Arts Council and other charitable causes. Your donation of a silent or live auction item makes the support of these important community organizations possible.

Please take a moment to complete the form below with your contribution of a product or service from your business. We appreciate your community business partnership as together we support the needs of these vital organizations in our shared community.

Donation Form

Mission:
An organization of
leaders working together
to make a difference in
the community and the
world

Name _____

Company _____

Address _____

City, State Zip _____

Phone _____ FAX _____

Email _____

Item Description: _____

Retail Value of Donation \$ _____

Please return this form and/or your donation by November 1, 2007 to:

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