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August 30, 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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Johnston, Carolyn Pratt,
Dave Senness, Laura
Bjorgo, Dave Walock

Next Week's Program

**VEAP Volunteers Enlisted to Assist People
Guests: Susan Freeman**

VEAP provides a range of basic services that fulfill immediate needs in people's lives and position them for long-term success. VEAP has long recognized that there are people in Bloomington, Richfield, Edina and South Minneapolis that are low-income and in need of some help to prevent them from a financial crisis. Based on the idea of neighbors helping neighbors, VEAP provides this critical help to our neighbors in need.

According to the 2000 census at least 25% of all families with young children and 17% of all seniors living in the VEAP service area are considered low-income. Approximately 23,000 individuals in the communities that VEAP serves are low-income. Most vulnerable are those that are under age 18 and seniors over 65.

VEAP provides services in the following categories: Food Services, Seasonal Programs, Social Services and Transportation. Last year services were provided to 10,517 of our low-income neighbors. We saw many new faces, some who returned after not needing VEAP assistance for some time and all of them needed more services than ever before.

VEAP relies on the support of local businesses, individuals, faith communities, schools, foundations and organizations. VEAP has over 700 active volunteers who donate over 23,000 hours of service to helping the low-income population of our community.

Susan Freeman, our guest speaker, has been Executive Director at VEAP since 1976.



Bloomington High School students as VEAP volunteers, delivering food.

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

- Sept. 6: John Houle
- Sept. 13: Nick Basil
- Sept. 20: LuAnn Baker
- Sept. 27: Wally Neal
- Oct. 4: Don Stiles

This Week's Program

Pack To School Community Service In Action

What a great fun event! Thanks to all the volunteers who helped pack 125 school packs for Bloomington Elementary and Middle School students today! We had pencils, pens, crayons, notebooks, rulers, markers, erasers, calculators, the list goes on, all stacked in neat piles as each Rotarian filed through the line to place items into each school pack. Great organization by leaders David Walock, Mark Bosch, Jim MacDonald, and David Senness!



Thanks to the Nath Companies and Mahendra Nath for the pledge of up to \$3,000 to cover our costs, 50 elementary school backpacks are on their way to Indian Mounds Elementary School and 75 middle school folders are on their way to Valley View Middle School.

These pictures show some of the fun we had. We know that each student who receives one of these packs will be smiling just as much as we are today.



Youth Exchange

Last week we welcomed to our club Leonardo Cordeiro (Leo) our 2005 Rotary Youth Exchange student. Leo joins us from Itajai, a port city in Santa Catarina, Brazil. Leo will be a Senior this year at Jefferson High School. December 21st will be his 18th birthday. Already scoring one goal and one assist, Leo will be playing on the Junior Varsity Soccer Team at Jefferson.

Speaking fluent Portuguese, Leo has studied two additional languages, English and Spanish. Leo plays handball and soccer and loves all kinds of sports. He is also a musician, playing the guitar and bass. Leo plans to study telecommunications when he moves on to University. His mother is a technical designer and his father an insurance broker. He has one brother, Renan, 11 yrs.old.



Bloomington Rotary
Youth Exchange

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

Arriving August 21st

Host Family:
Britta & Curtis Nelson
4515 Sedum Lane
Edina, MN 55435

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Visitors and Guests

Tamara Kalandarishvili, Georgia Republic

Guest of Sharon Van Winkel

Joshua Pratt-Thatcher

Guest of Carolyn Pratt

Day Chair: Carolyn Pratt

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Giving back to her community is the hallmark of Carolyn Pratt's life. Raised in a Rotarian family in Ann Arbor, MI, Carolyn understood and valued the true nature of Rotary.

A graduate of Oberlin Conservatory and Oberlin College in Ohio, Carolyn has completed all but her dissertation toward her Doctoral of Musical Arts degree in Choral conducting. We have all been privileged to enjoy her beautiful soprano voice while learning a little bit about the history of vocal music. You almost feel like you have met Jenny Lind personally after one of her concerts. Pratt has performed on the operatic and concert stage throughout the Midwest, appearing with the Minnesota Opera, the Minnesota Orchestra, and the St. Paul Chamber Orchestra.



Carolyn and husband Jackson Thatcher, a cardiologist, live in Bloomington with their three sons. Carolyn's community work includes the Bloomington Fine Arts Council, Thursday Musical, Park Nicollet Foundation, and Normandale Community College Foundation. She has served on the Harold Larson planning committee for three years. She admits that she might have just a few too many shoes and dreams of staying happy and healthy so that she can see her family grow and prosper.

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 13: **Bloomington City Attorney Guest: David Ornstein**

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 1: **IKEA Guest: Max Urtsan Wedtseng**

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

Calendar of Events

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

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

Rotary Information

Bloomington Noon Rotary
www.bloomingtonrotarymn.org

Rotary International
www.rotary.org

Rotary District 5950
www.rotary5950.org

Meeting Make-ups
http://www.rotary5950.org/where_meet.html

Rotary on Bloomington Cable, Channel 14:
STRIVE Banquet – Bloomington Noon Rotary

Sunday	September 11:	6:00 P.M.	
Monday	September 12:	6:00 A.M.;	12:00 P.M. (Noon)