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Sept. 10, 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

"Demographic Change in Minnesota" Guest – Tom Gillaspay



What are the current population trends in Minnesota? How does this affect me or my business? Tom Gillaspay has served as the Minnesota State Demographer since 1979. During that time, he has been involved with a wide-ranging set of issues, applying an understanding of demographic trends in such areas as the state's economy, healthcare for an aging population, education, higher education, welfare reform, rural population change, labor shortages, immigration, housing, government spending, and the aging state workforce. He reports under the Minnesota Department of Administration.

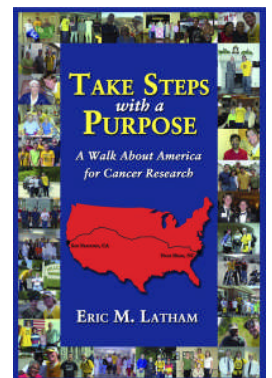
Prior to moving to Minnesota, Tom held the position of demographer at the Andrus Gerontology Center, University of Southern California. He received his PhD in economics from the Pennsylvania State University, specializing in economic demography. He also holds a Masters Degree in agricultural economics. Born and raised in Texas, he received his undergraduate degree in economics from the University of Texas in Austin.

This Week's Program

"A Walk About America" Guest – Eric Latham

Motivated by his own personal experience and the personal stories of the people he met along the way, our guest, Eric Latham, covered 3,591 miles on foot in 206 days to raise \$20,823 for cancer research. His first steps began at the Atlantic Ocean and he walked across the United States to the shore of the Pacific Ocean, just under the Golden Gate Bridge.

He was hailed along the way by both cheers and jeers and found that each morning the one thing that motivated him to get up again and take that next step was the face of a cancer survivor he had just met. "His personal struggle could not compare to the personal struggle they were facing." He found that cancer forms a bond between people who have been touched by it. Many folks invited him to stay with them as he passed through their communities and many others walked along side of him for a few miles. He even walked 100 miles out of his way just to visit a cancer center where he had been specially invited. Visit www.walkaboutamerica.org for more information or to donate to his cause.



September Birthdays

- 06 Lee Helms
- 09 Jay Stevens
- 12 Dick Smith
- 13 Jim Wenthold
- 16 John Swaney
- 27 Dave Getsch
- 29 Bonnie Carlson
- 29 Dave Simmer

September Anniversaries

- 01 Harold Larson 40 yrs
- 01 Jae Mellin 16 yrs
- 11 Jeff Andrews 1 yr
- 11 Dave Simmer 1 yr
- 13 Dan Jordan 2 year
- 15 Milo Engelstad 46 yrs
- 24 Abul Sharah 5 yrs
- 28 Mark Bellestri 3 yrs
- 30 Dan Barnett 30 yrs

Greeter Schedule

- 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 Ron Simmons**, Principal of Kennedy High School
- New Rotarian Karen Nordstrom**, Bloomington City Council, Retired Nurse
- Rotarian Jerry Brown**, Minneapolis #9, CPA, Guest of Dana House
- Cindy House**, spouse and guest of Dana House
- Lemlem Mosazghi**, spouse and guest of Ghidei Zedingle
- Lee Sundet**, Former Rotarian

President's Column -- Don Stiles

There is so much going on in our Club that I'm sure there is something for anyone and everyone who wants to get involved. Thank you all for your willingness to participate in serving others.

I would like to congratulate our three newest Paul Harris Fellows, **Dana House, Diann Kirby, and Ghidei Zedingle**. Special thanks to these individuals for their financial support to the Rotary Foundation.

I encourage all members to visit the Winona Rotary website (www.winonarotary.org) to see if there is some way you might want to help out flood victims in southern Minnesota. The Winona Rotary is taking a leadership role in organizing this help effort. We will be discussing this effort at our September 17 Club Board meeting, so let me know your thoughts as well. Thanks for sharing your time and talents!



Harold Larson Party

Rah, Rah Raffle!! ...and Alaska is the Grand Prize!



The prizes are gathered, the tickets are printed and the distribution is nearly complete! You guessed it, its raffle ticket time!! One of the primary components of the Harold Larson Party is the raffle ticket sales by all of our Club members. Each of you receives 60 tickets (\$300 value) lovingly packaged (and stapled) by our raffle ticket co-chairs, Jim Mortenson and Terry Stirewalt. Now is the time to encourage your family, friends, and colleagues to support all of the good work done by the Bloomington Rotary Club by purchasing raffle tickets from you. Each ticket is \$5 (five tickets for \$25..what a bargain and the staple is free!) We need everyone's help to reach our raffle ticket sales goal, so please sell your 60 tickets today and ask Jim or Terry for a new supply. With everyone sharing the work together, **we can make a difference!** (See page 5,6,7 RIB for donation forms.)

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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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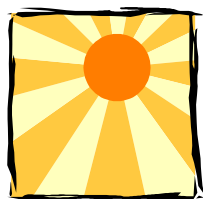
Rotary District
5950
www.rotary5950.org

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http://www.rotary5950.org/where_meet.html

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Sunshine

The **STRIVE** sign-up was held on Sept. 6th, and there are now 30 students ready to start the program this Wednesday, September 12th. Special thanks to **Jeff Andrews** and **Lee Helms** for co-chairing the STRIVE Program.

Phyllis Karasov just returned from an amazing and provocative trip to Israel where she kayaked down the Jordan River and rode a camel in the Negev Desert. She highly recommends Israel as a travel destination with its religious importance.

Carolyn Pratt's son Jack is home for two weeks of leave from his service in Iraq visiting North Carolina for some R&R. He returns to Iraq Sept. 21st and will hopefully be home for good by Christmas.

Larry Lee and family recently visited New Orleans and the Alabama gulf coast. It was hard to find evidence of hurricane Katrina in the French Quarter or the Garden District and the food was some of the best in North America!

Upcoming Meetings

September 17: “**Demographic Change in Minnesota**”, Guest: Tom Gillaspay

September 24: “**Meals on Wheels**”, Location: **St. Stephen's Lutheran Church**

October 1: “**Identity Theft**”, Office Jim Caauwe, Bloomington Police Dept.
Location: **Bloomington Civic Plaza – Art Center**

October 8: “**Legislative Update**”, Guest: Neil Peterson
Location: **Bloomington Civic Plaza – Art Center**

Calendar of Events

September 24: Meals on Wheels – **St. Stephen Lutheran Church, 8400 France**

October 1 and 8: Meetings **Location Change to Bloomington Civic Plaza**

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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“Internet Predators” – Neal Nelson

Friday, September 14, 2007	10:30 PM
Saturday, September 15, 2007	4:30 AM, 10:30 AM, 4:30 PM
Friday, September 21, 2007	10:30 PM
Saturday, September 22, 2007	4:30 AM, 10:30 AM, 4:30 PM

Announcements and Other Business

Rotary Minute: "Rotary Foundation and our Paul Harris Fellows"



The Paul Harris Fellowship is named for Paul Harris, who founded Rotary with three business associates in Chicago in 1905. The Fellowship was established in his honor in 1957 to express appreciation for a \$1,000 contribution to the humanitarian and educational programs of the Rotary Foundation. These programs include an array of projects that save and invigorate the lives of people around the world and enhance international friendship and understanding. Foundation programs provide educational opportunities, food, potable water, health care, immunizations, and shelter for millions of people.

Today, we welcome **Ghidei Zedingle**, **Diann Kirby**, and **Dana House** as new Paul Harris Fellows (pictured above). Repeat Paul Harris Fellows, **Marty Chorzempa** (Major Donor at a level greater than \$25,000), **Mark Bosch** (second Paul Harris Fellow), and **Don Stiles** (seventh Paul Harris Fellow) are shown in the photo to the right. Jim Lucas, current Chair of the Rotary Foundation campaign committee, presented the awards.



Paulo V. C. Costa, a former RI President, said, "Rotary International's masterpiece is the Rotary Foundation. It ... achieves the best that mankind can possibly achieve." Cumulative contributions to the foundation since 1916 have been \$1.8 Billion. There were 51,300 Paul Harris Fellows awarded last year with total contributions to the Foundation equaling \$112,000,000. Rotary recognized 860 Major Donors (over \$10,000) to the Foundation last year, as well. Thank you to all who contribute. Congratulations to the above Bloomington Rotarians on your special recognition.

Rotarians Who Share: Jim Lucas



Sharing his enthusiasm for the Rotary Foundation, today's *Rotarian Who Shares* is **Jim Lucas**. Jim was born in Rockford, IL, and grew up in Edina. Golf has been in his blood throughout his life, as one of his first jobs was caddy at the Edina Country Club. He holds a B.S. degree in psychology from the U of M and attended the U of M Law School. He achieved his Chartered Life Underwriter designation through the American College. Jim is co-founder and owner of Benefits Plus, LLC, insurance agency, and a Northwestern Mutual Financial Network registered representative. Married to Dolores for 35 years, they have three beautiful daughters of whom they are very proud. Jim joined Rotary in 1980, served as President 1987-88, has served as fundraising chair for multiple fund development campaigns within our club, and is currently the co-chair of the International Rotary Foundation Campaign. In last year's campaign, under Jim's leadership, our club achieved 100% participation and over \$400.00 per member in donations. Thank you, Jim, for your tireless work.

"Camp Enterprise" – David Getsch, Chair Camp Enterprise is an entrepreneurial business training experience for High School students provided by local Rotary Clubs. Held at Camp Courage, November 1-3, 2007, and organized by the two Edina Rotary clubs, this extended weekend learning opportunity introduces promising business and marketing high school students to local business leaders and encourages them to begin making those all important networking connections now. Bloomington Noon sponsors two Kennedy High School students to this camp each year. All rotarians are invited to visit the camp and meet these young people. Visit the Rotary web site to get further details: www.campenterprise.org

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)

Electronics

DVD player
PDA
I-Pod
Computer hardware and software
Digital camera
Television
GameBoy
X-Box

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

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

18 Hole Rounds of Golf at local Golf Courses



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:

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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 _____

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

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