



RIB

September 18, 2006

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.

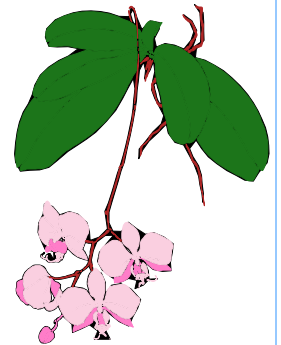
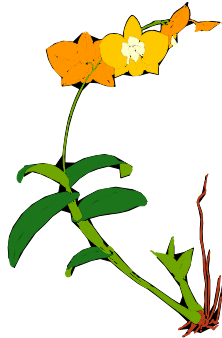
The Rotary Club of Bloomington Noon

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Next Week's Program

**"All you ever wanted to know about orchids"
Rotarian Jim McDonald**

Passionate about his hobby of growing orchids, Rotarian Jim McDonald has become quite an expert. Jim has built his own climate controlled greenhouse where he grows and cultivates his special plants. He might even share a tale or two of some breathless border crossings bringing small plants into the US.



Jim is Vice President of Administrative Affairs for Northwestern Health Sciences University where he has served for over 28 years. He joined Rotary in 1985 and was awarded Rotarian of the Year in 1989, and has served on the Board and as President (1981-82). Join us for this often requested encore presentation.

This Week's Program

**"Hope For Tomorrow"
Rotarian Teresa Daly, Mentor, Burnsville Chapter**

Helping young 8th and 9th grade women to see possibilities they never saw before is a motivator for Teresa Daly, founding member of the Burnsville "Hope for Tomorrow" project. Begun in Bloomington, "Hope for Tomorrow" pairs young women with professional, successful women in the community in mentoring relationships. Paired through referrals at their school, these professionals meet with their students one time each month at school in a group setting.

Mentors and mentees take two field trips that acquaint the girls with the professional world at a local business and with the academic possibilities available through Normandale Community College. At their meetings they discuss timely topics such as peer pressure, health issues, dreams, and etiquette. Students who participate discover that they too can become anything they dream as they hear the stories of their mentors.



September Birthdays

06 Lee Helms
12 Dick Smith
16 John Swaney
27 Dave Getsch
29 Bonnie Carlson
29 Dave Simmer

September Anniversaries

01 Harold Larson 39 yrs
01 Jae Mellin 15 yrs
13 Dan Jordan 1 year
15 Milo Engelstad 45 yrs
24 Abul Sharah 4 yrs
28 Mark Bellestri 2 yrs
30 Dan Barnett 29 yrs

Greeter Schedule

Sept. 18: Bernie Bryant
Sept. 25: Mark Bosch
Oct. 2: Brian Emerson
Oct. 9: Jim Truax
Oct. 16: Milo Engelstad
Oct. 23: Gigi Brecht
Oct. 30: Guthrie Theater
Nov. 6: NO MEETING
Nov. 13: Jeff Andrews

New Members

Inducted into membership last week, we welcome **Dr. David Simmer**, Doctor of Chiropractic, Mellin Clinic and **Jeff Andrews**, President, Navigation Mortgage, highlighted this week in our RIB:

Jeff Andrews

After three years in the mortgage management business, Jeff Andrews struck out on his own forming Navigation Mortgage in January, 2005. He built the company on the principle of a great value for a fair price. Jeff helps his clients with their real estate needs including mortgage financing, investment property acquisitions, and overall business development

Jeff is an active participant in the Bloomington community through his work with the Bloomington Community Foundation, the Bloomington Traffic and Transportation Advisory Commission, the SouthRiver Networkers chapter of BNI and the Bloomington Chamber of Commerce. Jeff's sense of community is behind Navigation Mortgage's commitment to donate 1% of gross revenues back to the community.

Jeff is a graduate of Bethel College and lives in Bloomington with his grade school sweetheart, Debbie. He is an avid player of poker and loves playing golf.



Visitors and Guests

Rotarian Scott Fricke, Eden Prairie Noon Rotary, Real Estate, Applying to transfer to Bloomington Noon

Rotarian Don Kelly, St. Paul Sunrise, Consultant (Business Solutions)

Don Peterson, Guest of Brian Emerson, Hotel Management – **Approved for membership by the Board of Directors.**

Ghidei Zedingle, Guest of Bernie Bryant, Normandale College, Applied for membership.

Jessica Mike, Guest of Teresa Daly

Name That Rotarian

This former Iowan grew up on a farm, loading hay bales in the summer as a first paying job. This Iowan earned an architectural engineering degree from Iowa State. The first paying job was creating structural engineering designs for churches and colleges. This Rotarian joined the club in 1992 with a classification of consulting engineer. Hobbies include golf – not just playing the game but making clubs as well, some of which have appeared at Harold Larson Party auctions.

Is it?

A. Jim Mortensen B. John Houle C. Dave Pederson D. Jack Carlson

Answer: Page 4 RIB

Sunshine



Wally Neal shared the great news that his recent PET Scan and CT Scan showed all clear at this time. Perfect readings. He will return in three months for a followup. Our prayers are with you, Wally, for continued clear readings.

Bernie Bryant shared that the 30th Anniversary Sukiyaki Dinner for benefit of the Normandale Japanese Gardens will be held on October 1st, Noon to 6:00PM at the Cafeteria of the Kopp Student Center, NCC. Advance Tickets: \$15.00 Call Pat at (612) 866-5322 to purchase.

Vocational Talk

Carolyn Pratt

It is probably no surprise that Carolyn Pratt grew up in a musical family. Both her parents were professional vocalists. Carolyn had music in her head before she could read and write. Graduating from Oberlin College with two bachelor's degrees in Women's History and Music, Carolyn continued her studies at the University of Wisconsin, Madison achieving all but her dissertation for a doctorate in Choral Conducting.



Professionally, Carolyn is a soprano soloist. She collaborates with groups such as the Minnesota Opera, the Minnesota Orchestra, the Bloomington Medalist Band, and performs specialty programs such as her recent "Isn't It Romantic" and "Jenny Lind". She is active in many non-profit organizations as well. Currently she is the Executive Director of the Bloomington Fine Arts Council. She serves on the Boards of the Park Nicollet Foundation, Bloomington Chamber of Commerce, Normandale Community College Foundation, and the Greater Twin Cities Youth Symphony.

Carolyn is married to Dr. Jackson Thatcher, who works at the Park Nicollet Research Center. The couple has three sons, Jack, Jordan, and Joshua. Avid admirers of colorful visual art, you will see many examples hanging on the walls of their Bloomington home.

President's Column

Diann Kirby

The latest Rotarian magazine puts the spotlight on a trend that we're all familiar with: "the graying of Rotary". A recent study shows that most Rotarians are between the ages of 50 and 59. Rotarians under 40 make up only 11 percent of overall membership. Our own club's demographics mirror that trend. "If we don't get enough young people into Rotary, then Rotary will die," Rotary International President Bill Boyd bluntly stated earlier this year.



I like the analogy that Rotary uses for why we should attract young leaders. It's called "building bench strength" which means developing the next generation so it can successfully run our organization. Although recruiting young leaders is crucial to Rotary's future, seasoned members are still the backbone of our organization. They bring knowledge, resources and time to our club. So what does the future hold for Bloomington Noon Rotary Club? As the article says, our next 100 years are up to us.

**Extraordinary People
Doing Extraordinary Things!**

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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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Upcoming Meetings

September 25: "All You Ever Wanted to Know About Orchids", Rotarian Jim McDonald

TUESDAY, Sept. 26: Gubernatorial Forum Cancelled

October 2: "Yes Margaret, there are still Bi-Partisan Politics in Minnesota!"
Lori Sturdevant, Writer-Editorial page, Star Tribune

October 9: "Putting Family First", Nancy Z. Carlson, Author

Calendar of Events

September 25: Meeting Reinstated! Jim McDonald's "Orchids"

September 26: Gubernatorial Forum Cancelled!

October 30: Vocational Visit to the Guthrie with backstage tour at **10:30 AM**

November 10: South Metro Veterans Day Program (Nov 6 – No meeting)

November 17: District 5950 International Night! Earle Brown Heritage Center

November 18: Harold Larson Party, Auction Donation Form on Page 5 RIB

January 31: STRIVE Mock Job Interview (with Rotarians...you are needed!)

April 26-28, 2007: Rotary District 5950 Conference

May 19: District 5950 Assembly, Club officer and Board member training.

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:
Colleen Simpson, "Park Nicollet Foundation"

Tuesday, September 26, 2006 9:00 PM

Wednesday, September 27, 2006 3:00 AM, 9:00 AM, 3:00 PM

Thursday, September 28, 2006 11:25 PM

Friday, September 29, 2006 5:25 AM, 11:25 AM, 5:25 PM

Name That Rotarian: C. Dave Pederson



ROTARY CLUB OF BLOOMINGTON NOON
District 5950 Rotary International

2006 HAROLD LARSON PARTY and FUND RAISER

Saturday, November 18, 2006
Golden Valley Golf and Country Club

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Item Description: _____

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