



# RIB

September 25, 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

President: Diann Kirby  
Pres Elect: Don Stiles  
Vice Pres: Carolyn Pratt  
Secretary: Karyn Arazi  
Treasurer: Brett McMahon  
Past Pres: John Swaney  
Dist Gov: Rod Shilkrot  
Sgt in Arms: Rick Sitek  
Exec Sec: Kathy Koehler  
Directors: Adam Johnston,  
Dave Senness, Lori  
Nelson, Mark Bosch,  
LuAnn Paulet, Mark  
Bellestri, Laura Bjorgo,  
Terry Stirewalt, and Dave  
Walock

## Next Week's Program

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



Known for telling all sides of an issue with clarity and specializing in coverage of state government and politics, higher education and rural development, Lori has been an editorial writer and columnist for the Star Tribune since 1992. She began her career at the Star Tribune on general assignment in 1975. She is the editor of two books by Elmer L. Andersen and two by W. Harry Davis.

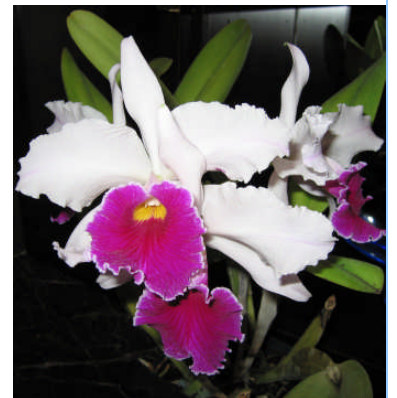
Lori was born in Sioux Falls, SD. She received her BA in science journalism from Coe College. She has three children and is very active in her local church. Join us for a bi-partisan look into local politics.

## This Week's Program

**"All You Ever Wanted to Know About Orchids, But Were  
Afraid to Ask" Rotarian Jim McDonald**

Building his first green house at the age of 13, orchids were Jim McDonald's destiny. He enhanced his skills with his undergraduate degree in botany. Today, Jim's customized green house holds over 200 plants, coming from all over the world...places like Panama, Brazil (pictured here), and Guatemala. He has brought many of them here directly through his travels. Some of his plants are decades old.

Orchids are found on every continent except Antarctica. Orchids often grow in the open with roots exposed as the roots gather nutrients directly from the rain, bird and insect droppings, and leaf decay. They need moisture, but not excessive water. Over watering is the most common way to kill a plant. Orchids also need about a 15 degree change in temperature between night and day to stay healthy. Thank you, Jim, for again shaing your knowledge. It was fascinating!



**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**

- Oct. 2: Brian Emerson
- Oct. 9: Jim Truax
- Oct. 16: Mark Bosch
- Oct. 23: Gigi Brecht
- Oct. 30: Guthrie Theater
- Nov. 6: NO MEETING
- Nov. 13: Jeff Andrews
- Nov. 20: Lori Nelson
- Nov. 27: LuAnn Paulet
- Dec. 4: Jay Stevens
- Dec. 11: Ken Nordlie
- Dec. 18: Jim Wenthold
- Dec. 25: NO MEETING
- Jan. 1: NO MEETING

## District News

District Governor Rod is at home, and trying to find a comfortable position for his broken-in-two-places-leg and broken ankle. Two screws and a bolt were placed in his ankle during surgery last Tuesday. He has a post-op appointment Friday (September 29), at which time his rehab schedule will be determined. If all proceeds as anticipated, after that appointment he will be on crutches for 5 weeks; and in a walking boot for the following 6 weeks.

Rod is able to take phone calls (between 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.) at 763-551-7970. If you would like to send greetings, please send to his home address:

Rod Shilkrot  
11545 - 43rd Ave. No.  
Plymouth, MN 55442



Throughout this painful ordeal, Rod's sense of humor has remained healthy and in tact, as is evidenced from the quote below:

"By the way, I am telling people it was an adult hockey league accident, slammed into the boards going after a loose puck . . . the unsuspecting victim of a vicious illegal check by a non-Rotarian. May not meet the 4-way test, but it sounds better than slipping on a small hill off a putting green."

## International Night – Dist. 5950

**October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 5:30 to 9:00 PM Earle Brown Heritage Center**

**Don't miss this exciting evening!** All Rotarians are invited. It promises to be both entertaining and educational as we highlight beneficial programs happening around the world through our Rotary District. The BEST part...our Youth Exchange and Ambassadorial Scholar students will be holding a silent auction with items from their home countries. Registration is due by 4:00 PM, October 19<sup>th</sup>. The program Bulletin and a Registration Form are attached to this RIB. **BE THERE!**



## Name That Rotarian

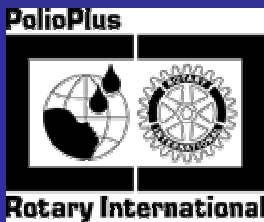
This attorney, who specialized in estate planning and investment in natural gas properties, joined Bloomington Rotary in 1989. Born and raised in West Des Moines, Iowa, he received a bachelor's degree from Drake University and a law degree from the University of Michigan. A self-professed history buff, he is noted for family vacations that consist of going from one historical site to another. At Bloomington Rotary, this member has been a longtime STRIVE mentor.

**Is it?**

**A. Gene Fuller    B. Wally Neal    C. Brett McMahon    D. Jack Carlson**

**Answer: Page 4 RIB**

## Rotary Minute



The Rotary Minute: a short description of a Rotary International activity.

John Houle delivered our first Rotary Minute on Polio and Rotary. Did you know that in 1985, when Rotary launched its eradication program, there were an estimated 350,000 new cases of polio in 125 countries? Just 20 years later only 1,263 cases were reported.

Cited in the Wall Street Journal as the most successful private health care initiative ever, "Rotary's unsung polio effort deserves the Nobel Peace Prize."

## Sunshine

**Bonnie Carlson** shared the sad news that Shawn Corwin's outlook has become terminal with just a few weeks to live as the cancer has progressed to her heart. You can send her a note at [www.caringbridge.com](http://www.caringbridge.com) choosing *visit*, then typing in *Shawn Corwin Myland*.

**Becky Amble** shared that her brother, Lee, will be visiting in mid-October. She is particularly thankful for two healing miracles he has experienced during this past year. Lee experienced first the loss of vision in one eye and then, months later, the rupture of his eardrum. In both situations, Doctors could not assure him full healing, but he has come back 100%. Good news.

**Gigi Brecht** finished the Bloomington Iron Girl Duathlon in two hours and 21 minutes. Run 2 miles/Bike 22 miles/Run 2 miles. Congratulations Gigi. Great accomplishment!

Our prayers continue with **Linda Jewell** as she discontinues her Taxol chemo (causing her great discomfort) and continues with her Herceptin chemo over the coming year. God is guiding her healing and she can feel all the prayers.

The Hilton Hotel has recently been sold to new owners. **Mike Brunkow** indicated he will know in October if management will maintain current staff. This Hilton has the best performance numbers and with this purchase, it is slated for another \$4 Million of renovation. It should be quite a show piece when complete. We all wish for good news for Mike.

We continue to share a warm welcome each week to our newest Rotary members: **Jeff Andrews** and **Brian Emerson**.

## President's Column

### Diann Kirby

Did you know that the 2007 Rotary International Convention is back in the United States? Next year's host is Salt Lake City, Utah. (The original site for 2007 was New Orleans, which was moved for obvious reasons.) If you haven't been to a RI Convention, or if it's been many years, you should consider attending this one. It's been said that no matter how many conventions you attend, each one is different and special.

If my experience in Copenhagen was any indication, this convention will feature new friendships, inspiring speakers and an international experience like no other. Plus, Salt Lake City is a great place for a family vacation. It's within a day's drive of 15 historic monuments and national parks, including Yellowstone, Grand Teton, and Arches. For more details, check out the official 2007 convention site at [www.rihost2007slc.org](http://www.rihost2007slc.org).



## 2007 Rocky Mountain Rendezvous

### 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

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

October 16: “Viva La Difference! Men and Women and Communication”,  
Bridget Gothberg, Organizational Development and Tom Lisec, Training and  
Writing Consultant

October 23: “Ten Thousand Villages”, Rick Martens, Executive Director

## Calendar of Events

**October 23:** District 5950 **International Night!** Earle Brown Heritage Center  
See Announcement, Page 6 RIB and Registration, Page 7 RIB

**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 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.

**June 17-20, 2007:** RI Convention in Salt Lake City, Utah

## 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:**  
**Colleen Simpson, Park Nicollet Foundation**

Thursday, September 28, 2006 11:25 PM

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

**Doug Schmitt, V.P. Business Development, Schmitt Music**

Tuesday, October 3, 2006 9:00 PM

Wednesday, October 4, 2006 3:00 AM, 9:00 AM, 3:00 PM

Thursday, October 5, 2006 11:22 PM

**Name That Rotarian: A. Gene Fuller**



**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**

**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:  
**Mark Bosch**  
**[mbosch@bossardt.com](mailto:mbosch@bossardt.com) or [mbosch1@mn.rr.com](mailto:mbosch1@mn.rr.com)**  
**FAX: 952-831-1268**  
**Or hand deliver to Mark Bosch or Dan Jordan**



**Rotary District 5950 International Night – October 23, 2006 – 5:30-9:00 PM**  
**Earle Brown Heritage Center – 6155 Earle Brown Drive – Brooklyn Center, MN**  
**Rotary International Leader to Deliver Keynote Address**

District 5950 will be visited by a distinguished Rotary International leader from Santiago, Chile, for International Night which will be celebrated on October 23 at the Earle Brown Heritage Center in Brooklyn Center, MN. The event will commemorate the achievements of international projects and programs throughout the district. Mr. Eric Krumm, RI Water Resource Group Area Coordinator for Latin America and RI Latin America Representative to the UN Economic Commission will deliver the keynote address. He is a member of the Rotary Club of Vitacura, Santiago, Chile,

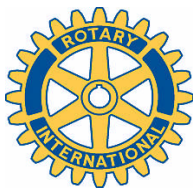
Also attending will be Mr. Joaquin Mejia, Senior Coordinator, International Offices and Associate Foundations, The Rotary Foundation, who delivered the keynote address last year.

Clubs will have an opportunity to exhibit their projects. (Set-up time for projects is between 3:00 and 6:00 p.m.; take-down completed by 9:45 p.m., please.) Ambassadorial Scholars and Inbound Youth Exchange students will bring items from their home countries for a silent auction. Hats and gloves for the *Warm Heads, Warm Hands, Warm Hearts* project will be distributed to participating Rotary clubs.

#### Agenda

- 5:30 Cash Bar
- 6:00 Silent Auction  
International Project Exhibits
- 7:00 Welcome  
Pledge  
Invocation  
Youth Exchange Flag Ceremony
- 7:15 Dinner
- 8:00 Program
- 9:00 Adjourn

For more information, contact Suzanne Sem ([suzanne06@netscape.com](mailto:suzanne06@netscape.com)), or Bob Margolis ([margo001@umn.edu](mailto:margo001@umn.edu)). To register, contact Diane Confer ([diane.confer@comcast.net](mailto:diane.confer@comcast.net))



Rotary District 5950 International Night  
Monday, October 23, 2006 ~ 5:30-9:00 p.m.

**DINNER RESERVATION FORM**

***\$38.00 PER PERSON ~ Registration MUST be received by 4:00 p.m. October 19, 2006***

***Please print legibly:***

Rotary Club of: \_\_\_\_\_

Guests attending: (please use additional sheet if necessary)

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

I/we would prefer a vegetarian meal (indicate number): \_\_\_\_\_

**Please indicate method of payment @ \$38 per person:**

Check payable to *Rotary District 5950*

Number of guests \_\_\_\_\_ Amount enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

MasterCard **Or**  Visa (no other credit cards accepted) Amount charged: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Account # \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

Name on account (please print): \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of person completing this form: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ and/or email address \_\_\_\_\_

***Please submit registration & payment so that they are received by  
4:00 p.m. Thursday, October 19, 2006 ■ No refunds after October 19***

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