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October 2, 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

"Putting Family First"

Barbara Z. Carlson, Author

For most families today, time is the new commodity. We just don't have enough time! Parents and children are on a merry-go-round of frantic activity that is spinning out of control. Join us in an exciting hands-on discussion about our overscheduled, hyperactive and under connected families and learn what we can do to put balance back in our lives. Through humor and real life stories you will leave this session with creative ideas you can use tonight!

A graduate of Gustavus Adolphus College in Elementary Education, Barbara Carlson is co-founder of the Putting Family First-Make Time for Family initiative in the Wayzata/Plymouth area. She is also co-author of the book on family balance titled, "Putting Family First; Successful Strategies for Reclaiming Family Life in a Hurry-Up World".



This Week's Program

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

With fast paced stacatto commentary, Lori Sturdevant engaged us immediately. Discussing many political topics we experienced a thought provoking and educational question and answer session. Summarizing how Minnesota held a leadership position among the 50 states throughout much of the last century through its bi-partisan efforts and state centered decision making, Lori challenged our current legislature to find its way out of the current quagmire of partisanship and focus on the needs of our future.

Education, transportation, and health care are the critical issues we face today. Even with a successful referendum this November for transportation funding, only a small portion of our future transportation needs will be met. A comprehensive plan using multiple funding sources is needed. Lori applauded our legislators who ask first, "What is good for Minnesota?", then choose their position on a vote. As the questions continued, each topic raised seem to come down to the same bottom line: Minnesotan's need to find a "right balance" in all political decisionmaking and that can only happen when partisanship is left behind.

October Birthdays

- 01 Larry Lee
- 03 Phyllis Karasov
- 09 Bernardine Bryant
- 14 Mark Bellestri
- 18 Neil Peterson
- 25 Rick Sitek

October Anniversaries

- 03 Marcy Gerdin 5 yrs
- 15 Jim Truax 32 yrs
- 16 Don Stiles 5 year
- 21 Dave Walock 3 yrs
- 23 John Hanson 16 yrs
- 26 Jay Stevens 2 yrs
- 30 Adam Johnston 5 yrs

Greeter Schedule

- 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

Guests and Visitors

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

Rotarian Bruce Hedblom, Mpls. #9, Dist. World Community Service Committee

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.

Laurie Brown, Guest of Diann Kirby, Meals on Wheels

Randy Nelson, Guest of Mark Bellestri, Cunsultant

Cathy Kennedy, Guest of Jim McDonald, Public Relations

Tom Noble, Guest of Jim Lucas, Real Estate Management

Jordan Pratt, Guest of Carolyn Pratt, Senior at Jefferson High School

Sunshine

Susan Freeman announced that VEAP's new Food Pantry will be highlighted on KARE 11's Midday, Wednesday, October 4th. Susan will be interviewed about 10:30 AM.



Celebrating a beautiful life! Bloomington **Rotarian Shawn**

Corwin passed away on Sunday, October 1, after a brief illness. Shawn joined Bloomington Rotary in June 2005 as a dual member with Bonnie Carlson. Shawn's grandfather was past president of the Rotary Club in Mission, KS. Shawn grew up in Kansas City, MO, graduating from the University of Kansas with a BA and MBA.

While at KU, she was on the volleyball and track teams. After graduation, Shawn worked in hotel sales, eventually making her way up to Minneapolis to work for the Marquette Hotel. In 1989, Shawn joined the Bloomington Convention and Visitors Bureau where she eventually became Vice President of Sales for the BCVB.

Funeral Service 11:00 AM, Thursday at Cedar Valley Church, 8600 Bloomington Ave South. After funeral service there will be a celebration of Shawn's life at the Hilton-Mpls/St. Paul Airport Hotel, at the intersection of 494 and 34th Ave.

Cards to: Scott Myland, 20550 Jura Trail, Lakeville, MN 55044

Name That Rotarian

This member was a familiar face to Bloomington Rotary when he rejoined the club in May, 2005. He had been a member in the 1990's. This Rotarian has 34 years of experience in the hotel business, managing nine different properties over the years. In 1997, Radisson named him "Manager of the Year Worldwide." He is currently General Manager of the Minneapolis/St. Paul Airport Hilton. He is also Chair of the Bloomington Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors.

Is it?

A. John Swaney B. Mike Brunkow C. Chris Schadow D. Jack Carlson

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October 2, 2006

District 5950 International Night



October 23rd,
5:30 to 9:00
PM Earle
Brown
Heritage
Center

Sign up today!

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 19th. The program Bulletin and a Registration Form are attached to this RIB. **BE THERE!**

Charitable Partner

Meals on Wheels, \$1,500

\$1,500, raised through our Harold Larson Party, was presented to **Laurie Brown, Meals on Wheels Coordinator**, by Diann Kirby today. Now located at

St. Stephens Lutheran Church, 8400 France Ave South, Meals on Wheels is serving about 120 meals per day. Their new caterer is Lettuce Cater. Meals are provided to clients at \$3.75 per meal delivered to their doors by volunteers Monday thru Friday. Their clients are shut-ins or people who, for whatever reason, can not cook a basic meal for themselves.

Our funds will help provide a new service being added, the Emergency Meal Kit. Each kit will include a candy bar, a can of spaghetti, a can of vegetables and a fruit cup. Kits will be distributed closer to winter to each client they serve. Rotary members who would like to help put these kits together should call (952) 835-1665. They are looking to buy these items wholesale, so if anyone has any contacts in the grocery business, please let Meals on Wheels know.



Harold Larson Party

The annual Harold Larson Party is Saturday, November 18. Begin planning now. You should soon be receiving your 60 raffle tickets. The grand prize this year is a week's vacation for two at the spectacular Hilton Waikoloa Resort on the Big Island of Hawaii. Dates are open and the prize includes \$2,000 in airfare, which currently covers two roundtrip tickets in February 2007. The raffle tickets are \$5.00 each so please sell as many as you can! We need this \$300 donation from each Rotarian to make the event successful. If you have questions, please contact Jim Mortenson, (952) 831-2080.

President's Column

Diann Kirby

The check presentation to Meals on Wheels this week highlighted one of the reasons Bloomington Rotary exists - to provide volunteer involvement and financial support to our charitable partners. Our key source of funding for donations is the annual Harold Larson Party.

In 1966, Bloomington Rotarian Lee Sundet inspired fellow Rotarian Harold Larson with news of the valuable work done by Courage Center, one of the only organizations in the country providing comprehensive services to people with disabilities. To raise money for Courage Center and other worthy causes, Harold Larson cleared out the lower showroom at Harold Chevrolet for an evening of socializing, dining, entertainment and fund-raising. Over the years, the Harold Larson Party has grown in terms of both attendance and money raised. In the past three years, this "fun-raiser" has produced approximately \$100,000 for our charitable partners. We need your help to make this year's event another success. Donate auction items, sell raffle tickets and invite friends to this year's Harold Larson Party on Nov. 18.



Extraordinary People Doing Extraordinary Things!

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 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

October 30: Vocational Visit to the **Guthrie Theater**, Backstage Tour 10:30 AM

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

Rotary International
www.rotary.org

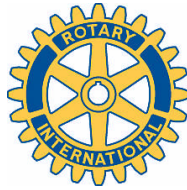
Rotary District 5950
www.rotary5950.org

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

Rotary on Bloomington Cable, Channel 14:

Doug Schmitt, V.P. Business Development, Schmitt Music
Thursday, October 5, 2006 11:22 PM
Friday, October 6, 2006 5:22 AM, 11:22 AM, 5:22 PM

Name That Rotarian: B. Mike Brunkow



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 or 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,

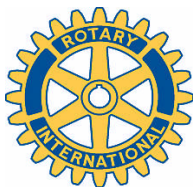
Also attending will be Mr. Joaquin Mejia, Senior Coordinator, International Offices and Associate Foundations, The Rotary Foundation, who delivered the keynote address last year.

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), or Bob Margolis (margo001@umn.edu). To register, contact Diane Confer (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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