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October 8, 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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Directors: LuAnn Paulet, Dave Walock, Phyllis Karasov, Mark Bosch, Lori Nelson, Terry Stirewalt, Karyn Arazi, Colin Evenson, and Ken Nordlie

Location: Back to the Hilton!

Next Week's Program

"Simple Strength at Any Age"

Guest: Personal Trainer Judy Beyers

Judy Beyers has been in the business of providing fitness and wellness services to corporations, individuals, and the Twin Cities community for the past 25 years. Judy holds the North American Bodybuilding title, is co-producer and host of *Life in the Fitlane*, a cable television series, and owner of *PowerSource*, a firm specializing in health and fitness service-line development.

Judy will teach us about nutrition and how to eat like an athlete. She will also share some fitness pointers that may help us add years to our lives. If you are battle weary, low on energy, concerned about aging, or just feeling like you are losing your competitive edge...take control, discover your own physical and emotional strength.

You are the source; You have the Power, Make Your Dreams Come True!



This Week's Program

"Bridges Over Troubled Waters" Guest: Representative Neil Peterson

Representative Neil Peterson spoke to Rotarians about the finer points of Minnesota's transportation funding problem. Rep. Peterson outlined the way higher costs, higher demand and dwindling funds are forcing more of the transportation burden on local property taxes, which cannot keep up with unmet transportation needs.

With the annual funding need approaching \$2 billion, Rep. Peterson highlighted a bill the Legislature passed earlier this year that would have closed the gap almost entirely. He cited the fact that Governor Pawlenty vetoed the bill, but that the Legislature could consider a veto override in the next session, which begins February 12, 2008.



October Birthdays

- 01 Larry Lee
- 03 Phyllis Karasov
- 09 Bernardine Bryant
- 10 David Wang
- 11 Scott Fricke
- 14 Tom Kendall
- 17 Jeff Andrews
- 18 Neil Peterson
- 19 Ed Ries

October Anniversaries

- 03 Marcy Gerdin 6 yrs
- 16 Don Stiles 6 yrs
- 16 Don Peterson 1 yr
- 21 Dave Walock 4 yrs
- 23 John Hanson 17 yrs
- 23 Ghidei Zedingle 1 yr
- 26 Jay Stevens 3 yrs
- 30 Adam Johnston 6 yrs

Greeter Schedule

- Oct 1: Terry Stirewalt
- Oct 8: David Wang
- Oct 15: Ed Ries
- Oct 22: Adam Johnston
- Oct 29: VOCATIONAL VISIT

Invocator Schedule

- Oct 1: Diann Kirby
- Oct 8: Jim Lucas
- Oct 15: Dave Walock
- Oct 22: Milo Engelstad
- Oct 29: VOCATIONAL VISIT

President's Corner – Don Stiles



I want to thank all of you for re-arranging your normal routines and meeting offsite these past three weeks: first at St. Stephen for Meals on Wheels, and then the last two Mondays at the Bloomington City Hall. **Next Monday, we are back at the Airport Hilton.** Although we will be offsite again on October 29 (Children's Theatre), you can plan on being at the Airport Hilton on Mondays for the next eight months! Be sure to invite potential future Rotarians to be your guest at our meetings.

As our November 17 fundraiser approaches, please consider sponsoring a table with your fellow Rotarian(s). The sponsorship means an \$80 ticket/person instead of a \$65 ticket, but the extra money goes toward our charitable partners, and you assure yourself of being seated with specific friends in advance, not to mention the complimentary raffle tickets and bottles of wine that go along with a sponsored table. What a wonderful way to share an evening with your friends. (Invitation reprinted page 5 RIB)

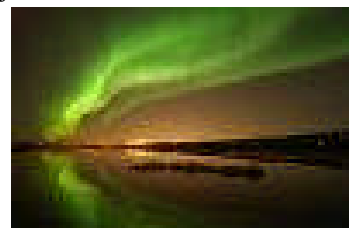
A special thanks to **John Swaney** for the exceptional dinner arrangements he is preparing for the November 17 Harold Larson Party. But I also want to thank John for his leadership and suggestions in selling more Alaska raffle tickets. For some of us, it's harder to sell tickets, so John's ideas about letters to friends and visiting other Rotary Clubs will help me do better this year. Thanks for sharing, John!

Harold Larson Party 2007

Invitations have arrived and the Harold Larson Party 2007 is just around the corner!! **How can YOU make this the best Bloomington Rotary Club fundraising event??**

Donate an auction item (or more!) and send the donation form to **David Wang*** **TODAY!** We need more items for our record crowd to bid on and take home as "prizes". (Page 6, 7 RIB) *Address:* 789 Ridge Place, Mendota Heights, MN 55118 *Phone:* 651-686-0192 *Fax:* 651-554-8706 *E-mail:* david.wang@associatedbank.com

Sell all 60 of your raffle tickets and request more from **Terry Stirewalt**. You can purchase them yourselves and give as recognition for a job well done at work, or sell them to family, friends, colleagues and other contacts. Use the recently emailed sample letter as a way to "beef up" your sales. It worked for **John Swaney!** Remember, **Grand Prize-Alaska:** a chance to see those Northern Lights up close and personal.



Lastly, RSVP!! Let us know you are coming to the event on Saturday, November 17th. Tell us who you are bringing as your guest(s) so we may assign table and bid numbers early! (Print page 5 RIB for your guests.) Be a pal to the hard working Harold Larson Party committee members! Send your forms in **NOW**, sell your raffle tickets **TODAY** and **RSVP** to Kathy **ASAP** 😊

Many thanks for your support. Together, we can make a difference!

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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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www.bloomingtonrotarymn.org

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Rotary District
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Rotarian Who Shares

A career politician, **Neil Peterson** shares his leadership and governance skills in public office. He began his service on numerous boards and commissions, was elected to the Bloomington City Council seven times, served five years as Bloomington Mayor, was appointed to the Metropolitan Council, and is now serving his second term as District 41B House Representative. Neil has been married to his high school sweetheart, Pat, for 45 years. They are very proud of their 3 daughters and 8 grandchildren. Neil grew up in Hastings, NE, and was known as "Billy". In his other job, Neil specializes in Real Estate services. He loves golf, refinishing furniture, singing, and gardening. He dreams of teaching his 3 grandsons to golf--a built-in foursome.



Guests and Visitors

Rotarian Harry Weingartner, Edina Noon, Financial Advisor
Joe Opatz, Guest of Don Stiles, President, Normandale Community College
Kevin Watterson, Guest of Neil Peterson, MN House Republican Caucus

Upcoming Meetings

- October 15: **"Simple Strength at Any Age"** – Personal Trainer Judy Beyers
October 22: **"Trials and Tribulations of Medical Device Start-Up"**
Guest: Greg Guettler
October 29: Vocational Visit – **"Children's Theater"** 2400 Third Avenue South
Minneapolis, MN 55404-3597 (612) 874-0400 **Invite Guests!** We will be charged \$8.00 per attendee (\$4.00 per senior).

Calendar of Events

- October 29: **Children's Theater – Vocational Visit**
November 9: **Veteran's Day Program**, Park Plaza Hotel, \$30.00, 11:30-1:30
November 17: **Harold Larson Party**, Golden Valley Golf & Country Club
Pages 4,5,6 RIB for HLP Raffle donation request forms.
January 14: **Governor Tim Pawlenty** scheduled
April 26-28: **District 5950 District Conference**, Radisson Arrowwood, Alexandria, MN To register go to: www.rotary5950.org

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"Animal Humane Society" – Amy Rosenthal

Monday, October 15, 2007 9:10 PM
Tuesday, October 16, 2007 3:10 AM, 9:10 AM, 3:10 PM
Wednesday, October 17, 2007 8:05 PM
Thursday, October 18, 2007 2:05 AM, 8:05 AM, 2:05 PM

"Invent Minnesota" – Phil Reinhardt

Monday, October 15, 2007 11:00 PM
Tuesday, October 16, 2007 5:00 AM, 11:00 AM, 5:00 PM
Saturday, October 20, 2007 7:00 PM
Sunday, October 21, 2007 1:00 AM, 7:00 AM, 1:00 PM

Announcements and Other Business: International Service -- Haiti

If you are interested in a **life changing** volunteer trip to **Haiti**, please contact Ron Axel (763)557-8636 E: ronald9494@aol.com

Average cost is \$1,300 - 1,500 including airfare, food and lodging. If you can bend over and pick up a paper, you are over-trained. There are trips planned with openings on: **November 29 - December 7, December 6 – 14, February 21- 28, March 21 - 29 (dates may vary slightly).**

The projects scheduled are:

- **Home building** - literally from sticks and stones - no training skills needed -
- Building school **desks and blackboards**
- **Painting and repair** of school buildings

All the projects are in the Central Plateau region of Haiti. Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to change the lives of people in need.

Rotary Minute

Charitable Partners

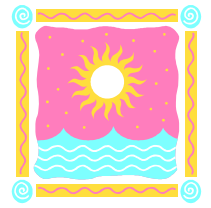
Our Charitable Partners benefit from the Club's fundraising effort. They also participate in Club activities and fundraising with us, thus a partner! Over the past three years, our giving has increased from \$34,000 to over \$42,000 last year, great growth from our \$1,000 beginning in 1966. The majority of our giving is to local and regional organizations. The remaining 18-27% has been to national and international efforts. In recent years, our international organizations have seemed very close to home with Abul Sharah's International Village Clinic in India, Dana House's Peace House Foundation Academy in Tanzania, and the Rotary District 5950 Safe Water Plus Project in Haiti, that originated with our club. Our Local and Regional Charitable Partners include:

VEAP, Cornerstone, Normandale Community College (Math and Science Academy),

Bloomington Fine Arts Council, Education Foundation of Bloomington, Friends of the Minnesota Valley, Meals on Wheels, Autism Info Group, Companies to Classrooms, and the Winona Community Foundation.

Sunshine

Terry Stirewalt missed our meeting today as he was at the hospital awaiting the birth of his 2nd grandchild! More next week...!



We are sad to learn **Rotarian Luther Ford**, Mpls. #9, died Monday morning at the age of 96. A memorial service is being planned for Saturday evening, November 3rd, at Oak Grove Presbyterian Church, Bloomington. Memorials are directed to the Education Foundation of Bloomington for benefit of senior scholarships.

Plan to attend the Southwest Metro Rotary Clubs **Veterans Day Luncheon** to be held at the **Park Plaza Hotel, Friday, November 9, 11:30-Registration, 12:00 Noon-Luncheon**. The featured speaker is Major General Larry Shellito. The cost is \$30.00. Contact: Don Stiles stiles.don@gmail.com This Friday lunch will be an extra Rotary meeting that week.



Vote Nov. 6th !

Bloomington Public Schools' Superintendent **Les Fujitake** shared an update on the proposed operating referendum for teaching and learning and the capital projects referendum for technology.

The first proposal seeks voter support for an operating levy of \$1,503 per student, an increase of \$512 per pupil, for a total of \$5.6 million beginning in 2009-10. The second proposal is for \$3 million beginning in 2008-09 to maintain and enhance technologies that strengthen instruction as students learn 21st century skills. Both proposals would extend for 10 years and include cost-of-living provisions.

District officials say the alternative to seeking the levy increases would be \$5.2 million in program and staff cuts in 2009-10, which would be in addition to the \$900,000 in budget reductions planned for next year. The November 6 referendum is an opportunity to invest in our students so they can compete for good colleges, rewarding jobs and future leadership, according to Mr. Fujitake.

Bloomington Noon Rotary Club

Cordially invites you to the 41st annual

Harold Larson Party

*A Benefit for Courage Center and
Bloomington charitable organizations*

Saturday, November 17, 2007

6:00 p.m. Social and Silent Auction

7:30 p.m. Dinner and Entertainment

8:45 p.m. Live Auction and Raffle

Golden Valley Golf and Country Club

7001 Golden Valley Road

Golden Valley, Minnesota

Cost: \$65 per person

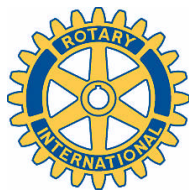
RSVP by November 12

*to Kathy Koehler, 952-898-5565
and state guests and seating preference*

Event Sponsors

<i>Harold and Kathryn Larson</i>	<i>Title Sponsor</i>
<i>Golden Valley Country Club</i>	<i>Location Host</i>
<i>Sheraton Hotel Anchorage</i>	<i>Grand Raffle Prize</i>
<i>Matreks Printing LLC</i>	<i>Raffle Tickets</i>
<i>Graybow Communications</i>	<i>Audio-Visual</i>
<i>Quality Wine and Spirits Co</i>	<i>Wine</i>
<i>BOR-SON Construction</i>	<i>Signage</i>
<i>Bossardt Corporation</i>	<i>Auction Bid Forms</i>
<i>Nick Basil</i>	<i>TV Raffle Prize</i>

...and the members of the Rotary Club of Bloomington Noon



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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FAX: 651-554-8706

Or hand deliver to David Wang



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 _____

Company _____

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Item Description: _____

Retail Value of Donation \$ _____

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

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