



RIB

October 11, 2005

The Rotary Club of Bloomington Noon

Weekly Meetings

12 noon
Tuesdays
Thunderbird
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: John Swaney
Pres Elect: Diann Kirby
Vice Pres: Don Stiles
Secretary: Karyn Arazi
Treasurer: Brett McMahon
Past Pres: Larry Lee
Dist Gov: Dan Barnett
Sgt in Arms: Rick Sitek
Exec Sec: Kathy Koehler
Directors: Marcia Gerdin, Carol Hoefft, Adam Johnston, Carolyn Pratt, Dave Senness, Laura Bjorgo, Dave Walock

Next Week's Program

Community Partner Courage Center

Guest: Sharon Van Winkel

As a wheel chair athlete, Sharon Van Winkel joined the athletic program at Courage Center in 1975. In 1994, Sharon was hired by Courage Center and is now the Program Director for Sports and Recreation. The mission of Courage Center is to empower people with physical disabilities to reach for their full potential in every aspect of life. Courage Center is guided by the vision that one day, all people will live, work, learn and play in a community based on abilities, not disabilities.



Our program will be the premier showing of the new Courage Sports and Recreation Video. Through the generosity of the Bloomington Rotary an endowment has been established to support the Sports and Recreation Program and the Courage Camping Program. This \$1,000,000 initiative began with Harold Larson some 20 years ago. When Lee Sundet heard the endowment had grown to \$600,000, he decided to help the Bloomington Rotary reach its goal. Lee established a challenge grant, offering to donate \$200,000 if Courage Center could raise another \$200,000 from Rotary clubs and individual Rotarians. To date, Courage Center has raised \$60,000 and will begin the push to raise the final \$140,000 with the roll out of this video.

This Week's Program

Rotary International President

Guest: Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar

Received well in a crowd of over 560, Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar, Rotary International President, opened his comments with great wit, and humble, self-effacing humor. Of course the crowd was over 30% of Scandinavian heritage, a significant advantage to a speaker from Sweden. He quickly got down to business sharing a summary of the year he has planned as RI President. Stressing literacy and water projects, his focus is to remain on Service Above Self, his chosen Motto. He is pictured here with his wife Monica and Bloomington Club President, John Swaney.



October Birthdays

- 1 Larry Lee
- 3 Phyllis Karasov
- 9 Bernadine Bryant
- 14 Mark Bellestri
- 18 Neil Peterson
- 21 Connie Zins
- 25 Rick Sitek
- 27 Mike Mellin

October Anniversaries

- 3 Marcy Gerdin, 4 yrs
- 15 Jim Truax, 31 yrs
- 16 Don Stiles, 4 yrs
- 21 Dave Walock, 2 yrs
- 23 John Hanson, 15 yrs
- 26 Jay Stevens, 1 year
- 30 Adam Johnston, 4 yrs

Greeter Schedule

- Oct. 11: Lee Helms, Marty Chorzempa, and Don Stiles
- Oct. 18: Frank Grazzini
- Oct. 25: Vocational Visit
- Nov. 1: Ed Vogt
- Nov. 8: NO MEETING
- Nov. 15: Carolyn Pratt
- Nov. 22: Dave Walock
- Nov. 29: Susan Freeman
- Dec. 6: Jim Mortenson
- Dec. 13: Dick Young
- Dec. 20: Terry Stirewalt
- Dec. 27: NO MEETING

This Week Continued: Carl-Wilhelm hopes to go beyond the great humanitarian work Rotary is doing internationally by also focusing on RI policy currently inhibiting Rotary expansion in 5 specific countries of the world: Estonia, Russia, China, Cuba, and Cypress. Outlining the specifics of these policies, he hopes to complete or begin significant inroads to change in each of these five countries.

The key to sustaining Rotary is still **membership**. While the United States and Japan are shrinking in membership, South East Asia and Europe are expanding. With a stress on empowering those currently serving and making ourselves inviting and interesting to the next generations, Carl-Wilhelm has appointed a large proportion of women to positions of leadership, sending a message that, “there is a place for women in Rotary.” He believes our Youth Exchange and International Fellowship programs make us inviting and interesting to the next generation of Rotarians. With great pride in our work on Polio eradication and other health initiatives, he closed, “This is how Rotary works!”

Membership

To continue our efforts to recruit new members, all members are encouraged to bring guests to our noon luncheon meetings. As a special incentive, each member may bring one guest free of charge during October. Please indicate to Kathy at the meeting if you have a prospective new member as your guest.

Rotary Pride and Support

Over 560 Rotarians were the guests of the Bloomington Noon, Minneapolis, and St. Paul Rotary Clubs today to hear Rotary International President Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar speak. Our own **Milo Engelstad** opened the meeting and the **Swedish Nightingale, Jenny Lind**, joined us through the styling of **Carolyn Pratt**, pictured here.



Birth of a NEW ROTARY CLUB! The Rotary Club of Sartell

On October 18, District 5950 Rotary Clubs will welcome into the fold our newest member of the family – the Rotary Club of Sartell. Sponsor Club Saint Cloud and baby are doing fine, and welcome visitors. The Sartell Rotary Club meets at 7:00 a.m. on Wednesdays at the Boy Scout Office in Sartell.

Charter Night is Tuesday, October 18, 2005 at Mulligan’s Events Center, 601 Pinecone Road North, Sartell, MN. A 6:30 p.m. social hour precedes the 7:30 p.m. dinner. It is a long-standing Rotary tradition to welcome the new club with gifts, and attendance at the charter celebration. Join the celebration if you can. Kindly RSVP to Kerstine Herda at 320-253-0899.

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Bloomington Rotary
Youth Exchange

Youth Exchange
Officer: Mark Bellestri
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2005-2006 Student:
Leonardo Cordeiro
(Leo)

Host Family:
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952-920-9357

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leocordeiro182@hotmail.com



2005 Harold Larson Party

November 19, 2005

Contact: Diann Kirby (952) 563-8818

Preparations are in full swing for the Bloomington Noon Rotary's premier "fun-raiser" - the 2005 Harold Larson Party on Saturday, November 19, at the Golden Valley Golf and Country Club. Here's how you can help out:



- 1) Donate an auction item: Your donations are needed now for both the live and silent auctions. A significant amount of time is needed to log in donations and prepare the display, so please submit your items (especially gift certificates) as soon as possible. All items big and small are welcome. Please e-mail your auction information to Mark Bosch at mbosch@bossardt.com or fax to 952-831-1268.
- 2) Sponsor a table: As in the past, we are asking organizations and individuals to support this event with a sponsored table, or consider co-sponsoring a table with another Rotarian. Tables of eight guests are \$600; tables of ten are \$750. Sponsored tables include elegant dinners, wine, and raffle tickets for your table guests as well as recognition at the event. To sponsor a table, contact Don Stiles at 952-941-7380 or DonStiles@mn.rr.com.
- 3) Sell raffle tickets: Sell or buy your \$300 allotment of Harold Larson Party raffle tickets. Grand prize is a week's stay in Tahiti and \$2,000 airfare allowance. Turn in your proceeds to Jim Mortenson. He'll also be happy to get you more tickets if you run out.
- 4) Reserve your spot: Make sure you and your guests have a seat at this gala event. Contact Kathy Koehler now to save your spot at kkoehler@usinternet.com or 952-898-5565.

Volunteer Opportunities

Loaves and Fishes: Contact - Susan Freeman Phone 952-888-9616
Monday, October 17, 2005, Creekside Center (98th St. and Penn Ave.)

Shoppers: Noon to 2:00 PM, Karyn Arazi, Carolyn Pratt, Carol Hoefl

Meal Preparation: 2:00 to 5:00 PM, Jim McDonald, Adam Johnston, Terry Stirewalt, Dave Senness, Dick Herberg

Meal Servers: 5:00 to 7:30 PM (includes clean up), Jim Lucas, John Swaney and family, Lee Helms, Dave Senness, Skipp Saaf, LuAnn Baker, Marcie Gerdin, Kathy Koehler, Abul Sharah, Dan Jordan

We are all set for our **Community Service project, Loaves and Fishes.**

Bloomington Rotary is sponsoring (paying for), preparing and serving the evening meal of tacos, salad, rice, chips 'n salsa, and sugar cookies. This is a community service to families who need a healthy evening meal. Thanks to all volunteers.

Strive Program: Contact: Don Stiles (952) 941-7380

Every Other Wednesday, Kennedy High School, 7:45 AM – 8:25 AM

Need: Sign up and Volunteer to assist as an Instructor, Mentor, Treat Provider, Phone Caller, One-on-One, or for a Career Day Visit. Come and spend time just talking to the students, it is that easy! Upcoming dates: October 12 (College Tours 7:30 – noon), October 26, November 9 (Computer Lab).

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**Bloomington Rotary
Committees and
Chairs**

Programs

Jack Carlson
Harold Larson Party
Diann Kirby
Membership
Jack Bouquet
Web Site Development
Adam Johnston
Weekly Greeters
Lee Helms
Rotary Minute
John Houle
RIB
Karyn Arazi
TRF Fund Raising
Jim Lucas
Strive
Don Stiles
Pack to School
Dave Walock
Salvation Army Bells
Lee Helms
Meals on Wheels
Wally Neal
Egg Scramble
Tom Truszinski
Loaves and Fishes
Susan Freeman
Basketball Tournament
Dave Senness
Vocational Talks
Adam Johnston
Vocational Visits
Adam Johnston
Camp Enterprize
David Getsch
International Projects
Dave Senness
Youth Exchange
Mark Bellestri
Ambassadorial Scholars
Dick Young
International Fellowships
Dan Barnett

District 5950 International Night

November 11, 2005 – 6:00-9:00 PM
Earle Brown Heritage Center

This year District 5950 will celebrate International Night on November 11 at the Earle Brown Heritage Center in Brooklyn Center, MN. The event will commemorate the achievements of international projects throughout the district. The keynote address will be delivered by Mr. Joaquín Mejía, Senior Coordinator, International Offices and Associate Foundations, The Rotary Foundation.

Clubs will have an opportunity to exhibit their projects. Ambassadorial Scholars and 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. More details about International Night will be sent soon. Contact Suzanne Sem (Suzanne.sem@northmemorial.com), Diane Confer (diane.confer@comcast.net), or Bob Margolis (margo001@umn.edu) for information.

Southwest Veteran's Day

November 11, 2005 – 11:30 AM
Minnetonka Marriott



Invite a veteran to this year's Southwest Metro Veterans Day luncheon at the Minnetonka Marriott on Friday, November 11, from 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM. The guest speaker is Roland Wilsey, WWII Veteran and Past District Governor (1977-1978). The emcee is Harry Moran, a veteran whose son is currently serving in Iraq. Rotarians are encouraged to invite friends and family members who have served or are serving in the military.

Veterans, Active Military, and their spouses are served FREE as your club's guest. Our November 8th meeting is being cancelled so all members may attend this event. The event is sponsored by the Rotary Clubs of Bloomington, Edina, Richfield and Eden Prairie. Do you know a veteran that you would like to honor? This is a great way to do that! There will be a sign-up sheet distributed at next week's meeting or members can RSVP to Kathy Koehler. The cost per Rotarian is \$30.

Rays of Sunshine

A sad note to report regarding David Pederson and his family. Dave's father, Leslie Pederson, passed away on October 5th. Dave's mom and dad have resided in Albert Lea. Leslie had attained the age of 93. He was seriously ill for only a short period before his death. Dave's mom survives and is in good health. Let's all extend our caring thoughts and sympathy to Dave and his family.

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 25: **Vocational Visit at Underwater World – Mall of America**

November 1: **Guest: Max Urban Hedberg, President Bloomington IKEA**

November 8: **NO MEETING**, attend the Southwest Veterans Day Luncheon

November 15: **Rotary Group Study Exchange** Guest: Brianna Vujovich

November 29: **Paul Harris Fund and Bloomington Rotary Foundation**

December 6: **STRIVE**

December 13: **Guest Speaker: Bill Frenzel**

December 20: **Holiday Fun Fest – Music and Readings**

December 27: **NO MEETING**

Calendar of Events

November 11: **Southwest Veterans Day Luncheon**, Minnetonka Marriott

November 11: **International Night, District 5950**, Earle Brown Center

November 19: **Harold Larson Party**, Golden Valley Golf & Country Club

December 3: **Salvation Army Bell Ringing**, Byerly's, Bloomington

April 21-22: **District 5950 Conference**, Airport Hilton, Bloomington

June 11-14: **Rotary International Convention**, Malmo/Copenhagen Register at:

<http://www.rotary.org/events/conventions/malmo-copenhagen/index.html>

Housing at: <http://www.congresscopenhagen.dk/>

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:

David Ornstein, Bloomington City Attorney

Sunday, October 30: 6:00 PM

Monday, October 31: 12:00 AM, 6:00 AM, 12:00 PM