



RIB

October 18, 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 Hoeft, Adam
Johnston, Carolyn Pratt,
Dave Senness, Laura
Bjorgo, Dave Walock

Next Week's Program Underwater Adventures, Mall of America Vocational Visit

Our program, Tuesday, October 25th, is designed for the kid in all of us! We will meet at the Mall of America, First Floor, just inside the middle doors off the East Parking Ramp, right in front of Underwater Adventures. We will not only tour the public part of the aquarium, learning about the different fish and turtles that live there, we will also get a top of the tank tour – behind the scenes! An awesome lunch, catered by Trimmings, will top our adventure.

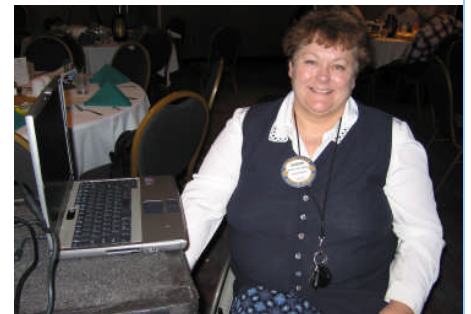


Making this all possible are Trisha Ruf, the Senior Youth Programs Coordinator at Underwater Adventure and Heidi Jolivette Satre, their Group Sales Manager. With a Bachelors of Science in Fisheries and Wildlife from the U of M, Trisha is pursuing her Masters in Teaching. She brings a wide variety if knowledge to the program, having done environmental research at both the U of M Entomology Department and the University of Michigan Biological Station, as well as mammal and avian rehabilitation at the Wildlife Rehabilitation Center in St. Paul.

Don't miss this one. You will have the time of your life!! Bring a guest or one of your kids. Please RSVP to Adam Johnston, (952) 346-9258, ajohnston@hendler-johnston.com, immediately so we have an accurate count for the caterer.

This Week's Program Community Partner Courage Center Guest: Sharon Van Winkel

Rolling out their new PR video, Sharon Van Winkel, Program Director for Sports and Recreation at Courage Center showed us how our community partner is changing lives every day. Courage Center brings hope in a world where lives are crumbling, marriages are ending in divorce, and families are loosing their homes, all because of a disability.



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. 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: Offering over 27 sports and recreation activities along with camping experiences at 4 sites around Minnesota, Courage Center has something for everyone. They treat the whole person through their three areas of programming: Health and Wellness; Independent Living; and Work and Learning.

Courage Center works to eliminate the negative messages that people with disabilities experience and gives them a sense of achievement. Clients learn what they can do with their lives, not what they can't do. The goal setting and the drive that propels them in sports also propels them in life and clients become fully functioning members of society, many of whom are college grads and business owners.

Courage Center uses over 2300 volunteers within their programs. If you are interested, volunteer to help. Bloomington Rotary has established and continues to fund and endowment supporting the Sport and Recreation programming. Give generously through the Harold Larson party. Rotary will reach the \$1 Million Dollar mark and beyond.

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.

Guests and Visitors

Colin Evenson, Architect, Guest of Dave Wallock

Dr. Jack Thatcher, Cardiologist, Guest and Husband of Carolyn Pratt

Clarence Hilbert, Retired, Guest of Dick Young

Marge Pokladnik, Retired, Bismark, ND, Guest and Mother of Charlie Pokladnik

Jeff Downs, Jenny Walsh, and Walt Seibert, Courage Center, Guests of Sharon Van Winkel

Day Chair – Tim Culver

Tim Culver is a natural born salesman and can take immediate command of any situation. These skills serve him well in his position with National American University attracting prospective students. Tim has been married to Sue for 26+ years, raising three beautiful and accomplished daughters. Tim has been dedicated to his community serving as president, executive director or a member of the board of several non-profit organizations. He is currently serving an elected term on the Bloomington School Board.

Tim and Sue love to travel and Tim dreams of someday spending time with family in San Diego and Turin, Italy. Tim has been a Rotarian since last January and feels his personal goals are nicely in alignment with Rotary. He finds he often has the opportunity to make people's lives better.



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Bloomington Rotary
Youth Exchange

Youth Exchange
Officer: Mark Bellestri
(612) 481-0406

2005-2006 Student:
Leonardo Cordeiro
(Leo)

Host Family:
Britta & Curtis Nelson
4515 Sedum Lane
Edina, MN 55435

Phone:
952-920-9357

E-mail:

leocordeiro182@hotmail.com



2005 Harold Larson Party

November 19, 2005

Contact: Diann Kirby (952) 563-8818

This week, Sharon Van Winkel vividly illustrated why we sponsor the Harold Larson Party every year when she showed us how Courage Center “changes lives”. Bloomington Rotarians Harold Larson and Lee Sundet launched the party 39 years ago to raise money for Courage Center's sports and recreation program when they saw how lives were changed. That first year, they raised just \$1,000. This year, our goal is to hit \$50,000. Here's how you can help us reach our goal.



Table sponsorships: Help us raise more funds by sharing a table sponsorship with another Rotarian. The cost per seat to sponsor a table is \$75 instead of the regular \$60, so a table of 8 is \$600 and a table of 10 is \$750. When split between two Rotarians, the cost is \$300 and \$375 respectively. The benefits of sponsorship are reserved seating with your guests, wine at your table, extra raffle tickets for each guest, and recognition at the banquet for the sponsor's generosity. Contact Don Stiles to reserve your table. (952) 941-7380 or DonStiles@mn.rr.com

Silent and Live Auctions: We've only collected about one-third of the items needed for the silent and live auctions. To make a donation, contact Mark Bosch at mbosch@bossardt.com or Dave Walock at dwalock@borson.com. They'll even pick it up for you!

Raffle Tickets: Give some lucky person the chance to win the trip of a lifetime - a week's stay at the luxurious Sofitel Maeva Beach in Tahiti. Sell or buy your \$300 allotment of Harold Larson Party raffle tickets. To obtain more tickets, contact Jim Mortenson at JCMortenson@pcl.com.

Thanks Volunteers!

Loaves and Fishes: Thanks to all the volunteers: Susan Freeman, Karyn Arazi, Carolyn Pratt, Carol Hoeft, Jim McDonald, Adam Johnston, Terry Stirewalt, Dave Senness, Jim Lucas, John Swaney and family, Lee Helms, Dave Senness, Skipp Saaf, LuAnn Baker, Kathy Koehler, Abul Sharah, Dan Jordan, Delores Lucas, Deb Swaney and Susie (from NW Health Sciences).

We served 200 people with the MOST delicious taco's ever! No one went home hungry. Thanks to Bloomington Rotary for sponsoring (paying for), preparing and serving the evening meal. Everyone had fun, from “hauling” all the food to trying to set up an efficient food preparation line...very funny! This is a community service to families who need a healthy evening meal. Thanks again to all our volunteers.



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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

Celebrate the internationality of Rotary! Join other District 5950 Rotarians on Friday, November 11, 2005 - 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. at the Earle Brown Heritage Center, 6155 Earle Brown Drive, Brooklyn Center, MN. Since Show and Tell is for youngsters of all ages, this forum will offer an opportunity to display our club's International Service projects! Please register by November 7th. See page 6 for a registration form. Let's make sure a large contingency from our club supports this festive celebration.

Rays of Sunshine

Here is an opportunity to assist a relocated Hurricane Katrina victim right in your own community! **Rotarian Michael Brunkow** and his family have invited Lionel Webber, from New Orleans, to live with them at their home and the Hilton Hotel, Bloomington, is providing employment. Lionel has most of his current needs met, except transportation. Please contact Mike at Michael.brunkow@ihrc.com if you or anyone you know would be in a position to donate a car to a qualifying organization designating Lionel as the recipient.

Among the many recognizing the Bloomington Rotary's endowment fund and goal of raising \$1M for Courage Center's Sports and Recreation and camps programs, were **Rotarians Don Stiles and Diann Kirby** featured in a photo story in the Sun-Current about the Play Basketball with Courage event held at Jefferson High School on September 27th.



Rotarian Jim Truax's liver transplant surgery (Monday) went well and there were no complications. A follow-up ultrasound showed a successful transplant. He was sitting up and even had a breakfast of cream of wheat, blueberry muffin and jello the morning after surgery. His nephew, who donated a portion of his liver to Jim, is also doing well. Jim called City Hall Tuesday afternoon. He sounded stronger and happier than he has in months. The doctor said he's doing "phenomenally well" considering the condition he was in when he underwent surgery.

Jim stated that he is unable to receive flowers or plants during his stay because of his suppressed immune system, but humorous cards were definitely welcome. For approximately 10 days, Jim will be at: **James Truax, Patient, Rochester Methodist Hospital, 201 West Center Street, Rochester, Minnesota 55902** After 10 days, Jim will spend approximately 20 days at: **Gift of Life Transplant House, Mailbox 1, 705 2nd Street S. W., Rochester MN 55902**
Phone - 507-285-6364

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

- 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 22: To Be Announced
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
RSVP: Kathy Koehler, kkoehler50@hotmail.com
November 11: **International Night, District 5950**, Earle Brown Center
Information: Diane Confer, diane.confer@comcast.net
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/>

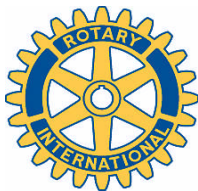
Rotary Information

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



Rotary District 5950 International Night

Friday, November 11, 2005 ~ 6:00-9:00 p.m.

Earle Brown Heritage Center

6155 Earle Brown Drive, Brooklyn Center, MN

- 6:00 p.m. Cash Bar
Rotary District 5950 Inbound Youth Exchange Student Silent Auction
International Projects Display by District 5950 Rotary Clubs
- 7:30 p.m. Dinner & Program
Welcome & Introductions
Invocation
Youth Exchange Flag Ceremony
Opening Remarks – Dan Barnett, District 5950 Governor
Keynote Speaker Joaquin Mejia – “Rotary IS International Service”
Joaquin is Senior Coordinator, International Offices & Associate Foundations,
The Rotary Foundation

DINNER REGISTRATION FORM

\$38.00 PER PERSON ~ Registration MUST be received by 4:00 p.m. November 7

Please print legibly:

Rotary Club of _____

Name(s) (use additional sheet if necessary) _____

I/we would prefer a vegetarian meal _____ (include number)

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

Check payable to *Rotary District 5950* Amount enclosed: \$ _____

MasterCard **Or** Visa Amount charged: \$ _____

Account # _____ / _____ / _____ / _____ Expiration Date: ____/____

Name, and phone # and/or email address of person completing this form: _____

***Please submit registration & payment so that they are received on or before
4:00 p.m. Monday, November 7, 2005 ▪ No refunds after November 7***

RI District 5950 Office, 11251 Red Fox Drive, Maple Grove, MN 55369

Fax: 763-550-0619 Phone: 763-553-1604 E-mail: diane.confer@comcast.net

Southwest Metro Rotary Clubs

Veterans Day Luncheon

Friday, November 11, 2005



Guests are welcome! Rotary members are encouraged to invite friends and family members who have served or who are currently serving in the military. Many of the veterans do not belong to our clubs. Therefore, a special effort should be made to ask them to attend as a Rotary guest. Join your fellow Rotarians in this annual celebration of the veterans who have or currently are preserving our freedom.



Registration

11:30 AM

Lunch & Program

12:00 - 1:30 PM

Location:



Memphis - South

891 Open Parkway - Memphis

Featuring:

SPEAKER



Roland Wilsey

WWII Veteran & Past District Governor '77-'78

EMCEE



Harry Moran

Veteran, son currently serving in Iraq

COLOR GUARD



Chanhassen American Legion

TRUMPETER



St. Thomas Military Academy

INVOCATION



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John Asan

Bloomington Daymaker

Veterans, Active Military, and their spouses served FREE.



• For more information contact your club's president elect or Todd Bollig at 952-937-1691.

Veterans Day Luncheon