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October 25, 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

Bloomington IKEA

Guest: Max Urban Hedberg, President

IKEA opened its first Minnesota store on July 14, 2004, in Bloomington, MN. Our guest speaker, Max Urban Hedberg, the store Manager for the Twin Cities IKEA, said, "Everyone in the Twin Cities area has welcomed us with open arms."



The world's leading home furnishings retailer, IKEA was founded in 1943 in Sweden. IKEA offers a wide range of home furnishings and accessories of good design and function at low prices so the majority of people can afford them. In January, 2005, IKEA was recognized among Fortune magazine's "100 Best Companies to Work For". IKEA takes pride in creating a workplace that mirrors its corporate vision for its customers, "to create a better everyday life for ...people." IKEA now has more than 205 stores in 32 countries with 22 US stores and plans to open 5 more US stores each year. IKEA is recognized as a socially responsible company, and supports initiatives that benefit causes such as children and the environment.

This Week's Program

Underwater Adventures, Mall of America

Vocational Visit

"Something New Every Day" is the operating slogan for Underwater Adventures, our host for this week's vocational visit. They offer education and entertainment for all ages exhibiting over 4500 living sea animals housed in tanks circulating over 1.2 million gallons of water.

Trisha Ruf, the Senior Youth Programs Coordinator at Underwater Adventure, is pictured here exhibiting a horseshoe crab, noting this species hasn't changed for over a million years. Heidi Jolivette Satre, Group Sales Manager, invited us to touch a shark or a sting ray in their touch pool, or take the behind the scenes tour to the food preparation room and the tank maintenance deck, or just walk the tunnel viewing area.



November Birthdays

- 12 Diann Kirby
- 13 Karyn Arazi
- 14 Adam Bengtson
- 20 Lori Nelson
- 27 Nick Basil
- 27 Brett McMahon

November Anniversaries

- 1 Jim Lucas, 25 yrs
- 5 Carolyn Pratt, 3 yrs
- 22 Mahendra Nath, 17 yrs

Greeter Schedule

- 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
- Jan. 3: Marcia Gerdin
- Jan 10: Gary Prest
- Jan 17: Skipp Saaf
- Jan 24: Meals on Wheels

This Week Continued: Rotarians were given an open invitation for the whole day. We visited the touch pool (Abul Sharah, picture 1), met Calypso, a 300 pound Sea Turtle, (picture 2), and touched an Eastern Box Turtle (picture 3) who has the ability to totally enclose itself in its shell.



By the way, there are more people killed each year by coconuts falling on their heads than by sharks. It seems sharks really don't like the taste of humans. They usually only bite, taste the bad flavor, then swim away.



Underwater Adventures is a truly fun family friendly destination!

Guests and Visitors

Ghidei Zedingle, Professor, Normandale College, Guest of Bernie Bryant
Steve Bates, Guest of Jim Mortensen

Diana Sitek, Guest and wife of Rick Sitek

Bridget Priesz, Director of Guest Services, MOA Guest of Tim Culver

Paul Van Winkel, Guest and husband of Sharon Van Winkel and their Foreign Exchange student from the Republic of Georgia, **Joseph**, who attends Normandale Community College.

Jae Mellin brought as his guests **his wife and children**.

Rays of Sunshine

Bloomington Rotarians and spouse/guest are invited to two award events....

Coral Houle, wife of Rotarian John Houle, will receive the Bloomington Legacy Award from The Bloomington Community Foundation on November 10, 2005. Details: 5:30-7:30 p.m., Thursday, November 10th, Hilton Airport Hotel, complimentary hors d'oeuvres, cash bar, program at 6:15 p.m. with Mayor Gene Winstead. \$25 (or more) contribution per couple to the Bloomington Community Foundation will be gladly accepted at the door.

Mahendra Nath will be honored as 2005 Entrepreneur of Year by the Minnesota Entrepreneurs Organization on November 15th. Details: 6:00-8:00 p.m., Tuesday, November 15th. Calhoun Beach Club, 2925 Dean Parkway, hors d'oeuvres, cash bar (no dinner). \$30 in advance, \$40 at door. RSVP to John Houle (jhoule@leeproducts.com) by November 4th if you plan to attend so we can put together a "Rotary" table.

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

Your help is needed now to make this year's Harold Larson Party our best "fund-raiser" ever. The gala on Saturday, November 19, at the Golden Valley Golf and Country Club depends on every member's help. You can:

1) **Donate an auction item:** Your donations are needed for both the live and silent auctions. We're still at just one-third of our goal for items collected so far. Please e-mail your auction information to Mark Bosch at mbosch@bossardt.com or fax to 952-831-1268.

2) **Sponsor a table:** 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. Jim Mortenson reports that ticket sales are slow so far. Grand prize is a week's stay at the Sofitel Maeva Beach in Tahiti with \$2,000 airfare allowance. Contact Jim Mortenson if you need more tickets.

4) **Reserve your seat:** Make sure you and your guests are registered for the Harold Larson Party. Contact Kathy Koehler at kkoehler@usinternet.com or 952-898-5565.



Southwest Metro Veteran's Day

November 11, 2005 – 11:30 – 1:30

Minnetonka Marriott

Is there a veteran in your life you'd like to honor? Invite them to be your guest at the Southwest Metro Veterans Day Luncheon on Friday, November 11. The event will be held at the Minnetonka Marriott from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Guest speaker is Roland Wilsey, WWII Veteran and Past District Governor. The cost per person is \$30. Veterans, active military soldiers and their spouses are served free as our club's guests. Our November 8th meeting is cancelled so all members may attend this event. To RSVP, fill out the sign-up sheet at next week's meeting or contact Kathy Koehler.



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 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/>

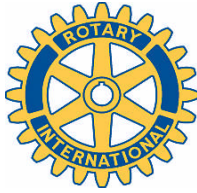
Rotary Information

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 - Southwind

8911 Opus 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



John Asaan

St. Thomas Military Academy



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