



RIB

October 29, 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.

2007-2008 Officers:

President:
Don Stiles
952-941-7380
Stiles.Don@gmail.com

President Elect:

Carolyn Pratt

Vice President:

Adam Johnston

Secretary-Treasurer:

Brett McMahon

Past President:

Diann Kirby

District Governor:

Tammy Laurent

Sergeant at Arms:

Brian Emerson

Exec Secretary:

Kathy Koehler

952-837-1111

Kkoehler53@frontier.net

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

Location: Hilton Hotel -- Noon

Next Week's Program

"Venture Capital Investing and Angel Funds" Guest: Steve Mercil



A venture capital company with investments in eight states, RAIN Source Capital is a multi-state network of RAIN[®] funds that works with angel investors who are interested in supporting growing companies. RAIN Source[®] helps bring together like-minded angel investors to form individual RAIN funds ~ and then provides these funds with capital, a process for due diligence, legal templates, management support, access to deal flow and other resources.

"Angels" are groups of investors that organize themselves to put money into investments. Learn how to set up your own Angel Fund and what are the pros and cons of venture capital investing in the Twin Cities market.

Steve Mercil is a principle in InvestAmerica NW, LLC, the General Partner of Invest Northwest, LP, which is a venture capital fund focused on middle market and later-stage companies located in the upper mid-west and northwestern states. Steve has a master's degree in statistics and measurements from the University of North Dakota. Join us for this informative and possibly profitable program.

This Week's Program

"Children's Theatre" Vocational Visit



Getting a first hand view of the behind the scenes set up on the main stage of Children's Theatre, Rotarians learned this theater is not just for our younger friends. Programming is planned to entertain and engage all ages with multiple productions running on two stages.

Serving over 300,000 young people and families annually, Children's Theatre Company (CTC) exists to create extraordinary theater experiences, and to advance theater as a means of educating, challenging and inspiring young people. A teaching company, they work with local schools to enhance arts education. They offer classes for all ages in a variety of theatrical skills throughout the year.

Established in 1965, CTC has grown to become the leading professional theater company for young people in North America, and among the three largest in the world. It is the only children's theater to win a Tony Award (2003).

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 29: VOCATIONAL VISIT
- Nov 5: Jack Carlson
- Nov 12: Skipp Saaf
- Nov 19: Tom Kendall

Invocator Schedule

- Oct 29: VOCATIONAL VISIT
- Nov 5: Jeff Andrews
- Nov 12: Lee Helms
- Nov 19: Becky Amble

President's Corner – Don Stiles



For those of you able to attend this week's vocational visit to the Children's Theatre, you saw a truly "behind the scenes" tour of their new facilities. They are certainly bringing the stage alive to many young people.

I have a couple quick reminders of dates this next week:

- November 1-3: Camp Enterprise at Camp Courage
- November 3, 6:00 PM: **Luther Ford Memorial Service**
- November 5-11: 2007 Holiday Art Sale at the Civic Plaza

I am pleased to announce a special recognition for Rotary. **On October 25, Rotary International received the United Nations 2007 Humanitarian Award** for Rotary's significant efforts to provide safe water and sanitation and its commitment to sustainable development worldwide. This award is especially significant to our Club since the safe water initiative began in our Club through the efforts of **Rotarian Ric Jacobsen** and the generosity of our Club in building the first well. Ric continues his Rotarian participation now in Wisconsin.

Last week I asked for help with the assembly of a notebook that will contain job descriptions written by our current committee chairs for the various responsibilities that make our Rotary Club run smoothly. No one has stepped forward yet, so please let me know of your interest and organization skills. Another opportunity from our strategic plan improvements includes a review of some of our international service projects, specifically the exchange programs. Please let me know if you can help out on this review. We want to make our Rotary Club the best it can be. Thanks for your continued help.

Harold Larson Party 2007

The Harold Larson Party is only two and a half weeks away! Raffle ticket sales are going well (have you sold your packet of 60?) and we are gathering silent auction items, **but we need your help**. The auction and raffle sales are the main fund-raising tools for the event and in order to be successful, we need **everyone** to sell their 60 raffle tickets (or more!) and contribute one or more silent auction items. See page 4 RIB for Teams and Team Captains.

I tried my hand at e-mailing a raffle ticket request to a handful of people on my email contact list with great results! Two people e-mailed back with an order of 20 tickets each! It doesn't take long to e-mail a friend or two and you will be amazed at the results. Need more raffle tickets to sell? Contact Jim Mortenson or Terry Stirewalt.

Donating a silent auction item? Contact David Wang to drop it off so our volunteer auction trackers can get busy!

Please plan to bring an auction item to the Club meeting on November 5th and tell your Rotary Team Captain about your sales. Thank you for your support.

You are making a difference for our community!

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?

Web Addresses:
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

Safe Water Plus
Web Site
www.safewaterplus.org

RIB Editors:
Karyn Arazi
Sandhya Gupta

ADDRESS
Bloomington Noon Rotary
P.O. Box 20300
Bloomington, MN 55420

Sunshine

Our Sunshine this week repeats last week's announcements: We continue our prayers for **Wally Neal** who had lung surgery on October 31.



A correction on the date of the memorial service for **Luther Ford, Saturday, Nov. 3, 6:00 PM** at Oak Grove Presbyterian Church.

Becky Amble is continuing to collect new or very slightly used Christmas Decorations (ornaments, lights, trees) for the Rushford, MN flood victims. Bring your items to the meeting Monday. And, Becky's art will be on sale at the Holiday Art Sale, Greenberg Gallery, City Hall Plaza, Nov. 5-11.

Guests and Visitors

Mary Caswell, Guest of Becky Amble, Retired this summer from 3M.

Upcoming Meetings

November 5: **"Venture Capital Investing and Angel Funds"** Guest: Steve Mercil, RAIN Source Capital

November 12: **"2008: Recalibrating Investment Risk and Reward Expectations"** Guest: Phil Dow, RBC Dain Rauscher

November 19: **"UND Aerospace School"** Guest: Ken Polovitz

November 25: **"National Marrow Donor Program"** Guest: Dr. Beth Murphy

Calendar of Events

November 9: **Veteran's Day Program**, Park Plaza Hotel, \$30.00, 11:30-1:30

November 9: **All Rotarian Social Event** - 4:00 PM CIAO BELLA, patio area

November 17: **Harold Larson Party**, Golden Valley Golf & Country Club

January 14: **Governor Tim Pawlenty** scheduled

April 26-28: **District 5950 District Conference**, Radisson Arrowwood, Alexandria, MN To register go to: www.rotary5950.org

Rotary on Cable, Channel 14

"Industry & Trade in China" - Lawrence Pobuda
Thursday, November 01, 2007 3:00 AM, 9:00 AM, 3:00 PM

"Stroke & TIA Recognition" - Dr. Sandra Hanson
Sunday, November 04, 2007 9:20 PM
Monday, November 05, 2007 3:20 AM, 9:20 AM, 3:20 PM

"STRIVE Banquet" - Bloomington Rotary
Sunday, November 04, 2007 8:30 PM
Monday, November 05, 2007 2:30 AM, 8:30 AM, 2:30 PM

Announcements and Other Business:



Southwest Metro Rotary Clubs Veterans Day Luncheon

is 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.

Sign up on sheets at your table.

Bloomington Rotary Social Event – All Rotarians Invited

Our next all club social is to be held Friday, November 9, from 4:00 P.M. on,
in the Patio area at CIAO BELLA. **All are welcome.**

This is a time to get to know one another better and relax after a long work week

Harold Larson Raffle Team Captains and Teams

Mark Bosch

Arlene Axelson
Chris Schadow
Jack Bouquet
Lee Helms
Nick Basil
Wally Neal

Brett McMahon

Becky Amble
Dave Getsch
John Houle
LuAnn Paulet
Scott Fricke
Ed Wines

Ed Ries

Charlie Plokladnik
Diann Kirby
David Wang
Karyn Arazi
Mike Fewer
Rod Axtell

Bernie Bryant

Adam Bengtson
Dan Barnett
Dave Senness
Jack Carlson
Linda Jewell
Phyllis Karasov
Les Fujitake

Ken Nordlie

Bonnie Carlson
Dana House
Don Stiles
Jim McDonald
Marty Chorzempa
Frank Grazzini
Sadhya Gupta

Sharon VanWinkel

Colin Evenson
David Pederson
Dick Young
Kathy Koehler
Marcy Gerdin
Tom Arnold
Ghidei Zedingle

Larry Lee

Adam Johnston
Pat DiPlacido
John Hanson
Lori Nelson
Susan Freeman
Elizabeth Henderson
Ron Simmons

Neil Peterson

Skipp Saaf
Brian Emerson
Dan Jordan
Dave Walock
Jae Mellin
Milo Engelstad

Jim Wenthold

Carolyn Pratt
Don Peterson
Jeff Andrews
Karen Nordstrom
Mahendra Nath
Tom Burke
Tom Kendall

Update your team captain as to your progress on selling your raffle tickets. Remind those to whom you are selling that the Raffle Grand Prize is a week for two in Alaska.

Imagine the Northern Lights from Alaska!

