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**November 12,
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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Next Week's Program

"The Perfect Storm in the Aviation/Aerospace Industry"

Guest: Ken Polovitz



There is a "Perfect Storm" developing within the aviation/aerospace industry. Specifically, the industry has recovered and is expanding to levels never seen before, yet at the same time, fewer young people are considering it as a career choice. What will this mean to our future and how can these trends be changed?

Our guest, Ken Polovitz, is Assistant Dean of Student Services at the John Odegard School of Aerospace Sciences, University of North Dakota. Ken began his career at UND in 1978 as he was working on his Masters Degree in counseling. He has been in the student services

area at UND since. He teaches Aviation Orientation, specializes in academic advising for incoming freshmen students and directs all recruiting activities for the school. He achieved his Private Pilot Certification in 1980. Join us to learn the latest about the aerospace industry.

This Week's Program

"2008: Recalibrating Investment Risk and Reward Expectations"

Guest: Phil Dow, RBC Dain Rauscher

The nature of the public is to trust people who tell us we are in trouble more than we trust people who tell us we are OK. This is most evident in the financial marketplace.

Our guest, Phil Dow, an analyst with RBC Dain Rauscher, cited many statistics that should allow us to have confidence in the financial marketplace despite the many warnings we hear out there. He felt that we were close to the lowest point on the Dow at this time and cited historical gain figures. He noted several positive reasons to have market confidence: Large company earnings have continued to be good. Our weaker dollar means more competitive pricing for our goods abroad. And, the market is fairly valued today. Negatives were the change in corporate income tax, and the current Sarbane-Oxley laws affecting our markets--causing us to lose our competitive advantage. He ended with, "Be expectant" and include in your portfolio dividend paying stocks.



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November Birthdays

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

Nov. Anniversaries

01 Jim Lucas 27 yrs
05 Carolyn Pratt 5 yrs
13 Scott Fricke 1 yr
22 Mahendra Nath 19 yrs

Greeter Schedule

Nov 12: Skipp Saaf
Nov 19: Tom Kendall
Nov 26: David Pederson
Dec 3: Jeff Andrews
Dec 10: Charles Pokladnik
Dec 17: Dave Senness
Dec 24, 31 NO Meeting

Invocator Schedule

Nov 12: Lee Helms
Nov 19: Becky Amble
Nov 26: Sandhya Gupta
Dec 3: Jack Bouquet
Dec 10:
Dec 17:
Dec 24, 31 NO Meeting

President's Corner – Don Stiles

As we approach the holiday season, we often find life can become hectic and more stressful. Many of our members involved with this weekend's Harold Larson Party details are busy completing their tasks so that we will enjoy another successful fundraiser. Many thanks in advance to **Carolyn Pratt** and her army of volunteers as they put the finishing touches on a wonderful Saturday evening.



I will welcome most of you to our 41st annual fundraiser. Once you arrive at Golden Valley Golf & Country Club, forget about all the schedules and deadlines in your life and plan on spending a relaxing, fun, and enjoyable evening with some of the most wonderful people in Minnesota ... your fellow Rotarians! In addition to fine food, musical entertainment, and great conversation, you will have the opportunity to help raise funds in a variety of ways: Silent Auction, Live Auction, raffle tickets, Bingo, and donations toward STRIVE Scholarships. There is something for each of us to participate in to help our charitable partners. Thank you for sharing your time and financial support as we demonstrate once again how Rotarians put service above self.

Harold Larson Party 2007

SEE YOU SATURDAY....Don't forget your volunteer assignments!

Contacts: Raffle Tickets: Jim Mortenson jcmortenson@pcl.com and Terry Stirewalt terrys@rbcu.org

Silent Auction Items: David Wang david.wang@associatedbank.com

Reservations: Kathy Koehler kkoehler@usinternet.com

Sponsor Tables: Adam Johnston ajohnston@hendler-johnston.com

For questions or changes to your scheduled assignments, contact:

Silent Auction Set Up: Karyn Arazi karynarazi@aol.com

Other Assignments: Carolyn Pratt carolynsings@hotmail.com

"Raise a few Dollars – Touch a life" Who is Harold Larson?

At 91, **Harold Larson** is still making a difference, influencing others and encouraging people to "Touch a Life". A graduate of Wheaton High School, Harold grew up on a small farm. He earned a scholarship and graduated from Macalester College in 1940, then went into the service where he flew 54 B-17 missions. He began his career in farm implements and moved to an auto dealership, eventually building his own business in 1966, Harold Chevrolet. He wanted to give something back to the community at the same time showcasing his automobiles. Thus, the Harold Larson party began in the lower level of Harold Chevrolet as a dinner to "Raise a Few Dollars" and "Touch a Life". Soon other Rotarians were donating their goods and services. Today, 41 years later, over \$50,000 will be raised to benefit our Charitable Partners through this annual party.

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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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Sunshine

Keep **Wally Neal** in your prayers as he heals from lung cancer surgery and pneumonia. Cards and calls are welcome. Visitors welcome once he is home.

Carolyn Pratt announced her son, **Sgt. Jack Thatcher** arrived stateside Nov. 8 safe and sound. The prayers really helped! Welcome Home, Jack!

Thank You, **Bloomington Rotarians**, from the **Winona Club** for the donation of cash to aid the **Rushford** flood victims.

Bloomington Rotary will be donating 100 mittens and caps to **VEAP** this year.

Guests and Visitors

Ryne DeVries, Guest of Jim McDonald, Northwestern Health Sciences University

LeAnne Sims, Guest of Don Stiles, Boy Scouts of America

Bud Nordstrom, Guest/Spouse of Karen Nordstrom

Neil Krasnik, Guest of John Swaney, Hopkins, Photographer

Upcoming Meetings

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

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

December 3: "Barbershop Quartet"

December 10: "STRIVE" Luncheon, Guests: STRIVE Students

December 17: "Youth Venture"

December 24 and December 31: NO MEETINGS

Calendar of Events

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

"MN Legislative Update" – Neil Peterson

Saturday, November 17, 2007 7:00 PM

Sunday, November 18, 2007 1:00 AM, 7:00 AM, 1:00 PM

"A Walk About America" – Eric Latham

Thursday, November 15, 2007 9:00 PM

Friday, November 16, 2007 3:00 AM, 9:00 AM, 3:00 PM

"Identity Theft" – Officer Jim Caauwe, Bloomington Police

Monday, November 19, 2007 11:00 PM

Tuesday, November 20, 2007 5:00 AM, 11:00 AM, 5:00 PM

Saturday, November 24, 2007 7:00 PM

Sunday, November 25, 2007 1:00 AM, 7:00 AM, 1:00 PM

Announcements and Other Business:

Salvation Army Bell Ringing – Sat. Dec. 1 Thank you to all our volunteers!

Bloomington rotary will furnish volunteers for Salvation Army bell ringing on Saturday, December 1, 2007. Two volunteers will ring at the entrance to Lund's at 98th Street and Normandale Boulevard from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Contact Lee Helms at 952-831-1141 for any changes. See list below for assignments:

9 AM to 10 AM	John Swaney and Lee Helms
10 AM to 11 AM	Don Stiles and Dick Young
11 AM to 12 PM	Dave Senness and Jeff Andrews
12 PM to 1 PM	Tom Kendall and Skipp Saaf
1 PM to 2 PM	Sharon VanWinkel and Dan Jordan
2 PM to 3 PM	Bernie Bryant and Neil Peterson
3 PM to 4 PM	Jim Wenthold and Terry Stirewalt



Rotarian Who Shares: John Swaney

Making us feel at home is John's business as the General Manager of the Golden Valley Golf and Country Club. Our Harold Larson Party has been taken to another level over the past three years with John's help.

John grew up in Richfield where he could sit and listen to the organ playing at the Twins games. A high school athlete and graduate from Burnsville HS, he was appointed to the Air Force Academy by Senator Mondale. He earned an MBA in Finance & Marketing from Wichita State University. He has worked in the hospitality industry in the US and several Southeast Asia countries.

He first joined Rotary in Manila where he was Rotarian of the Year in 1996. He transferred to our club in 1999 and served as President in 2005-2006. He has chaired vocational visits/talks, STRIVE, Membership, and volunteered for Bell-Ringing and Loaves and Fishes. He serves on several Boards and Foundations. John and Debera have one son, John (JC), and a black Labrador retriever. He has a passion for hunting and fishing. Thank you, John, for all you give!

Vocational Talk: Elizabeth Henderson

Specializing in creative asset building and asset protection, Elizabeth is the owner of her own business, Financial Visions/Strategic Business Consulting, Inc. She is a self stated "actuary with a personality". Elizabeth graduated from the U of M with a BS degree in Economics and a BA degree in International Relations. She began her family and lived in Switzerland, then Tunisia, then returned to the states. In 1999, she completed her MBA in Finance, Accounting and Actuarial Science from the Carlson School of Management. Her work career began with Deloitte & Touche as an actuarial consultant. She shifted her focus in 2001 to work as a financial analyst. Her personality just had to get out and she began her own business building her dream career as a Financial Consultant (including Financial Planning).



In 2005, Elizabeth and her three children (16, 14, and 12) moved to Bloomington. They have three kittens and can walk to most every store that they need. Liz's mother was a Rotarian for seven years with the Plymouth Rotary Club. We are happy you chose Bloomington Rotary, Elizabeth!