



RIB

November 20, 2006

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.

The Rotary Club of Bloomington Noon

President: Diann Kirby
Pres Elect: Don Stiles
Vice Pres: Carolyn Pratt
Secretary: Karyn Arazi
Treasurer: Brett McMahon
Past Pres: John Swaney
Dist Gov: Rod Shilkrot
Sgt in Arms: Rick Sitek
Exec Sec: Kathy Koehler
Directors: Adam Johnston,
Dave Senness, Lori
Nelson, Mark Bosch,
LuAnn Paulet, Mark
Bellestri, Laura Bjorgo,
Terry Stirewalt, and Dave
Walock

Next Week's Program

Healthcare in our Neighborhood
Mary Brainerd, CEO , HealthPartners

As president and CEO of HealthPartners, Ms. Brainerd leads one of the largest health care organizations in the country. This is a diverse group of organizations comprised of HealthPartners, a 640,000 member, consumer-governed health plan; HealthPartners Medical Group & Clinics; HealthPartners Dental Group & Clinics; Regions Hospital; HealthPartners Research Foundation and HealthPartners Institute for Medical Education. More than 600 physicians and 10,000 total employees serve patients and members at 52 locations. Ms. Brainerd has been with the Minneapolis, MN organization since 1992. Join us to learn more about the work of this group right here in our neighborhood.



This Week's Program



Dick Bremer, Announcer, Minnesota Twins

Dick Bremer proved his reputation as one of the most entertaining announcers in sports television today. Keeping us rolling in the aisles with laughter, Dick shared stories of his early days in broadcasting and gave us some insight into one of the best teams in baseball, our own Twins. Growing up in western Minnesota, Dick was a Twins fan all his life as he imagined himself Harmon Killebrew playing in the old stadium. He went into college radio at St. Cloud State University, then took his first professional job with KCLD, a rock station. He learned many good (and funny) lessons during those years.

Dick moved to TV, continuing his learning mistakes and joined WTCN in the Twin Cities just when their new slogan touted "If it's happening in the Twin Cities, it's news to us!" In his twenty years with the Twins, he believes that this last year was the most enjoyable season ever, capping their six year winning record and taking a last minute Division Championship.

Dick Bremer is very proud to be associated with the Twins organization because of their philanthropic policy toward their community. They are the best sports organization in helping charities with fund raising efforts. Our Rotary is just one example. They will leave a legacy in this community through their charity.

November Birthdays

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

November Anniversaries

- 01 Jim Lucas 26 yrs
- 05 Carolyn Pratt 4 yrs
- 22 Mahendra Nath 18 yrs

Greeter Schedule

- Nov. 27: LuAnn Paulet
- Dec.4: Jay Stevens
- Dec. 11: Ken Nordlie
- Dec. 18: Jim Wenthold
- Dec. 25: NO MEETING
- Jan. 1: NO MEETING
- Jan. 8: Jac Bouquet
- Jan. 15: David Senness
- Jan. 22: Dan Jordan
- Jan 29: David Pederson

Club Service

Salvation Army Bell Ringing

Thank you to those who have volunteered for Salvation Army bell ringing on Saturday, December 2, 2006. Volunteers will ring in pairs at the entrance to Lund's at 98th Street and Normandale Blvd. from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Contact Lee Helms at 952-831-1141 for any changes.

Here is your schedule:

- 9:00 AM Don Stiles, Lee Helms**
- 10:00 AM Frank Grazzini, John Swaney**
- 11:00 AM Terry Stirewalt, Skipp Saaf**
- 12:00 PM Sharon VanWinkel, Jeff Andrews**
- 1:00 PM Gigi Brecht, Marty Chorzempa**
- 2:00 PM Jay Stevens and family**
- 3:00 PM Jm Wenthold, Scott Fricke**



Meals on Wheels

Rotary members will again have a chance to deliver Meals on Wheels in Bloomington. The date is Monday, January 29, 2007. Sign up at your tables during our meetings. Here is a letter from a recipient family that tells us why we volunteer to assist this worthy program.

“Meals on Wheels help mom live in her home of nearly 50 years; we have been Bloomington residents even longer, since 1948. If not for this service, such a seemingly simple issue, such as eating, becomes extremely complex for a person who is 82, elderly, low, low income and not the best of health. She would be inches away from a nursing home if the burden of self care were shifted to her alone. What do you do if you can’t drive, walk far, prepare a nutritionally balanced shopping list, cook safely or be as skilled at making great meals like Meals on Wheels can do?”

I think you can tell how highly I think of this program and what peace it brings daily to our family. Meals on Wheels gives mom the dignity to stay in her home, pay taxes, and lead as full a life as she can. Remember, this could be your mom and dad, and someday soon, even us.”

Name That Rotarian

This Rotarian was a fixture in the Bloomington scene before becoming a member in 2000. This person’s mother was the nurse who sold the concept of school nursing to the Bloomington public schools. While attending Macalester College and the University of Minnesota, this member’s first job was for the Bloomington school superintendent selling teachers on the benefits of working in Bloomington. Now a partner with brother John in the financial planning business, this member also has served on numerous boards and commissions, including the Bloomington School Board. Named New Rotarian of the Year in 2001, this Rotarian is currently the club’s secretary and RIB editor. **See page 4 RIB**

Is it?

- a) Karyn Arazi b) Tim Culver c) Brett McMahon d) Jack Carlson**

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Youth Exchange

*Introducing
Leonardo Cesar
Vasconcelos, from
the city of Sete
Lagoas, Minas
Gerais, Brazil, our
2007 Youth
Exchange student
coming to
Bloomington in
January, 2007*

*Leo will be staying
in the US for one
year. As his host,
our club is currently
looking for families
who might have an
interest in having a
student live with
them for a few
months.*

*Leo's birthday is on
Halloween and he
speaks three
languages:
English, Spanish,
and Portuguese.
He has one brother
and one sister and
loves soccer.
Contact Mark
Bellestri (612-481-
0406) or Jay
Stevens to help.*

Guests and Visitors

Rotarian Jon Hokenstein, Eagan Rotary Club, Local Government
Marty Chorzempa, Guest and son of Marty Chorzempa, Financial Advisor
Joe Paublko, Guest of Lori Nelson, Biologist
Elizabeth Henderson, Guest of Adam Johnston, Financial Planning
Pastor Earnest Jeyaraja, Guest of Adam Bengtson, Religious/Non Profit
Elliot Asiatidis, Guest of Mike Brunkow, Financial Planning

President's Column

Diann Kirby

An event the size of the Harold Larson Party takes a cast of many to pull off. Fortunately, we have a group of extraordinary people who did extraordinary things to make it a success this year. A big thanks to gala chair **Don Stiles** who started working last spring to pull all the pieces together for what looks to be a record-breaking fundraiser. And thanks to all of you who donated your time, whether it was chairing a committee, procuring auction items, selling raffle tickets, designing invitations, sponsoring tables, etc. As I said, it takes a group of extraordinary people like you to pull off an event of this magnitude.

The good news keeps pouring in. I received a call from Wells Fargo this week asking if there was still time to make a donation to the party. "There's always time," was my response. Thanks to Wells Fargo Foundation and **John Swaney** (who requested the donation), we've picked up another \$250 to benefit our charitable partners this Rotary year.

Extraordinary People Doing Extraordinary Things!

Harold Larson Party – 40th Anniversary

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! The 2006 gala Harold Larson Party was a roaring success! It looks like the net receipts may be in the neighborhood \$53,000 to \$54,000 plus \$10,600 in Scholarships for STRIVE. This may surpass last year's record breaker! Thank you to all of the volunteers:

Don Stiles	Rick Sitek	Debbie Belfry	David Allen
John Swaney	Dave Walock	Gene Fuller	Collin Evenson
John Houle	Jim Mortenson	Jim Lucas	Brian Emerson
Jack Bouquet	Terry Stirewalt	Delores Lucas	Jae Mellin
Kathi Hiyane-Brown	Mike Brunkow	Bernie Bryant	Adam Johnston
Carolyn Pratt	Lee Helms	LuAnn Paulet	Jay Stevens
Dave Senness	Skipp Saaf	Neil Peterson	Mark Bellestri
Mark Bosch	Sandhya Gupta	Dana House	Leslie Stiles
Dan Jordan	Kathy Koehler	Jeff Andrews	Tina Walock
Karyn Arazi	Larry Lee	Becky Amble	Jackie Bosch
Gigi Brecht	Nick Basil	Ken Nordlie	Phyllis Karasov
Frank Grazzini	Diann Kirby	David Simmer	Jim Wenthold
Lori Nelson	Arlene Axelson	Susan Freeman	Marty Chorzempa
Ghidei Zedingle	Jan Chorzempa	and to all the others who pitched in!	



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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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Sunshine

Keep **Carolyn Pratt's** family and especially her son Jack in your prayers as he has just deployed to Kuwait for a year's duty abroad.

Congratulations to **Neil Peterson**, successful in his bid to be reelected to the Minnesota House of Representatives.

Upcoming Meetings

November 27: "**Healthcare in Our Neighborhood**", Mary Brainerd, CEO Health Partners

December 4: "**STRIVE, Matching Student Interests to Careers**" Larry Sonneck and Kristen Cooper, counselors from Normandale Community College

December 11: "**Sports Anchor for 5 Eyewitness News**", Anne Hutchinson

December 18: "**Holiday Program**", at Bloomington Civic Plaza, Joint with Bloomington Daymakers Rotary

December 25, 2006 and January 1, 2007: **NO MEETINGS**

Calendar of Events

December 2: Salvation Army Bell Ringers, Lunds, Normandale and 98th St.

January 29: Meals on Wheels, Rotary members deliver meals today! Mark your calendar. We start early as we pick up meals at 11:00 AM for our deliveries.

January 31: STRIVE Mock Job Interview (with Rotarians...you are needed!)

April 26-28, 2007: Rotary District 5950 Conference

May 19: District 5950 Assembly, Club officer and Board member training.

June 17-20, 2007: RI Convention in Salt Lake City, Utah

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:
Nothing on the schedule at this time. Check out some of their other local programming.

Name That Rotarian: a) Karyn Arazi

**Harold
Larson
Party
2006**



A spectacular evening! Thanks to all for making it a success benefiting our charitable partners.

