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November 27, 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

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Next Week's Program

STRIVE students are our Guest
Speakers: Larry Sonnek and Kristen Cooper
"Turning a Wish List into a Road Map"



Come prepared to participate with our STRIVE students around your table who share an interest in your chosen career. Look for career areas listed at each table and join others with similar interests. Engage in conversation with the STRIVE students about your career preparation (education, internships, etc.), and about your job, what you like and what frustrates you.

Larry Sonnek and Kristen Cooper, our guest speakers, are both counselors at Normandale Community College. They will be talking about achieving a career objective by breaking the task into three areas: knowing yourself; knowing the occupation; and designing a path to that objective.

Larry is familiar with Rotary as his daughter, Kaylee, spent her senior year in Bolivia as a Rotary Exchange Student and their family has hosted a Rotary student from Mexico. Kristen is a Bloomington Jefferson grad who now serves half time as a counselor at Normandale and half time with Upward Bound.

This Week's Program

"Healthcare in our Neighborhood"
Mary Brainerd, CEO, Health Partners

The Brookings Institution (with funding from Health Partners) recently studied the changing demographics of the Twin Cities area. They found that "through innovative policies and attention to key factors like education and healthcare, the Twin Cities has become a highly successful and competitive region. But the Twin Cities is changing rapidly," ... and not necessarily for the better. Growing socioeconomic inequalities are not only bad for society, but also bad for business.

"The Twin Cities has an opportunity to be a leader, as it has been on so many other occasions with so many other issues. With its high educational attainment rates, wage and job growth, and progressive policies, the Twin Cities is in an enviable position. However, the growing race, class, and income disparities will hamper the region's future competitiveness if ignored." – *The Brookings Institution*

Mary's presentation was engaging and informative, sparking several questions and further discussion among our members. To read the full Brookings Institution report, visit http://www.brookings.edu/metro/pubs/20051027_mindthegap.htm

December Birthdays

- 3 Carolyn Pratt
- 7 Laura Bjorgo
- 10 Charlie Pokladnik
- 17 LuAnn Paulet
- 23 Jim Lucas

December Anniversaries

- 20 Colin Evenson 1 yr
- 23 Lori Nelson 3 yrs

Greeter Schedule

- Dec.4: Jay Stevens
- Dec. 11: Ken Nordlie
- Dec. 18: Jim Wenthold
- Dec. 25: NO MEETING
- Jan. 1: NO MEETING

Club Service

Salvation Army Bell Ringing, Lunds (98th & Normandale Blvd)

Salvation Army bell ringing is this Saturday, December 2, 2006. Thank you to our volunteers:



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

Name That Rotarian

In order to provide more time for our speaker this week, Name That Rotarian was postponed until our next meeting. Rumor has it that “Jack Carlson” was due to be the correct answer this time ... we’ll have to wait until next week to find out!

Sunshine

While attending a makeup meeting at the Rotary Club of Bonita Springs, Jim Mortenson ran into Bob Matheson, a former Bloomington Rotarian! Bob extends his greetings to the rest of our members. He is “firmly relocated” in Florida with his own financial services firm. It turns out Bob and Jim are residents in the same golf community and are now practically neighbors.

Sandhya Gupta, a member of the India Association of Minnesota, reminds us that her organization will be an active participant in the May 2007 Festival of Nations at St. Paul’s RiverCentre. The IAM also organizes the Festival of India each October to increase awareness in the local community. There are approximately 20,000 Indians in Minnesota, with about 40 different diverse organizations in the community. The India Association of Minnesota, in addition to its other activities, acts as a liason between the other organizations to provide unity within the diversity.

Susan Freeman is happy to report that the new VEAP facility’s increased capacity allowed them to serve an additional 250 families for Thanksgiving, bringing the total this year to nearly 1200 families served!

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Rotary Minute: Membership

Do you know an interesting person who would make a great Rotarian?

Get their name and contact information to one of the members of the Membership Committee or to **Terry Stirewalt at Richfield Bloomington Credit Union, 345 E. 77th Street, Richfield. (612) 798-7126. terryst@rbcu.org**

The membership committee will make a contact and invite them to visit our club. We will event get them on our RIB list to receive information about our meetings!

Visitors and Guests

Rotarian Dan Hallberg, Edina Noon Rotary Club, Life Insurance
Rotarian Robert Pratt, Ann Arbor MI Rotary Club, Active Senior
Rotarian Karen Zeliznak, Bloomington Daymakers Rotary Club, Health
Rotarian Dennis Hykes, Edina Rotary Club, Corporate Financial Management

George Lindall, Guest of Scott Fricke, Psychologist
Karen Nordstrom, Guest of John Houle, Public Official
Mary Pratt, Guest of Carolyn Pratt

President's Column

Diann Kirby

This week I received a thought-provoking e-mail from Tom Thorfinnson, Annual Giving Chair for Rotary District 5950. "As busy as we are, it is not uncommon for us to forget altogether what it was that we had for lunch the day before," wrote Tom. Lunch can be so routine, so automatic."

Tom recalled a lunch he had during a 2003 trip to Haiti to see the site of one of the District's new water wells. After visiting with a widow named Andrea who had lost her husband due to contaminated water, Tom and his group headed into town for lunch. They ate what Tom described as the "poorest excuse for a chicken wing" he had ever seen. "We ate in silence," recalled Tom. "We knew we had more meat at that meal than most of the citizens of Haiti would see that week."

Soon you'll be hearing about The Rotary Foundation giving campaign that our club is undertaking. Jim Lucas and Jim McDonald have come up with a memorable and fun way to raise money for the foundation. But the real goal is to help the Andreas of the world drink clean water, eat nutritious meals and lead healthy lives - the kind of lives we too often take for granted.

Extraordinary People Doing Extraordinary Things!



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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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Upcoming Meetings

December 4: **STRIVE, "Turning a Wish List into a Road Map"** 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:
Ken Freed, Minnesota Orchestra Violinist
"Learning Through Music"
Wednesday,