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November 29, 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
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Dave Senness, Laura
Bjorgo, Dave Walock

Next Week's Program

STRIVE Luncheon

Guests: STRIVE students from Bloomington High Schools

Speaker: Troy Walden, Teen Challenge

We have an opportunity to get a taste of our STRIVE Program next Tuesday, December 6th, as the STRIVE Students are coming to join us for lunch. We expect over 60 students from both Kennedy and Jefferson STRIVE Programs along with their Principals and other school administrators and mentors. The speaker for this event was arranged by our own Dick Young: **Troy Walden from Teen Challenge** will talk about methamphetamine addiction, which is the fastest growing drug problem our Bloomington youth are facing today.

You will be a participant, too! We hope to limit the number of students at each table to only four, so that four Rotarians can join them to fill up each table. There will be signs on each table indicating a broad career category (such as, medical careers, music careers, law careers). The students took career interest surveys earlier this year and will be asked to sit at the tables matching their career interests. Hopefully, we Rotarians will do the same so that the students can talk with you about your careers and learn how they can better prepare themselves to pursue such careers.

Obviously, we will not have 100% matching of all careers, so at the "general career" tables some Rotarians will talk to the students about careers in general. Please arrive as close to noon as possible. The students will be there by 11:50

so that they can get seated with their meals and can talk with Rotarians until about 12:40. Thanks for your help in touching the lives of these students.



*STRIVE student class, 2004-2005.
Bloomington Noon Rotary presents several
scholarships to students who have achieved their
goals during the year.*

**These one-on-one conversations do make a difference!
You won't want to miss this Rotary meeting!**

December Birthdays

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

December Anniversaries

- 23 Lori Nelson, 2 yrs
- 29 Bob Bogen, 35 yrs

Greeter Schedule

- 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's Program

Paul Harris Fellowship, Rotary Foundation & Bloomington Rotary Foundation
Speakers: Frank Grazzini, Mike Fewer, and Jim Lucas

Rotary Foundation

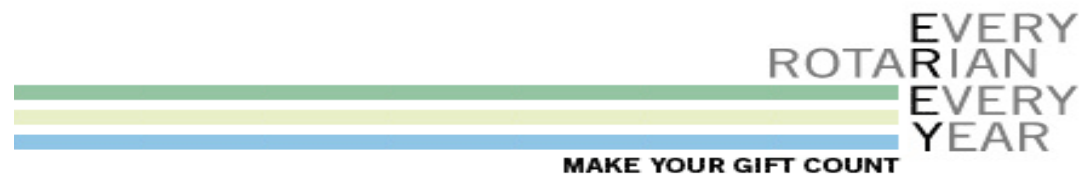
The mission of The Rotary Foundation is to support the efforts of Rotary International...through local, national and international humanitarian, educational, and cultural programs.

Every Rotarian Every Year is the current campaign to encourage every Rotarian to learn about and donate to The Rotary Foundation. In 2005-2006, Bloomington Noon Rotary has set a goal of \$200 per member in contributions to the Rotary Foundation. With 80 members, this sets our total giving goal at \$16,000. We will hear more from Frank Grazzini and Mike Fewer as the campaign progresses.

The Rotary Foundation achieves its mission through humanitarian programs like Polio Plus, Polio Plus Partners, and Health, Hunger and Humanity (3-H) Grants. We have all become familiar with Polio Plus as the eradication effort is almost complete. 3-H Grants fund large scale, two to four year projects that enhance health, help alleviate hunger, or improve human development.

Rotary Foundation provides Matching Grants, and District Simplified Grants which support international service projects of Rotary Clubs and Districts. It is these grants that have helped our club to provide two large grants to Abul Sharah's International Village Clinic to purchase a mobile clinic, medical equipment and a generator.

Educational and cultural programs like Rotary World Peace Scholars, Ambassadorial Scholarships, and Group Study Exchange send out hundreds of ambassadors of good will annually around the world, each learning about a new culture and sharing his/her own culture with others, hopefully melting the boundaries that seem to divide us. Your gift will make a difference!



Bloomington Rotary Foundation

"The **Bloomington Rotary Foundation** was established in 1989 and has finally built up its endowment base to the desired goal of \$150,000.00," said Jim Lucas, President of the Board of Directors of the Foundation. The seven member board is in the process of determining the parameters under which earnings will be distributed. Its main source of funds is our Harold Larson Party where 12 ½ % of the proceeds remain with the Foundation. Individual donations and estate gifts are also encouraged. All donations are tax deductible as the Foundation is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization.

Bloomington Rotary
Youth Exchange

Youth Exchange
Officer: Mark Bellestri
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Volunteer Opportunity

Saturday, December 3: **Salvation Army Bell Ringing**, 10:00AM – 6:00 PM at Byerly's, Bloomington (98th Street and Lyndale Avenue) – Please arrive a few minutes early for your scheduled hour. **Contact: Lee Helms (952) 831-1141**

10:00 AM	Dick Herberg and Lee Helms
11:00 AM	John Swaney and Frank Grazzini
12:00 Noon	Don Stiles and Dick Young
1:00 PM	Jim Mortenson and Terry Stirewalt
2:00 PM	Gigi Brecht and LuAnn Baker
3:00 PM	Nick Basil and Brett McMahon
4:00 PM	Skipp Saff and Sharon VanWinkel
5:00 PM	Neil Peterson and Mike Brunkow

Thank you to all the Volunteers!

Rays of Sunshine

Sharon VanWinkel shared this great news....**Courage Center** hosted its 25th annual Junior Wheelchair Basketball Tournament the weekend before Thanksgiving. 20 teams came from Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin, Minnesota, South Dakota, and Nebraska. It was a successful tournament for the players, volunteers and staff. The same weekend Courage sent their Power Soccer team to Mesa, AZ, where they placed 4th out of 12 teams and their MN Ice, quad rugby team, traveled to Milwaukee for a tournament.

Wally Neal wishes to share that he has been diagnosed with lung cancer. It is incurable but treatable. He will have more discussions with his Doctor this week and will share more as treatment decisions are made. Our prayers and our love remain with Wally and Marcia.

Connie Zins reports that her son Brock was recently named Captain of the Varsity Basketball team at Henry Sibley High School. Congratulations, Brock!

Guests and Visitors

Rotarian Bob Stehlik, Edina Rotary, Banking

Bob is the District 3 Rotary Foundation Representative.

Rotarian Cathy Smith, Fridley-Columbia Heights Rotary, Roofing Contractor

Cathy joined us to Thank all the members of our club who helped make the RI President's visit the special event that it was.

Gigi Brecht, guest of Diann Kirby, Accordia, Wells Fargo

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 13: **Guest Speaker: Bill Frenzel, Presidential Tax Reform Commission**

December 20: **Holiday FUN Fest – Music and Readings, Featuring Carolyn Pratt – time to get out your twinkling light bow ties and jewelry.**

December 27: **NO MEETING**

December 30: **Friday AM, join the Bloomington Daymakers at their meeting**

January 24: **Meals on Wheels**

February 7: **President Teddy Roosevelt**

Calendar of Events

December 3: **Salvation Army Bell Ringing, 10:00AM – 6:00 PM** at 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:
Max Urban Hedberg, President, IKEA Bloomington

Thursday, December 1, 9:00 PM

Friday, December 2, 3:00 AM, 9:00 AM, 3:00 PM

Courage Center

Friday, December 2, 10:30 PM

Saturday, December 3, 4:30 AM, 10:30 AM, 4:30 PM, 7:00 PM

Sunday, December 4, 1:00 AM, 7:00 AM, 1:00 PM

Veterans Day

Tuesday, December 6, 10:30 PM

Wednesday, December 7, 4:30 AM, 10:30 AM, 4:30 PM

Thursday, December 8, 9:00 PM

Friday, December 9, 3:00 AM, 9:00 AM, 3:00 PM