



RIB

December 3, 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

"STRIVE Luncheon" Guests: STRIVE students from Kennedy and Jefferson High School

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. See notice page 2 RIB from Jeff Andrews to set up your career matches. *Photo: John Houle and John Swaney share with STRIVE students at last year's luncheon.*



This Week's Program

"Holiday Cheer" Barbershop and Sweet Adeline's Quartets

What a special holiday program! Thank you to our guests....

Vallee de Croix Quartet: **Jackie Hillman, Bass; Joyce Kisch, Tenor; Mary Fitzgerald, Lead; and Kathy Korum, Baritone.**

Croix Chordsmen Barbership Quartet: **Jack True, Baritone; Duane Hall, Bass; Cliff Turnbull, Lead; and Roger Bosmoe, Tenor.**



An American folk music form, "Barbershop" singing as it is known today started in the 1930's. Women's groups, "Sweet Adeline's", were founded in 1945. Their organizations, in alliance with other a cappella organizations worldwide, are committed to enriching lives in every generation

and community through the lifelong benefits of a cappella harmony singing. They regularly perform charitable concerts, and work with high school choirs to spread the a cappella/barbershop philosophy and style. There are only four parts in this folk style music. The Lead is often not the predominant voice as the other three voices, both below and above the melody line are featured throughout the arrangement. An upcoming concert is set for Dec. 8 – for full concert schedule and information see:

www.valleedecroix.org

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December Birthdays

03 Carolyn Pratt
10 Charlie Pokladnik
17 LuAnn Paulet
23 Jim Lucas

December

Anniversaries

20 Colin Evenson 2 yrs
23 Lori Nelson 4 yrs

Greeter Schedule

Dec 10: Charles Pokladnik
Dec 17: Dave Senness
Dec 24, 31 NO Meeting
Jan 7: Brian Emerson
Jan 14: LuAnn Paulet
Jan 21: Becky Amble
Jan 28: Jim Wenthold

Invocator Schedule

Dec 10: Colin Evenson
Dec 17: Ed Reis
Dec 24, 31 NO Meeting

President's Corner – Don Stiles

For those of you who attended our December 3rd meeting, you were both educated and entertained. Thanks to **John Houle** for his Rotary minute on the "Four-Way Test" and to **Lee Helms** and all the Bell-Ringers who braved the wind, snow and cold last Saturday to raise funds for the Salvation Army. We also heard about all the players behind the Harold Larson Party event. **Carolyn Pratt** went the extra mile to organize everything, but as she pointed out, the event would not have been such a success without the help of many of you Rotarians. Thank you for caring enough to make this great effort.



We all got a jump on the season with some holiday barbershop music from two quartets. Thanks to our Program Chair **Becky Amble** for arranging this fun entertainment. I think I even detected some "closet singers" among our membership during the sing-a-longs.

Next Monday **December 10**, please be sure to attend our Noon STRIVE Rotary Lunch. **Jeff Andrews** and **Lee Helms** are Co-Chairing our STRIVE Program this year, and this is the meeting where the students from both Kennedy and Jefferson will join us at "Career Tables" to talk to you Rotarians about their future goals and dreams. You can make the difference between success and struggle for these for these young minds. Thank you for sharing your insights and advice to these students.

Salvation Army Bell Ringing

Thank you to our Rotarian Bell Ringers!

Chair: Lee Helms

Bell Ringers: John Swaney, Lee Helms, Don Stiles, Dick Young, Dave Senness, Jeff Andrews, Tom Kendall, Skipp Saaf, Sharon VanWinkel, Dan Jordan, Bernie Bryant, Neil Peterson, Jim Wenthold and Terry Stirewalt.



STRIVE Luncheon – Urgent!

Jeff Andrews is working to match Rotarians/Rotary guests with student interests for our luncheon on Monday. This is a great opportunity for us to connect with these students and their potential career interests. Please let Jeff know if you match any of the below listed career interests or know someone that would be willing to come on Monday to share their path to this particular career:

Arts Related (Designer, Choreographer, Photography, Jeweler, Animation, Cartoonist, Performance Arts, and Artists); Carpenter, Corporate HR, Counselor, Mechanic, Medical, Teacher / Education.

Contact Jeff Andrews at: www.navigationmortgage.com 952-888-4300 Phone

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

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http://www.rotary5950.org/where_meet.html

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Sunshine

Mahendra Nath was featured in the **Black Book: Minnesotans You Should Know**, Twin Cities Business magazine. www.tcbmag.com

Our prayers are needed for **Jan Chorzempa, Marty Chorzempa's** wife who has been advised that the cancer she has been battling since 1989 has returned. She will begin chemotherapy treatment next week.

Dana House shared an article on **Peace House Foundation** (one of our charitable partners) and his work with them from the December issue of Twin Cities Business magazine. He is in Arizona until later in December.

Club Social – Please RSVP

Thursday, Dec. 13 – Comfort Inn, Bloomington

A holiday social gathering will be hosted by **Don Peterson** at the Comfort Inn on Thursday, December 13, from 4:40 to 7:30 p.m. 1320 American Boulevard – tandem to Outback Steakhouse. If you can attend RSVP to **Elizabeth Henderson** at ehenderson@financialvisions.net.

Upcoming Meetings

December 10: “**STRIVE**” Luncheon, Guests: STRIVE Students

December 17: “**Youth Venture**” Guest: Jessie Ruth

December 28: **Joint Meeting** with the **Daymakers Rotary Club** 7:29 AM, Park Plaza Hotel

December 24 and December 31: NO MEETINGS

January 7: “**Governor Tim Pawlenty**”

Calendar of Events

December 13: **Club Social 4:30 – 7:30** Comfort Inn, American Boulevard

December 28: Joint meeting with Daymakers Rotary Club

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

May 8: Bloomington Ethics Seminar on White Collar Crime

Rotary on Cable, Channel 14

“**Personal Trainer**” – **Judy Beyers**

Friday, December 7, 2007 3:00 AM, 9:00 AM, 3:00 PM

“**Rotary Veterans Day**”

Monday, December 10, 2007 11:00 PM

Tuesday, December 11, 2007 5:00 AM, 11:00 AM, 5:00 PM

Saturday, December 15, 2007 7:00PM

Sunday, December 16, 2007 1:00 AM, 7:00 AM, 1:00 PM

Announcements and Other Business:

Rotarian Who Shares: Carolyn Pratt

She is an outstanding artist in her craft (music) and she brings enthusiasm and a special flair into her work with Rotary. **Carolyn Pratt**, our Rotarian who shares for this week, led our most profitable Harold Larson event to date. Carolyn was born in Grand Rapids, MI, and grew up in a musical family. She is a member of Phi Beta Kappa and a DMA candidate at the University of WI. Married to Jackson Thatcher for 28 years, they have three sons: Jack, Jordan, and Joshua. She is a professional singer – soprano, and is the Executive Director of the Bloomington Fine Arts Council. She is Chair of the Taste of Chocolate fundraiser and manages Thursday Musical. Carolyn joined Rotary in 2002 and has served on the Board, is President Elect, Chair of the Harold Larson Party, and past Program Chair. Besides Rotary, Carolyn devotes time to the Normandale Community College Foundation, the Park Nicollet Foundation, the Bloomington Chamber and the Greater TC Youth Symphony. Thank you, Carolyn, for all you give to our community!



Highlights of "Rotarian" Nov 2007:

- How does our money help around the world?
 - \$100 provides 35 Bangladeshi families for mosquito nettings to help prevent malaria spread.
 - \$250 provides 2 prosthetic limbs in Cambodia
 - \$250 provides a playground in Thailand
 - \$500 provides a Braille typewriter in Brazil
 - \$1000 provides 4800 NID caps in India.
 - \$100,000 provides dairy cows and chickens in Romania
 - \$500,000 provides International Peace Fellowships
 - \$1,000,000 helps fund Polio eradication in Afghanistan.
- One Integrated Village Project at a glance in a northeastern village in India:
 - Total contribution:
 - \$300,000 from The Rotary Foundation
 - \$12,500 from District 3290
 - \$12,500 from the Rotary Club of Medicine Hat
 - Levels of participation:
 - 54,000 people are receiving health care and have access to tube wells and toilets
 - 300 children are studying in three schools
 - 250 adults have received micro-credit loans, with about \$16,00 disbursed so far
 - 150 adults have received stipend for vocational training
 - 50 adults have received direct vocational training
 - 50 adults have received literacy classes!

From Past District Governor Paul Bierhaus:

Please join other District Rotary Clubs to support the Rotary SAFE WATER PROJECT and you may see the Vikings from a luxury suite! The Minnesota Vikings in conjunction with our Rotary District are teaming up on a Vikings ticket promotion which will benefit the SAFE WATER PROJECT and YOU! The attached ticket offer, for the Minnesota Vikings games against either Detroit on December 2nd and/or Washington on December 23rd, provides your members with discounted ticket opportunities and a way to raise Rotary awareness and project money.

Please distribute the attached flyer to your members. The President and a guest of the six top selling Rotary Clubs, by club member percentage, will be invited to be guests of the Vikings at the December 23rd game with Washington. You will be treated to pre-game field passes and will view the game from a luxury suite. Please join the Rotary Clubs of Minnesota by supporting the Vikings to benefit our SAFE WATER PROJECT. Thank you. SEE attached flyer!

Paul Bierhaus
PDG

John Nepl, Minnesota Vikings
Ticket Sales Manager 952-918-8410



2007 Rotary International - Minnesota Vikings Ticket Order Form



“A portion of every ticket purchased will benefit the Rotary SAFE WATER Project!”

Please return this form with full payment to:

Minnesota Vikings – RI
500 11th Avenue S
Minneapolis, MN 55415
Fax (612) 333-0458

Rotary Club: _____

Account #: _____
(for office use only)

OFFER:

- **As a Rotary Club Member**, we are pleased to offer you a \$6 discount (per ticket) on the purchase of tickets to the December 2nd game vs. the Detroit Lions **and/or** the December 23rd game vs. the Washington Redskins. **These upper tickets are normally \$57 and are located in the end zone of the upper level.** Also, a limited number of discounted \$73 **LOWER LEVEL** seats are available!
- Purchase tickets to see the Vikings play the Lions and/or the Redskins and the Rotary SAFE WATER Project will benefit!
- Orders will be filled on a first-come, first-serve basis with the best available tickets at the time the order is received.
- Quantities are limited. This offer is valid while supplies last and does not apply to previously purchased tickets.
- Please return this order form with payment via mail or fax (612-333-0458). Your tickets will be mailed to the address listed below.

Name: _____

Address: _____ Suite/Apt#: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone – Office: (____) _____ Fax: (____) _____ Home: (____) _____

ORDER (due in our office no later than the Tuesday prior to game date):

| Team | Game Date/Time | # of LOWER LEVEL tickets at \$73 | # of upper level tickets at \$51 | Total Amount |
|-------------------|-------------------------------|---|----------------------------------|--------------|
| Detroit | Sunday, December 2 - Noon | | | |
| Washington | Sunday, December 23 - Noon* | | | |
| | *Game time subject to change. | | | |
| | | | Handling | \$4.00 |
| | | | Grand Total | \$ |

METHOD OF PAYMENT (credit card only please):

CHARGE #: _____ EXP. DATE: _____
 Visa MasterCard American Express Discover Diners Club