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**December 10,  
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**

**"Youth Venture" Guest: Jesse Ruth**



Youth Venture is an international organization that invests in young people, giving them skills to be change-makers in their communities. Jessie Ruth, their Partnership and Outreach Associate, enjoys inspiring youth and sharing their stories with community partners and adults encouraging them to become involved in a variety of volunteer capacities.

Jesse is an alumna of the University of Minnesota School of Journalism and Mass Communication. She graduated with a B.A. in Professional Strategic Communications in Public Relations with a Minor in Foreign Studies. During her university days she studied abroad in London, England, and completed an internship at Help the Aged – one of the largest non-governmental organizations in the UK. This was her first experience working for a charitable organization, and needless to say it left a lasting impression leading her to her work with Youth Venture. Don't miss this valuable program as we continue our focus on strengthening the youth in our community.

## **This Week's Program**

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

Thank you to all Rotarians for your interest in talking with our STRIVE students. A single comment that you made might make a significant difference in a student's



life...taking an interest, certainly does.

Our guest speakers, Kristen Cooper and Larry Sonnek from Normandale Community College were again stimulating as they offered good suggestions on "Turning Your Wishes Into a Road Map – Careers & You." To have a successful working career, it is no longer an option to seek additional training before you enter the work force.

To explore career resources visit [www.iseek.org](http://www.iseek.org).



**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



In spite of my raspy voice (too much Christmas carol singing over the weekend), I believe the STRIVE Rotary lunch was very beneficial to the Kennedy and Jefferson High School students. I could not help but notice the enthusiastic conversations taking place at most of the tables as I surveyed the banquet room. **Jeff Andrews** was responsible for the career tables, and even invited other professionals to help supplement the many careers already represented by our Rotary membership. **Lee Helms** rode the bus round-trip with the students to make sure everyone was accounted for. A special thanks to these Co-Chairs of STRIVE.

I also want to thank all of our members who shared their expertise and experiences with the STRIVE students. Spending less than 30 minutes of conversation with a student may not seem like much, but the feedback we hear later indicates that those conversations helped the students further down the road in their life journey as they make those big decisions. Your efforts last Monday will help change the lives of these students for many years to come. Thank you for sharing!

Finally, it's always a pleasure welcoming new members into our club. Our Membership Committee and Board have both approved the application of **Leanne Sims**. Leanne is the "Learning for Life" Executive with the Northern Star Council of the Boy Scouts of America. Please make a point of introducing yourself to Leanne as you see her at upcoming meetings. Her official induction will be in January 2008.

## Rotarian Who Shares:

### Lee Helms

Volunteering tirelessly year after year is the example our Rotarian Who Shares, Lee Helms, models. Lee grew up in Rock Island Il, in a teaching family. An athlete and musician, he received his BS in Accountancy from the University of Illinois and proudly served in the Army immediately after graduation. He was married to Margaret, who passed away recently, for 43 years. His adult children, Anna and Jeff, both live and work in the Twin Cities area. Lee worked for 34 years for John Deere as an auditor and controller. After retiring, he continued to work as an accountant for several different firms, including United Health Care and tax preparation with Dave Senness. Lee loves sports and plays golf as often as possible.



Lee joined Rotary in 1988, sponsored by Jack Carlson. His Classification is Health Care Business. Lee was named 2001 Rotarian of the Year. He has been involved in the STRIVE program from its inception. Today, he serves as STRIVE Co-chair; Greeters Chair; and Bell Ringers Chair. He worked to organize the timers and scorers for our Rotary basketball tournament and worked on our initial Polio Plus Campaign. Lee, Thank You for all you do!

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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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## Guests and Visitors

Our Rotarian Guests today include: **Rotarian Greg Margarit**, Daymakers; **Rotarian Mitch Griep**, Daymakers; **Rotarian Debbit Belfry**, Daymakers; **Rotarian Ron Wagner**, Daymakers; **Rotarian Jon Oleson**, Daymakers; and **Rotarian Patricia Heller**, Anchorage Alaska Rotary.

Other Guests today include **Frank Jordan**, brother of **Dan Jordan**; **Steve Hill and Deb Holman**, Jefferson High School; **Mitch Griep**, Thrivent; **Katherine Samson**, STRIVE; and **Ralph Anderson, Kristen Cooper, and Larry Sonnek** of NCC. Also, our **STRIVE** students and their mentors, including **Jim Caauwe** and **Dee Engle**.

## Sunshine

**Diann Kirby's husband, Newton Kirby**, is having kidney surgery this week. Our prayers and thought are with you, Diann and Newton. May your surgery go smoothly and your recovery be swift!

Thank you to **Richfield Bloomington Credit Union** for their generous donation of a \$100 higher education scholarship to every STRIVE student who qualifies.

### Club Social- Thursday, Dec. 13

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. We will see you at the Outback !

## Upcoming Meetings

December 17: "Youth Venture" Guest: Jessie Ruth

December 28: **Joint Meeting** with the **Daymakers Rotary Club** 7:15 AM, Park Plaza Hotel, 4460 West 78<sup>th</sup> Street Circle 952-831-3131 (North of 494)

**December 24 and December 31: NO MEETINGS**

**Happy New Year! Our First meeting of 2008:**

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](http://www.rotary5950.org)

May 8: Bloomington Ethics Seminar on White Collar Crime

## Rotary on Cable, Channel 14

### "Rotary Veterans Day"

Saturday, December 15, 2007 7:00PM

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