



RIB

December 11, 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 McMahan
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
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Next Week's Program

Special Holiday Program: Angelica Cantanti Choir
Bloomington Center for the Arts, Bloomington Civic Plaza

Next week we head to the Bloomington Center for the Arts for a special holiday program and joint meeting with the Daymakers Rotary. After lunch, Angelica Cantanti, a Twin Cities metropolitan youth choir, will present their holiday concert.



Angelica Cantanti is an organization dedicated to helping young people develop and enjoy the gift of singing. Established in 1980, Angelica Cantanti maintains five choirs, providing singing, performance, and travel opportunities for almost 300 singers in grades 2 to 12. The organization is based in Bloomington, MN, but includes singers from around the Minneapolis-St. Paul area. They will be conducted by Nancy Grundahl who has

been conductor of the choir since 1992. Join us for this exciting final meeting of 2006. AND, remember it will be back to the Hilton for our first meeting in 2007 on Monday, January 8th.

This Week's Program

KSTP Channel 5 News Reporter Beth Jett

"I'm thrilled to bring viewers memorable stories that matter to them and make them think," says Beth Jett. "And to learn from the people I meet every day."

Beth knows that her viewers have a need to know the harder edge of the news, but, she also knows there is a need for balance. In her career, Beth has covered a range of stories from the BTK Serial Killer story, where she appeared on FOX News and CNN reporting on the suspect's capture, actions behind bars and court appearances, to the lighter side when a Blaine, MN, water fountain was sabotaged with dishwashing detergent and bubbles became a hazard blowing across the road, to saving a dog from a tornado. Everything is not always glamorous on air. For example, when she slowly rolled off of an exercise ball or almost not being able to talk because of the strength of the wind in her face. If you have a line on a good story, e-mail Beth at bjett@kstp.com.



December Birthdays

03 Carolyn Pratt
07 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. 11: Ken Nordlie
Dec. 18: Jim Wenthold
Dec. 25: NO MEETING
Jan. 1: NO MEETING
Jan. 8: Jack Bouquet
Jan. 15: David Senness
Jan. 22: Dan Jordan
Jan. 29: David Pederson

Vocational Talk

Meet Don Stiles, Incoming President

After five years in the club, Don Stiles finally got around to giving his vocational talk and what a surprise to many of us to learn we have a Broadway star in our midst...well, off Broadway. Don was born with a natural Tenor voice. An interest in dance sparked by an early soccer injury added to Don's theatrical skills. After studying economics and music at Carleton College, Don moved to New York and actually achieved a career in theater, playing off Broadway and touring nationally for several years. He eventually decided to leave theater and expand his education in accounting, shifting to a business career in private and public accounting. Don is married to Leslie and they have two sons, Pete and Tom. Now retired from his accounting career, Don's current vocation is volunteering. He lives Service Above Self in his work with groups like the Minnesota Opera, Meals on Wheels, the Taxpayers Association, and consulting with Representative Ramstad's Tax Committee. He also works with Governor Pawlenty's campaign.



Name That Rotarian

This Rotarian grew up on a dairy farm near Brainerd. He earned a degree in agricultural business from the University of Minnesota. It was there that he met his future wife. His first job after college was managing Kroeger grocery stores in Ohio and Michigan. Today, this Rotarian is his own boss, running an office products manufacturer and distributor headquartered in Bloomington. He joined Bloomington Rotary in 1990, sponsored by Neil Peterson. A past president of our club, this member was named Rotarian of the Year in 1993. He and his wife raised three daughters and live in Bloomington.

Is it?

a) John Houle b) Dave Senness c) Nick Basil d) Jack Carlson
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Sunshine

Celebration and congratulations were in the air on Tuesday last week as the City of Bloomington congratulated **Jim Truax** on his retirement in January after 36 years with the City of Bloomington as Community Services Director. Jim has left an incredible legacy of service to the City with his hard work and dedication.

Our **President Diann Kirby** has been appointed to succeed Jim Truax as Director of Community Services for the City of Bloomington. Diann will oversee the operations of the Public Health Division, the Human Services Division, the Park and Recreation Division, the Recreation Revenue Facilities, and the Communications Division. Everyone is confident that Diann's Creative talent and administrative skills will take the Department in new and productive directions.

Our sympathies are extended to **Don and Leslie Stiles** on the death of Leslie's father this past weekend. Services are expected to take place on Friday.

Rotary Minute – Bloomington Rotary Foundation

The Bloomington Rotary Foundation is our club's local foundation organized in 1989 so that donations we make for local philanthropy can be tax deductible. This 501(c)3 foundation receives 12.5 % of the proceeds from the Harold Larson Party plus individual gifts. Thus far, the Foundation has accumulated \$158,000. Our club will be making its first grants from the foundation this year as we have just reached our initial funding goal. An eight member Board of Directors makes decisions on behalf of the foundation.

John Houle, Pres.
Dave Senness, Sect.
Nick Basil, Treas.
Marcy Gerdin
Frank Grazzini
Dick Herberg
Dick Young and
John Swaney

Visitors and Guests

Mark Zeigler, Guest of Jim McDonald, the new President of Northwestern Health Sciences College living in Savage.

George Lindall, Guest of Scott Fricke, Life Coach from Minneapolis

Rotary International Foundation

Our Rotary Minute given by Nick Basil centered on the Bloomington Rotary Foundation that serves our local club and our local charitable partners. A very different entity, and a critical one, the Rotary International Foundation is the vehicle that supports the many international programs of Rotary.

Our club will be conducting its annual fund drive for the RI Foundation in March, 2007, with our kick-off program on February 26th. If you are currently considering any year end tax deductible gifting and would like to participate early in the 2007 fund drive, connect with Jim Lucas, (952-835-2300), or John Swaney (763-732-4115), the Honorary Chair for the 2007 RI Foundation Fund Drive.

President's Column

Diann Kirby

One of my goals this year is to keep you informed on what's happening with your Bloomington Rotary Board of Directors. Our December meeting was held on Monday. Here are the major developments:

--After hearing a report on the Gopher State Basketball Tournament from Dave Senness and Adam Johnston, the board has voted to forego a summer tournament in summer 2007, and explore the possibility of sponsoring a holiday tournament in 2007 or 2008.

--The 2007 Harold Larson Party will be held at the Golden Valley Golf and Country Club. Carolyn Pratt (the 2007 chair), Don Stiles and I looked at several options before determining this was the best alternative based on a number of factors.

--According to Membership Chair Terry Stirewalt, Bloomington Rotary now has 85 members. The committee is working on a new directory (with photos) and a prospective member event in the spring.

--Lori Nelson is reviewing our club bylaws as we move to the new Club Leadership Plan committee structure recommended by Rotary International.

I'll keep you posted on these and other activities of the Board of Directors. We have an extraordinary group on the board working to make this an extraordinary year.



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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 18: **“Holiday Program”**, at Bloomington Civic Plaza, Joint with Bloomington Daymakers Rotary

December 29: Joint meeting with Daymakers Rotary – 7:30 AM Park Plaza Hotel

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

January 8: **“Filtering the Air for a Cleaner World”**, Bill Cooke, CEO Donaldson Corporation

January 15: **“Rotary District Blue Ribbon Task Force on Respect Report”**, Rotarian Phyllis Karasov

Calendar of Events

January 20: Mid-Term District 5950 Assembly, St. Cloud, MN

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:

Marvin Lao, “2008 Women’s Open Golf Tournament”

Tuesday, December 19, 2006, 6:00 PM

Wednesday, December 20, 2006, 12:00 AM, 6:00 AM, 12:00 PM

December 18th Holiday Program, “Angelica Cantanti”

Tuesday, December 19, 2006 9:00 PM

Wednesday, December 20, 2006 3:00 AM, 9:00 AM, 3:00 PM

Name That Rotarian: a) John Houle