



### 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. 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

## President's Advisory Panel on Tax Reform Guest: Bill Frenzel

It was easy to sense the admiration in the room as an unusually full house greeted our guest, Bill Frenzel today. Jack Carlson introduced him as "the most universally respected congressman by both Republicans and Democrats alike." A "recovering" congressman, Bill served the Third District for 20 years. Bill was so well respected that he was called to serve both the Clinton and the current Bush administration on advisory panels, Clinton's NAFTA, and Bush's Advisory Panel on Tax Reform.



Frenzel, pictured here with our President, John Swaney, noted that the tax code is due for reform. The last major rewrite of the code was in 1986, and since then more than 15,000 amendments have been made along with numerous court decisions and treasury regulations that effect how the code is interpreted and administered. Staying close to the same comparative tax burden we currently have (fairness), is a significant issue. Therefore, we will not see sweeping changes in any tax reform. It is clear though that something needs to happen.

The Tax Reform panel recommended four alternatives that each included a variety of options. Some of the options include phasing out Alternative Minimum Tax over ten years, modifications to the homeowner's mortgage interest deductions, eliminate taxation at the stockholder level on dividends, and consolidated tax rates. These recommendations will be passed to the Secretary of the Treasury, then to the President and hopefully, some parts will make it into a congressional proposal, but the White House seems reluctant to move forward given the current congressional climate...contentious!



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Bloomington Rotary  
Youth Exchange

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Leo is now participating in swimming and diving. They won their last Friday meet against Eagan.

## Rays of Sunshine

**Michael Brunkow** shared some **Great News!** regarding his New Orleans guest, Lionel Webber, currently working for the Hilton Hotel. Although they were not able to locate a car for Lionel, through support from various agencies in St. Paul, Lionel has obtained an apartment rent-free for three months. The apartment is located within three miles of the hotel and Lionel will be able to use public transportation or easily get rides from other employees to and from work. The unintended benefit is that he is receiving new furniture to furnish his apartment. He received a voucher that allows him to buy a living room set, bedroom set and kitchen set from the furniture store of his choice (HOM). He will be able to take this furniture with him when he moves.

**Arlene Axelson** noted that her eight year old granddaughter scored 28 points in her Saturday basketball game. Way to go!

**Lee Helms** announced that the annual Salvation Army Bell Ringing raised \$912.42, almost to their goal of \$1,000. Each year for the last five years the team has raised more than the year before. A big thank you to all the volunteers, most of whom have been working the Bells for many years.

**Carol Hoeft** sends greetings from the Rocky Mountains in Colorado, last week the temperature hit minus 30 degrees, but the sun came out the next day shining on the beautiful snow capped pine trees. Her e-mail address has changed to: [roaring4t@earthlink.net](mailto:roaring4t@earthlink.net).

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## Guests and Visitors

### Rotarians:

**Rotarian John Swan**, Minneapolis # 9

**Rotarian Scott Colesworthy**, Excelsior Noon, Computer Outsourcing

**Rotarian Geoff Michel**, Edina Morningside, Attorney Financial Services

### Guests:

**Sandhya Gupta**, Guest of John Houle, Engineer, Bloomington

**Cynthia Hunt**, Guest of John Houle, Banker, Bloomington

**Colin Evenson**, Guest of Dave Waloch, Architect, Approved as New Member

**Gene Winstead**, Guest of John Houle, Mayor, Bloomington

**Geno Fragnito**, Guest of Jack Carlson, Government Relations, Woodbury

**Barry Kelner**, Guest of Jack Carlson, Investment Management, Minnetonka

**Jason George**, Guest of Jack Carlson, Government Relations, St. Paul

**Lynn Reed**, Guest of Don Stiles, MN Tax Preparers Association, St. Paul

**Grady Forseth**, Guest of Jim McDonald, University Development, Victoria

**Buzz Moen**, Guest of Dave Seness, Financial Planning, Bloomington

**Paul Guggemos**, Guest of Dave Seness, Financial Planner, Eden Prairie

**Walt Seibert**, Guest of Sharon VanWinkel, Courage Center

**Mark Bernhardson**, Guest of Larry Lee, Bloomington City Manager, Bloomington

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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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## Volunteer Opportunity

Rotary members will again deliver Meals on Wheels, Tuesday, January 17<sup>th</sup>, Gideon Pond Center. Mark your calendar and be sure to sign up at on of the next three meetings. Contact Persons: Wally Neal (952) 884-1632, Neil Peterson (952) 941-1822 or Jim Mortenson (952) 882-2531

## Upcoming Meetings

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: **7:30 Friday AM, Bloomington Daymakers, Park Plaza Hotel**

January 3: **All Club Assembly**

January 10: **Meetings, Bloody Meetings, a John Cleese video on running meetings.**

January 17: **Meals on Wheels – note change of date**

February 7: **President Teddy Roosevelt**

## Calendar of Events

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/>

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**Meeting Make-ups**  
[http://www.rotary5950.org/where\\_meet.html](http://www.rotary5950.org/where_meet.html)

**Rotary on Bloomington Cable, Channel 14:  
Veterans Day Program**

Friday, December 16, 3:00 AM, 9:00 AM