



# RIB

December 20, 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  
Pres Elect: Diann Kirby  
Vice Pres: Don Stiles  
Secretary: Karyn Arazi  
Treasurer: Brett McMahon  
Past Pres: Larry Lee  
Dist Gov: Dan Barnett  
Sgt in Arms: Rick Sitek  
Exec Sec: Kathy Koehler  
Directors: Marcia Gerdin,  
Carol Hoeft, Adam  
Johnston, Carolyn Pratt,  
Dave Senness, Laura  
Bjorgo, Dave Walock

## Next Week's Program

**Joint Meeting with the Daymakers Rotary Club  
Friday, December 30, 7:30 AM, Park Plaza Hotel  
(Formerly Wyndam)  
Guest: Jessica Billings**

Recently described as "Super Teen" by the *Bloomington Magazine*, Jessica Billings has received national recognition for her dedication to diversity and disability awareness. Growing up with a brother who had autism sparked this passion in her. At the age of 14, Billings became a Human Rights Commissioner in the city of Bloomington and was the youngest voting commissioner in the state of Minnesota.

A 2005 graduate of the Academy of Holy Angels in Richfield, Billings has held multiple leadership positions both locally and nationally. Billings has spoken at two legislative forums at the state capitol and has been a workshop presenter as a sibling advocate for the Minnesota Autism Society. She has won many awards for her advocacy and her leadership. This fall, Billings will be attending Saint Mary's College of Notre Dame where she plans on pursuing a major in pre-law with a focus on human rights. Join the Bloomington Daymakers for this great meeting.

## January 3<sup>rd</sup> Program:

**All Club Assembly  
Committee Chair Updates**

**Calling all Rotarians!** Don't miss the all club update at our first club assembly this year. Learn about the activities being planned and completed under Vocational Service, under Community Service, and under International Service. How did we do with our Harold Larson Fundraiser and who are our community partners? What plans do we have in 2006?

Learn how you can get more involved. Ask all of your questions about the workings of your own club. Learn about the club budget and how we manage it. Hear how we determine our charitable partners and how we are making a difference locally, nationally, and internationally. Your rotary is a vital and active organization. After this meeting, you will want to invite others to join our work!

**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. 27: NO MEETING
- Jan. 3: Marcia Gerdin
- Jan 10: Gary Prest
- Jan 17: Meals on Wheels
- Jan 24: Skipp Saaf

## This Week's Program

**Holiday Happiness in Story and Song**  
**Guest: Carolyn Pratt**

Everyone got into the spirit with voices clear and even in tune as we joined Carolyn Pratt out of her comfort zone and ours. This had to be one of our most fun events. Laughter was infectious and we were all reminded of many of the special reasons we celebrate this season.

Carolyn started us out with a traditional *Silver Bells* then moved us on to a lively variation of *Deck the Halls* where you imagined the Lone Ranger riding through on the Fa La La's. Instead of O Tanenbaum, we reminisced about Lutfisk and the neighbor dog "sprinkling" the pungent fish before we enjoyed it. Yuck! Then we thought we were singing about the 12 Days of Christmas until Carolyn continued our holiday through the 12 Days after Christmas where the partridge was shot and the heroine ran off with a drummer telling her "true love" to get lost!

On the serious side, we did remember the special gifts of the season through "A Christmas Story" as we heard about the gifts of sharing and true giving. What a great way to ring out 2005. BRAVO! Carolyn. Please do this again next year.



## New Member Induction

**Colin Evenson**  
**Sponsor: Dave Waloch**

We welcome Colin Evenson as the newest member of Bloomington Noon. He is Vice-President and Co-Owner of Cities Edge Architects in Bloomington. He manages the day-to-day operations of the company. Colin grew up in the small agricultural town of Parshall, ND. Colin loved wrestling. He attended North Dakota State in Fargo graduating with a Bachelor of Architecture degree. He met his future wife during this time. Colin began his career in Dallas, TX, but moved back to Minnesota in 1984 working for Opus and Amcon until he began his own business in 1997.



Colin and wife Lavonne will celebrate their 21<sup>st</sup> wedding anniversary later this week. They have two children, Carley, 14, and Aaron, 12. The family enjoys skiing and time at their "perpetually under construction" lake home in Wisconsin. The Evensons recently moved to a new home on Nesbitt Avenue in Bloomington. Colin is looking forward to being an active new member. Take time to get to know him better.

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Bloomington Rotary  
Youth Exchange

Youth Exchange  
Officer: Mark Bellestri  
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Leonardo Cordeiro  
(Leo)

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Leo is now  
participating in  
swimming and  
diving.

## Rays of Sunshine

- Welcome back **Jim Truax!** You look great!
- Congrats to **John Swaney's** son who was part of the winning swimming team for Lakeville against Eden Prairie.
- **Frank Grazzini** has been elected to another Construction Association Board.
- **All Rotarians are invited.** **Gary Prest** is being honored as Superintendent of the Year at a reception Tuesday, January 24<sup>th</sup>, 4:00-6:00 PM at Bloomington Civic Plaza. Mark your calendars.
- **Susan Freeman** noted that VEAP would be serving 1200 to 1300 families this week with food and children's gifts for Christmas. On Christmas day they will be delivering between 75 and 100 hot meals to home-bound seniors thanks to all the community support.
- **David Getsch** has returned back home from his three week working trip to Bulgaria. It was a wonderful experience with many successes and new friends.
- **Jack Carlson** is recovering from a broken knee cap, as a result of slipping on the ice last Wednesday. For about 30 days, he will be living at Edina Park Plaza, 3330 Edinborough Way, Apt. #1112, Edina, MN 55435. His home phone (952) 831-3248. His office phone is (952) 835-7000. The apartment is right next door to his office. Jack's greatest challenge is to stay off the ice, not climb any stairs, and not fall. The best way to help Jack in his recovery is to phone him, visit him, or send him a card. We will all keep Jack in our prayers during this recovery period.
- **Jay Stevens** and Peoples Bank has relocated to 3316 West 66<sup>th</sup> Street, Edina.
- Mary Bergquist, wife of **Lloyd Bergquist**, suffered a seizure related to blood pressure variation which left her unconscious for about two days. The symptoms began to abate on the third day and Mary is essentially back to normal good health. Under proper medication, her outlook is excellent. We look forward to seeing Lloyd at our meetings more often in the near future.
- Keep **Wally Neal** in your prayers as he proceeds with chemotherapy.

## Guests and Visitors

### Rotarians:

**Rotarian Ken Youngberg**, Daymakers, Health Services

**Rotarian Larry Boatmen**, Daymakers, Clergy

**Rotarian Ross Nesbitt**, Daymakers, Insurance

**Rotarian Jon Oleson**, Daymakers, HR Consulting

**Rotarian John Aasan**, Daymakers, Banking

**Rotarian Sharon Burnham**, Daymakers, Banking

**Rotarian Debbie Belfry**, Daymakers, Education

### Guests:

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

**Lavonne Evenson**, Wife of Colin Evenson, Bloomington

**Jan Vogt**, Wife of Ed Vogt, Bloomington

**Scott Helgeson**, Guest of Ken Youngberg, Daymakers Rotary, Bloomington

**Jim Wenthold**, Guest of Jack Bouquet, Commercial Realty, Bloomington

**Gigi Brecht**, Guest of Diann Kirby, just applied for membership

**Mary Getz**, Guest of Carolyn Pratt, Pianist

### 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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## Volunteer Opportunity

Rotary members will again deliver Meals on Wheels, Tuesday, January 17<sup>th</sup>. Mark your calendar and be sure to sign up at one of the next three meetings. Bloomington Meals on Wheels is now located in the new addition to the Gideon Pond Center at 99<sup>th</sup> and Penn Avenue South. **Arrive early between 11:00 and 11:15 AM** to pick up insulated meal carriers and partner with another Rotarian to make about five or six deliveries to homebound clients. We return to Gideon Pond for our own meal. Contact Persons: Wally Neal (952) 884-1632, Neil Peterson (952) 941-1822 or Jim Mortenson (952) 882-2531

## Upcoming Meetings

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, arrive early 11:00 AM**

January 24: **To be announced**

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/>

## Rotary Information

**Bloomington Noon Rotary**

[www.bloomingtonrotarymn.org](http://www.bloomingtonrotarymn.org)

**Rotary International**

[www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org)

**Rotary District 5950**

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

**Meeting Make-ups**

[http://www.rotary5950.org/where\\_meet.html](http://www.rotary5950.org/where_meet.html)

**Rotary on Bloomington Cable, Channel 14:**

**STRIVE**

Monday, January 2, 2006 10:30 PM

Tuesday, January 3, 2006 4:30 AM, 10:30 AM, 4:30 PM

Friday, January 6, 2006 10:30 PM