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February 11, 2008

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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Arazi, Colin Evenson,

and Ken Nordlie

Next Week's Program

"Smile Network International"

Guest: Donnell Rank, Mrs. Minnesota International 2007



Having been recently named one of 25 "*Minnesota Women To Watch*" by the **Minneapolis St. Paul Business Journal**, Donnell Rank has a proven track record of success, especially in her host position on ShopNBC, where she reaches over 70 million homes via live nationwide television!

In addition to her professional spokes modeling business, Donnell was recently named **Mrs. Minnesota International 2007**, allowing her to promote the non-profit organization; **Smile Network International**. (www.smilenetwork.org). Smile

Network provides reconstructive surgeries to impoverished children born with facial birth defects, such as cleft palates and cleft lips. As their **International Spokesperson**, Donnell promotes this amazing organization, and the international surgical missions that take place around the world. Donnell and her spouse, Glen, reside in Minneapolis with their 3 "furry" children; Hunter- a Standard Poodle, Bailey- a Shih Tzu, and Sophia- a miniature Maltese!

This Week's Program

"Minnesota River Valley Audubon Chapter"

Guest: Ron Windingstad

Contributed by: Mark Bosch



This week's speaker Ron Windingstad is the current president of The Minnesota River Valley Audubon Chapter (MRVAC). Their mission... "is to provide leadership in promoting environmental awareness, education, and advocacy action especially relating to the wildlife and habitats of the Minnesota River Valley."

The Minnesota Audubon Society has approximately 10,000 members and 14 chapters statewide. Nationally, the Audubon Society has 500,000 members, 25 state offices, and 490 local chapters. The MRVAC focuses on wildlife and habitat preservation through education, environmental awareness and legislative advocacy. The local chapter conducts approximately 75 field trips and provides several speakers each year to educate and inform the public and their members. The Minnesota Audubon Society is very active in educating our children by sponsoring numerous school field trips and purchasing "Audubon Adventures" for school classrooms.

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February Birthdays

- 01 Abul Sharah
- 14 Terry Stirewalt
- 20 Ron Simmons
- 21 Susan Freeman
- 22 Dan Jordan

February Anniversaries

- 04 Susan Freeman 5 yrs
- 05 Dave Getsch 5 yrs
- 09 Tom Arnold MD 26 yrs
- 11 Dave Pederson 16 yrs
- 11 Skipp Saaf 11 yrs
- 12 Sharon Van Winkel
5 yrs
- 14 Sandhya Gupta 2 yr
- 17 Ken Nordlie 4 yrs
- 18 Dave Senness 22 yrs
- 28 Jim Wenthold 2 yr

Greeter Schedulet

- Feb 18: Ken Nordlie
- Feb 25: Les Fujitake
- Mar 3: Skipp Saaf
- Mar 10: Jack Bouquet
- Mar 17: Dan Jordan
- Mar 26: Adam Johnston

Invoker Schedulet

- Feb 18: Jack Bouquet
- Feb 25: Lori Nelson
- Mar 3: Jim McDonald
- Mar 10: Terry Stirewalt
- Mar 17: Elizabeth
Henderson
- Mar 26: Ken Nordlie

This Week Continued: Have you ever heard of the “Lights Out Program”? Every Spring and Fall migratory birds can be confused and/or collide with the tall buildings that leave the lights on at night. The MRVAC is collaborating with tall building owners to turn off the lights from midnight to sunrise. This win-win initiative benefits birds and building owners by saving the lives of birds and reducing building energy consumption.

Some upcoming Audubon Society events of interest include: “The 11th Annual Great Back Yard Bird Count” from Feb. 15th to 18th where everyone is invited to enter their bird counts on line at www.birdcount.org. The 2008 Federal Duck Stamp contest will be hosted in Bloomington in October. This is a first for Minnesota. 98% of the funds received from Duck Stamp sales are spent on habitat acquisition that benefits all forms of wildlife.

There is not enough space in this article to list the numerous activities, educational opportunities and habitat restoration projects the local and national Audubon Society is involved with. For more information on our local chapter go to www.mrvac.org or the National Audubon Society at www.audubon.org.

President's Corner - Don Stiles

Within most great organizations, change and turnover is inevitable and, in fact, embraced. Rotary is one of those great organizations. Rotary remains vibrant today because it has applied its core principles to a changing world. Our Rotary Club is a blend of solid traditions and new opportunities. Many of you have shared our Club with your friends and associates by inviting them as guests. Please offer your guests the gift of Rotary by asking them to consider membership. We want to continue our Club's strength by growing the Club with strong active members who care about service above self. If you would like me or our Membership Chair **Terry Stirewalt** to contact your guests, please let us know.



I also wanted to remind you all that our Club will not be meeting on Monday March 24, but instead will move that meeting to **Wednesday March 26** at the same location (Airport Hilton). We will be hosting the annual "State of the City" Address with the Chamber of Commerce. We will be hearing from both Bloomington Mayor Gene Winstead and City Manager Mark Bernhardson. You won't want to miss this presentation, so mark your calendars accordingly. See you next Monday on "President's Day."

Members – Club Shirt

Club members—order your shirt today!

We are going to order sport shirts for club members that request them. The shirts are blue short sleeve and will be embroidered with Rotary Club of Bloomington-Noon. The cost is \$40.00 per shirt. If anyone would like a shirt they should e-mail Terry Stirewalt ASAP at terrys@rbcu.org with their size.



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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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Noon Rotary
www.bloomingtonrotarymn.org

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Meeting Make-
ups
http://www.rotary5950.org/were_meet.html

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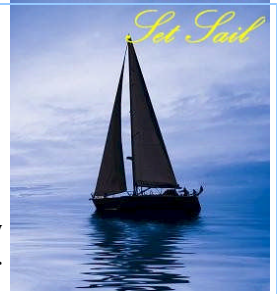
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District Conference

I encourage all members to consider attending at least some of the **Rotary District Conference activities scheduled for April 25-27 at the Arrowhead Resort in Alexandria, MN.**

The conference is a wonderful opportunity to mingle with fellow Rotarians from all over the state. Maybe you only have time for the Saturday events. Look over the brochure material on our lunch tables this Monday. We could even carpool ("Road Trip!!") if there is some interest in that option. Thanks for your consideration. <http://www.rotary5950.org>



Guests and Visitors

Bob Williams, Guest of Don Stiles, Fellow Birder and Barbershopper

Upcoming Meetings

February 18: **"Smile Network International"** Donnell Rank-Mrs. MN

February 25: **"Hennepin County Medical Center- a Community Resource"**
Guest: Dr. Michael B. Belzer

March 3: **"University of MN Dept. of Education"** Dean Darlyn Bailey

March 10: **"Arab-Israeli Conflict"** Guest Florence Steichen

March 17: **"Jeremiah Program"** Guest: Gloria Perez Jordan

Calendar of Events

March 24: **NO MEETING**—instead **"State of the City"** set for March 26th

April 25-27: **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

"The Lean Office" Art Sneen

Monday, February 18, 2008	11:00 PM
Tuesday, February 19, 2008	5:00 AM, 11:00 AM, 5:00 PM
Saturday, February 23, 2008	7:00 PM
Sunday, February 24, 2008	1:00 AM, 7:00 AM, 1:00 PM

"Understanding the Arab-Israeli Conflict" Holly Brod Farber

Monday, February 25, 2008	11:00 PM
Tuesday, February 26, 2008	5:00 AM, 11:00 AM, 5:00 PM
Saturday, March 1, 2008	7:00 PM
Sunday, March 2, 2008	1:00 AM, 7:00 AM, 1:00 PM

Announcements and Other Business:

Rotarian Who Shares:

LuAnn Paulet – Congratulations and Thank You, LuAnn!



LuAnn Paulet was born in Iowa City, IA, and became an athletic star in basketball and volleyball during her high school years. She attended college at the University of Iowa where she received her BA in Marketing. She began her career in the insurance industry in 1980 as a bookkeeper for an insurance agency. This blossomed into a full career as a successful business owner of Insurance By Design, a firm specializing in ownership and mergers. Her hobbies are golf, reading, and her two dogs.

LuAnn has been active with her church, VEAP, St. Thomas Academy, and the Cub Scouts. She was a Rotarian in the 1990's, but joined Bloomington Noon again in 2004, sponsored by Larry Lee. She was honored as New Rotarian of the Year in 2005-06. Making a significant difference through her efforts, LuAnn has served our Board for two years, worked on the Membership Committee, served as Sunshine Chair, and was the designer of our New Member Handbook.

Vocational Talk:

David Wong – Living the 4-Way Test

David Wong works for Associated Bank, who's mission is to provide financing and financial solutions to businesses and owners helping them to protect their net worth. David shared that the principles he uses in his business reflect completely the characteristics encouraged by our Rotary 4-Way Test. He strives to build long standing relationships built on fairness and win-win solutions. He is in the business of building good will and friendships that benefit the businesses he serves. He states that it is a delicate balance to serve all parties so that it is beneficial to all concerned, but when asked "What do you do?", he knows his answer and states it with the rest of us before every Rotary meeting.



Sunshine

Normandale Community College will provide another matching \$500 scholarship to STRIVE student Sara Adolphus.

Sharon Van Winkel updated us on the **Courage Center** sports teams:

Our Power Soccer team, the MN Blizzard took first place in the Western US Regional Power Soccer Tournament last month in Mesa. Our Quad Rugby team, the Northern Lights took first place in northern regional tournament in Chicago last week. On a cloudy note, our Jr. Rolling Timberwolves wheelchair basketball team is struggling through injuries. Rose Hollerman (spoke at the Harold Larson Party) and another player each broke a leg. 2 players have pressure sores. and one player has injured his shoulder. In March they will compete in the National Jr. Tournament in Seattle if everyone is healed.

Jim Mortenson is officially retiring from PCL Construction on February 22nd. He will be spending 3 weeks in Florida, and golfing with the likes of **Jim Lucas, Dick Herberg, and John Houle** at least once and then off to Europe for a two week River Boat Cruise with 3 other couples. He will join us back at Rotary in April.

Dana House was traveling in Tanzania recently and was fortunate to attend two Rotary Clubs there. It is apparently universal, worldwide Rotary is working to make this world better.

