



# RIB

February 26, 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.

## *The Rotary Club of Bloomington Noon*

President: Diann Kirby  
Pres Elect: Don Stiles  
Vice Pres: Carolyn Pratt  
Secretary: Karyn Arazi  
Treasurer: Brett McMahon  
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 Walock

## Next Week's Program

**"Chocolate" Guests: Jodi Braun owner, *For Goodness Cakes* and Bob Siebert owner, *Truffles & Tortes***

Are your taste buds excited? In conjunction with the Bloomington Fine Arts Council fundraiser the "Taste of Chocolate" coming up Sunday, March 11<sup>th</sup>, chocolatiers from our local restaurants will be highlighting how chocolate is made and taste testing some of their best concoctions.



Jodi Braun, owner of *For Goodness Cakes* followed in the footsteps of Mrs. Fields, with her old family recipe for a cream cheese based cake. In a few short years her home based business moved from her home to Lunds Production plant and from retail to wholesale as she distributes to many of our leading grocers. Our other guests will share their stories as well as their wares. Don't miss a bite!

## This Week's Program

**"The Rotary Foundation" Every Rotarian, Every Year Annual Fund Drive, Campaign Chair: John Swaney**

**John Swaney, Jim Lucas, Jim McDonald, Mike Fewer, Mahendra Nath and Ric Jacobsen** really got us fired up about the Rotary International Foundation and the life saving work being accomplished through this organization at our kick-off meeting for the **2007 RI Foundation Every Rotarian Every Year Fund Drive**. Every one of us can make a difference this year with our donation...large or small. The key for our club is EVERYONE participating!

Our club has been divided into 10 groups with the goal for each group to have 100% participation. If accomplished, each group's donations will be embellished by \$300.00 through the **Mahendra Nath** challenge for a total of \$3,000 if all groups meet their goal! You have already received your pledge card in the mail. Please respond to your team captain. Bloomington Noon Rotary can achieve this awesome goal with everyone participating! SEE Rotary Minute and RI Foundation Sections in this and future RIB editions for stories about how our contributions have made a difference.

EVERY  
ROTARIAN  
EVERY  
YEAR

MAKE YOUR GIFT COUNT

*February Birthdays*

- 01 Abul Sarah
- 14 Terry Stirewalt
- 20 Dick Herberg
- 21 Susan Freeman
- 22 Dan Jordan

*February Anniversaries*

- 04 Susan Freeman 4 yrs
- 05 Dave Getsch 4 yrs
- 09 Tom Arnold MD 25 yrs
- 10 Krishna Ramalingam  
3 yrs
- 11 Dave Pederson 15 yrs
- 11 Skipp Saaf 10 yrs
- 12 Sharon Van Winkel  
4 yrs
- 14 Sandhya Gupta 1 yr
- 17 Ken Nordlie 3 yrs
- 18 Dave Senness 21 yrs
- 21 Gigi Brecht 1 yr
- 28 Jim Wenthold 1 yr

*Greeter Schedule*

- Feb. 19: Brian Emerson
- Feb. 26: Mike Brunkow
- Mar. 5: Adam Gengtson
- Mar. 12: Jim Wenthold
- Mar. 19: Adam Johnston
- March 28: Jim Mortenson
- April 2: Don Stiles
- April 9: Larry Lee
- April 16: Dave Walock

## Guests and Visitors

**Rotarian Bob Stehlik**, Edina Noon Rotary, Banking

**Rotarian Dick Ramberg**, Bloomington Daymakers, our guest musician

**Rotarian Ric Jacobsen**, Eagle River Rotary, Clergy

**Joy Jacobsen**, Wife and Guest of Ric Jacobsen

**David Wang**, Guest of John Swaney, Associated Bank -- **Prospective Member**

**Roger Bowman**, Guests of Jack Carlson, Former Rotarian-son Reed is in IRAQ

**Sarah Schweich**, Guest of Adam Bengtson, Minneapolis Regional Chamber

**Ed Ries**, Guest of Adam Johnston, Gevity -- **Prospective Member**

## Sunshine

**John Swaney** is inviting all interested club members to join him at the **University of Minnesota Alumni Association 2007 Annual Celebration**. The Celebration is Tuesday, May 8, 2007 at Mariucci Arena, with dinner at 6:00 p.m. and the program following at 7:30 p.m. The Keynote Speaker will be Tony Dungy, class of 1978,



former starting quarterback for the Golden Gophers, as well as Head Coach of the world champion Indianapolis Colts. The Special Guest will be Stan Freese, class of 1967, Talent casting and booking director for Disney Entertainment Productions. Tickets would be \$55.00 each (table for 10 seating). Please contact John at [jswaney@gvccclub.com](mailto:jswaney@gvccclub.com) if you are interested in attending with him. **Rotarian Denny Schulstad** is the 2006-2007 National President of the Alumni Association.

**Linda Jewell** recently had reconstructive surgery following her breast cancer surgery. As a club, we sent her flowers. The following is a thank you note from her...

*"Oh Wow, I received a great big basket of tiny green sprouts on Friday. Today, the sprouts are up at least 4 inches. This is going to be beautiful to watch bloom and have us think of spring and warmth and love in the midst of the cold and blowing snow. I miss my Rotary Family so much. It really is a family and one that gets close to us and then when we are away we realize how important they are to our lives.*

*I am recovering well from the surgery, so far, no side affects, I am staying around the house and in bed--I want all my energy to go to healing. I am very swollen and black and blue and lots of incisions and stitches. My healthy cells are staying healthy and working--according to all your prayers. I thank all of you for remembering me and keeping me in your thoughts and prayers. I am anxious to have the energy to return.*

*Have A Wonderful Day, Linda J Jewell"*

Linda, God Bless you and continue your healing!

Dave Senness  
shared our  
**Rotary  
Minute...**

About the Matching Grant Program of RI Foundation that completes humanitarian projects and other essential needs usually in poorer parts of the world. These grants are available when a sponsoring club identifies a need and finds a local host club to partner with in the completion of the project.

International Village Clinic is a Bloomington Noon Matching Grant where \$12,000 raised by us has been matched at the District level and then again at the RI level to provide \$42,000 of essential medical equipment to Abul Sarah's clinic in India.

See page 5 RIB for a special article about IVC.

## President's Column

### Diann Kirby – "The Children Stopped Dying" - TCSD

I noted at this week's club meeting that one of our proudest achievements is the safe water project we sponsored in the Dominican Republic. In 1990, Bloomington **Rotarian Ric Jacobsen** witnessed the desperate need for clean water in the highlands of that Caribbean island. Half of the children were dying before their fifth birthdays after drinking contaminated water. A grant from Rotary International helped Bloomington Rotary dig safe water wells in two villages. A year later, one mother told Ric, "The children stopped dying." The project became the model for Rotary District 5950's Safe Water Plus, an ambitious effort to drill and repair 141 wells and build 1,200 latrines in the central plateau region of Haiti. *(Pictured right are Ric and Joy Jacobsen.)*



I was moved when I heard Ric say that 2,500 children are alive today because of the Dominican Republic safe water project. This extraordinary outcome came about because some extraordinary Rotarians believed that they could make a difference. We can accomplish more extraordinary things this year by contributing to The Rotary Foundation. **Jim Lucas** and **Jim McDonald** have already done a remarkable job securing a \$3,000 challenge grant from **Mahendra Nath**. What we need to do is to get every Rotarian to commit to contributing to the foundation in order to obtain the full grant. I know that with your help, we can achieve that goal - and ultimately save more children like the ones living today in the Dominican Republic.

### Extraordinary People Doing Extraordinary Things!

## Name That Rotarian

Today's Rotarian joined Bloomington Rotary in April 2005, just four months after assuming the role of Executive Director of the Bloomington Chamber of Commerce. He had previously worked at the Northern Dakota County Chambers of Commerce for two years. This Rotarian started his career as a training consultant with Norman & Associates in Edina, the local provider of Dale Carnegie Training. This member came to us with a background in Rotary. He was a Rotarian in the Burnsville Noon Club, where he was involved in Camp Enterprise. A graduate of Burnsville High School and Gustavus Adolphus College, this member married wife Nicole in August 2005.

Is it?

a) Jeff Andrews b) Dave Peterson c) Adam Bengtson d) Jack Carlson  
See page 4 RIB

See side panel for our Rotary Minute and page 5 RIB for a special article on International Village Clinic. Abul Sarah's January newsletter brought several laughs that we wanted to share!

*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

March 5: “Chocolate”

March 12: “James J. Hill Library”, Guest: Jim Poole

March 19: MPR Radio Host Mindy Ratner, Tentative

Wednesday, March 28: “State of the City”, Mayor Gene Winstead

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## Calendar of Events

**March 9-10: PETS – President Elect Training**

**March 28: “State of the City”** Address, Airport Hilton Hotel, 494 & 34<sup>th</sup> Ave.

**April 9: “Loaves and Fishes”**, Club Service Project, Creekside Community Center, 9801 Penn Avenue South, **Dan Jordan & Susan Freeman**, coordinators.

**April 26-28, 2007: Rotary District 5950 Conference**, All Rotarians invited

**May 1: Prospective Member Social Event**, Airport Hilton Hotel, 5:15 – 7:15 PM

**May 10: MBEA Business Ethics Awards, No Meeting May 7th**

**May 5: District 5950 Assembly**, Club officer and Board member training, Normandale College.

**June 17-20, 2007: RI Convention in Salt Lake City, Utah**

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## 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:**

**“MOA Phase II Update” Clark Arneson and William Griffith**

Friday, March 2, 2007 10:30 PM

Saturday, March 3, 2007 4:30 AM, 10:30 AM, 4:30 PM

Friday, March 9, 2007 10:30 PM

Saturday, March 10, 2007 4:30 AM, 10:30 AM, 4:30 PM

**Name That Rotarian:** c. Adam Bengtson

## International Village Clinic – January Newsletter

I would like to give you a glimpse of how people in these villages, in particular patients who come to our clinic, think and behave. I had an interesting discussion with our clinic staff just the other day. It was interesting and amusing to learn their experience. (Most of the patients who come to our clinic are illiterate. They have preconceived notions about illness, diagnosis, medicine, etc.) When a patient sees our doctor, here is how the conversation goes:

**Doctor:** what is your problem?

**Patient:** My problem? What kind of a doctor are you? You should look at me, hold my wrist for the pulse and in a couple of minutes you should be able to diagnose and tell me what the problem is and prescribe appropriate and good medicine. That's all.

**Doctor:** okay, I will look at you and check your pulse, while you describe in your own words what the problem is and how long you have had it. Following the examination, the doctor writes the prescription (in English) and hands it to the patient, who of course can't read English. The next set of conversation goes something like this:

**Patient:** what did you prescribe for me?

**Doctor:** oh, I gave you some tablets that you should take in the morning and evening and a capsule that you will take before going to bed.

**Patient:** what else?

**Doctor:** that's it.

**Patient:** This is no good. Tablets and capsules are worthless, I don't like them, they are good for nothing. Here is what I need. First, prescribe a shot, second I will need to have a bottle of syrup (mostly cough/cold syrup). And I definitely want some ointment for my nose and ears (I have a chronic problem with those). It is common belief here that tablets/capsules are no good, injections and syrups are the best.

A friendly argument between the patient and the doctor follows, compromises are made (mostly the patient gets only what the doctor prescribed at the beginning) and the patient heads for the pharmacy section (adjacent room). But before the patient leaves, he might say: Doctor, my wife is also sick, she has cold and headache. She couldn't come with me because she had to go to work in the field. Can you give me something for her too? The doctor will then explain why he can't do that (he must see the patient before prescribing medicine). Another friendly argument takes place and the patient leaves with nothing for his wife.

Another interesting thing I heard is that patients love to be examined by a stethoscope. They believe it tells everything about the whole body, except for the eyes, nose, ears, the head in particular. If they have any problem with the head, like a headache or swelling, they believe that the doctor should examine their head with the stethoscope. Our senior doctor, Dr. Pathak, who had his own practice for about 20 years before coming to us, is liked and greatly respected. He recognized his patients' psychology from the beginning of his practice. Whenever there is an issue with the head, he immediately pulls out his stethoscope, holds the sensor on the patient's forehead, sticks the listening device in his own ears, listens to -----, makes his diagnosis and writes the prescription, of course not based on the stethoscope examination. The patient leaves, satisfied and happy. Our other two doctors also learned the technique from Dr. Pathak and practice it wholeheartedly.

There are many more interesting stories to tell and I could go on and on. But I am sure, you got the picture. The important point is that our system works and patients are cured. Some must travel a long distance to come to our clinic. In the beginning, I wondered why such patients came to our clinic. Yes, the consultation/medicine is almost free but what they save on this, they must spend on the fare. Besides, they must travel the day before or start very early in the morning to reach our clinic by 4.00 or 5.00 am, to receive a token. We distribute 300 tokens and they are gone by about 7.00 am. The clinic starts at 8.00 am. So, patients coming from long distances lose their whole day. I finally understood the reason. They receive personal care and respect at International village Clinic. You see, the poor get no respect and poor service when they go to a public hospital (because it is free). At our clinic, I told our doctors, when they joined us, that they get paid by the IVC and therefore they must respect our patients, no matter how poor they are.

Warmest regards. Abul Sharah  
January 10, 2007

