



# RIB

March 19, 2007

## The Rotary Club of Bloomington Noon

No Meeting Monday March 26<sup>th</sup>

## Next Week's Program – Wednesday Mar 28<sup>th</sup>

**"2007 State of the City Address" Minneapolis Airport Hilton  
11:30 AM start - Arrive early for registration and seating**



Join us next week on Wednesday for the State of the City address by Mayor Gene Winstead and City Manager, Mark Bernhardson. This will be a joint program with the Bloomington Chamber of Commerce. Arrive between 11:15 and 11:30 a.m. to get registered and seated. The theme of the 2007 State of the City Address is "Imagine Bloomington." This multi-media program will answer all

your questions about development in our great city and plans for the future!

### 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

## This Week's Program

**"Public Radio from Mpls. to Beijing" Guest: Mindy Ratner,  
Host Classical Music**

Mindy Ratner is a host and producer on the Classical Music Service of Minnesota Public Radio, where she is heard on weekends. In 1998 and 1999, Ratner took a leave of absence to work as a Classical music host and producer for China Radio International in Beijing. China Radio broadcasts in 39 languages, five days a week.

Her program was an afternoon concert where she had complete control over her content. She often played "music from home" which featured Minnesota performers and composers. Many young people in China were interested in Western Classical music. The culture is reforming and opening up.

She found it difficult to learn or read the Mandarin language.

A younger colleague helped her to learn basic survival language and she learned to read only about 150-200 characters. China cuisine was described as "glorious". She found the food very different from what she expected with texture the most surprising. The Chinese waste nothing in their food. Loving "the most fascinating period of her life", Ratner has returned to China four times since as a tourist. There is a slide show of her China trip on MPR's web site if you are interested. It's located at <http://minnesota.publicradio.org>



*March Birthdays*

03 Jim Feilzer, DDS  
03 Skipp Saaf  
07 Rod Axtell  
07 Mike Carlson  
17 Frank Grazzini  
18 Jack Bouquet  
28 Dan Barnett  
31 Gene Fuller

*March Anniversaries*

03 Dick Young 20 yrs  
09 Becky Amble 14 yrs  
21 John Swaney 7 yrs  
28 Neil Peterson 18 yrs  
30 Brett McMahon 14 yrs

*Greeter Schedule*

March 28: Jim Mortenson  
April 2: Don Stiles  
April 9: Larry Lee  
April 16: Dave Walock  
April 23: Jack Carlson  
April 30: Dan Jordan  
May 7: NO MEETING  
May 14: Wally Neal  
May 21: Gigi Brecht  
May 28: NO MEETING  
June 4: Ken Nordlie  
June 11: Skipp Saaf  
June 18: Dave Senness  
June 25: Jay Stevens  
July 2: Jim Lucas  
July 9: David Pederson

## Guests and Visitors

**Rotarian Kurt Larson**, Lakeville Rotary, Senior Active (Choral Director)

**Craig Sundry**, Guest of Adam Johnston, Home Health Care

**Myra Schoen**, Guest of Terry Stirewalt, Marketing Firm

**Tom Kendall**, Guest of Adam Johnston, Real Estate - **Approved for Membership**

**Elizabeth Henderson**, Guest of Adam Johnston, **Approved for Membership**

**Edward Reis**, Guest of Adam Johnston, **Approved for Membership**

**David Wang**, Guest of Adam Johnston, **Approved for Membership**

## Group Study Exchange Team

### Visits Bloomington

**April 28 - May 1 ... Two Host Homes are Needed Now**

Experience the culture of Thailand by hosting the Group Study Exchange team visiting Bloomington on April 28 - May 1. Group Study Exchange fosters friendship and understanding between the various cultures within Rotary. The Thai team consists of five young professionals who are here to learn about our customs, workplaces, and more. Pictured here is Sutthigarn Eam-udom, an English teacher and educational administrator. Thanks to Jae Mellin, John Swaney and Don Stiles for volunteering to host a team member. We still need two more Rotarians to house team members on the evenings of April 28, 29 and 30. If you'd like to participate in this experience of a lifetime, contact Diann Kirby at 952-563-8717 or [dkirby@ci.bloomington.mn.us](mailto:dkirby@ci.bloomington.mn.us) .



## The Mahendra Nath Rotary

### Foundation Challenge – Rotary Minute

The **2006 Mahendra Nath Rotary Foundation Challenge** is shooting for **100% participation** from our club. **We are currently at 86% with only 11 Rotarians left to pledge.** Five of the ten teams have achieved their goal. Our current pledges/receipts total \$18,227. Our club has already surpassed the District goal of \$200 per Rotarian. **See Page 5** for a spreadsheet showing our campaign progress.

In our Rotary Minute we witnessed first hand the impact of the *Ambassadorial Scholar* program of RI Foundation as **Ghidei Zedingle**, a current member shared his experience with the program. It is the reason he joined our club. He learned how important it was to give back to your community through Rotary. He was given the opportunity to come to America from Eritrea, Africa, to live and study for one year in California. Continued on Page 5, RIB.

## Twins Game

On Tuesday, June 12<sup>th</sup>, we are having our annual Twins outing.

Game time: 7:10PM  
Seating will be very near the Bull Pen.

Our worthy opponents will be Atlanta.

Tickets are \$29.00 and can be reserved with Brian Emerson. There will be sign up sheets at upcoming meetings.

e-mail Brian at:  
[bjem@mriloan.com](mailto:bjem@mriloan.com)



## President's Column

### Diann Kirby –

April 1 will mark the beginning of the fourth quarter of our Rotary year (no fooling!) With three-quarters of our year now complete, it's true that time flies when you're having fun. And there's still more fun to look forward to in our final quarter. Here's a sneak preview of what's in store:



### April

- Vocational visit: Water Park of America on April 2 arranged by **Carolyn Pratt**.
- A community service project on April 9 at Loaves and Fishes coordinated by **Susan Freeman and Dan Jordan**.
- The District 5950 annual conference at the Depot in Minneapolis on April 26-28 (register at [www.rotary5950.org](http://www.rotary5950.org)).
- A visit by a Group Study Exchange team from Thailand at the end of April.

### May

- A prospective member event on May 1 at the Airport Hilton coordinated by **Adam Bengtson, LuAnn Paulet and Lori Nelson**.
- A club outing to see the Bloomington Civic Theatre production of "Funny Girl" on May 11 preceded by a social hour at **Don Stiles** home.
- A banquet to honor the achievements of our STRIVE students co-chaired by **Lee Helms and Gigi Brecht**.

### June

- A trip to see the Minnesota Twins battle the Atlanta Braves on June 12 coordinated by **Brian Emerson and Mark Bosch** (see sidebar at left.)
- The year-end awards luncheon on June 18 hosted by **Past President John Swaney** where we'll celebrate our extraordinary year!

## Extraordinary People Doing Extraordinary Things!

## Name That Rotarian

This week's Rotarian was born in Red Wing, but he grew up along the Mississippi River in Monticello where his father was superintendent of schools. He received his BA degree in accounting and business administration from Macalester College. After college, he saw active duty as a Navy officer. Today, he owns an accounting firm in Bloomington, specializing in accounting, tax and business consulting to small and medium sized businesses. This member joined Bloomington Rotary in 1986. He was elected club president in 1990 and now serves as our International Service Chair. His passions include his wife, his son and sailing.

Is it?

a) Dave Senness    b) Nick Basil    c) Frank Grazzini    d) Jack Carlson  
See page 4 RIB

## Member Photos - New Directory

Needed: Your updated personal information and an updated photo. E-mail photos to [kkoebler@usinternet.net](mailto:kkoebler@usinternet.net) or bring a copy to the meeting. Questions: Jay W. Stevens (952) 230-9020.

### 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 26: **NO MEETING**....Attend the State of the City Address Wednesday!

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

April 2: “Water Park of America Tour”, Seth Ryan, General Manager – **RSVP needed. Sign up next week or e-mail** [dkirby@ci.bloomington.mn.us](mailto:dkirby@ci.bloomington.mn.us)

April 9: “Indian Fancy Dancing” Larry Yazzie

April 16: “Sigma Alpha Iota Music Sorority” National Pres. Elizabeth Nordling

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## Calendar of Events

**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

**April 28-May 1:** Bloomington Noon Hosts Group Study Exchange Team

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

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

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

**May 31:** STRIVE Banquet, 6:00 – 8:00 PM, Hilton Hotel, All Rotarians invited!

**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 23, 2007 10:30 PM

Saturday, March 24, 2007 4:30 AM, 10:30 AM, 4:30 PM

**Name That Rotarian:** a) Dave Senness

# MAHENDRA NATH ROTARY FOUNDATION CHALLENGE

Updated as of: 3/20/2007

TEAM	Pledge Amount	Tot Pledges	Tot Members	% GIVING
LUCAS	\$4,600	5	5	100.0%
MCDONALD	\$1,850	5	5	100.0%
CHORZEMPA	\$700	7	7	100.0%
PRATT	\$2,110	8	8	100.0%
GERDIN	\$950	6	7	85.7%
BRUNKOW	\$1,160	5	7	71.4%
GRAZZINI	\$900	7	7	100.0%
SENNESS	\$570	5	7	71.4%
BASIL	\$1,550	6	7	85.7%
FEWER	\$800	5	6	83.3%
JOHNSTON	\$1,980	5	8	62.5%
POKLADNIK	\$852	6	7	85.7%
FORMER ROTARIANS	\$205			
TOTAL	\$18,227	70	81	86.4%

LUCAS	\$10,420	38	41	92.7%
MCDONALD	\$7,602	32	40	80.0%

Note: 81 Rotarians have been assigned to the 12 teams. Nath, Lucas and McDonald individual contributions not yet included. They will be added at the conclusion of the challenge. Total membership: 84

**Ambassadorial Scholarships continued:** Today, we highlighted the Ambassadorial Scholarships program of RI Foundation. It is one of the largest international scholarship programs in the world. Scholars study in a country other than their own where they serve as unofficial ambassadors of goodwill. Since 1947, more than 37,000 scholars from some 110 countries have received scholarships at a cost of more than \$462 Million. In 2004-05, 737 scholars from 70 countries studies in 62 countries. Program awards were \$15.6 Million. **Dwayne Lowman**, a Bloomington student, is our club's most recent scholar. He was able to study in Sweden in 2004. Do you know an outgoing college senior (or recent grad) with an "A" or "B" average who desires to study in another country and who would make a good ambassador? Invite them to apply.