



RIB

March 28, 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 – Monday, April 2nd "Water Park of America" Vocational Visit

RSVP needed by Mar. 30th! To: kkoehler@usinternet.com



Located in the Grand Lodge, and at 70,000 square feet, **The Water Park of America** features: a surfing simulator ride, a family raft ride, tube and body water slides, an interactive water play structure, a children's pool, sports activity pools, hot tub spas, and a lazy river. It is open to registered guests of the Grand Lodge (guaranteed admission). Daily tickets are also available at the door and online for the general public, but subject to availability. The **Grand Lodge Hotel Resort** offers over 400 guest rooms, three restaurants including the Split Rock Grille, a well-appointed fitness room; and the Northern Lights arcade. Join this fun-filled vocational visit!

This Week's Program

"Imagine Bloomington 2025" Minneapolis Airport Hilton Mayor Gene Winstead and City Manager Mark Bernhardson

Imagine Bloomington and what it might be in the year 2025! That is just what Mayor Gene Winstead and City Manager Mark Bernharson allowed us to do today as we heard about development plans for the future of our great city. More than 900 residents participated in the visioning process which identified several areas citizens feel are important to maintaining the quality of life in Bloomington.



- Clean: maintain attractive neighborhoods
- Green: protect parks, open space and wetlands
- Safe: safety is the #1 quality of life factor (crime and traffic)
- Transportation: maintain and improve city streets, improve convenience
- Housing Choice: keep a variety of housing choices for all life stages
- Education: our schools are one of Bloomington's key strengths
- Diversity: support our diverse population so they will embrace our community values

As we move toward our 150th anniversary (Bloomington was organized on May 11, 1858) all elements of our city development are looking ahead to keeping Bloomington a growing, thriving and vital city of the future.

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

Membership

We welcome four new Rotarians, approved for membership by the Board of Directors on March 12th :

- **Tom Kendall, Classification: Commercial Real Estate**
- **Elizabeth Henderson, Classification: Financial Planning**
- **Edward Reis, Classification: Business Development Management**
- **David Wang, Classification: Commercial Lending**

Needed: Member Photos

For our New Directory

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

The Mahendra Nath

Rotary Foundation Challenge

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.**

Is your pledge in?

See Page 5 RIB for our campaign progress.



Sunshine

Daymakers Rotary Club has chosen **Susan Freeman**, Executive Director of VEAP to be their club's "Daymaker of the Year" for 2007. They choose a person every year who exhibits the Rotary "Service Above Self" characteristics in his/her life and who has positively touched the lives of others in the community. All Bloomington Noon club members are invited to attend their weekly club meeting at 7:29 a.m., Friday, May 4th, at the Park Plaza Hotel, 4460 W 78th Street Circle in Bloomington.

Jim Truax shared that his wife, Barb, suffered a stroke on Friday, March 16th. The paralysis affected the left side of her face, her speech, and her ability to swallow, and slightly affected the dexterity in her left hand. The doctor is optimistic that she may make a strong, partial recovery over the next several weeks (or months). Please keep Barb in your prayers or thoughts.

Linda Jewell's daughter-in-law, Sue, needs our prayers as well. Sue is on oxygen, large doses of steroids and anti-inflammatory drugs, due to a non-specific lung problem. Mayo Clinic is still reviewing a tissue biopsy. Linda herself is improving after her reconstructive surgery recently. Linda is due to begin another round of Chemo. We pray for healing for both Linda and Sue.

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Member Social

All Rotarians
Invited!

Tues., May 1, 2007
5:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Hilton MSP
Airport - MOA
3800 American
Blvd. East,
Bloomington

This will be an opportunity to meet our newest members, socialize with rotary friends and their families, and learn more about our club's Charitable Partners.

New members will have an orientation while long time members can mingle. Each Charitable Partner has been invited to attend and bring information about their agency or services.

Please join us!
Mark your calendar.

President's Column

Diann Kirby –

Did you know that this year marks the 20th anniversary of women in Rotary? Prior to 1987, women were frequent guests during regular meetings and special events, but they couldn't join Rotary as full members. Rotarians' wives were typically known as "Rotary Anns." For instance, our club history notes that a 1960s Harold Larson Party was described as a "rousing and fun-filled event including Rotary Anns and other guests."

When women were welcomed into Rotary in 1987, our club actively recruited female members. Our second female Rotarian - Sandy Seibert - just retired two years ago after 17 years in the club. Debra Fincham, who joined in 1989, became Bloomington Rotary's first female president in 1996-97. Since then, women have become integral members of our club. I'm honored to follow in the footsteps of previous presidents Fincham, Connie Zins and Linda Jewell. And I'm looking forward to seeing the mark our current female members will make on our extraordinary club!

Extraordinary People Doing Extraordinary Things!



District Conference

April 27 -28

Playing off of Rotary International's "Humanity in Motion" tagline and reflecting the organization's commitment to literacy, the District 5950 annual conference will be held April 27 and 28 at The Depot and has been dubbed "Humanity in Local-Motion."

Contact your Club president or visit the Rotary District 5950 website at www.rotary5950.org to register.



Group Study Exchange

April 28 - May 1 ... **One More Home Needed!**

We now need just one more family to host a member of the Group Study Exchange (GSE) Team visiting Bloomington at the end of April. Thanks to John Swaney, Dave Walock, Jae Mellin and Don Stiles for volunteering their homes. We now need one more home for the fifth member of the GSE team from Thailand on the evenings of April 28, 29 and 30. During the day, we'll be coordinating vocational and social visits for the team. Already, team members are scheduled to present to us at our meeting on April 30, followed by a behind-the-scenes tour of the Mall of America. If you're interested in providing a home to a GSE visitor, contact Diann Kirby at 952-563-8717 or dkirby@ci.bloomington.mn.us.

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

April 2: “**Water Park of America Tour**”, Seth Ryan, General Manager – **RSVP needed. E-mail to:** kkoehler@usinternet.com

April 9: “**Indian Fancy Dancing**” Larry Yazzie

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

April 23: “**Temple Israel**”, Cantor Barry Abelson

April 30: To be announced

Calendar of Events

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 11: Theater -- “Funny Girl”, Pre-play social at Don & Leslie Stiles home

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

June 12: TWINS GAME, 7:10 PM Tickets: e-mail Brian Emerson at bje@mriloan.com

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

Rotary Information

Bloomington Noon Rotary
www.bloomingtonrotarymn.org

Rotary International
www.rotary.org

Rotary District 5950
www.rotary5950.org

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

Rotary on Bloomington Cable, Channel 14:

“**James J. Hill Library**” **Guest: Jim Poole**

Tuesday, April 10, 2007 9:00 PM

Wednesday, April 11, 2007 3:00 AM, 9:00 AM, 3:00 PM

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