



# RIB

April 16, 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  
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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

"Temple Israel" Cantor Barry Abelson

Cantor Barry Abelson has been with Temple Israel since 1985 working with students as they prepare for their Bar and Bat Mitzvahs as well as his ongoing leadership in worship. Join us to learn more about his work at Temple Israel and experience the music of the Jewish faith.



Cantor Abelson attended the Hartt College of Music at the University of Hartford where he performed in opera and concert. Upon completing his studies at Hartt, he performed at the Temple University Summer Music Festival and then on to a national tour with the Boris Goldovsky Opera Theatre. In 1973 he entered Hebrew Union College - Jewish Institute of Religion - School of Sacred Music in New York, beginning the five-year Cantorial Program. Before coming to Temple Israel, he was at Temple Emanu-El in Montreal, one of the leading congregations in Canada. He is a member of the American Conference of Cantors and president of the Minnesota Cantors Association. He is married to Margo, who has taught in the Temple Israel Nursery School since 1986. They have two adult children - Stephen and Joanne.

## This Week's Program

**ΣAI** "Sigma Alpha Iota Music Fraternity"  
National President Elizabeth Nordling

The only Fraternity exclusively for women, SAI Fraternity was established in 1903. They have embraced the motto "*VITA BREVIS ARS LONGA*" Life is short, Art is long. They have 212 Collegiate chapters, 121 Alumni Chapters, 105,000 members nationally, with 9,000 of those active members. Their national headquarters is in Asheville, NC. They use the word Fraternity because it is actually from the feminine form of the word for "brotherhood". SAI believes "everyone should have music in their lives". To this end they provide scholarships, printed music, instruments, and teaching materials around the world. They are also active with the Library of Congress in providing "Bold Note Scores" for visually handicapped persons.



*April Birthdays*

- 01 Sharon VanWinkel
- 09 Mike Brunkow
- 14 Jack Carlson
- 18 Becky Amble
- 19 John Hanson
- 19 Dave Walock
- 23 Linda Jewell
- 23 Jim McDonald

*April Anniversaries*

- 01 Kathy Koehler 8 yrs
- 09 Charlie Pokladnik 4 yrs
- 19 Bernadine Bryant 2 yrs
- 19 Kathi Hiyane-Brown 2 yrs
- 25 Gene Fuller 18 yrs
- 26 Adam Bengtson 2 yrs
- 27 Terry Stirewalt 3 yrs
- 30 Jim McDonald 22 yrs

*Greeter Schedule*

- 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

## Welcome New Rotarian

### David Wang

Inducted on April 9<sup>th</sup>, David Wang manages the commercial bank office for Associated Bank in Bloomington. Prior to his 10 year career in the banking industry, he worked in his family's grocery and restaurant business. An '89 grad of Burnsville High School, he went on to get his BS in Business from the Carlson School of Management and his MBA in Venture Management from St. Thomas.



He and his wife, Molly, have two beautiful preschool daughters adopted from China. They have lived in Mendota Heights for 8 years. Dave is active in his church, the Dodge Nature Center, and the St. Paul Area Chamber of Commerce. His hobbies include tennis, lawn mowing, and time with his family. He is joining Rotary because there is a strong purpose and a common cause in giving back to the community. We are excited to welcome David to Bloomington Noon Rotary.

## Sunshine

**Sandya Gupta** is inviting us to another opportunity to be outside this Saturday, April 21<sup>st</sup>. As a part of the Minnesota River Valley Audobon Chapter, there is a Spring Clean up along Bush Lake Road. **Meet at the Righardson Nature Center Parking log at 8:00 AM** and they will work from there. This is a chance to see the Osprey nest in Hyland Park. E-mail Sandya if you plan to attend: [ladki.danapuri@gmail.com](mailto:ladki.danapuri@gmail.com)



**John Swaney** invites us to attend the **Golden Valley Rotary Club's Annual Gala**, set for Friday, May 4<sup>th</sup>. They have sponsored tables at our Harold Larson Party...it is only right that we support them. **Jim and Delores Lucas** are planning to attend. Please contact **Jim (952) 835-2300** or **John (763) 732-4115** if you would like to join the table.

**Gigi Brecht** will be leaving Bloomington Noon as she had accepted a position with Wells Fargo in Downtown Minneapolis. She will finish out her year with STRIVE.

## MBEA Luncheon – no meeting May 7

Please mark your calendars to attend the **May 10th Minnesota Business Ethics Award luncheon**. This luncheon will substitute for our regular Rotary meeting on May 7 that week. The awards luncheon is co-sponsored by Rotary, the Center for Ethical Business Cultures, and the Society of Financial Service Professionals. Plan to arrive before 12 Noon on May 10th **at the Marriott Southwest**. During lunch, your table will be given an ethical case study to discuss, followed by keynote speaker Hank Shea (former Assistant US Attorney), and the 2007 Minnesota Business Ethics Awards. The event will promptly end at 1:30 PM. More details as well as a sign up sheet will be available at future Rotary meetings. Call **Don Stiles** (952-941-7380) with your questions.

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## Community Clean Up

Sat., April 21<sup>st</sup>,  
9:00–11:00 AM  
Moir Park  
104<sup>th</sup> Ave. and  
Morgan Ave.

For more  
information, contact  
Lori Nelson,  
[nelson@friendsofm  
valley.org](mailto:nelson@friendsofmvalley.org)

See Flyer page 6  
of RIB!



Just 9 tickets left for  
**Funny Girl** at the  
Schneider Theater,  
Friday May 11<sup>th</sup>, with  
a pre-play social hour  
at the home of **Don  
and Leslie Stiles**.  
Tickets are \$28.00 and  
include the social.  
Contact **Carolyn  
Pratt** to reserve your  
tickets. This will be a  
sold out performance!  
[carolynsings@hotmail  
com.](mailto:carolynsings@hotmail.com)

# President's Column

Diann Kirby –

I noted in last week's RIB that your Bloomington Rotary Board of Directors approved the first round of donations from the Harold Larson Party proceeds. When considering the grant requests, we looked at how they met Rotary International's focus areas of health and hunger, safe water and literacy. We also considered member involvement in these organizations. I thought you'd like to see how our charitable partners are using their grants:



- Education Foundation of Bloomington (\$2,500): Innovation Grants that allow teachers to be creative in their curriculum planning and Food for Thought program for students who need short-term free meals.
- Bloomington Public Schools (\$250): Senior recognition program on April 17.
- Companies to Classrooms (\$1,000): Classroom supplies for teachers.
- Courage Center (\$10,000): Sports and recreation programs for people of all ages and abilities.
- Normandale Community College (\$4,000): Seed money for a new Academy of Math and Science for at-risk students.

Another round of grants will be considered at our next board meeting in May. Thanks to your fundraising efforts, approximately \$40,000 will be donated to our charitable partners this Rotary year. Thanks for making an extraordinary difference in lives both near and far.

## Extraordinary People Doing Extraordinary Things!

### Name That Rotarian

Today's Rotarian grew up in Richfield, so close to Metropolitan Stadium that he could sit in his front yard and listen to the organ at the Twins' game. He received his undergraduate degree from Montana State University in Bozeman, and later earned an MBA from Wichita State University. This Rotarian has worked in the hospitality industry for a number of years, both in the U.S. and Asia. It was during his time in the Philippines that he joined the Rotary Club of Manila. He transferred to Bloomington Rotary in 1995. He served as President in 2005-06, and has graciously hosted our club's Harold Larson Party at his place of business for the past two years. He and his wife Debera (whom he met in a hotel elevator at the Sioux City Hilton) have one son and live in Lakeville.

Is it?

- a) Larry Lee    b) Frank Grazzini    c) John Swaney    d) Jack Carlson  
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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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## Upcoming Meetings

April 23: “Temple Israel”, Cantor Barry Abelson

April 30: “Group Study Exchange” GSE team here from Thailand

May 7: **NO MEETING** Attend Joint Ethics Meeting, Thursday, May 10<sup>th</sup> instead!

Thursday, May 10<sup>th</sup>: “Minnesota Business Ethics Award”

## Calendar of Events

**April 21:** Moir Park (location change) **Trash & Leaf Litter Clean Up**

**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](mailto:bje@mriloan.com)

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

## 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)

**Safe Water Plus Web Site**  
[www.safewaterplus.org](http://www.safewaterplus.org)

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

**“State of the City” Mayor Gene Winstead**

Sunday, April 22, 2007 8:30 PM

Monday, April 23, 2007 2:30 AM, 8:30 AM, 2:30 PM

**Name That Rotarian: c. John Swaney**

# Membership

Our club will be hosting a social on May 1, 2007 from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. at the Airport Hilton for current members, new members, and prospective members. This will be a prime opportunity for you to introduce Rotary to the community leaders you come in contact with daily. We are asking that all members make a concerted effort to bring at least one prospective member to the social.

Below, you will find the information card we had printed up. Give this page to the leaders in our community that could benefit from membership in our great organization. Or, get additional cards for distribution from Terry Stirewalt at (612) 798-7126.



You are invited to make a difference  
in your community and the world.

LEADERS WELCOME!



## The Rotary Club of Bloomington invites you to our Prospective Member Social.

When: May 1, 2007  
Time: 5:30-7:30 p.m.  
Where: Airport Hilton, Bloomington  
3800 American Blvd. East  
Bloomington, MN 55425

Join us to find out more about the Rotary Club of Bloomington, where civic-minded business and professional leaders gather for fun, fellowship and the opportunity to serve! We volunteer our time and talents to improve the community and support its youth. Rotarians live by the motto "Service Above Self," giving back to the community, the workplace and helping others throughout the world.



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Friends of the Minnesota Valley

COMMUNITY CLEAN-UPS FOR WATER



**COME JOIN US!!**

***HELP PREVENT WATER POLLUTION  
IN BLOOMINGTON***

***BY PARTICIPATING IN:***

**COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP**

**MOIR PARK**

***104th Ave. S. & Morgan Ave. S.***

***Saturday, April 21, 2007***

***9:00-11:00 a.m.***

***Meet in the Parking Lot***

***Watch for Signs***

**Bring Gloves & Lawn/Leaf Bags if You  
Have Them**

**Sponsored by Friends of the Minnesota Valley, REI, NCC**