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April 2, 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 9th "Indian Fancy Dancing" Guest: Larry Yazzie



Awarded the 2006 Omar Bonderud award for his efforts in promoting human rights in Bloomington, Larry Yazzie is dedicated to understanding and promoting bridge building through traditional and cultural diversity worldwide. Yazzie is an international lecturer, educator, performer, and a world champion fancy dancer.

He was raised on the Meskwaki Indian Settlement in central Iowa and began dancing at the age of seven. During his childhood he was taught the traditions of the Meskwaki people, including the fancy dance and the Northern Plains style of singing. He has performed his show for a variety of audiences and was the first Native American to visit and perform in Izumi City, Japan, Bloomington's Sister City. Don't miss this outstanding program!

This Week's Program

"Water Park of America" Vocational Visit

Family friendly and beautifully appointed rooms greet guests at the Grand Lodge Hotel Resort. Each of their 400 rooms is equipped with HDTV and most sport bunk beds. The hotel has a full service spa and a large work out area. With 90 Corporate clients already contracted, there is a special library overlooking the water park outfitted for the business adult to relax, work on the internet, or just find a quiet place to read.

The Water Park of America features a 10 story tall water slide complex, the tallest of any indoor water park. All guests are guaranteed entrance with their hotel stay. The water park can accommodate up to 2000 visitors a day. It is open year around Thursdays thru Sundays and on other days when schools are out. If you are in the mood and in the area, you can just play at the water park for an entrance fee of between \$20 and \$40 space permitting. What fun!



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 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

Club Service

Loaves & Fishes, Monday, April 9th
Creekside Community Center, 98th St. & Penn Ave.



Loaves & Fishes serves warm, nutritious meals to Bloomington families and individuals who need a healthy evening meal. Last year, we served over 200 people with the MOST delicious tacos ever! No one went home hungry.

Bloomington Rotary purchases, prepares and serves the evening meal. We have a full compliment of volunteers set to complete their part of the task. Watch your e-mail for instructions! Thank you to **Susan Freeman and Dan Jordan** for coordinating the event and thanks to all our volunteers.

The Mahendra Nath

Rotary Foundation Challenge

Congratulations Bloomington Noon! **We have achieved our 2007 Mahendra Nath Rotary Foundation Challenge goal with 100% participation from our club.** Thank you to all team leaders, **Charlie Pokladnik, Adam Johnston, Mike Fewer, Nick Basil, David Senness, Frank Grazzini, Mike Brunkow, Marcie Gerdin, Carolyn Pratt, Marty Chorzempa, Jim McDonald, and Jim Lucas.** We had 86 participants, including some former Rotarians. We achieved 140% of the District monetary goal at \$23,827....and all in just one month! **See Page 5 RIB** for our campaign statistics.



Sunshine

Mahendra Nath will be featured in an article in the July issue of SUCCESS Magazine written by Former Rotarian Steven Gottry. The article will tell the personal and inspiring story of Mahendra, who arrived in the United States with \$800 in his pocket and built a business that generates annual revenues of \$150 Million.

Our prayers go out to **Jim Mortenson** who lost his father this past Tuesday, March 27th. Jim's father lived a long and happy life to age 96, enjoying 32 years of retirement.

Courage Center's Jr. Rolling Timberwolves Wheelchair Basketball team took 3rd place at the national junior wheelchair basketball tournament last wee,. There are more than 100 teams in the United State. One of our athletes was selected All Tournament. Courage is co-sponsoring the adult National Wheelchair Softball Tournament in August. 16 teams from around the country will converge at Midway Stadium for 3 days of competition.

Batter Up!

Everyone
Invited...this is
a great family
event!

Our Twins Outing
club social is coming
up on Tuesday,
June 12th. Game
time is 7:10 PM.
Our seats are very
near the Bull Pen.

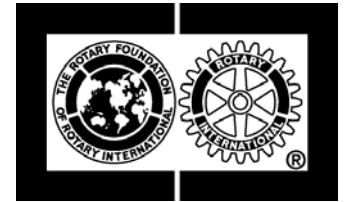
Tickets are \$29.00.
Sign up next week
or e-mail Brian
Emerson at
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President's Column

Diann Kirby –

Congratulations to every single one of you on your successful fundraising efforts for the **Mahendra Nath Rotary International Foundation Challenge**. It has attracted the attention of Rotary District 5950, made up of 60 clubs in central and southwest Minnesota. Club presidents received the following message last weekend from **Tom Thorfinnson**, past District Governor and now chair of the District's annual giving campaign:



"Bloomington Rotary Club under the leadership of its President, **Diann Kirby**, wanted to obtain 100% participation in club member giving to the annual fund. A significant contributor from their club was contacted to make a challenged gift.... The idea was to divide the club into 10 equal groups. Each group that achieved 100% participation received an additional \$300 to be added as additional contributions from that group to the Rotary Foundation. Diann is pleased to report that all 10 groups achieved the goal. Every member of her club contributed to the Rotary Foundation! Well done Bloomington Rotary."

Special thanks to chairs **Jim Lucas and Jim McDonald** for this creative concept, **John Swaney** for acting as honorary chair, our ten team captains who tracked down members as far away as California, and Mahendra Nath for challenging us to dig deep into our pockets to help children in need. Well done, Bloomington Rotary, well done.

Extraordinary People Doing Extraordinary Things!

Guests and Visitors

Ed Reis, approved for membership, Classification: Business Development Mgmt
Elizabeth Henderson, approved for membership, Classification: Financial Planning
David Wang, approved for membership, Classification: Commercial Lending
Jody Mellin, Patrick Mellin, James and Lauren Mellin, wife, father, son and daughter of Jae Mellin.

Group Study Exchange

April 28 - May 1 ... **One More Home Needed!**
A Rotary International Foundation Program

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. 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 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 21: Normandale Community College **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

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

Thursday, April 12, 2007 11:20 PM

Friday, April 13, 2007 5:20 AM, 11:20 AM, 5:20 PM

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

Tuesday, April 17, 2007 6:00 PM

Wednesday, April 18, 2007 12:00 AM, 6:00 AM, 12:00 PM

MAHENDRA NATH ROTARY FOUNDATION CHALLENGE

3/30/2007

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	\$2,280	8	8	100.0%
GERDIN	\$1,150	7	7	100.0%
BRUNKOW	\$1,260	7	7	100.0%
GRAZZINI	\$900	7	7	100.0%
SENNESS	\$620	6	6	100.0%
BASIL	\$1,950	7	7	100.0%
FEWER	\$810	6	6	100.0%
JOHNSTON	\$2,330	8	8	100.0%
POKLADNIK	\$1,052	7	7	100.0%
TOTAL	\$19,502	80	80	100.0%

TEAM LUCAS	\$10,890	41	41	100.0%
TEAM MCDONALD	\$8,612	39	39	100.0%
FORMER ROTARIANS	\$175	3	na	na
NATH, MCDONALD, LUCAS	\$4,150	3	na	100.00%

Bloomington Grand Total:				\$23,827
District Goal:				\$17,000
% Goal:				140%