



# RIB

April 23, 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.

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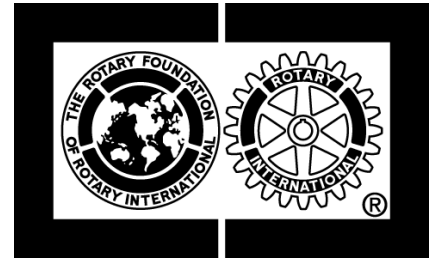
President: Diann Kirby  
Pres Elect: Don Stiles  
Vice Pres: Carolyn Pratt  
Secretary: Karyn Arazi  
Treasurer: Brett McMahon  
Past Pres: John Swaney  
Dist Gov: Rod Shilkrot  
Sgt in Arms: Rick Sitek  
Exec Sec: Kathy Koehler  
Directors: Adam Johnston, Dave Senness, Lori Nelson, Mark Bosch, LuAnn Paulet, Mark Bellestri, Laura Bjorgo, Terry Stirewalt, and Dave Walock

## Next Week's Program

### "Group Study Exchange -- Thailand"

Group Study Exchange is one of the most important Rotary Foundation programs as it fosters friendship and understanding between the various cultures within Rotary. Between April 29 and May 1, Bloomington Noon Rotary is hosting a five person GSE Team from Thailand. They will be here to learn about our district, city, state, customs, institutions, etc. Bloomington is one of nine clubs on their itinerary.

A young team, all in their early 30's, their vocational interests range from Hotel Management, to Law, to the Food and Beverage industry, and to Teaching. They are looking forward to learning more about America. Join us Monday to hear from the team about the country of Thailand and about Thai culture, customs, and institutions.



## This Week's Program

### "Temple Israel" Cantor Barry Abelson

Cantor Barry Abelson reminded us that religious music is an attempt to convey "that which is within our reach, but beyond our grasp". It is a language of the soul, and serves as an effective tool in worship and in personal quiet moments, therefore plays a significant role in worship. Traditionally, the entire Jewish worship service was chanted in Hebrew. Now a great deal of the service is sung, and in reformed services, translated into English so congregants take active participation in worship.



An integral part of worship leadership, Abelson has been with Temple Israel since 1985. Temple Israel is the largest reformed congregation in Minneapolis. Cantor Abelson plans the music for worship and officiates at weddings, baptisms, teaches, and performs pastoral calls. Since 1950, in Cincinnati, when the first seminary was opened to train Cantors, seminary training has been as rigorous for Cantors as for Rabbis. Temple Israel is open to all persons of all faiths and welcomes all to its Friday evening services.

**Reminder: May 1<sup>st</sup> - Perspective Member Social Event**, Airport Hilton Hotel, 5:30 – 7:30 PM See page 5 RIB for additional info.

*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 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

## Edward Ries

Ed Ries is a Business Consultant with Gevity, a Human Resource Outsource provider. Inducted on April 16<sup>th</sup>, Ed was initiated early by our basketball players...they were just a little rough on him...as he was injured twice!

Ed grew up in southern Minnesota and attended Huron University in South Dakota where he earned his Bachelor of Science degree in management. He achieved Academic All-American status in baseball during college and lived *service above self*, starting the Eagles Club, where athletes of the University would volunteer in the community. Ed is currently studying for his bachelors in accounting at Capella University and is looking forward to becoming a CPA. Ed and wife, Shana, have located in Minnesota to be close to family.



## Thai-American Potluck

Hosted by Jae Mellin

5:00 p.m., Sunday, April 29

4501 Terracewood Drive, Bloomington



You and your family are invited to meet our Group Study Exchange Team visiting Bloomington this weekend at a potluck at Jae and Jodi Mellin's home on Sunday, April 29, starting at 5 p.m. This will be a hybrid Thai-American feast, with Jae providing the meat for grilling and Thai specialties. You just need to bring your own American dish to share with our Thai guests. **Directions:** Take the 98<sup>th</sup> Street exit off I-35W and head west to Old Shakopee Rd. Follow Old Shakopee to France Ave. S. Turn left to go south on France. Follow France until it ends with a right turn onto Overlook Dr. Jae's house will be near the corner of Overlook Dr. and Terracewood Dr. at 4501 Terracewood Drive. Phone: (952) 884-9020

## MBEA Luncheon May 10<sup>th</sup>

**NO MEETING MAY 7<sup>TH</sup>**



**2007 Minnesota  
Business Ethics  
Award**

Thursday May 10, 2007

Registration 11:30 AM  
Awards Luncheon  
12-1:30 PM

*Keynote Speaker*  
**Henry (Hank) J. Shea**  
Former Assistant U.S. Attorney for the District of  
Minnesota

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.

## Community Service – Spring Cleanup

Thank you to all  
the Rotarians who  
supported the  
Spring Clean Up  
efforts on April 21<sup>st</sup>.

In cooperation with  
Friends of the  
Minnesota Valley,  
three clean up events  
were held. In total 70  
volunteers turned out  
and removed 105 bags  
of trash, that is about  
1,850 pounds.

Bloomington Rotary  
worked at Moir Park  
with 36 volunteers  
picking up 55 bags of  
trash at about 1,100  
pounds.

Nichols Road and Nine  
Mile Creek/Edina were  
the other two locations.

Thank you also to  
Rotarians who  
assisted the  
Minnesota River  
Valley Audobon  
Chapter, in their  
Spring Clean up  
along Bush Lake  
Road.

## President's Column

Diann Kirby –

It is always bittersweet to see a good friend leave Bloomington Noon Rotary Club. That's why I am sad to report the departure of Dick Herberg. Dick joined Bloomington Rotary in 1990. He spearheaded the spring rose sale fundraiser for many years, earning the New Rotarian of the Year Award in 1992 and Rotarian of the Year in 1993. Dick also served as club president from 1997-98.

Perhaps Dick's most enduring legacy is the STRIVE program. News of a successful mentoring program in White Bear Lake had caught Dick's attention back in 1997. He and Lee Helms won the support of Bloomington Rotary and the Bloomington School District to launch STRIVE at Kennedy High School in the fall of 1998. They also secured matching scholarships from Normandale Community College. Six students graduated in that first class in 1999, including one who went on to become a nurse.

Dick and his wife Georgia have retired to Hudson, WI, so he plans to transfer to a Rotary Club there. In a note to me, Dick said, "After 17 years, it is very difficult to leave a great group of people and pro-active club." We will miss you Dick, but your Service Above Self will live on in the students we mentor through STRIVE.



SERVICE Above Self

## Sunshine

Welcome back **Milo Engelstad** from Florida and **Abul Sharah** from India. It is nice to see you both again! Milo shared that his wife is doing well. International Village Clinic worked miracles with the Rotary grant money. He is looking forward to sharing all the details with us in the near future.

**Adam Bengtson** reported that \$23,500 was raised in the Lock Up Event for Muscular Dystrophy. Thanks to all Rotarians who supported his fund raising effort.

## Name That Rotarian

Today's Rotarian claims a Swedish heritage and is the product of a life-long Rotarian father. This person was born and raised in the Twin Cities area, and earned a nursing degree from Minnesota State in Mankato. This Rotarian's first jobs were serving as an organ transplant nurse at the University of Minnesota Hospital and surgical ICU at the University of Illinois-Chicago. These days, this person serves as a major accounts executive for a specialty pharmaceutical company launched from Abbott Laboratories. Rotary was a natural step for this former Rotary Youth Exchange student to Brazil. After joining Bloomington Rotary in 2001, this Rotarian served on the Board of Directors and is the current Youth Exchange Officer for Districts 5059 and 5960, coordinating U.S. exchanges to Brazil.

Is it? a) Karyn Arazi b) Lori Nelson c) Marcia Gerdin 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 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”**  
May 14: “Sing Me a Home” Guest: Kathy Romey (Habitat for Humanity)  
May 21: To be announced  
May 28: **NO MEETING** - MEMORIAL DAY  
June 18: “Club Awards Day & Mahendra Nath Rotary Foundation Challenge Celebration” Guests: DG Rod Shilkrot and Dick Ramberg

## Calendar of Events

- 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:**  
**No programs scheduled at this time.**

**Name That Rotarian: c. Marcia Gerdin**

# 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.



### ROTARY FOUR-WAY TEST

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Will it build **GOOD WILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?

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**In other membership matters:** the new club policy on dues and meals was passed at the April 9<sup>th</sup> Board meeting as follows:

## **ROTARY CLUB OF BLOOMINGTON NOON POLICY ON DUES AND MEALS**

- I. Dues: The membership dues specified in Section 3.11 of the Bylaws for the Rotary Club of Bloomington Noon (“Club”) are to be paid within 30 days of invoice.
- II. Meals: In addition to dues, members must pay for meals within 30 days of invoice.
- III. Adjustments: The Board of Directors in its sole discretion may adjust or waive dues and meal expense.
- IV. Good Standing:
  - A. Failure to meet the requirements for payment of dues and meals set forth in this policy of the Club for two consecutive quarters may result in suspension or termination of membership in the Club at the discretion of the Board of Directors of the Club.
  - B. Written notice to a member of the member’s failure to meet the dues or meals requirements may be given to the defaulting member at the Board’s discretion. The defaulting member’s membership in the Club shall cease on the 60<sup>th</sup> day following the date of the notice unless the arrearages in dues and meals are paid within such 60 day period and the resumes attendance at meetings satisfying the requirements of Section 3.5 of the Bylaws, in which event, the Board may reinstate the member’s membership in the Club.