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April 30, 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

Thursday, May 10th -- MBEA Luncheon
Note Location Change -- Marriott Southwest
NO MEETING MAY 7TH

The prestigious **Minnesota Business Ethics Award (MBEA)** is presented annually to honor Minnesota companies which demonstrate a strong commitment to the tradition of corporate citizenship and ethical business conduct. This luncheon will substitute for our regular Rotary meeting on May 7 next week.

Registration: 11:30 AM Luncheon: Noon
Location: Marriott Southwest
5801 Opus Parkway, Minnetonka, MN (Hwy 169 & Londonderry/Bren Rd)

The awards luncheon is co-sponsored by Rotary, the Center for Ethical Business Cultures, and the Society of Financial Service Professionals. Call **Don Stiles** (952-941-7380) with your questions.



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

This Week's Program

"Group Study Exchange -- Thailand"

Thailand is known as "the land of smiles" and it's easy to see why after meeting the delightful Group Study Exchange Team visiting Bloomington Noon Rotary Club. The Thai team stayed with the club's host families for four days and three nights this past week. They included team leader Worramon Baiyoke (Fulda), a hotelier; Artit Pinpak (Arty), a law professor; Kasuna Humnongbutr (Mam), a teacher; Pattamanan Pongnoparat (Patty), a food research and development officer; and Sutthigarn Eam-udom (Goong), a teacher.

The team described the climate, culture and economy of Thailand. The country just celebrated its New Year, when the Thai splash water on each other for good luck (and to cool off since it's the hottest time of the year.) The team wore yellow shirts in honor of Thailand's longtime monarch, King Rama IX. Rotary activities in Thailand focus on water, health and literacy. One service project looked very similar to our Pack to School. (*Jae Mellin pictured above with the GSE Team*)



May Birthdays

- 04 Dick Young
- 06 Dave Shaw
- 12 Steve Wirth
- 27 Kathi Hiyane-Brown
- 29 Tom Arnold, MD

May Anniversaries

- 01 Phyllis Karasov 14 yrs
- 01 Jim Mortenson 14 yrs
- 02 Rick Sitek 18 yrs
- 17 Rod Axtell 2 yrs
- 18 Dana House 3 yrs
- 24 Mike Brunkow 2 yrs
- 25 Dave Shaw 3 yrs

Greeter Schedule

- 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

Tom Kendall

Tom Kendall is a native of the City of Bloomington. Tom grew up near 98th and Normandale and graduated from Jefferson High School in 1986. After which he attended St. Cloud State University where he played Football and Rugby while earning a Degree in Speech Communication and Marketing. Tom graduated from St. Cloud State in 1990. After graduation, he participated in St. Cloud State's overseas study program in Aalborg, Denmark attending Aalborg University Center for one (1) year where he studied European Environmental and Monetary Policy.



Tom's professional experience began in the waste industry working in operations and sales for BFI and Waste Management. In 1995, he transitioned into the computer industry and, in 1998, transitioned again into the commercial real estate business where he currently works today. Tom owns and manages Kendall Commercial Advisors, a full service commercial real estate brokerage and property management company.

Tom and his wife Kari have four children, Courtney (12), Megan (8), Nicole (5), and Amy (3) and a Boxer named Sadie. Together they live in Bloomington and are active in their neighborhood and St. Michael's Lutheran Church. Socially, Tom enjoys his family, his neighbors, boating, fishing, hunting and travel.

Guests and Visitors

Rafik Moore, guest of Don Stiles

Addie Mattson, guest of Diann Kirby

Tina Walock, wife of Dave Walock

Sandy and Heather Grazzini, wife and daughter of Frank Grazzini

Sandy Schley, Assistant District Governor, Edina Noon Rotary Club

Tim Murphy, President, Edina Noon Rotary Club

Bob Stehlik, Edina Noon Rotary Club

Debbie Belfry, Bloomington Daymakers Rotary Club

Thai-American Exchange

Thank you to all who hosted & entertained the GSE Team!

The GSE team was involved in a variety of activities during their stay with our club. They included a Thai-American potluck at **Jae and Jodi Mellin's** home, a behind-the-scenes tour of Mall of America and Underwater World, restaurant inspection, school visits, VFW 75th anniversary celebration, 3M and General Mills tours and a visit with Gov. Tim Pawlenty. A big thank you to our host families for giving the Thai team a warm Bloomington Rotary welcome: **Jae and Jodi Mellin, Dave and Tina Walock, John and Debera Swaney, Don and Leslie Stiles and Frank and Sandy Grazzini.**

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"2007
Daymaker of
the Year"

is Bloomington
Rotarian Susan
Freeman



Join the
Bloomington
Daymakers Rotary
on Friday, May 4th as
they honor Susan
Freeman for her
"Service Above Self".
Susan has dedicated
30+ years of her life
at VEAP serving
others.

The meeting begins
at 7:29 AM and is
held at the Park
Plaza Hotel, 4460
West 78th Street
Circle, Bloomington.

President's Column

Diann Kirby –



I think April was a good microcosm of what Bloomington Rotary is all about. The month started with the announcement that we had met our goal of having every Rotarian participate in the **Mahendra Nath Rotary Foundation Challenge**. We also worked on Rotary International's focus areas of health and hunger, clean water and literacy. We combated hunger by serving the evening meal at Loaves and Fishes. We cleared debris from along Nine Mile Creek. And our mentors discussed how to develop good habits with our STRIVE students.

The month ended with a bang when we hosted a Group Study Exchange team for the first time in recent memory, captured seven club awards at the District 5950 annual conference, and hosted a prospective member social that drew a number of potential Rotarians. It's been an extraordinary year so far, and it isn't over yet!

Extraordinary people doing extraordinary things!

Sunshine

In Memoriam: Elmer Jaster

Charter member Elmer Jaster passed away on April 23 at the age of 87. Elmer was a nationally known financial leader in the road equipment industry. He served as Bloomington Rotary President in 1965-66. The club history notes that Elmer's "quiet good humor was enjoyed all year as he presided over the meetings." During Elmer's term as president, a special ceremony was added to bring dignity to the process of inducting new members. In addition, he started an official greeter program which we still have today. Funeral services for Elmer were held last weekend.

Name That Rotarian

Today's Rotarian is a North Dakota native who attended college in Concordia in Moorhead, MN, followed by Luther Seminary in St. Paul. This person's first "real" job following ordination was in western North Dakota. He then moved to Detroit, Michigan, to start a new congregation. He ended up in Bloomington because of a call from his mission's board to start working on a new congregation – Christ the King Lutheran Church. A charter member of Bloomington Rotary, this Rotarian served as club president in 1969-70. He also helped form the Bloomington Rotary Foundation, and was a recipient of the Harold Larson Distinguished Service Award in 1993. He and his wife Ruth have four children and five grandchildren, and split their time between Bloomington and Arizona.

Is it?

a) Don Peterson b) Milo Engelstad c) Dave Getsch 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

May 7: **NO MEETING** Attend Joint Ethics Meeting, Thursday, May 10th instead!
Thursday, May 10th: “Minnesota Business Ethics Award”

May 14: **“Sing Me a Home”** Guest: Kathy Romey (Habitat for Humanity)

May 21: **“Skills USA Team”** Guests: Skills USA students, Kennedy High School

May 28: **NO MEETING** - MEMORIAL DAY

June 11: **“Industry & Trade in China – Bob & Larry’s Adventure”** Guest:
Lawrence A. Pobuda, Stewart Lawrence Group

June 18: **“Club Awards Day & Mahendra Nath Rotary Foundation Challenge Celebration”** Guests: DG Rod Shilkrot and Dick Ramberg

Calendar of Events

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

NO MEETING: May 7th

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

Safe Water Plus Web Site
www.safewaterplus.org

Rotary on Bloomington Cable, Channel 14:
No programs scheduled at this time.

Name That Rotarian: b. Milo Engelstad

District Conference:

Our Bloomington Noon Club received **First Place** honors in five of the eight categories and **Second Place** honors in two categories at the District 5950 Awards Breakfast this past Friday, April 27, 2007. The 2006-2007 District 5950 Conference was held at the Courtyard by Marriott at the Depot in downtown Minneapolis. The Awards were the initial event of the conference. Several Bloomington Rotarians participated including **Diann Kirby, Don Stiles, Karyn Arazi, Jim Lucas, and Lee Helms.**

Awards were received in the following categories:

Club Service: First Place

International Service: First Place

Community Service: Second Place

Youth: Second Place

Excellence in Club Bulletins & Websites: First Place

Excellence in Public Relations, Marketing & Advertising: First Place

Excellence in Membership Retention & Strategy: First Place



Jim Lucas and Jim McDonald were honored with Individual Recognition – Service to Club – for their work with the Mahendra Nath Rotary Foundation Challenge.

Congratulations to Bloomington Noon and to the individuals who made each of these awards possible. Bloomington Noon Rotary is an Extraordinary Rotary Club!

Membership: the new club policy on dues and meals was passed at the April 9th 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 60th day following the date of the notice unless the arrearages in dues and meals are paid within such 60 day period and the member 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.