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April 9, 2007

*The Rotary Club of Bloomington Noon*

## Weekly Meetings

**12:00 Noon**

**Mondays**

**Airport Hilton  
Hotel**

## Mission

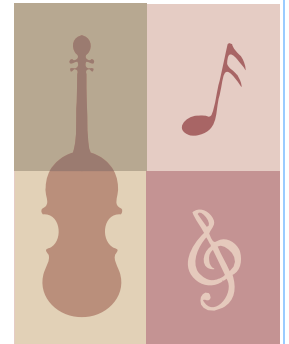
An organization of leaders working together to make a difference in our community and the world.

## *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

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



Elizabeth Nordling is the National President of Sigma Alpha Iota Music Fraternity for Women. Prior to being elected president, she served on their National Executive Board and as a Province Officer. Liz holds a Bachelor of Music in Vocal Performance from the University of Minnesota. She has served on the boards of many other music organizations, including Thursday Musical, Young Peoples' Symphony Concert Association (YPSCA), Chamber Music Minnesota, and the Minnesota Chorale. She has sung with the Minnesota Chorale, the official chorus of the Minnesota Orchestra, since 1984. Liz served on the board of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota and was the Debates Coordinator for the 1998 and 2000 senatorial and gubernatorial elections. Liz enjoys singing, attending concerts, cooking, gardening and traveling. Join us for this informative program!

## This Week's Program

**"The Freshwater Society"**  
**Richard Gray, Founder**



All water is recycled, according to Richard Gray, founder of the Freshwater Society. For all we know, we could be drinking Cleopatra's bath water. The need to conserve our water prompted Gray to found the Freshwater Society in 1968. The organization, based in Excelsior, is a leading advocate nationwide for conserving, restoring, and protecting freshwater resources and their surrounding watersheds.

Gray revealed some interesting facts about the water in Minnesota. Instead of 10,000 lakes, we are actually the land of 15,291 lakes. Eighty-five percent of our lakes were formed from ice melting off glaciers. Lake Minnetonka was the product of a glacier, which accounts for its strange shape. An interesting side activity of the society is to monitor ice-out on Lake Minnetonka. This year's date was April 3. Ice typically disappears around April 15, although it has melted as early as March 11 (1878) and as late as May 8 (1856). For more information about the Freshwater Society, visit [www.freshwater.org](http://www.freshwater.org).

*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 9<sup>th</sup>

Bloomington Rotarians purchased, prepared and served an evening meal to 160 people on Monday with our

Loaves and Fishes Club Service Project. The burritos were a great hit and the fruit ...the first time they had fresh fruit in years! People were thrilled. The Rotary Volunteers Rocked big time!!! Great job by all. Thank you to all the volunteers!

**Coordinators:** Susan Freeman, Dan Jordan

**Shoppers:** Brian Emerson, Carolyn Pratt, Frank Grazzini, Skipp Saaf

**Cooks:** Adam Johnston, Dave Senness, Ed Ries, Jim McDonald, Jim Mortenson

**Meal Prep:** Jay and Natalie Stevens, Larry Lee, Gigi Brecht, Debera and JC Swaney

**Meal Assembly:** Jay and Natalie Stevens, Mark Bosch, Colin Evenson

**Beverage & Salsa Servers:** Frank and Sandy Grazzini, Debera and JC Swaney, Sharon VanWinkle

**Team Clean:** Terry Stirewalt, Ghidei Zedingle, Kathy Koehler

**Servers:** Jack Bouquet, Jack Carlson, Jim and Delores Lucas, Don Stiles, LuAnn Paulet, Mike Carlson, Larry Lee, Gigi Brecht

**Clean Up:** All



## Sunshine



**Frank Grazzini** relayed the good news that ownership issues related to his previous business have finally been settled after five years of negotiations. To celebrate, he and his wife Sandy are donating \$10,000 to the **Mahendra Nath International Rotary Foundation Challenge**. They are donating an additional \$10,000 to the Bloomington Rotary Foundation, with \$8,000 of that sum to be donated to Courage Center.

**Carolyn Pratt** reported that her son in Iraq had a pizza delivered to their home the other day, much to everyone's surprise.

**John Swaney** invited members to attend the Golden Valley Rotary Club's annual fundraising gala on Friday, May 4<sup>th</sup> at the Golden Valley Golf & Country Club. Contact John for further details: [jswaney@gvccclub.com](mailto:jswaney@gvccclub.com)

On Wednesday, April 11<sup>th</sup>, **Dr. Jae Mellin and Dr. David Simmer** hosted an Open House for members of the Bloomington Chamber, the Edina Chamber, the Bloomington Noon Rotary, the Bloomington Businessmen's Association, and the Bloomington Lions at Mellin Chiropractic Care.

## Community Clean Up

Spend a spring  
day outdoors!

Sat., April 21<sup>st</sup>,  
9:00–11:00 AM  
Normandale  
Community  
College

Help prevent water  
pollution in  
Bloomington by  
participation in a  
Community Clean-  
up along the 9 Mile  
Creek watershed at  
Normandale College  
on Saturday, April  
21 from 9 - 11 a.m.

No special tools  
needed; children are  
welcome to help out.

The event is co-  
sponsored by  
Bloomington Rotary,  
Friends of the  
Minnesota Valley,  
REI, the Normandale  
Student  
Conservation Club  
and 9 Mile Creek  
Watershed District.

For more  
information, contact  
Lori Nelson.

[nelson@friendsofmnvalley.org](mailto:nelson@friendsofmnvalley.org)

## President's Column

Diann Kirby –

Your Bloomington Rotary Board of Directors held its April meeting this week. Here are the highlights:

- Treasurer **Brett McMahon** reported that expenditures and revenues are in line with the amounts budgeted for this year.
- The board approved the first round of donations from the funds raised by the Harold Larson Party. They include the Education Foundation of Bloomington (\$2,500), Bloomington Schools (\$250), Companies to Classrooms (\$1,000), Courage Center (\$10,000) and Normandale College (\$4,000). A total of \$39,375 will be donated to our charitable partners this Rotary year.
- The board approved a new membership policy proposed by the Membership Committee that requires dues and meals to be paid within 30 days of invoice. Failure to meet the payment requirement for two consecutive quarters may result in suspension or termination.
- **Incoming President Don Stiles** submitted his slate of officers for 2007-08. It includes **Stiles as President, Carolyn Pratt as President-Elect, Adam Johnston as Vice President, Brett McMahon as Secretary-Treasurer, and Brian Emerson as Sergeant-at-Arms. Proposed board members are Karyn Arazi, Colin Evenson, Phyllis Karasov and Ken Nordlie.**

**Extraordinary People Doing Extraordinary Things!**

## Guests and Visitors

**Tom Kendall**, approved for membership

**Ed Ries**, approved for membership

**Tom Burke**, guest of Terry Stirewalt

**Rotarian Jon Hohenstein**, local government, Eagan Rotary Club

**Jaffrey Blanks**, Minneapolis Rotaract Club

## Name That Rotarian

Today's Rotarian came to us from Duluth, where he received his BA degree in communications from UMD. His first job out of college was mortgage loan officer with a Duluth savings and loan. He moved to the Twin Cities when his wife accepted a job transfer. He came to Bloomington Rotary in 1997 with a long tenure in Rotary, having been a member of Duluth Rotary since 1976. This Rotarian has served on our board of directors, and has a long record of perfect meeting attendance. His passions are football, baseball and softball. He has coached a number of BAA teams and played for several fast-pitch softball teams. He and his wife of 25 years – who he met in Rotary – have two children.

Is it?

a) Dave Pederson    b) Skipp Saaf    c) Gene Fuller    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 16: “Sigma Alpha Iota Music Sorority” National Pres. Elizabeth Nordling

April 23: “Temple Israel”, Cantor Barry Abelson

April 30: To be announced

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:** 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](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)

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

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

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

**Name That Rotarian: b. Skipp Saaf**

## Welcome New Rotarian

### Elizabeth Henderson

Elizabeth is a single Mom of three kids, ages 12, 14 and 15, and has been a Bloomington resident since November 2005. Before that she lived in Plymouth for 8 years. Her late Mother was a Plymouth Rotarian. Elizabeth has an MBA in Finance, Accounting & Actuarial Science and has worked in the Financial Services industry in some capacity for 10+ years. She has been a Financial Consultant for Financial Visions, her company, for 5 1/2 years. Her passion is empowering people to succeed, both personally and professionally. She helps people with ways to build and protect assets, utilizing investment, insurance, and tax strategies.



Elizabeth has been giving back to the community since her mission trips as a teenager. Her son is following in her footsteps. In college, she volunteered on the Board of Directors for the International Study & Travel Center for three years. Following college, she lived overseas for two years in Tunisia. Upon returning, she volunteered to be a Local Coordinator for Academic Year in America, a student foreign exchange program. Currently, she volunteers at Women Venture and provides educational seminars to individuals and business owners.

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## District 5950 District Conference News:

### Paul Ridgeway to speak at Friday Luncheon!

A highlight of Rotary International District 5950's annual conference luncheon Friday, April 27 will be acclaimed speaker Paul Ridgeway, President of Ridgeway International.

Ridgeway has a wealth of special events, logistics and public affairs experience. Since 1994, after helping to bring the Super Bowl to Minnesota, Ridgeway received the contract

to coordinate all the transportation and logistic components for the Super Bowl on an annual basis. In the transportation and logistic realm, Ridgeway has also planned, created and implemented anniversary celebrations for Oldsmobile, Saturn and Ford Motor Companies. Ridgeway has managed visits to Minnesota for several dignitaries, including Mikhail Gorbachev, King Carl XVI Gustaf and Queen Silvia of Sweden, President Bill Clinton and former Israel Prime Minister Barak. In addition to dignitary visits, Ridgeway has created opening events for Rainforest Café, and originated Coca-Cola Hoop City for the NCAA..



Besides Ridgeway's keynote address, other highlights of the conference's first day will be general plenary sessions focusing on 5950 club success stories in various avenues of service, recreational breakout sessions and a gala-themed banquet. Saturday, April 28, will be "International Day" and will feature the Thai Group Study Exchange teams, as well as area inbound Rotary Youth Exchange students. The conference will be held at The Depot in downtown Minneapolis. The hotel is offering a discount to those Rotarians who choose to stay overnight at The Courtyard by Marriott. Contact your Club president or visit the Rotary District 5950 website at [www.rotary5950.org](http://www.rotary5950.org) to register.

**GET ON BOARD**

**2007**  
**DISTRICT 5950 CONFERENCE**  
April 27-28, 2007 ■ Downtown Minneapolis  
Courtyard by Marriott at **The Depot**

**HUMANITY**  
IN "LOCAL-MOTION"

- LITERACY
- WATER MANAGEMENT
- HEALTH & HUNGER
- THE FAMILY OF ROTARY

Register: [www.Rotary5950.org](http://www.Rotary5950.org)