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Rotary in Bloomington

Bloomington Noon, August 22, 2024

Noon Meetings Two Weeks Per Month, Mondays at the Hilton, France Ave & 494 Social Events and Club Service - See Calendar

Mission

The Bloomington Noon Rotary Club unites leaders to improve our community and the world through service and philanthropy.

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August 26 Preview: "Update on International Village Clinic" Rotarian Abul Sharah

Dr. Abul Sharah has spoken to us many times about his work in India. This week we will be hearing about an expansion of the same work Abul has been doing in India. This new clinic is being established in San Lucas Toliman, Guatemala. Abul always dreamed about expansion of his work and he has finally been able to achieve this dream. Photo: Abul with the Santa Anna family in Guatemala.



The program they have been establishing in Guatemala is much like his Prevention Program at International Village Clinic in India. The program in India is currently working with about 60 villages. They provide a nutrition program for children and pregnant women; a vaccination program for polio, tetanus, diphtheria, hepatitis, cholera and other diseases. Their maternity services include doctor visits, nutrition and hygiene instruction. Their work with the children who are born under this program monitors the child's growth for at least the first five years. This preventive program has made a significant difference in the lives of the children in these villages. Abul is hoping for similar results in the small villages surrounding San Lucas Toliman in Guatemala.

Abul retired from his corporate life early and followed his dream to help the poor villages of Uttar Pradesh, India, and establish a medical clinic. Abul has indicated that he is dedicating the rest of his life to this work. And, today, he is seeing his dreams coming to life as well in Guatemala.

[Zoom is now available for our Monday Hilton meetings.](#) Meeting ID: 243 737 0314 Passcode: 4waytest Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2437370314?pwd=azZHeENQd2poLzY2VzBDZi9RNldNQOT09&omn=81223847594>

September 5 Preview: "Community Service at VEAP"

Our monthly Club Service project at VEAP is set for Thursday, September 5th, between 2:15 and 5:00
RSVP your Availability with Dwayne Lowman at dwayne.lowman1@gmail.com

Up to 8 Rotarians can volunteer their time at VEAP for the afternoon to help along side others from VEAP with food packing (sorting, breaking down items, repackaging) in the Pantry or helping clients with their shopping so clients are able to pick the variety of items that they need. Join for whatever time you have available from 2:30 to 5:00 PM.

Sign up: Email dwayne.lowman1@gmail.com with the times you are planning to come.
Volunteer Today!



Our Recent Meetings...

On August 8th, Bloomington Noon volunteered to help at our **VEAP Club Service Project**. Thank you to **Abul**

Sharah, Debbie Belfry, Sara Tan and her son **Dashiell, Jim Mortenson and Lori Rebers** who volunteered that afternoon. Our club has promised to volunteer one Thursday afternoon each month. We can have up to eight volunteers at VEAP during that afternoon. To volunteer for September 5th, email **Dwayne Lowman** at dwayne.lowman1@gmail.com



On August 12th, Past District **Holly Callen** introduced us to **Bravo Zulu House**, the FIRST and ONLY ALL-VETERAN sober living home in the U.S. helping veterans deal with the combined problems of PTSD and chemical dependency. We also welcomed a special guest, Veteran **Jack Zimmerman**, the chair of the Advisory Board for Bravo Zulu. To Navy vets, Bravo Zulu means Well Done!



Our guest, **Jack Zimmerman** was deployed with the 101st Airborne Division when on a routine mission, he stepped on an IUD. Both arms and both legs had significant injuries. He was medevaced off the field. He spent 6 days in a coma and 8 weeks in the hospital. When he was eventually released from the VA, he found it extremely difficult to adjust to outside life. This experience made him want to find a way to help others and find a bridge between treatment and real life. He wanted to give back to others to be worthy of the help he received in saving his life. Thus his work with Bravo Zulu House.

Bravo Zulu House has "Declared War on PTSD!"- one of the main causes of suicide among our veterans. There are over 360,000 veterans who have been diagnosed with PTSD and addiction. Since 9-11, 7,500 active military have died in combat, training, and other accidents, while 37,000 Veterans have committed suicide. That is 22 veterans committing suicide every day.

There were no other shelter homes geared just to veterans trying to recover from PTSD and addiction. Bravo Zulu is a 501(c)3 organization that will offer private rooms, PTSD counseling, spiritual counseling, hydroponic farming, and dog therapy. Their property is in Winnebago, MN. It is supported by veterans and veterans organizations. It is partnering with the Mayo Clinic and other vet oriented organizations.

To qualify a vet must have served a minimum of 181 days and be referred from a formal treatment program. Vets who live there will work to maintain and farm the home. They will pay \$600 per month, fix their own meals and keep the home clean. There will be room for 12 residents. All residents will need to either volunteer or work 30 hours per week.

District 5950 is finding ways to ensure that no veteran is ever turned away from Bravo Zulu House because of their disability by funding a grant for a wheel chair lift to their second floor. A second grant is being written to support the dog therapy program. You can also help by going to [www.bravozuluhouse.org/dogs to donate](http://www.bravozuluhouse.org/dogs-to-donate).

August Birthdays

- 05 Joyce Ester
- 12 Kellie Lowman
- 12 Jim Mortenson
- 17 Dave Sennes
- 18 Laura Schultz
- 24 Kathy Koehler

August Anniversaries

- 08 Henry Dolopei 2 yr
- 17 Diann Kirby 25 yrs
- 19 Lori Rebers 5 yrs
- 22 Eric Dallmann 1 yr
- 29 Jim Waldvogel 8 yrs

Recent Program Recordings...

05/06/24 - "Destructive Leaders": https://youtu.be/IHbpxV_Ct3M

05/20/24 - "Abijah's on the Backside" - <https://youtu.be/UuZymeltpWQ>

05/21/24 - "STRIVE Awards" - https://youtu.be/hv7JBMP_s-Y

07/08/2024 - "Aavishkaar" - https://youtu.be/5ECPY9_JiO4

07/22/2024 - "DG Sharon Bloodworth" - <https://youtu.be/HrGiZiXdgZ0>

These and other Rotary programs are also available to stream on the city website here: <https://reflect-bcit.cablecast.tv/CablecastPublicSite/search?channel=2&query=rotary>

Happy Bucks and Announcements

Happy Bucks: Don Stiles started us off by celebrating our guest, **Past District Governor Holly Callen**. **Bob Erickson** and his family were all up in St. Cloud for the weekend recently. **Angela Wandera** was happy to be back from her travels in Kenya. **Eldon Spencer** has truly been enjoying the Olympics throughout the last couple weeks. **Lee Mosher** and his wife hosted their grandchildren and some of her friends up at their lake place recently. **Holly Callen** celebrated our guest Jack Zimmerman.

Flag Exchange: **Angela Wandera** brought a Rotary flag back from the **Nairobi Rotary Club**. She visited there while in Kenya with a Dental Team. **Past President Laura Schultz** received the flag. (photo)



Announcements:

- **Eric Holthaus** will be inducted on August 26th. He has visited the club several times and works with the City of Bloomington.
- Remember to Volunteer for **VEAP September 5**. Email **Dwayne Lowman** at dwayne.lowman1@gmail.com

Distinguished Guests

Rotarian Ron Newsome, Minnetonka Rotary Club, President Elect, Inviting Rotarians to purchase raffle tickets for their Par Three Golf Tournament.

Pack to School Club Service Project

Our Club is once again working to help students be ready for learning by providing school supplies for students whose families find it difficult to afford the general supplies every student needs as they arrive at school. A backpack of supplies costs about \$30.00 which is why we have chosen this amount for one pack. Today, our club is collecting donations that we will give to the Bloomington Public Schools to purchase supplies for students in three schools. Indian Mounds Elementary, Valley View Elementary and Valley View Middle School are all very diverse schools in the Eastern part of Bloomington.

You can write a check to the club or be billed in your next billing for a specific number of packs.

At the last meeting of the Board of Directors of our Bloomington Rotary Club Foundation, the Board passed a policy that the Foundation “can accept direct pass through donations which are designated to one of our Rotary club projects or to another Rotary club’s project” which will be sent forward for that project. Rotarians have asked about using their Required Minimum Distributions as charitable donations. This is now another way to support Pack to School or any of our designated projects.

You may print this page and cut off the bottom section and turn it in with your check at the next meeting or use one of the other options available.



I, _____, agree to donate _____ pack(s) at a cost of \$30 each to Bloomington Rotary Club for the 29th Annual Pack to School community service project. My preferred method of payment is:

I have included a check for \$_____.

I request that at my next invoice cycle an additional cost of \$_____ be added to my billing amount.

If paying by enclosed or attached check, please make checks out to Bloomington Rotary Club.

Thanks for supporting Pack to School!

Upcoming Meetings -

Black Denotes In Person Meeting At the Hilton Hotel

Blue Denotes Club Service, Meet and Greet, or a Vocational Event

Red Denotes No Meeting at the Hilton

Green Denotes a planned Zoom Meeting

Aug 26: Monday "Update on International Village Clinic" Rotarian Abul Sharah **Zoom Available**

Sept 5: Thursday "Community Service at VEAP" 2:15 to 5:00 PM [Email Dwayne to Volunteer](#)

Sept 9: Monday "Wilderness Inquiry" Guest: Erica Rivers **Zoom Available**

Sept 19: Thursday "Meet and Greet" Hilton Hotel, Chop House Bar area, 5:00 PM

Sept 23: Monday "End Human Trafficking" Guest: Karen Walkowski **Zoom Available**

Sept 30: Monday "Loaves and Fishes" Club Service Project, Christ the King Lutheran, 4:00 to 7:00

Oct 10: Thursday "Community Service at VEAP" 2:15 to 5:00 PM [Email Dwayne to Volunteer](#)

Oct 14: Monday "Educating Youth About Human Trafficking"

Oct 24: Thursday "Meet and Greet" Hilton Hotel, Chop House Bar area, 5:00 PM

Oct 28: Monday "How to Use AI" Rotarian Becky Amble

Calendar of Events - SAVE the following DATES on your calendar!

Aug 24, 2024 Saturday "Rotary on a Stick" Rotary Day at the State Fair **See page 5 for a map to Rotarian's meeting location.**

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Sept 23: Monday "First Annual Artistry Benefit" Hilton Hotel 5:30 -9:00 Tickets \$125 [RSVP](#)

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Oct 28: Monday "Rotary Club Foundation Board Meeting" 10:00 AM **Zoom**

Oct 28: Monday "Club Board of Directors Meeting" Hilton Hotel 11:00 AM

Please note that the November and December meeting schedules will vary from our general schedule due to Holidays. Please reference your Annual Calendar attachment as you plan ahead.

The Four-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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"Bloomington Noon Rotary MN"

Rotary on a Stick— Saturday!



Rotary on a Stick

The State Fair Committee cannot wait to welcome almost 300 Rotarians to the Minnesota State Fair on Saturday August 24, 2024

If you have FORGOTTEN to register. Please enter the fair with your own ticket and come and check in at the Rotary Oasis (Horton Pavilion).



1st Annual Artistry Benefit Dinner

Join us for the 1st Annual Artistry Benefit



SEPTEMBER 23 FROM 5:30-9 PM AT THE HILTON BLOOMINGTON.

5:30-6:30 PM: COCKTAIL HOUR

6:30-9 PM: DINNER, LIVE ENTERTAINMENT,

FUND-A-NEED

CLICK TO RSVP BY FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH!

The evening will celebrate and support the impact Artistry makes in the community every day by showcasing highlights of our work and sharing plans for the future. By attending this event, you'll help ensure Artistry can continue to create vibrant arts experiences for years to come. Single tickets begin at \$125. Attire is business casual.

International Village Clinic 10th Annual Fundraiser

International Village Clinic

You are invited! [Register Today](#)

An evening of celebration and support of the work of International Village Clinic & World Class English School

Tuesday, September 24th, 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm



Courtyards By Marriott, Edina/Bloomington
4460 West 78th Street Circle
Bloomington, MN 55435

Come & enjoy an Indian buffet, Cash bar, SAATH Bollywood dancers, Henna artist, & a live auction!

Click the link below to purchase your tickets now!

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2024-international-village-clinic-world-class-english-school-fundraiser-tickets-958608392507?aff=oddtcreator>