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Rotary in Bloomington

Bloomington Noon, October 14, 2024

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

## October 24 Preview: "Meet and Greet" Happy Hour 5:00 PM, Olive Lounge, Hilton Hotel

Thursday, October 24th is our next Meet and Greet at the Hilton's Olive Lounge (Next to Chop House) 5:00 PM



Our next Meet and Greet meeting is set for Thursday, October 24. We gather at 5:00 PM at the Hilton on France Avenue and Hwy 494 in the Olive Lounge just outside the Chop House Restaurant.

We had a great turnout in September and everyone enjoyed the camaraderie. We encourage guests and always spouses are invited to join at these meetings. There is no set charge for attending the meetings. We all order ala carte from the bar menu, either the Happy Hour special price items or from the regular menu. Many of us make this our dinner out evening. The company is always great!



Photos above are two couples at our recent Meet and Greet.

## October 28 Preview: "How to use AI (Artificial Intelligence)" Rotarian Becky Amble



**Becky Amble** is a leader in Strategic Marketing and Artificial Intelligence. A fervent advocate for continuous learning and innovation, Becky has recently expanded her expertise to artificial intelligence, dedicating over 1000 hours in 2023 alone to studying and applying AI in business contexts. She has authored five books on AI, sharing her deep insights and practical applications to empower businesses to use emerging technologies effectively.

Becky actively teaches AI principles to diverse business audiences, ensuring they stay at the forefront of technological advancements. Her educational offerings are designed to enhance client strategies and improve a company's market competitiveness. She has authored over 150 nationally published articles and 250+ YouTube videos, as well as more than 15 books, including the five on AI. Join us to learn ways you might use AI in your business or personal life.

Becky is Past President of the Bloomington Rotary Club Foundation and serves on that Board along with the Board of Directors of the Eagle Group of MN Veterans.

[Zoom is now available for our Monday Hilton meetings.](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2437370314?pwd=azZHeENQd2poLzY2VzBDZi9RNidNQT09&omn=81223847594) Meeting ID: 243 737 0314 Passcode: 4waytest Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2437370314?pwd=azZHeENQd2poLzY2VzBDZi9RNidNQT09&omn=81223847594>

### Mission

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

### 2024-2025 Officers:

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## Our Recent Meetings...

October 14th, we heard more on **Educating Youth About Human Trafficking**. Jessica Bartholomew is the Executive Director of Anti Child Trafficking United (A.C.T. United). Her program today started where **Karen Walkowski's** program on Human Trafficking and Rotary left off, giving us a detailed understanding of the issues our youth here in Bloomington and greater Minnesota are facing.

A.C.T. United was started in 2015 to implement sustainable action that will impact child trafficking: **Education!** The two fastest growing crimes affecting our youth are sex trafficking and sextortion, which we learned was finding something that will cause a person to be afraid of it being disseminated to the public. The fear is the controlling element in the relationship. The extortion is to trade the "something" for sex or for money.

We learned some disturbing statistics. 50% of kids trafficked are trafficked by family members. In 2022, the MDH MN Student Survey showed 4,700 students in Minnesota had experienced a trafficking type of incident. Not all school districts participate in this survey. Throughout the state, between 1 to 2% of all students admit trading sex. Girls and Boys are equally victimized. 95% of teens admitted having sent an inappropriate photo of themselves to someone else. The phone in their pocket is the entry point for trafficking and sextortion with 83% of all cases starting online.

A.C.T. United provides community outreach in many forms. The photo here shows Jessica wearing the wrist bands they pass out at youth education events. They also have online resources for everyone to use and they can provide speakers or training on the issues. To get their newsletter, to donate, or for more information go to: [www.actunited.org](http://www.actunited.org).



At **VEAP** in November, **Debbie Belfry** was the only Rotarian who volunteered. Our next opportunity to volunteer to help at **VEAP is on Thursday, December 5**. Let's try to have a few more volunteers.

VEAP relies on volunteers to keep their costs down so they can do more with their limited budget for people who have needs. You can volunteer for a portion of the time or the whole time from 2:15 to 5:00. Please be a part of this Community Service opportunity.



**Happy Bucks...** **Karen Nordstrom** started with a thank you to all who supported Artistry at the recent fundraiser. Also, a reminder that RENT is now playing. **Don Stiles** celebrated our speaker with his happy bucks. **Eldon Spencer** honored his wife and her Italian heritage and gave a shout out to the Italian/American community.

**Carolyn Pratt** shared that her youngest son has moved to Washington DC. **Lee Mosher** shared his pride in his grandson who was the youngest winning runner in his cross country meet. Lee will be traveling to Mexico soon. **Debbie Belfry** had relatives who evacuated to Georgia from Florida. Also, her brother did lose his power due to the recent storms.

## Distinguished Guest

Emily Gagnon, Guest of Debbie Belfry, Volunteer Experiences Coordinator with Bloomington Public Schools

### October Birthdays

- 01 Larry Lee
- 17: Jim Casserly
- 19 Mary Kurth

### October Anniversaries

- 13 Deb Newman 16 yrs
- 14 Kari Thompson 5 yr
- 16 Don Stiles 23 yrs
- 19 Kellie Lowman 9 yrs
- 30 Adam Johnston 23 yrs

### Recent Program Recordings...

07/22/24 - "DG Sharon Bloodworth" - <https://youtu.be/HrGiZiXdqZ0>

08/12/24 - "Bravo Zulu House" - <https://youtu.be/r6GqhNh8pPE>

08/26/24 - "International Village Clinic" - <https://youtu.be/J22Vgoy1SWc>

09/09/24 - "Wilderness Inquiry" - <https://youtu.be/O2AHZBdbK1s>

09/23/24 - "Human Trafficking and How is Rotary Helping to Stop It" - <https://youtu.be/FOwZ45Uwzoc>

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>



## All Club Assembly...District 5950 MasterClass: Taking Your Club to New Heights

October 26th! [Register Now!](#)

Rotary District 5950 has developed a very special **MASTERCLASS - ALL-CLUB ASSEMBLY**. Join us at Fort Snelling, Saturday, October 26th. Try out the rock climbing event, plus all the other fun planned. Hot on the heels of **District Governor Sharon Bloodworth's** visit to your club; Now comes the tools and inspiration to help you implement significant change in your clubs. These tools will help your Club thrive long into the future.

We need a table of eight brilliant, energetic and committed Rotarians for this special event. (On-Line Registration is open) You can talk to **Debbie Belfry** about being a part of our Table. **It is a DON'T MISS event. Food Trucks will be on sight for lunch!**

## Opportunities to serve: Study Buddies+ and Courage Kenny

Emily Gagnon, Volunteer Experience Coordinator for the Bloomington Public Schools joined us today to inform us of the many opportunities that are available within the school to impact students.

### Study Buddies Program:

Bloomington Public Schools' Study Buddies program, formerly Homework Connection, offers free tutoring for Bloomington students in grades K-12, for help with reading and math support, and other class work. Starting in November, Study Buddies will offer 30-minute tutoring sessions after school and evenings on a first come, first served basis. There is no pre-registration. A parent or caregiver must be present for K-8 students to attend. The program is available from Nov. 7, 2023 - April 23, 2024 at Penn Lake Library, 8800 Penn Ave S, on Tuesdays from 4 - 5 p.m. and Oxboro Library, 8801 Portland Ave S, on Thursdays from 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. Those interested in becoming a volunteer tutor for the Study Buddies program may contact Volunteer Connection at [egagnon@isd271.org](mailto:egagnon@isd271.org) or 952-681-6383.



### Here are other options that are available within the Bloomington Public Schools:

Volunteer Connection programs offer opportunities to help students and staff in the Bloomington schools. Volunteers serve as classroom assistants, lunchroom aides, tutors and more. Bloomington schools are accepting new applicants for the 2024-25 school year. Volunteer opportunities include: Classroom Assistant: Oct. 2024 - May 2025; Media Center Assistant: Oct. 2024 - May 2025; Lunchroom Helper: Sept. 2024 - May 2025.

Volunteers can connect and inspire students at Bloomington Public Schools. Your time, energy, and positive presence as a volunteer will make a world of difference in the lives of students. To keep the schools safe and secure, **all** volunteers must complete an online volunteer application and background check. If interested, complete the online volunteer application. The background check is included in the application process. Please allow two to four days for your application to process.

[apps.raptortech.com/Apply/OTA2Njplbi1VUw==](https://apps.raptortech.com/Apply/OTA2Njplbi1VUw==)

### Courage Kenny Classic



The **40<sup>th</sup> Annual Courage Kenny Classic Wheelchair Basketball Tournament**, presented by Coloplast is taking place on November 2-3, 2024 at Mounds View High School.

**Volunteers are needed!**

Opportunities are broken out by shifts both days and range from running shot clock, scoreboard, or scorebook to selling t-shirts, helping with registration, and more. There is something for everyone! Not all volunteer positions require knowledge of basketball to volunteer. This is also a great opportunity for groups and teams. \*Must be at least 16 to volunteer.

Interested? Sign up here: [Courage Kenny Classic Volunteer Sign Up](#)

**Veterans Day Luncheon...Sign up via your Club Runner Invite!  
Save the Date and Invite a Veteran to Join You!**

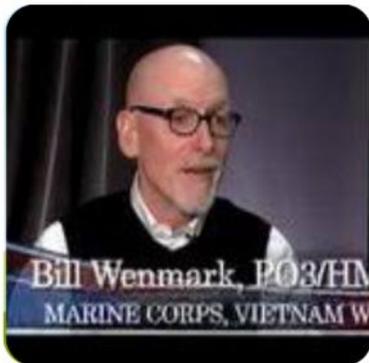
Join the Rotary Clubs of the Southwest Metro as we

# **PAY TRIBUTE TO OUR VETERANS**

## **VETERANS DAY LUNCHEON**

**Featuring the Rotary Brass Quintet**

Featured Speaker:  
Bill (Doc) Wenmark



Featured Emcee:  
Mark Shockey



**Thursday  
November 14, 2024**

**11:15 am: Registration**

**11:30 am - 1:30 pm: Lunch & Program**

**Edina Country Club  
5100 Wooddale Ave  
Edina, MN 55424**

**\$30 for Rotarians & Guests  
Register by November 6  
through your local club**

Sponsored by the Rotary Clubs of: Bloomington Noon, Edina Morningside, Edina Noon, Eden Prairie AM, Eden Prairie Noon, MN Pride, MN Veterans, and South Minneapolis Metro PM



## 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**

- Oct 24: Thursday **“Meet and Greet”** Hilton Hotel, Olive Lounge, 5:00 PM  
 Oct 28: Monday **“How to Use AI”** Rotarian **Becky Amble** **zoom available**  
 Nov 4: Monday **“Aging Successfully”** Guest: Chris Farris **zoom available**  
 Nov 7: Thursday **“Community Service at VEAP”** 2:15 to 5:00 PM [Email Dwayne to Volunteer](#)  
 Nov 14: Thursday **“Veteran’s Luncheon”** 11:30 Edina Country Club  
 Nov 21: Thursday **“Meet and Greet”** Hilton Hotel, Olive Lounge, 5:00 PM  
 Nov 25: Monday **“Indiana Jones and the Secret Serum”** Rotarian **Tim Mulcrone** **zoom available**  
 Dec 2: Monday **“Meeting at the Hilton, speaker to be determined”** **Save the Date**  
 Dec 5: Thursday **“Community Service at VEAP”** 2:15 to 5:00 PM [Email Dwayne to Volunteer](#)

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

- Oct 24: Thursday **“Meet and Greet”** Hilton Hotel, Chop House Bar area, 5:00 PM  
 Oct 26: Saturday **“All Club Assembly-Taking Your Club to New Heights”** (See Page 3 RIB)  
 Oct 28: Monday **“Rotary Club Foundation Board Meeting”** 9:30 AM **Zoom**  
 Oct 28: Monday **“Club Board of Directors Meeting”** Hilton Hotel 11:00 AM  
 Nov 7: Thursday **“Community Service at VEAP”** 2:15 to 5:00 PM  
[Email Dwayne to Volunteer](#)  
 Nov 8: Friday **“VEAP’s 50th Golden Gala”** Radisson Blu [veap.org/gala-2024](http://veap.org/gala-2024)  
 Nov 14: Thursday **“Veteran’s Luncheon”** 11:30 AM at Edina Country Club, Invite a Veteran as your guest and register through your Club Runner invite. See Page 4 RIB.  
 Nov 25: Monday **“Club Board of Directors Meeting”** Hilton Hotel 11:00 AM  
 Dec 2 and 9: **Monday Noon Meetings at the Hilton.** Mark this change on your calendar.  
 Dec 5: Thursday **“Community Service at VEAP”** 2:15 to 5:00 PM [Email Dwayne to Volunteer](#)  
 Dec 7: Saturday **“Salvation Army Bell Ringing”** 11:00 to 5:00 Lunds & Byerly’s 98th Street and Normandale Boulevard. **SAVE THE DATE**

## Red Badge to Blue Badge Graduation



**Eric Dallmann** graduated today from his Red Badge to a new Blue Badge. Congratulations, Eric. The significance of this means that Eric has accomplished the ten activities that are asked of a new Rotarian. All activities are designed to encourage a new Rotarian to be actively involved in Rotary life right away.

Eric shared that Rotary has been a good fit for him as his business interest is in helping youth-centered non-profits raise money through charitable gambling. They have now added a third location bringing in funds to help youth focused groups.

### *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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