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Rotary in Bloomington

Bloomington Noon, September 22, 2025

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.

2025-2026 Officers:

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Board Meetings - Monthly

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September 29th Preview: "Loaves and Fishes Community Service" Christ the King Lutheran Church, 4:00-6:00 PM

Christ the King Lutheran Church, 8600 Fremont Avenue South, Bloomington, MN 55420

The shift will run from 4:00 to 6:00. **NO noon meeting Monday, September 29th.**

We are heading off site for a community service project with Loaves & Fishes. Rotarians will be working at Christ the King Lutheran Church on Monday, September 29th.

We are NOT cooking the meal. We will cater the meal through Affordable Best Catering with the food delivered to the church for our volunteers to pack into individual meals. These individual meals will be distributed to community members as they drive up. Then, the final clean up. **Volunteer through your Club Runner invite sent to your email on September 9th.**



October 6th Preview: "Community Service at Mount Olivet Rolling Acres " Noon to 1:30

Don Stiles has set up a series of service opportunities for our club for this Rotary year. On Monday, October 6th, we will head to **Mount Olivet Rolling Acres (MORA), a youth center at 1701 West Old Shakopee Road, Bloomington, MN 55431.** Parking available in the St. Luke's church parking lot.

Our team of volunteers will be decorating the center with Halloween decorations. We will also help with a little outdoor landscaping if the weather cooperates. **Please arrive at Noon.** We will help there until about 1:30. **Please bring your garden gloves and rakes if you have them.**

Mount Olivet is a safe, supportive environment where individuals with disabilities and youth in crisis are given a place to live that provides the stability, care, and dignity they deserve. MORA has three properties in Bloomington to serve their residents. All serve to assist their residents find a structured space where they can stabilize and begin their path toward recovery.

The team of volunteers for October 6th includes **Diann Kirby, Mary Kurth, Don Stiles, Mike Helmick, Deb Newman, Jim Casserly, Sara Tan, Terry Stirewalt, Karyn Arazi** and Mike Arazi. Connect with **Don Stiles** if you have any last minute complications. stiles.don@gmail.com



Our Recent Meetings... Our September 15th "Meet and Greet"



welcomed a visitor who found us online. Jim Eisenreich from Eden Prairie was a former Rotarian there. He had seen information about our Rotary online and was interested in meeting us. He is a former High School Teacher and knew **Debbie Belfry** from work.

We had a great time. Don't miss the next gathering on October 20th. See you there!

District Governor Mark Shockey joined us on **September 22nd**. Mark is a member of the Rotary Club of Minnesota Veterans. He has been Pastor at St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Edina for 25 years. He is a chaplain for the NASCAR Cup Series as well as a small retail business owner with his wife.

Mark began by complimenting our club on our many active members within the District. **Don Stiles** and **Dave Senness** on the Leadership Team. **Debbie Belfry** serving as Area 3 Co-Assistant Governor. And our **Past District Governor Diann Kirby**.

TOGETHER we see a world where **PEOPLE** unite and take action to **CREATE** lasting **CHANGE** across the globe in our communities and in ourselves

Rotary International's catch phrase this year is "**TOGETHER we...**". Mark asked, "What is Rotary?" His answer was simple: **Rotary = Together**.

Mark's message centered on how we are projecting ourselves to others. He made the point that Rotary is what we have on our cameras! 97% of people

who visit our club will check us out on our web site first. Through our images we encourage people to get to know us better, thus, hopefully will want to join us. Mark used our internet web site as the first point of entry for someone getting to know our club. His entire presentation was grounded in information and images that he pulled from our web site. Mark found images of our club members planting trees, cooking together, promoting peace, ending polio, fighting hunger, serving, and learning. All the time enjoying ourselves and our friendships. A huge shout out to **Rotarian Adam Johnston** who created our web site and keeps it up to date all quietly behind the scenes.

TOGETHER we... Doing together what can't be done alone.

District Conference

On **Saturday September 13th**, **Kurt Hagen**, **Debbie Belfry**, **Don Stiles**, and **Valeria Camboni Miller** attended the District Conference at Valley Fair. They had an informative meeting, great lunch, and lots of fun on the rides!



September Birthdays

- 29 *Bonnie Carlson*
- 30 *Bill Peterson*

September Anniversaries

- 17 *Karen Nordstrom 18 yrs*
- 19 *Laura Schultz 9 yrs*
- 23 *Jason Thoen 1 yr*
- 24 *Abul Sharah 23 yrs*
- 27 *Eric Melbye 4 yrs*

Invocation / Pledge / 4 Way Test

- October 13: *Karen Nordstrom*
- October 27: *Angela Wandera*
- November 24: *Don Stiles*

Recent Program Recordings...

- 5/05/25 - "Artistry update" - <https://youtu.be/Ulf1UeeoEFk>
- 5/19/25 - "Excel Energy" - <https://youtu.be/7ylcFXraoCc>
- 6/23/25 - "Housing in Action" - <https://youtu.be/Q8e95VEZm9s>
- 7/14/2025 - "Aavishkaar" - <https://youtu.be/H0NQBmmSNe8>
- 7/28/2025 - "Onward Eden Prairie" - <https://youtu.be/Q1m9F8yitjE>

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>

Camp Enterprise - November 6-8, 2025 Apply Now



Camp Enterprise is a three day camp for high school juniors and seniors designed to introduce students to the free enterprise system and encourage leadership, entrepreneurship and ethical business practices. It is free to attend and takes place on November 6, 7, 8, 2025, at Camp Courage in Maple Lake, MN. The experience is often life changing. Each year, at least five \$1,000 higher education scholarships are awarded to students of exceptional merit. In total, Camp Enterprise has awarded more than \$80,000 in scholarships since its inception.

Bloomington Noon Rotary is sponsoring two students this year to the camp. All expenses are paid by Rotary Clubs throughout Districts 5950 and 5960 for the 125 students who are accepted to attend. Consider inviting students in your extended families within the Twin City area to apply. Let's make sure we have student representation at the camp.

Started many years ago and supported by Edina Rotary and Edina Morningside Rotary, Camp Enterprise is a three day experience for high school junior and seniors who are interested in learning more about leadership and the economics of business. Attendees have a chance to meet local business leaders and participate in a variety of experiences that give them a taste of what it is like in the business world.

For more information and to apply: [Camp Enterprise](#)

Happy Bucks **Becky Amble** is proud of the launch of her new book. Also, she has been very busy lately with several AI presentations to interested groups. **Terry Stirewalt** thanked the club for all the friends that he has made and for everyone who has wished him well. He is staying on the rolls for a while. **Jane Fenton** was happy that Terry is keeping his membership active. **Don Stiles** honored the 23 years of Terry's active membership in Bloomington Rotary.

Dave Senness enjoyed the football game between Carlton and Macalester that he attended with **Eldon Spencer**. Carlton took the game, as usual. Eldon was happy to host Dave. He also noted that in another game, his nephew caught a touchdown! **Debbie Belfry** honored **District Governor Mark Shockey**. She also mentioned the she and **Mahendra Nath** attended Becky's AI presentation. **Karen Nordstrom** celebrated the Viking's win while Bud was off on a walk. Karen also offered thoughts for Charlie Kirk and his family. **Paul Niederberger** mentioned the opening of *Once Upon an Island* musical opening at Artistry. Save the date for their gala on October 27th. **Dwayne Lowman** is happy his daughter is beginning kindergarten. And, thank you to those helping him with his campaign for City Council. Vote on or before November 4th.

Lori Rebers has a new grandbaby. **Deb Newman** mentioned that LuAnn Paulet is celebrating her first granddaughter. LuAnn and her son, Scott, are former Bloomington Rotarians. **Eric Melbye** was happy to survive Farm Aid. Music was great, crowds were thick. **Valeria Camboni Miller** enjoyed the Rotary District Conference and was thankful that **Kurt Hagen** supported her on the Roller Coaster ride (photo).



Announcements **Valeria Camboni Miller** wants us to **Save the date of Thursday, November 13th**, for our annual **Veterans Day Luncheon**. **Mike Helmick** is helping to get signups for Invocation, Pledge, and 4 Way Test to kick off our meetings. Please sign up on the table sign up sheet at our next meeting. **Abul Sharah** has the IVC fundraiser this Thursday Sept 25th.

Pack to School: **Debbie Belfry** noted that 22 Rotarians contributed to our **Pack to School Campaign**. \$2,450 was raised for needed school supplies that will go to our most diverse schools for students who start school without all they need.

Paul Harris Fellows: **Debbie Belfry** and **Diann Kirby** were pleased to present **Paul Harris Fellow** pins to three Rotarians. (Photo)

Karen Nordstrom PH+7, Mike Helmick PH+7, and Adam Johnston PH+6 for their contributions to **The Rotary Foundation**. A **Paul Harris Fellow** honors contributions of \$1,000 or more to International Rotary's **The Rotary Foundation**. Adam's pin will be sent as he was not present.



Upcoming Meetings -

Black Denotes In Person Meeting (Most often Noon At the Hilton Hotel)

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

Red Denotes No Meeting at the Hilton

Green Denotes a planned Zoom Meeting

- Sept 29: Monday **"Loaves and Fishes"** Chris the King Lutheran Church, 8600 Fremont Ave, Bloomington RSVP through your Club Runner Invite sent September 9th
- Oct 6: Monday **"Community Service at Mount Olivet Rolling Acres"** Noon-1:30 PM 1701 West Old Shakopee Road, Youth Center, Set up Halloween Decorations
- Oct 13: Monday **"Intro to Crypto and Blockchain "** Guest Tony Margarit
- Oct 20: Monday **"Meet and Greet"** Hilton Hotel, Olive Lounge, 5:00 PM
- Oct 27: Monday **"Learn About Mount Olivet Rolling Acres"** Guest: Heather Guerin
- Nov 3: Monday **"Community Service at Mount Olivet Rolling Acres"** Noon-1:30 PM 1701 West Old Shakopee Road, Youth Center, Set up Christmas Decorations and Lights
- Nov 10: Monday **"To be Determined"** Reminder: **Veteran's Day Luncheon** November 13 see below
- Nov 17: Monday **"Meet and Greet"** Hilton Hotel, Olive Lounge, 5:00 PM

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

- Sept 29: Monday **"Loaves and Fishes"** Chris the King Lutheran Church, 8600 Fremont Ave, Bloomington. RSVP through your Club Runner Invite sent out September 9.
- Oct 2: Thursday **"Past RI President Jennifer Jones"** Edina Country Club, 11:45-1:30 \$30 **Must Register here to Attend** Limited Attendance available, must register.
- Oct 6: Monday **"Community Service at Mount Olivet Rolling Acres"** Halloween Setup - Noon
- Oct 7: Tuesday **"Somali Experience"** 6:00 to 8:00 PM, Karmel Mall, Minneapolis, \$50, See pg 5 RIB
- Oct 13: Monday **"Bloomington Rotary Club Board of Directors Meeting"** 11:00 AM Hilton Meeting Room Upstairs & **Zoom**
- Oct 24: Friday **"World Polio Day"**
- Oct 25: Saturday **"One Summit 2025"** St. Peter's Lutheran, 5421 France, Edina, See pg 5 RIB
- Oct 27: Monday **"Bloomington Rotary Club Foundation Board of Directors"** 11:00 AM Hilton Meeting Room upstairs
- Oct 27: Monday **"ArtistryBenefit 2025"** 5:30—9:00 PM, Hilton Hotel, \$125 **Purchase Tickets Here**
- Nov 3: Monday **"Community Service at Mount Olivet Rolling Acres"** Noon-1:30 PM, 1701 West Old Shakopee Road, Youth Center, Set up Christmas Decorations and Lights Please RSVP to stiles.Don@gmail.com
- Nov 13: Thursday **"Annual Veterans Day Luncheon"**, Edina Country Club Save the Date, Registration through Club Runner in the Future

Sign up for Mock Job Interviews at Normandale

Sign up sheets at your table at our noon meetings

December 1: Normandale Community College— Mock Job Interviews—every member able to attend is needed to help with the Mock Job Interviews.

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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<https://portal.clubrunner.ca/3537>

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Happenings Around the District:

District 5950 One Summit 2025

One Summit is returning this year focused on Public Image, The Rotary Foundation, and Membership.

This is a learning event for all members of our Rotary Club who might be interested in or working in the areas of public relations and public image, membership, or club impact. Actually, it is intended for **ALL Rotarians. October 25th 8:15 AM to 11:45 AM**

It is at no cost to you and is happening locally in Edina at St. Peter's Lutheran Church, 5421 France Avenue South, Edina, 55410.

Registration opens at 8:15 AM with donuts, coffee, and some social time. Our program begins at 8:58 AM. We adjourn at 11:45 so individual clubs can move to a local favorite Edina restaurant for a group gathering around what you want to bring back to your club.

[For more information and to Register to attend.](#)

Rotary Community Core3 Invites you to Discover the Somali Experience

Tour of the cultural hub and enjoy a Buffet Dinner featuring foods from 6 local restaurants. **October 7, 6:00 to 8:00 PM \$50**

[For more information and to Get Tickets to Attend](#)



DISCOVER THE SOMALI EXPERIENCE
TOUR & DINNER AT KARMEI MALL

Tuesday, October 7
6:00 – 8:00 PM

Karmel Mall \$50
2910 Pleasant Ave,
Minneapolis, MN 55508

Guided tour of this vibrant Somali cultural hub

Learn about women-owned businesses (75% of the mall)

Buffet dinner featuring foods from local restaurants

Hosted by
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#RotaryLakest. #KarmelMall #CommunityExperience



OCTOBER 25TH
8:15 AM - 11:45 AM

Rotary
District 5950

One Summit 2025: "Together we.."
Aligned in Purpose. United in Action.

Join us for Rotary One Summit - focused on Public Image, The Rotary Foundation, and Membership. This engaging learning event is ideal for Club public image, the Rotary Foundation, and Membership chairs, new members, and anyone interested in strengthening Rotary's impact.

The morning includes:

- 8:15 AM: Registration, coffee, donuts, and social time
- 8:58 AM: One Summit begins
- 11:45 AM: Adjournment for club lunches at nearby Edina restaurants

Register Here

Celebrate the season with a Halloween theme—prizes awarded for best wig and best costume—and don't forget that Friday, October 24 is World Polio Day.

ST. PETER'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
5421 FRANCE AVE S. EDINA MN 55410

Consider becoming a "Friend of The Rotary Club of Service to Minnesota Veterans" by:



You are invited on a special trip to
Fagen Fighters WWII Museum
Saturday, October 18, 2025 9:00am to 5:30pm
Hosted by The Rotary Club of Service to Minnesota Veterans

- Helping a service family with childcare (background check)
- Offering advice on home repairs
- Doing minor home repairs (background check)
- Donating money or gift cards
- Preparing food for a family in case of emergency
- **Or... Joining their FUNraising trip on October 18th.** The Roundtrip Coach service for the Fagen Fighters World War Two Museum leaves from the Southwest Metro Bus Terminal in Chanhassen at 9:00 AM. Lunch, Museum Admission, Bongard's Creamery Stop included. \$100 per person. Return by 5:30 PM.

Visit their web site at: <https://rotarymnaveterans.org>

2025-2026 Rotary Meeting Calendar

This is the Rotary Calendar for the full Rotary Year. Save this page with your calendar.

Date	Meeting Type		
Monday, July 7, 2025	Service Project		
Monday, July 14, 2025	Club Board meeting (11:00-12:00)		
Monday, July 14, 2025	Regular Club meeting		Color Key
Monday, July 21, 2025	Meet and Greet		Service Project
Monday, July 28, 2025	Foundation Board Meeting (11:00-12:00)		Club Board Meeting
Monday, July 28, 2025	Regular Club meeting		Regular Club Meeting
Monday, August 4, 2025	Service Project		Meet and Greet
Monday, August 11, 2025	Club Board meeting (11:00-12:00)		Foundation Board Meeting
Monday, August 11, 2025	Regular Club meeting		Vocational Visit
Monday, August 18, 2025	Meet and Greet		No Meeting
Monday, August 25, 2025	Regular Club meeting		
Monday, September 1, 2025	Holiday, No Meeting		
Monday, September 8, 2025	Club Board meeting (11:00-12:00)		
Monday, September 8, 2025	Regular Club meeting		
Monday, September 15, 2025	Meet and Greet		
Monday, September 22, 2025	Regular Club meeting		
Monday, September 29, 2025	Loaves and Fishes		
Monday, October 6, 2025	Service Project		
Monday, October 13, 2025	Club Board meeting (11:00-12:00)		
Monday, October 13, 2025	Regular Club meeting		
Monday, October 20, 2025	Meet and Greet		
Monday, October 27, 2025	Foundation Board Meeting (11:00-12:00)		
Monday, October 27, 2025	Regular Club meeting		
Monday, November 3, 2025	Service Project		
Monday, November 10, 2025	Regular Club meeting		
Monday, November 10, 2025	Regular Club meeting		
Monday, November 17, 2025	Meet and Greet		
Monday, November 24, 2025	Regular Club meeting		
Monday, December 1, 2025	Service Project		
Monday, December 8, 2025	Club Board meeting (11:00-12:00)		
Monday, December 8, 2025	Regular Club meeting		
Monday, December 15, 2025	Meet and Greet or Holiday Party		
Monday, December 22, 2025	No Meeting		
Monday, December 29, 2025	No Meeting		
Monday, January 5, 2026	Service Project		
Monday, January 12, 2026	Club Board meeting (11:00-12:00)		
Monday, January 12, 2026	Regular Club meeting		
Monday, January 19, 2026	Meet and Greet		
Monday, January 26, 2026	Foundation Board Meeting (11:00-12:00)		
Monday, January 26, 2026	Regular Club meeting		
Monday, February 2, 2026	Service Project		
Monday, February 9, 2026	Club Board meeting (11:00-12:00)		
Monday, February 9, 2026	Regular Club meeting		
Monday, February 16, 2026	Meet and Greet		
Monday, February 23, 2026	Regular Club meeting		
Monday, March 2, 2026	Service Project		
Monday, March 9, 2026	Club Board meeting (11:00-12:00)		
Monday, March 9, 2026	Regular Club meeting		
Monday, March 16, 2026	Meet and Greet		
Monday, March 23, 2026	Regular Club meeting		
Monday, March 30, 2026	Vocational Visit		
Monday, April 6, 2026	Service Project		
Monday, April 13, 2026	Club Board meeting (11:00-12:00)		
Monday, April 13, 2026	Regular Club meeting		
Monday, April 20, 2026	Meet and Greet		
Monday, April 27, 2026	Foundation Board Meeting (11:00-12:00)		
Monday, April 27, 2026	Regular Club meeting		
Monday, May 4, 2026	Service Project		
Monday, May 11, 2026	Club Board meeting (11:00-12:00)		
Monday, May 11, 2026	Regular Club meeting		
Monday, May 18, 2026	Meet and Greet		
Monday, May 25, 2026	Holiday, No Meeting		
Monday, June 1, 2026	Service Project		
Monday, June 8, 2026	Club Board meeting (11:00-12:00)		
Monday, June 8, 2026	Regular Club meeting		
Monday, June 15, 2026	Meet and Greet		
Monday, June 22, 2026	Regular Club meeting		
Monday, June 29, 2026	Regular Club meeting		