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## Rotary in Bloomington

**Bloomington Noon, September 8, 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:

#### President:

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#### Board Meetings - Monthly

Second Mondays, 11:00 AM, Hilton

#### President Elect:

Valeria Camboni Miller

#### Vice President:

Jane Fenton

#### Treasurer:

Bob Erickson

#### Sergeant at Arms:

Lori Rebers

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Laura Schultz

#### District Governor:

Mark Shockey

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## September 15th Preview: "Meet and Greet" Olive Lounge, Hilton Hotel 5:00 PM

Our next Meet and Greet meeting is Monday, September 15th, 2025. **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 will continue these social evenings every third Monday throughout this rotary year. Please join us this month.



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 evening out. You do not need to order anything if you prefer. The company is great and you always learn something new about your Rotary friends!

## September 22nd Preview: "District Governor Mark Shockey"



**District 5950 Governor Mark Shockey** boldly tells others, *"Nothing compares to the way Rotary clubs serve others every day, both locally and globally."*

He says that without a doubt, the leadership skills he has gained in his 30 years in Rotary have helped prepare him for several organizational roles and provided experiences that he uses daily in his career.

Mark is a member of the Rotary Club of Minnesota Veterans. He has been privileged to have served in many Rotary roles at the club, district, and zone levels. He is passionate about supporting families with children who have intellectual or developmental disabilities.

In his professional life, he has been Pastor at St. Peter's - Edina, a Lutheran Church and Family Education Center for 25-years. He is a NASCAR chaplain for the Cup Series nationally and for Elko Speedway here in Minnesota.

Mark has been married to Joann for 40 years and raised three adult daughters who all have families in the Twin Cities Metro area. They are blessed with five grandchildren. Together, they own a family business, *"Memories of Home"* a faith and family gift store in Eden Prairie.

**Zoom is now available for our Monday NOON Hilton meetings.** Meeting ID: 243 737 0314 Passcode: 4waytest  
Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2437370314?pwd=azZHeENQd2poLzY2VzBDZi9RNldNQQT09&omn=81223847594>

## Our Recent Meeting... Film Making and a Chaska Rotary Film



Our speaker on September 8th was Gwen Briesemeister, a Documentary Filmmaker. Her career has included independent filmmaking, former gifted/talented coordinator, and video production instructor. She visited with us today to share about filmmaking and a special documentary that she has produced for Chaska Rotary Club. (Gwen is shown here with **President Kurt Hagen** and sister-in-law **Rotarian Jane Fenton**.)

Her documentary highlights the work that the Beyond New Beginnings program is doing to help young women with children to move from dependency to an independent living situation. Chaska Rotary is the sponsor of this program. New Beginnings is a program of the Chaska Public Schools that works with young mothers while in school. Beyond New Beginnings helps women transition out of the school program and into independent living.

Gwen highlighted how Rotary connections made this program possible and how Chaska Rotarians volunteer to make this program successful. The program has a paid Director and a financial manager, most of the rest of the program relies on volunteers.

The picture at the right shows young mothers and their children who have been or are current participants in the program. Four families can be housed at a time. Participants can live there for up to two years. During that time they are given living skills that help them to become independent, like information on healthy nutrition, family safety, and gardening. Plus high schoolers come in to help babysit. They have a group family meal on Mondays and a Grandpa who comes in to visit and play with the children. All four of the original families have transitioned out to independent living situations today.



Gwen created her own production company 13 years ago and has been working on short independent documentary projects ever since. Her films focus on seemingly ordinary individuals with extraordinary stories. Two of her films are *Delano Heroes* and *Grin and Bear It*. Her films have received award recognition. Her current project is *Unraveling the Ribbon* about the Native American Ribbon Skirt. You can see the film *Beyond New Beginnings* on her website. For more information visit her website: [www.chaseproductionfilm.com](http://www.chaseproductionfilm.com)

## Happy Bucks

**Don Stiles** and **Bob Erickson** just returned from a cruise in Norway. Don brought home a Norwegian gnome for our inhouse Norwegian **Karen Nordstrom**. **Dave Drummond's** middle son and grandson took first place in a recent tournament. **Sara Tan** announced that the Bloomington Symphony Orchestra had their first rehearsal of the season. Their first concert is set for Sunday, October 5, 2025 at 2:00 PM at the Minnesota Masonic Heritage Center.

**Erika Rivers** is happy that the busy summer season is finally finished. **Angela Wandera** is grateful to be nominated as a Top Dentist in the Minneapolis St.Paul Magazine. **Lee Mosher** and wife attended a recent Yacht Rock Revue concert. **Becky Amble** shared that her new book *AI For Job Hunters* launches next week.

## 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.

### 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

September 22: **Terry Stirewalt**

### 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>

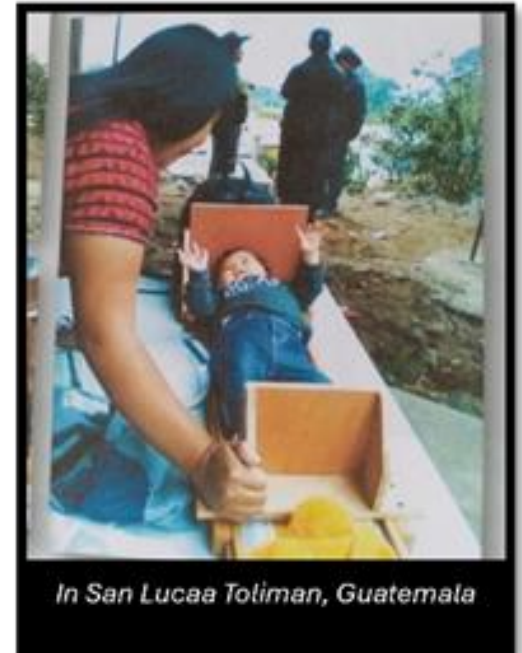
7/28/2025 - "Onward Eden Prairie" - <https://youtu.be/Q1m9F8yitjE>

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>

## International Village Clinic 11th Annual Fundraiser

**11th Annual Dinner and Fundraiser**  
**In Celebration of International Village Clinic(IVC) Healthcare and Education programs in India and Guatemala**

### Healthcare & Nutrition Programs



**Thursday, September 25th, 2025**

**6:00 pm to 9:00 pm**

**Courtyard by Marriot Edina Bloomington**

**4460 West 78th Street Circle**

**Bloomington, MN 55435**

**Come & enjoy an Indian buffet, Cash bar, SAATH Bollywood dancers, Henna artist, Wine grab bags & a silent and live auction.**

**Please register Here:** <https://form.jotform.com/251386135507053>

**Registration Options:**

Attend as a couple or individual at \$75 per person

Sponsor a Table of 10 at \$650 (\$100 discount)

Sponsor a Table of 5 at \$325 (\$50 discount)

Bring Family and Friends



**District Conference set for Saturday, September 13th!**

**[Register Today!](#)**

# Together we...*discover Rotary partnerships!*

Rotary is better when clubs partner together!

Rotary is better with friends and family!

Together we... will enjoy a fun day together at Valley Fair Saturday, September 13

## **Agenda:**

Park Open 11:00am - 6:00pm

Buffet and Program 2:00pm-3:30pm



Conference Ticket allows for entrance and exit from the park anytime during open hours.

## **Ticket Prices:**

We would love for you to bring your friends and family! Everyone over 2 years old must have an event ticket. We want to make it affordable for households to attend (\$65 a person package value):

One Ticket - \$45.00 each

Two Tickets - \$40.00 each

Three Tickets - \$35.00 each

Four + Tickets - \$30.00 each

Season Ticket Holders: Conference Only Pricing available - contact [alexa@rotary5950.org](mailto:alexa@rotary5950.org)

## **Participation Reward:**

*Each ticket will receive a \$10 off coupon for a new Rotary attire order designed exclusively for District 5950*

## **Program:**

The District Conference program will be brief. We will come together in a private reserved pavilion for a buffet & beverages. Here you will learn about several partnership opportunities for your club this Rotary year. Each Rotary partner will share one opportunity for your club to take part in together as a District.

2:00pm - **Celebrate Rotary Partnerships** - *enjoy a buffet meal / Rotary fellowship / pavilion games*

2:30pm - **Together we...** PDG Mark Hegstrom, emcee

2:50pm - **Discover Rotary Partnerships** - *visit the displays and learn what we can do together*

3:30pm - **Together we... have fun!** *Enjoy the rides, shows, and Rotary gatherings the rest of the day*

When you arrive, you will receive a schedule of shows, photo opportunities, discover how many Rotarians can fit on a merry-go-round, park behind the scenes operation info, activities with Youth Exchange students, drive a circa 1905 model-T (*the year Rotary was established*), Together we... selfie challenge, and more.

## **Buffet:**

Buffet will include hamburgers, chicken tenders, baked beans, chips, corn on the cob, watermelon, dessert, refillable drink cup. (*vegetarian and gluten friendly options available – indicate in your registration*) Buffet served 2:00-3:00pm

## **Parking:**

Parking is included in the District conference ticket.

## **Payment Options:**

Credit Card Payment upon registration online - no delayed payments, no invoices, no billing.

**[Register Today!](#)**

## **Cancellation Policy:**

Full refunds possible if cancelled prior to the registration deadline, August 30th; after the deadline - no refunds.

## 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 15: Monday **"Meet and Greet"** Hilton Hotel, Olive Lounge, 5:00 PM

Sept 22: Monday **"District 5950 Governor Mark Shockey"** DG Mark Shockey

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 **"MN Blockchain—Cryptocurrency"** 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

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

Sept 13: Saturday **"District 5950 Conference"**, Valley Fair, 11:00 AM to 6:00 PM

Sept 25: Thursday **"International Village Clinic Annual Fundraiser"** Courtyards By Marriott, Edina, 6:00 to 9:00 PM, [Register Now](#) Individuals \$75.00, Table of 5 \$350, Table of 10 \$650

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 6: Monday **"Community Service at Mount Olivet Rolling Acres"** Halloween Setup - Noon Please RSVP to [stiles.Don@gmail.com](mailto:stiles.Don@gmail.com) Still Need More Volunteers!

Oct 13: Monday **"Bloomington Rotary Club Board of Directors Meeting"** 11:00 AM Hilton Meeting Room Upstairs & **Zoom**

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 13: Thursday **"Annual Veterans Day Luncheon"**, Edina Country Club Save the Date, Registration through Club Runner in the Future

## Sign up for Future Community Service

Sign up sheets at your table at our noon meetings

**October 6: Mt Olivet Rolling Acres**—Set up Halloween Decorations

**November 3: Mt Olivet Rolling Acres**—Set up Christmas decorations and lights

**December 1: Normandale Community College**—Mock Job Interviews

**January 5: Bloomington Elementary School Lunch Assistance**—will require a background check this fall. Stay tuned for more information.

**February 2: Mt Olivet Rolling Acres**—Take down Christmas Decorations

## 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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## 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		