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Rotary in Bloomington

Bloomington Noon, October 6, 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.

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October 13th Preview: "Intro to Crypto and Blockchain"

Guest: Tony Margarit

Crypto currency is all the buzz currently and most of us know very little about it. Tony Margarit is a finance leader in the crypto & blockchain industry with 15+ years of experience working with start-ups and high-growth companies.

He started his career as a CPA and spent 5 years with a top-10 CPA firm providing audit, tax, and advisory services for privately held companies. Since then, he's built and led finance teams in several high-growth industries including SaaS, Esports, and most notably the web3/crypto space. He currently leads the finance & operations departments for Electric Coin Co. (creators of Zcash) and is also the Co-Chair of the Blockchain Association's Tax, Accounting & Bookkeeping Best Practices Working Group.



Tony will be with us to introduce us to Crypto and Blockchain and answer some of the questions that you may have. He is extremely passionate about the blockchain & crypto industry, and he strongly believes in the benefits of decentralization, permissionless transactions, and true ownership of assets.

October 20th Preview: "Meet and Greet"

Join us in the Hilton Olive Lounge, 5:00 PM

**Meet and Greet set for Monday, October 20th
at the Hilton's Olive Lounge - 5:00 PM**



Our next Meet and Greet meeting is Monday, October 20, 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.

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 out evening. The company is always great!

Zoom is now available for our Monday Noon Hilton meetings. Meeting ID: 243 737 0314

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Announcements Save the date of Thursday, November 13th, for our annual **Veterans Day Luncheon**. This will be our meeting for that week. Let's have a good turnout!

Please **Sign up** 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.

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](#)

International Village Clinic Fundraiser

Bloomington Rotarians gathered on **September 25th** to help raise money to support **International Village Clinic's** work in India and Guatemala. We had a wonderful Indian Buffet while enjoying Bollywood dancers and some Bollywood dance instruction.



October Birthdays

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

October Anniversaries

- 13 Deb Newman 17 yrs
- 16 Don Stiles 24 yrs
- 30 Adam Johnston 24 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>

**Mark Your Calendar...“Veterans Day Luncheon—November 13”
Invite a Veteran as Your Guest. \$33.00 per ticket, Edina Country Club**

★ ★ ★ ★ **YOU'RE INVITED** ★ ★ ★ ★

**ROTARY CLUBS
OF AREA 3**



Veterans Day

EDINA COUNTRY CLUB | 5100 WOODDALE AVE, EDINA

NOV 13

*Celebrate Service
& Sacrifice*

★ **RSVP WITH
YOUR LOCAL CLUB** ★

11:30AM

\$33/ticket for
Members & Guests
RSVP by November 7th

Check-in starts at 11AM

FEATURED SPEAKERS

JOE BENNEK **RICHARD SCHULTE**
*Minneotans' Military Appreciation Fund
Project Director* *Sergeant First Class
(Ret.), U.S. Army & MN
National Guard*



Co-Founded by Joe Bennek in 2005, the Minneotans' Military Appreciation Fund (MMAF) has raised over \$20 million and awarded nearly 20,000 grants to Minnesota service members and families who served in combat zones post-9/11. It remains the only statewide initiative of its kind, dedicated to honoring their sacrifice.



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MASTER OF CEREMONIES

CORY HEPOLA
*Producer & Host of "My Town Series"
Former News Anchor*



A 3-time Emmy Award-winning TV anchor and documentarian recognized for his work celebrating community, service, and resilience. A Minnesota native, he has built his career telling impactful stories and engaging audiences through "My Town" and "Rural By Choice" docuseries, making him a meaningful voice to help honor veterans.

★ ★ ★ ★ **HONORING OUR HEROS** ★ ★ ★ ★

And those who continue to serve

Our Recent Meetings...

Loaves and Fishes

for another Community Service event. This year so far, Loaves and Fishes has served 18,249 meals to 5,843 visitors. Many visitors take multiple meals either for their own family or for friends within their circle. We served 115 meals to 34 visitors. Thank you to the team who volunteered today: **Karen Nordstrom, Bob Erickson, Erika Rivers, Kurt Hagen, Terry Stirewalt, Deb Newman, Karyn Arazi, Don Stiles, Debbie Belfry, Abul Sharah, and Laura Schultz.**

On September 29th we gathered at Christ the King Lutheran Church to serve



Here are some notes of appreciation from the recipients.

Your group does so much for the community! When you go home after serving all these people, I wonder if you realize the fantastic job you're doing. I usually come and get a meal for a husband friend I know. He asks, "Is this Meals on Wheels?" Sometimes, I get a meal and my daughter, too. Thanks for all you do!

Thanks & Blessings, Jill and Joe



Thank you so much for your wonderful ministry! We appreciate your labor of love and the delicious meals! I have been able to share them with a senior in my building, and another family. We thank the Lord for you and pray that God blesses you abundantly!

Kind Regards, Linda



Mount Olivet Rolling Acres

was our destination on **October 6th** for our Community Service. *"Thank you to everyone for taking time out of your day and volunteering on behalf of our youth, ages 5-17yo, that our Mount Olivet Rolling Acres' (MORA) Crisis Homes serve. We appreciated the festive decorations for the upcoming season, and look forward to seeing you back again for the Christmas season!"*

Mike Helmick was the Ladder King putting up gutter lights. **Diann Kirby, Sara Tan, Jim Casserly, and Don Stiles** worked stringing spider webs and orange/purple lights. **Deb Newman, Karyn Arazi, and Mike Arazi** worked hanging bats.

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.



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

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

1603 West Old Shakopee Road, Youth Center, Halloween takedown and Christmas Decorate

Nov 10: Monday "No Meeting" Reserve your seat for the Veterans Day Luncheon

Nov 13: Thursday "Veterans Day Luncheon" Edina Country Club 11:00 AM see below

Nov 17: Monday "Meet and Greet" Hilton Hotel, Olive Lounge, 5:00 PM

Nov 24: Monday "Social Media for Club Membership" Guest: Warsan Abdi

Dec 1: Monday "Normandale Community College—Mock Job Interviews" Noon-1:30 PM

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

Oct 13: Monday "Bloomington Rotary Club Board of Directors Meeting"

11:00 AM Hilton Meeting Room Upstairs & Zoom

Oct 18: Saturday "Fagen Fighters WWII Museum" 9:00 AM to 5:30 PM <https://rotarymnaveterans.org>

Oct 24: Friday "World Polio Day"

Oct 25: Saturday "One Summit 2025" St. Peter's Lutheran, 5421 France, Edina,
See pg 7 RIB

Oct 27: Monday "Bloomington Rotary Club Foundation Board of Directors"

11:00 AM Hilton Meeting Room upstairs

Oct 27: Monday "Artistry Benefit 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, 1603 West Old Shakopee Road, Youth Center, Set up

Christmas Decorations and Lights Please RSVP to stiles.Don@gmail.com

Nov 10: Monday "No Meeting" Attend the Veterans Day Luncheon

Nov 13: Thursday "Annual Veterans Day Luncheon", Edina Country Club

Registration through Club Runner in the Future, See Page 3 RIB

Dec 22: Monday "No Meeting—Enjoy your Holidays"

Dec 29: Monday "No Meeting—Enjoy your Holidays"

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.

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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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.](#)



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

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



- 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

Here is the Rotary Calendar for the remainder of this Rotary Year. Save this page with your calendar.

Date	Meeting Type	
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	Color Key
Monday, October 27, 2025	Foundation Board Meeting (11:00-12:00)	Service Project
Monday, October 27, 2025	Regular Club meeting	Club Board Meeting
Monday, November 3, 2025	Service Project	Regular Club Meeting
Monday, November 10, 2025	Club Board meeting (11:00-12:00)	Meet and Greet
Monday, November 10, 2025	No Club meeting (Veterans Day meeting week)	Foundation Board Meeting
Thursday, November 13, 2025	Veterans Day Luncheon -Must Reserve your Ticket(s)	Vocational Visit
Monday, November 17, 2025	Meet and Greet	No Meeting
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	