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Rotary in Bloomington

Bloomington Noon, November 17, 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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November 24th Preview: “Strategies for Building an Engaging Online Presence” Rotarian Warsan Artan



One of our newer Rotarians, **Warsan Artan** serves as the Bloom in Bloomington Program Facilitator for the city of Bloomington. She is an advocate for community development, youth empowerment, and equitable policy change. Her years of work with youth have given her a unique insight into social media and how best to use it to drive interest in your organization through social media

Warsan will share why social media matters and then help us to understand how to build a successful media presence through our current Rotary pages. She will provide a simple outline of elements needed for each form of engagement, from Linked in to Instagram, to Facebook.

Warsan has a Master of Public Policy from UC San Diego’s School of Global Policy and Strategy. She is the first woman in her family to graduate college. Warsan was a proud member of Interact in high school, and a member of Rotaract at San Diego State University.

December 1st Preview: “Mock Job Interviews at Normandale Community College” Community Service Event



This month’s Community Service Project takes us to Normandale Community College to give students an opportunity to hone their skills at interviewing in a nonthreatening environment.

Our volunteers include **Kurt Hagen, Diann Kirby, Valeria Camboni Miller, Erika Rivers, Jane Fenton, Sara Tan, Bob Erickson, Don Stiles, Dave Senness, Eric Melbye, Deb Newman, Lee Mosher, Eldon Spencer, Karen Nordstrom, Jim Mortenson, and Jim Casserly.** If you wish to join, connect with **Don Stiles** so he knows to expect you. stiles.don@gmail.com

Here are your instructions for the day:

Time to arrive: 11:50 to be ready at Noon for interviews. You are welcome to attend a pre-interview student workshop on Interviewing Skills which begins at 11:00. Let **Don Stiles** know if you plan to attend this workshop. You can share some thoughts from the perspective of the interviewer.

Parking: Park in the parking lot off 98th Street close to the Normandale College front entrance.

Enter: Use the main entrance door, then head up the stairs. At the top of the stairs head toward the big front window then turn left down the hall toward the eastern end of the College Services Building. and proceed to College Services 2005 on second floor where all will gather.

Recent Meetings...On November 13th, fifteen Bloomington Rotarians and seven guests gathered with other Area 3

Rotarians and local dignitaries at Edina Country Club to Honor our Veterans at our annual **Veterans Day Luncheon**. Our Master of Ceremonies was Cory Hepola, a former news anchor. The special guest speaker was Joe Bennek, Project Director for the Minnesotans' Military Appreciation Fund, and his special guest, Richard Schulte, Sargent First Class (Ret.), US Army & MN National Guard. These annual gatherings honor our veterans and remind us to never forget their stories.

The Minnesotans' Military Appreciation Fund was started in 2005 with a mission to say **Thank You** to our Vets. They offer grants upon application of \$500 to all who have served in a combat zone since 9/11; \$2,000 grants to Purple Heart recipients; and grants of \$5,000 to Gold Star families. Nearly 20,000 grants have been awarded. It is a unique organization to our state of Minnesota.

Richard Schulte reflected on his reason for serving and what he learned. He served three overseas deployments. He was in Afghanistan in a civil capacity in 2011–2012. His job was to try to establish a secure environment for the people there. Insurgency creates and feeds on instability which allows this insurgency. The community there had no idea of society like we know it. He believes that service to one another is the active model through which civil behavior is learned and a building block to a civil society. Enjoy the photos below of our luncheon.



Our Recent Meetings Continued...

On **November 17th**, we set a new record for attendance at our **Meet and Greet!** These meetings are designed for social time or networking. We enjoy getting to know our guests as well. We hosted **Leslie Stiles, Ann Spencer, Mary Molzahn, Betsy Lee, Mike Arazi, Bud Nordstrom, and Jackson Thatcher** as guests. The next social is our **Holiday Party** on December 15th!



November Birthdays

5 Paul Niederberger
12 Diann Kirby
13 Karyn Arazi
26 Kurt Hagen
26 Deb Newman
27 Nick Basil
28 Robert Erickson

November Anniversaries

5 Carolyn Pratt 23 yrs
15 Chris Guarnera 15Yrs
22 Mahendra Nath 37 yrs
30 Bill Peterson 10 yrs

Greeter:

November 10: No Meeting
November 24: Mike Helmick
December 8:

Invocation / Pledge / 4 Way Test

November 10: No Meeting
November 24: Don Stiles
December 8:

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>

Lee Helms Memorial Salvation Army Bell Ringing-Dec 6



On **Saturday, December 6th** from 11:00 to 5:00 we will be **Ringing Bells for the Salvation Army** in honor of former Rotarian **Lee Helms** who organized this effort for many years. (Pictured here with Don Stiles.)

Adam Johnston arranged our **Bell Ringing** this year, and **Kathy Koehler** has sent out a **Club Runner invite**. Please respond with the time slot that you can ring. This has always been a fun experience as you interact with the patrons at the Lunds and Byerly's at Normandale Boulevard and 98th Street. We need at least two volunteers for each hour from 11:00 to 5:00 PM. Volunteer for a one or a two-hour block. Often, we have had family units join us as the children like getting involved.

Volunteer to Assist at Bloomington Elementary Schools

This is an appeal for volunteers for our **January 5th, 2026 Bloomington Schools Community Service** project. This is our Bloomington Rotary club meeting with benefits ... we are being of service together. So, please come and serve the children of Bloomington with other Rotarians in this unique meeting format.

We need final volunteer numbers by December 1st for the following to occur:

1. Determination of the scope of the project. Schools need to be identified.
2. Administrative processes including application forms, background checks and orientation are required for participating Rotarians



The engagement will be from 11:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.. (10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. is a possible alternative time). We will be cleaning up/wiping down dining areas and interacting with the kids. Our goal is to have a full list of participating Rotarians by December 1st, 2025. Thanks for stepping up.

If you have not signed up yet, please send your name to angelawandera@hotmail.com
It's your club, it's your meeting, it's your project.

Holiday Celebration...

Bloomington Rotary Holiday Party

When: Thursday, December 15th, 5:00 PM to 7:30 PM

Where: Minnesota Valley Country Club
6300 Auto Club Road, Bloomington, 55438

Who: Everyone invited. This is a family event.

What: Holiday Social. Heavy Appetizers. Cash Bar.
Gift Exchange for all who wish to participate in a gift
exchange game. (\$25 Max per individual)

Cost: \$35.00 Adults, \$10.00 Children

RSVP: Use your Club Runner invite
sent out by Kathy Koehler
Or email Kathy at kkoehler53@frontiernet.net

Dress: Your Choice...Business Casual or
your favorite Holiday Party Outfit

Upcoming Meetings -

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

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

Red Denotes No Meeting at the Hilton

Green Denotes a planned Zoom Meeting

Nov 24: Monday "Strategies for Building an Engaging Online Presence"

Guest: Rotarian Warsan Artan

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

Please sign up. If you are not signed up and can join, feel free to attend.

Dec 6: Saturday "Salvation Army Bell Ringing in Memory of Lee Helms"

Special Saturday Community Service at Lunds & Byerly's Normandale Plaza 11:00 to 5:00

Register through your Club Runner invite from Kathy Koehler.

Dec 8: Monday "History of the Red Kettle – Why Salvation Army Bell Ringing" Guest: Marj Locke

Dec 15: Monday "Holiday Party - Minnesota Valley Country Club" 5:00-7:30 PM See Page 4 RIB!

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

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

Jan 5: Monday, "Community Service at Bloomington Elementary Schools" 11:30 to 1:00

Prequalification required. Sign up before December 1st.

Jan 12: Monday "Improving Your Health and Fitness" Guest: Erik Peacock, Puravida Fitness

Jan 19: Monday "Meet and Greet" 5:00 PM Olive Lounge, Hilton Hotel, France and Hwy 494

Jan 26: Monday "Bus Stop Mamas" Guest: Mary Kay Ziniewicz

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

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Thank you to all our Veterans for your service!

We celebrated Veterans Day this past week. We want to extend a special Thank You to all our Bloomington Rotarians who have served in the past. Here are those we are aware of:

Bob Erickson - Army

John Houle - Army

Jim Mortenson - Army Reserve

Paul Niederberger - Navy

Dave Senness - Navy

Eldon Spencer - Army

Terry Stirewalt - Army and US Coast Guard



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

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		