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Rotary in Bloomington

Bloomington Noon August 17, 2026

Noon Meetings Second and Fourth Mondays at the Hilton, France Ave & 494
Social Events and Club Service - See Calendar
Meeting times Noon to 1:15

Mission

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

2026-2027 Officers:

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Board Meetings - Monthly
Second Mondays, 11:00 AM,
Hilton Board Room

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August 24 Preview: "Leading Bloomington: A New City Manager's Perspective, City Manager Zach Walker"



Join Bloomington City Manager Zach Walker for an engaging conversation about the future of one of Minnesota's most dynamic communities. Zach will share his professional journey, what inspired him to become Bloomington's City Manager, and the leadership philosophy he brings to the organization. The presentation will also provide an overview of the opportunities and challenges shaping Bloomington today—from maintaining exceptional city services and investing in infrastructure to supporting economic development, housing, public safety, and long-term financial sustainability.

Attendees will gain insight into the priorities guiding the City's work and how Bloomington is preparing for the future while continuing to deliver the high-quality services residents expect.

Join Zoom Meeting: [https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86509290110?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86509290110?pwd=7zHeSv36PW74QQ70zhzG6XEsBBjkRE.1)

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Meeting ID: 865 0929 0110 Passcode: 964634

August 31 Preview: "Cancelled...Community Service at Closet of Hope"

Due to the need for Bloomington Covenant Church to host a funeral service on August 31st, our Community Service plans to work at the Closet of Hope need to be adjusted. **At this time, the planned event is cancelled.** Another possibility might be able to be arranged, but not in time for this printing of the RIB. Please be on the lookout through your email for updated information on another possible service event. A new date to work with Closet of Hope will be arranged.



Our thoughts and prayers will be with the Bloomington Covenant Church family as they celebrate the life of their cherished member.

Recent Meetings...

On August 10th, we met MNSCU Chancellor Scott Olson and Normandale Community College President Dr. Pakou Yang.

Minnesota State College and Universities (MNSCU) is made up of seven state universities and 26 community and technical colleges. Scott Olson has served as Chancellor since 2023. It is the fourth largest educational system in the US with 270,000 students on 33 campuses.

We learned that Scott Olson had been a Rotarian for 29 years in Minnesota and Indiana, so he centered his talk around our 4 Way Test. The TRUTH is important in all academic areas, so all ideas get vetted. Students are encouraged to be open to all perspectives, often hosting controversial/political/public debates and clubs. Being FAIR to all as they are exposed to multiple viewpoints. College encourages students to BUILD FRIENDSHIPS and create community on campus. And BENEFIT their school and greater community by being contributors. MNSCU is the engine to the Minnesota workforce providing 62,000 workers with a majority of workers in the trades within the state graduating out of the MNSCU system. A significant number of students graduate without any debt.



He then centered his comments on Normandale Community College whose enrollment is growing each year and is now the second largest campus in the system and has a beautiful Japanese Garden. It has an economic impact to Bloomington of \$5Million annually. Dr. Yang took over and shared that Normandale offers 70 degrees with their largest enrollments being in Nursing and Dental Hygiene.

Dr. Yang shared her goals for NCC indicating one focus would be to insure transferability of the work students are doing when they move to their next level of education. She wants to assure student success through affordability, assuring retention, and having faculty who are always striving to improve their skills. Equity is #1 on her list providing the first cohort of students with disabilities. She wants to establish strategic partnerships with the community helping to increase internship possibilities. And, finally, she wants to drive innovation at the school. One innovation is the Center for Education in Health Care helping students learn an interdisciplinary approach to work as they become professionals. At our meeting on August 10th, we met MNSCU Chancellor Scott Olson and Normandale Community College President Dr. Pakou Yang.

At our recent Meet and Greet Social, on August 17th...

Monday, August 17th welcomed a dozen folks to our Meet and Greet. Guests included **Mike Arazi**, spouse of Karyn Arazi; **Betsy Lee**, spouse of Larry Lee; **Ann Spencer**, spouse of Eldon Spencer; and **Jackson Thatcher**, spouse of Carolyn Pratt.

We learned about **Debbie Belfry's** trip to Iona, Ireland, and **Valeria Camboni Miller's** time at the Rotary International Convention in Taipei, Taiwan. A rare sighting was **Jim Waldvogel** as he had time for a short visit. Our next gathering is planned for September 21st. Mark your calendar and join us.

Enjoy the photos below:



August Birthdays

12 Jim Mortenson
17 David Senness
18 Laura Schultz
24 Kathy Koehler
25 Andrew Huss

August Anniversaries

01 Mike Helmick 32 yrs
17 Diann Kirby 27 yrs
19 Lori Rebers 7 yrs
22 Eric Dallmann 3 yrs
29 Jim Waldvogel 10 yrs

Greeters

Aug 24: Andrew Huss
Sept 14: Sara Tan

Invocation/Pledge

Aug 24: Eldon Spencer
Sept 14: Becky Amble

Recent Program

Recordings...

02/23/2026 "Middle School Sports" -

<https://youtu.be/YWs3ErP2G7M>

03/23/2026 - "How to Make a Bronze Statue" -

https://youtu.be/u3PPI9_BfBE

04/13/2026 - "Making the Case for Optimism" -

<https://youtu.be/kL3dh9S6m2k>

04/27/2026 - "Make-A-Wish Minnesota" -

https://youtu.be/Q5G1_X5EMjM

06/08/2026 "Using Artificial Intelligence Effectively" Rotarian

Becky Amble -

https://youtu.be/xU_ZjKRrhXY

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>

Distinguished Guests

Dario Bilardello, Guest of Valeria Camboni Miller, Financial Advisor and Research Professor at the University of Minnesota, an Italian British citizen, Approved for membership.

Don Klement, Retired Pastor, 48 Year Rotarian and Paul Harris Major Donor to The Rotary Foundation, moved back to MN from New Jersey, Approved for Membership

Mary Allenburg Routhieaux, Northwestern Health Sciences University, VP of Advancement & Marketing, Approved for Membership

Den Gardner, Gardner & Gardner Communications, Band Blitz for Veterans, August 29th, 1-4 PM

Rotarian Bob Bayer, Lakeville Rotary, Finance, Taste of Lakeville, August 20th

Scott Olson, Chancellor, Minnesota State College and University System

Dr. Pakou Yang, President, Normandale Community College

Nawal Mohamoud, Guest of Jane Fenton, Woodbury, Social Media Intern, Jefferson HS Junior

Announcements

Mark your calendar...November 10th will be the **Annual Veterans Luncheon**. Lakeville Rotary is sponsoring **Taste of Lakeville, August 20th**, 40 Food and 60 Wine Vendors, <https://tasteoflakeville.org/>

Band Blitz, August 29th, 1-4 PM, Providing Green Care for our Troops, Bloomington American Legion/VFW, to donate items contact Den Gardner 612-325-3981

Mike Helmick reminded everyone that our next **Rotary Rush is August 24th** and will feature **Zach Walker, our City Manager**. Invite a guest that day and introduce them to Rotary. Let Mike know the name of your guest(s) by August 20th.

President Valeria Camboni Miller is still looking for a volunteer to serve as **Treasurer** for our Club, plus we also need a **Fundraising Chair** to head up our Middle School Sports Campaign



Happy Bucks

Sad news to share: Mason Traill Drummond, age 18, lost his life in a traffic accident on August 12th 2026. He is the grandson of Joy and **Dave Drummond** and the great nephew of Nancy and **Bob Erickson**. Visitation will be held on Saturday, August 29th, 2026, from 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM at the Gill Brothers Funeral Home, 9947 Lyndale Avenue South, Bloomington, 55420. Funeral service will be held the same day at 2:00 PM, at Gill Brothers. Memorials to Washburn Center for Children. We also learned of the passing of John M. Paulet on August 7th, 2026. He was the husband of former Rotarian and Past President of our club, LuAnn Paulet and Stepfather to former Rotarian Scott Rupp. Visitation and service were held August 19 and August 20, respectively.

An article about Rebels Gymnastics and their twist to reduce trash was featured in the August, 2026, Bloomington Briefing. **Rotarian Jaime Tsurusake** is their Executive Director and part of the photo accompanying the article. Guest Scott Olson, **Bob Erickson**, and **Don Stiles** honored our guests today. **Valeria Camboni Miller** is happy to be back and improving after her surgery. **Sara Tan** had a great trip to upstate New York and a visit to Niagara Falls. **Jim Casserly** honored Normandale Community College, his stepdaughter, and NCC's new program for students who have challenges. **Don Stiles** is taking his family to London. **Debbie Belfry** was happy for our new members, **Dario Bilardello** and **Dan Klememt**, who were both happy to be approved for membership today. **Paul Niederberger** saw the Oddessy and **Eldon Spencer's** son and did a jazz piano version of the Oddessy.



New Paul Harris Society Award

Debbie Belfry is our latest Bloomington Noon Rotarian to commit to donating \$1,000 annually to **The Rotary Foundation** for as long as she is able. **Past President Don Stiles** was pleased to award Debbie with her certificate and pin to commemorate this commitment.

Pack to School Fundraising Campaign

For the past 30 years, Bloomington Rotary has been providing school supplies for students in two of our local schools, Indian Mounds Elementary School and Valley View Middle School.

In the early years we purchased the supplies and organized a meeting to create 50 backpacks full of supplies for Indian Mounds or 75 bags of supplies for Valley View students. These were delivered to each school and the school would distribute to students who needed these supplies.

We changed our process a few years ago and today we find we can purchase supplies through the school district directly and more efficiently, actually providing more supplies using the school's purchasing power. Supplies can be distributed to students as needed.

During the month of August, we will be collecting cash donations. The pledge slip below is designed to be used to pledge your donation. You can choose to make a tax-deductible donation by writing a check to Bloomington Rotary Club Foundation and bring it to one of our August meetings or mail as indicated. Or, you may also choose to be billed through your quarterly billing. Indicate the dollar amount that you would like to be billed.

Turn in your pledge sheet and/or check at an August meeting.

Pledge Form



The Club is again providing school supplies to Bloomington School students through the 31st annual Pack to School Community Service project.

I, _____, agree to donate \$_____.

My preferred method of payment is: Checks may be mailed (*see below*) in or turned in at a meeting.

☐ Enclose check made out to Bloomington Rotary Club Foundation for \$_____.

☐ I request that at my next invoice cycle an additional cost of \$_____ be added to my billing amount.

Make all checks out to Bloomington Rotary Club Foundation.

Mail to : Bloomington Rotary Club Foundation, P.O.Box 20300, Bloomington, MN USA 55420

Thanks for supporting Pack to School!

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

Green Denotes a planned Zoom Meeting

Aug 24: Monday "Rotarian Zach Walker, Bloomington City Manager"

Rotary Rush Day, Invite a Guest to meet the new City Manager

Aug 31: Monday "Community Service at Closet of Hope"

Sept 7: **NO MEETING** - Enjoy the Labor Day Holiday

Sept 14: Monday "Giving Voice Chorus" Guest: Eyleen Braaten

Sept 21: Monday "Meet and Greet" 5:00 PM Olive Lounge, Hilton Hotel

Sept 28: Monday "Dustin Delfs and Friend - Special Olympics"

Oct 5: Monday "Mock Job Interviews at Normandale Community College"

Mark your calendar - sign up...all Rotarians are needed! Community Service

Oct 12: Monday "Italian Chef Antonio Cecconi"

Oct 19: Monday "Meet and Greet" 5:00 PM Olive Lounge, Hilton Hotel

Calendar of Events

Month of August: "Pack to School Fundraising"

Aug 20: Thursday "Taste of Lakeville" Info: <https://tasteoflakeville.org/>

Aug 27: Thursday "Art Pop UP- Westminster Presbyterian Church" 4:30 - 6:30

Register: <https://portal.clubrunner.ca/50084/event/district-governor---art-pop-up---westminster-presbyterian-church> Explore their extensive art collection.
Free.

Aug 29: Saturday "Band Blitz for the Military" Bloomington Veteran's Club,
1:00 to 4:00 PM-Silent Auction, 311 W. 84th Street, Bloomington

Aug 31: Monday "Community Service at Closet of Hope" Noon to 1:30 PM

Sept 7: Monday "**NO MEETING**" Enjoy the Labor Day Holiday Weekend

Sept 14: Monday "Club Board of Directors Meeting" Hilton
Board Room, 11:00 AM

Oct 5: Monday "Mock Job Interviews at Normandale Community College"

Mark your calendar - sign up...all Rotarians are needed! Community Service

Oct 24: Saturday "World's Largest Walk to End Polio" at MOA - 7:30 AM

Register Here: <https://portal.clubrunner.ca/50084/events/world-s-largest-polio-walk-in-district-5950-at-moa>

Oct 26: Monday "Bloomington Rotary Club Foundation Board of
Directors Meeting" 11:00 AM Hilton

Nov 10: Tuesday "Veterans Day Luncheon"

April 23, 2027: "District Conference, McNamara Alumni Center"

May 27, 2027: "Road Trip to Evanston, RI Offices and Paul Harris House"

June 26 - 30, 2027: "Barcelona: Rotary International Convention"

Middle School Sports...2026-2027

Donate through Zeffy, see QR code. Or,
by issuing a check to **Bloomington Rotary
Club Foundation** and mailing to **P.O. Box
20300, Bloomington, MN 55420-0300.**

This is our Club's ongoing 2026-2027
fundraiser.



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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Belfry, Don Stiles,

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Club Directory & Contacts | District

5950 (clubrunner.ca)

ClubRunner

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

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Rotary Club of Bloomington MN:

Posts | LinkedIn . Also on Instagram.

In all cases the search keyword is

"Rotary Club of Bloomington Noon

MN"

Thank You Notes: We are receiving Thank You Notes relating to the many scholarships and Charitable Partner Grants that we sponsored last year. Here are just a few. Watch this space for more.

From Bloomington Public Schools for our \$2,000 grant supporting their Study Buddies program.

From Mount Olivet Rolling Acres for their \$1,300 grant supporting youth in crisis.

From Olma Joseph Adjalo for the \$1,000 scholarship supporting study at Augsburg University.

From Aladi Rahman Abdi for the \$1,000 scholarship supporting nursing studies at Concordia College.

2026-2027 Rotary Club Meeting Calendar

Monday, August 17, 2026	Meet and Greet - 5:00 PM
Monday, August 24, 2026	Regular Club Meeting - Noon
Monday, August 31, 2026	Community Service
Monday, September 7, 2026	No meeting - Labor Day
Monday, September 14, 2026	Club Board Meeting (11:00 to Noon)
Monday, September 14, 2026	Regular Club Meeting - Noon
Monday, September 21, 2026	Meet and Greet - 5:00 PM
Monday, September 28, 2026	Regular Club Meeting - Noon
Monday, October 5, 2026	Community Service
Monday, October 12, 2026	Club Board Meeting (11:00 to Noon)
Monday, October 12, 2026	Regular Club Meeting - Noon
Monday, October 19, 2026	Meet and Greet - 5:00 PM
Monday, October 26, 2026	Foundation Board Meeting (11:00 to Noon)
Monday, October 26, 2026	Regular Club Meeting - Noon
Monday, November 2, 2026	Community Service
Monday, November 9, 2026	Club Board Meeting (11:00 to Noon)
Monday, November 9, 2026	Regular Club Meeting - Noon
Monday, November 16, 2026	Meet and Greet - 5:00 PM
Monday, November 23, 2026	Regular Club Meeting - Noon
Monday, November 30, 2026	Vocational Visit / Other
Monday, December 7, 2026	Community Service
Monday, December 14, 2026	Club Board Meeting (11:00 to Noon)
Monday, December 14, 2026	Regular Club Meeting - Noon
Monday, December 21, 2026	Meet and Greet - 5:00 PM
Monday, December 28, 2026	No meeting - holiday
Monday, January 4, 2027	Community Service
Monday, January 11, 2027	Club Board Meeting (11:00 to Noon)
Monday, January 11, 2027	Regular Club Meeting - Noon
Monday, January 18, 2027	Meet and Greet - 5:00 PM
Monday, January 25, 2027	Foundation Board Meeting (11:00 to Noon)
Monday, January 25, 2027	Regular Club Meeting - Noon
Monday, February 1, 2027	Community Service
Monday, February 8, 2027	Club Board Meeting (11:00 to Noon)
Monday, February 8, 2027	Regular Club Meeting - Noon
Monday, February 15, 2027	Meet and Greet - 5:00 PM
Monday, February 22, 2027	Regular Club Meeting - Noon
Monday, March 1, 2027	Community Service
Monday, March 8, 2027	Club Board Meeting (11:00 to Noon)
Monday, March 8, 2027	Regular Club Meeting - Noon
Monday, March 15, 2027	Meet and Greet - 5:00 PM
Monday, March 22, 2027	Regular Club Meeting - Noon
Monday, March 29, 2027	Vocational Visit / Other
Monday, April 5, 2027	Community Service
Monday, April 12, 2027	Club Board Meeting (11:00 to Noon)
Monday, April 12, 2027	Regular Club Meeting - Noon
Monday, April 19, 2027	Meet and Greet - 5:00 PM
Monday, April 26, 2027	Foundation Board Meeting (11:00 to Noon)
Monday, April 26, 2027	Regular Club Meeting - Noon
Monday, May 3, 2027	Community Service
Monday, May 10, 2027	Club Board Meeting (11:00 to Noon)
Monday, May 10, 2027	Regular Club Meeting - Noon
Monday, May 17, 2027	Meet and Greet - 5:00 PM
Monday, May 24, 2027	Regular Club Meeting - Noon
Monday, May 31, 2027	No meeting - Memorial Day
Monday, June 7, 2027	Community Service
Monday, June 14, 2027	Club Board Meeting (11:00 to Noon)
Monday, June 14, 2027	Regular Club Meeting - Noon
Monday, June 21, 2027	Meet and Greet - 5:00 PM
Monday, June 28, 2027	Regular Club Meeting - Noon

This is the listing of our remaining meetings for the 2026-2027 Rotary Year.

Keep this page with your calendar.

KEY
COMMUNITY SERVICE
CLUB BOARD MEETING
REGULAR NOON MEETING
MEET AND GREET
FOUNDATION BOARD MEETING
VOCATIONAL VISIT/OTHER
NO MEETING

Mailing addresses for Dave Drummond and Bob Erickson are as follows:

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5736 Auto Club Circle
Bloomington, MN 55437

Bob and Nancy Erickson
8700 Walton Oaks Drive
Bloomington, MN
55438-1354