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Rotary in Bloomington

Bloomington Noon September 21, 2026

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

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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September 28 Preview: "Special Olympics" Guest: Dustin Delfs and Friend



Dustin Delfs is from Bloomington Minnesota and has been an athlete with the Special Olympics since 2013. He has participated in softball, golf, flag football, and basketball. He has medals in four sports. A Vikings player once called him, "The best quarterback in the league." Dustin practices all year around to be ready for his competition and normally plays on the Minneapolis Eagles team during the year.

The Special Olympics are held every 4 years. This year they were held in Minnesota from June 20 to 26, 2026 at the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis and the National Sports Center in Blaine. It featured competitions in 16 sports. There were more than 3,000 athletes from 52 delegations who participated.

In his program, Dustin will share his passion for the inclusion revolution, with details about his week playing basketball at the USA Games. Please join us for this unique and special program.

Join us for lunch over Zoom [https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86509290110?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86509290110?pwd=7zHeSv36PW74QQ70zhzG6XEsbBjkRE.1)
[pwd=7zHeSv36PW74QQ70zhzG6XEsbBjkRE.1](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86509290110?pwd=7zHeSv36PW74QQ70zhzG6XEsbBjkRE.1)
Meeting ID: 865 0929 0110 Passcode: 964634

October 5 Preview: "Mock Job Interviews" 11:00 to 1:00 Normandale Community College

Enter Main Entrance, upstairs, Second Floor

Monday's schedule is:

11:00 AM - 12Noon Optional for Rotarians - Job interview workshop for students to be held in the **College Services Room #2005** - Rotarians are welcome to assist

12:00 PM - 1:00 PM Job interviews between a Rotarian and a student

Similar to last year, Rotarians are welcome to assist and/or add comments during the 11:00 workshop. **At Noon**, students are assigned a Rotarian to conduct the interview. There will be possible interview questions available to supplement whatever the Rotarians wish to ask. Following each interview, the Rotarian offers advice on how the student performed.



We need 3 more Rotarian volunteers. Here are the volunteers currently...

Jane Fenton, Diann Kirby, Don Stiles, Valeria Camboni Miller, Andrew Huss, David Drummond, Paul Niederberger, Susan Krook, Debbie Belfry, Sara Tan, Eric Melbye, Dave Senness, Jim Casserly, Mike Helmick, Lee Mosher, Eldon Spencer, and Mary Kurth.

Recent Meetings... September 14th: "Giving Voice Chorus"

Eyleen Braaten, Executive Director of Giving Voice Initiative joined us Monday to share how Living Voice Choruses are enriching the lives of persons with dementia and their care partners. Singing matters for brain health. It brings on emotional feelings. It boosts mood and encourages connections and supports memory. People with dementia often are surrounded by the things that they can no longer do. With song, they have a positive experience because it is something they can do and something to be excited about doing. Even folks with advanced dementia have buried memories relating to song.



Giving Voice Chorus is a growing Twin Cities initiative with 87 choruses around the country. They receive inquiries all the time to start new groups. Their mission is to inspire and equip organizations to help people with dementia and their care partners live better lives through singing together. Music is universal. It has the power to awaken, connect, and bring joy, no matter where someone is on their life journey. A choir helps both partners form lasting relationships since isolation is detrimental to both the partner with dementia and the care giver.

Giving Voice's core programs are: running choirs; supporting creation of new choirs; and connecting people with dementia and their care partners to choirs. They have a tool kit to help a group start a new choir. And, they have started Spanish speaking choirs. They provide technical assistance and support to new choirs and help connect choruses to one another. One needs no singing experience to join the weekly rehearsals. They offer public performances and concerts. All choirs have specially trained directors and use familiar and both challenging and adapted music. Volunteers are specially trained.



To be connected to a choir: info@givingvoicechorus.org. Request their newsletter. Web site: www.givingvoicechorus.org.

September 21st: "Meet and Greet"

It was another fun evening at the Hilton Olive Lounge for our Meet and Greet. Nine folks joined together this evening. There was great conversation around the table. We learned of recent travels and plans for the fall. **Jim Waldvogel** stopped by at the end. Congratulations are due to Jim as he is planning to retire before Thanksgiving!



Not Pictured:
Bud Nordstrom



Save the date: "Trivia Night" - January 11, 2027 to benefit Middle School Sports

Deb Newman is leading a group planning a fundraiser for our effort to support Middle School Sports. The Idea is to have a **Trivia Night** with teams of four which will be held locally. Let your friends know and encourage them to build a team. This will be a fun, nonthreatening event for all. Start planning for your own team, too. More details will be coming in the near future. Monday, January 11, 2027 at Nine Mile Brewing. The date in the last RIB was incorrect.

September Birthdays

29 Bonnie Carlson
30 Bill Peterson

September Anniversaries

17 Karen Nordstrom 19 yrs
19 Laura Schultz 10 yrs
24 Abul Sharah 24 yrs
27 Eric Melbye 5 yrs

Greeters

Sept 28: Mike Helmick
Oct 12: Warsan Artan
Oct 26: Jane Fenton

Invocation/Pledge

Sept 28: Don Stiles
Oct 12: David Senness
Oct 26: Diann Kirby

Recent Progra Recordings...

06/08/2026 - "Using Artificial Intelligence Effectively"
Rotarian Becky Amble -
https://youtu.be/xU_ZjKRrhXY

06/22/2026 - "The Civic Thread Project" Karen Lundquist -
https://youtu.be/bKszG3z_7ow

08/10/2026 - "MNSCU Update"
Scott Olson and Pakou Yang -
<https://youtu.be/ReiHQa0xHI>

08/24/2026 - "Zach Walker
Bloomington City Manager"-
<https://youtu.be/Db7QVCQggjs>

09/14/2026 - "Giving Voice
Chorus" Dementia Patients -
https://youtu.be/6J_y4tOcljo

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

Rotarian Daniel Albertini, Rotary Club of Eisenstadt, Austria, President Elect, CEO, IT Company
Rotarian Patrick Schmidlechner, Rotary Club of Eisenstadt, Austria, President, Pilot
Manda Herzing, Daughter of Mike Helmick, Burnsville, Event Planner, Considering membership
Matt Plan, Guest of Valeria Camboni Miller, Inver Grove Heights, PEO Insperity, HR Benefits
Pakou Yang, Guest of Jane Fenton, President, Normandale Community College, Board Approved her membership
David Peterson, Guest of Paul Niederberger, Attorney, Former Rotarian, thinking of joining



Flag Exchange with Daniel and Patrick.

Announcements

Mark your calendar...November 10th will be the **Annual Veterans Luncheon**

Sign up for Mock Job Interviews on October 5th at Normandale Community College. No special skills needed. This is our Community Service event for October.

Paul Niederberger has volunteered to serve as **Treasurer** for our Club, and DebNewman will **Chair Fundraising**. Deb is looking for **volunteers to help with our Trivia Night** fundraiser in January for Middle School Sports Campaign. Let her know how you might be able to assist.

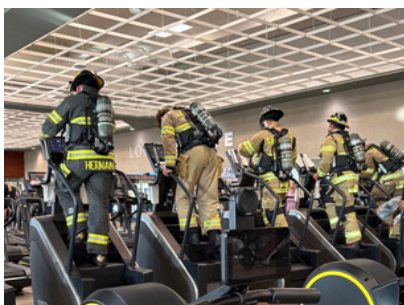
Pack To School fundraiser was a success with a total of \$2,195.00 going to help Valley View Elementary, Valley View Middle School, and Indian Mounds Elementary school in East Bloomington with needed school supplies.

Debbie Belfry wanted to remind all who want to **WALK with Rotary for the Walk to End Polio** on October 24th that the registration is now open. Fee \$25 for ticket and t-shirt. At Mall of America. 7:30 to 9:30 AM. Questions to **Debbie Belfry** ddbelfry@gmail.com.



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

An Invocation Remembering First Responders on September 11th



God of Compassion: As our nation pauses to mark 25 years since the sorrow of September 11th, we hold in grateful remembrance the innocent lives lost and the families who still grieve. We honor the profound courage of the first responders, military members, and civil servants who selflessly answered the call then, and those who continue to protect our communities today.

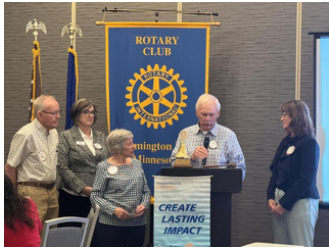
As Rotarians, let this anniversary renew our dedication to "Service Above Self". Guide our hearts toward empathy. Strengthen our resolve to be beacons of hope and bless our fellowship. Amen

Shared by Deb Newman



Are you thinking of Barcelona in 2027. Register now! <https://convention.rotary.org/en-us>

Welcome New Rotarians...



Pictured left are **Dan Klement, Jane Fenton, Debbie Belfry, Mike Helmick** and **Mary Allenburg**. Mike is leading the induction. Debbie is the sponsor for Mary. Mike is the sponsor for Dan. Jane is the Chair of our Membership Committee.

Mary Allenburg is a very busy lady. She is joining our Club as the lead connection between our club and the Northwestern Health Sciences University (NWHSU) Rotaract Club. Mary grew up on Lake Minnetonka with 8 older siblings. Her father was the President of NWHSU. Her extended family ran a chiropractic clinic network with several members being chiropractors and part of the network. She lives in St. Paul with her husband, a retired Hamline professor.



Mary graduated from Grinnell College, Iowa, then received her graduate degree in economics from the University of Delaware. Half of her working years have been spent in Higher Education administration positions and half leading foundations associated with institutions like Allina Health and Episcopal Homes. NWHSU is her final chapter coming back full circle to a place that really matters to her. Her title is VP, Marketing & Advancement. Her work is her community service as it enriches her life. She is a Past President of the St. Michael Albertville Rotary. She serves on the Board of Episcopal Homes currently. She plays on 4 tennis teams, a golf league, and a softball team. She loves kayaking, hiking, and travel. Her son is working with her to flip a home she purchased this year. She is game for anything active with her 4 adult children. Plus, she will play in the 55+ mixed doubles, national tennis championships this year!



Dan Klement has been a Rotarian since 1976. He was with the Brainerd Club for 21 of those years and the Rockaway, NJ, club for 16 years. Dan grew up on a farm near Fort Dodge Iowa. He graduated from Hamline University in history and political science. He received his Master of Divinity from Drew Theological Seminary and a Masters in American church history and social movements from Princeton Theological Seminary. He served as a church pastor in five New Jersey communities over a 40-year career as a United Methodist pastor (plus in rural Minnesota in retirement). Most of his pastoral work centered on addressing social justice issues, particularly in education, and community building cultural understanding.

His first Rotary club was in New Jersey, where he was very active in leadership, including Chaplin for their District Conference. He has always enjoyed community service, especially the Rotary emphasis on "peace through understanding". He had the opportunity to study this on a three-week trip to Israel, Gaza, and Palestine where he realized what a high challenge this is. He has traveled extensively throughout the world, including a 7-week pastoral exchange in England and Scotland. He and wife, Judy, made multiple trips to South Africa where they helped create a library. Dan's interest in community service started early in life. In 1963, as part of an internship with an African American parish, he participated in the March on Washington. Dan has lived the life of a truly extraordinary Rotarian and we are privileged to welcome him to Bloomington.

Bachman's Gift Card Fundraising...

Bachman's

Orders for **Bachman's Gift Cards** for the upcoming Holiday season are now being taken :

You can use the gift cards as gifts, or use them on yourself, for you own holiday shopping needs. Bachman's Garden Center has everything from spruce tops, to birch branches, to wreaths, to garland, holiday lights and ornaments, poinsettias and holiday trees. As a reminder, we get **20% back** for our Rotary Club from all orders placed.

Laura Schultz is taking your orders. laura@lauraschultzlaw.com Gift cards can be ordered in any amount from \$5 to \$500 and as many as you wish to order. Place your order with Laura or email her the details and bring a check for your total order made out to "**Bloomington Rotary**" to any of the next meetings. Please put "Bachman's" in the subject line of the check. Just let Laura know how many and in what amounts.

Orders must be placed by **November 1st, 2026**, in order to get the gift cards distributed before the Thanksgiving holiday.

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

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

Oct 5: Monday **"Mock Job Interviews at Normandale Community College"** Noon - 1:00

Mark your calendar - sign up... 3 more 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

Oct 26: Monday **"Business Ethics"** Guest: Martha Wellans **Rotary Rush Day - Invite a**

Guest who would make a great Rotarian. Send your guest name to Mike Helmick.

jeanandmikehelmick@yahoo.com

Nov 2: Monday **"Mount Olivet Rolling Acres"** Set up Christmas Decorations Noon to 1:30

Nov 9: Monday **"To Be Determined"**

Calendar of Events

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

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Oct 12: Monday **"Club Board of Directors Meeting"** Hilton Board Room, 11:00 AM

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

Register: <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 Board Meeting Room

Nov 2: Monday **"Mount Olivet Rolling Acres"** Set up Christmas Decorations Noon to 1:30

Nov 9: Monday **"Club Board of Directors Meeting"** Hilton Board Room, 11:00 AM

Nov 10: Tuesday **"Veterans Day Luncheon"** 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM

Dec 7: Monday **"Make a Wish"** Assemble Wish Kits, Noon - 1:30

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

Jan 4, 2027: Monday **"Bloomington Elementary School Lunch Program Assistance"**

Jan 11, 2027: Monday **"Club Board of Directors Meeting"** Hilton Board Room, 11:00 AM

Jan 11, 2027: Monday **"Trivia Night"** for Middle School Sports at Nine Mile Brewing

Feb 1, 2027: Monday **"Mount Olivet Rolling Acres"** Take Down Holiday Decorations

Feb 8, 2027: Monday **"Club Board of Directors Meeting"** Hilton Board Room, 11:00 AM

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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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 High School Senior Amerie Jenkins for the \$1,000 scholarship to help her become a High School Art Teacher.

From Jennifer at VEAP for our continued generosity and for standing alongside VEAP for so many years.

From the Bloomington School Board for \$50,000 in support of the Middle School Sports program.

From Majed Ibrahim Alamri for the \$1,500 scholarship to the Academy of Math & Science at Normandale.

2026-2027 Bloomington Rotary Club Meeting Calendar

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