R I B Rotary in Bloomington

Bloomington Noon November 6, 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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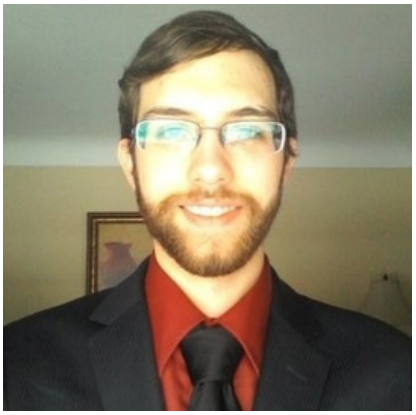
Board Meetings - Monthly
Second Mondays, 11:00 AM, Hilton Board Room
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November 9 Preview: "Veterans Treatment Courts" Guest: Michael Hayek



Michael Hayek has been the Law Clerk to the Honorable Hilary Lindell Caligiuri in the Fourth Judicial District Court for the past eleven years.

Michael has a Doctor of Law from the University of Minnesota Law School and a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology of Law, Criminology, and Deviance from the University of Minnesota.

Veterans Treatment Courts are specialized court programs that divert eligible military veterans from incarceration into structured treatment which typically lasts 12 to 24 months and provides services such as mental health care, substance use treatment, and veteran mentorship, with successful completion often resulting in reduced or dismissed charges. These are problem-solving courts designed for veterans whose criminal charges are linked to conditions such as PTSD, traumatic brain injury, substance use disorders, or other service-related challenges. They emphasize rehabilitation over punishment. Join us to learn more!

Join us for lunch over Zoom https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86509290110?pwd=7zHeSv36PW74QQ70zhzG6XEsBBjkRE.1
Meeting ID: 865 0929 0110 Passcode: 964634
email or text Debbie Belfry if you plan to sign in. She will open the link for you.
ddbelfry@gmail.com or 612-327-3488

November 16 Preview: "Meet and Greet" 5:00 PM
Olive Lounge, Hilton Hotel



Our next Meet and Greet Social is set for Monday, November 16th at 5:00 PM in the Olive Lounge at the Hilton Hotel. Please join us this month.

Spouses are encouraged to attend these meetings. There is no set charge for attending the meetins. We all order ala carte, either from the Happy Hour menu or the Regular menu. Many of us make this our dinner out for the week. The company is great and you always learn something new about your Rotary Friends!

Recent Meetings... A Framework for Ethical Decision Making

On Monday, October 26th, our newest Rotarian, **Martha Wellens** presented a comprehensive framework for Ethical Decision making in an organization. The processes she discussed were the basic elements that she brings to her work with her business clients who are seeking to improve their skills at applying values and moral principles to the many situations they encounter in running their business on a daily basis.

Martha began by sharing a little about Woodland Strategies, Inc., her company, and the many ways that they work with clients to improve the culture within a business. She works with small businesses, non-profits, and start up businesses on areas like strategic planning, governance, brand development, self - care, and coaching. She then expanded on their process linked to Ethical Decision Making.

Ethics applies your values and moral principles to your day to day transactions and organizational conduct. They are the standards and practices that we use in our lives and business decisions. Being ethical can be a bonus for your brand and build trust within your occupation. Ethical expectations often rise above legal expectations. Businesses ultimately suffer when ethics and principles are forgotten.

THE TRIPLE BOTTOM LINE: ETHICS + CSR

Profit	People	Planet
Financial Success	Fair Treatment	Environmental Stewardship
Sustainable Growth	Community Support	Resource Conservation
Stakeholder Value	Social Impact	Sustainable Practices

Martha then spent a good amount of time on each topic she helps a business work through as she works with them. Topics discussed included...

- Developing a framework for ethical decision making;
- What is the purpose of a Code of Ethics;
- Selecting ethical employees;
- Whistleblower protections;
- Management's role;
- Ethical marketing; and
- Incorporating AI

The bottom line was that Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) in business is important. Much like the Rotary Four-Way Test, *Truth, Fairness, Good Will, and Will it Benefit All,* will ultimately help your bottom line and improve your standing within your chosen field of business. And, if you feel you need help to achieve these goals, never hesitate to ask for help!

Martha can be reached at martha@woodlandstrategiesinc.com; 612-322-0299 work, 612-282-0173 personal. To learn more: www.woodlandstrategiesinc.com.

Rotarians worked at Mount Olivet Rolling Acres November 6th

On Friday, November 6th, Rotarians headed to Mount Olivet Rolling Acres (MORA), a youth center working with at risk youth who need an individual living and treatment space. Rotarians helped to decorate the outside of their home for the holidays by hanging lights and different decorations on the trees and pathway into the building. Rotarians who participated are: **Mike Helmick, Don Stiles, Sara Tan, Dan Klement, Kurt Hagen, and Eric Melbye.**





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 24 yrs
15 Chris Guarnera 16Yrs
22 Mahendra Nath 38 yrs
30 Bill Peterson 11 yrs

Greeters
Nov 9: Kurt Hagen
Nov 23: Mike Helmick

Invocation/Pledge
Nov 9: Eric Melbye
Nov 23: Dan Klement

Recent Program Recordings...

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" to Dementia Patients - https://youtu.be/6J_y4tOcIjo

09/28/2026 – "Dustin Delfs – Special Olympics" - https://youtu.be/J78mhK_qbX4

10/12/2026 – "Chef Antonio Cecconi" - https://youtu.be/n_kidTrWNrY

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 Josh Sprague, Rotary Club of Edina, Luxury Real Estate, Here to share about the Rotary Community Service Trip planned for Guatemala April 23, 2027 to May 2, 2027. See page 4 RIB.

Manda Herzing, Daughter of Mike Helmick, Approved for membership.

Matt Zimmerman, Son-in-law of Mike Helmick, Spouse of Manda Herzing

Cindy Walker, Guest of Deb Newman, Minneapolis, Executive Hospitality Recruiter

Kahled Akhtar, Guest of Jane Fenton, Eagan, Business Banking Relationship Manager

Announcements

Deb Newman is looking for **volunteers to help with our Trivia Night** fundraiser in January for the Middle School Sports Campaign. Let her know how you might be able to assist.

Please sign up for our upcoming January 4th Service project...Assisting with the lunch program at our Bloomington Elementary Schools. If you have not done this service project before, there is a quick background information form and background check that needs to be completed. **Sign up needs to happen in NOVEMBER** so there is time to complete the background check.
Questions to: **Don Stiles or Angela Wandera** stiles.don@gmail.com or angelawandera@hotmail.com

Welcome to our Newest Rotarian...Martha Wellens



Martha Wellens joined us as our speaker on the same day that she was inducted into Rotary. Martha is the founder and President of Woodland Strategies, Inc., a Bloomington based company guiding mature organizations through complex growth and transformation cycles. She has over 20 years of executive level experience in business planning, brand architecture, and strategic management. She is a public speaker with expertise in conflict management, team building, and business ethics. She works with the University of Minnesota as a Community Educator.

Martha lives in Bloomington with her partner Gary Kramer. She has two adult children ages 22 and 19, both of whom are in college.

Rotarians Turned out to Walk for Polio



Here are our Bloomington Rotarians who were at the Mall of America on Saturday to raise awareness of and money for the eradication of Polio. It was great to be with Rotarians from all around the District! **Becky Amble, Kurt Hagen, Debbie Belfry, Dario Bilardello, and Don Stiles.**



Opportunity to Join a Hands-On Rotary Service Project in Guatemala



Josh Sprague, Edina Rotary, joined us on Monday to invite any interested Bloomington Rotarians to join Edina Rotarians in a Service Trip to Guatemala. The trip's main purpose is to assemble and distribute water purification kits to residents in a small community in Guatemala. Bloomington Rotary was a collaborator in the District Grant that purchased these purifiers.

The trip will include several side trips to explore and learn about Guatemala and many areas of interest as noted below. Up to 30 travelers can be included in the trip. Deadline to sign up is January 1, 2027. See below for cost.

For questions or to Register for the Service Trip contact **Josh Spargue** at joshsprague7@icloud.com or 612-501-0252.Following is basic info for the trip...

2027 Trip

- 30 Travelers (Deadline Jan 1, 2027)
- Friday, April 23 - Sunday, May 2 (Itinerary)
- $1700 + Airfare (Double), +$425 (Single)
- Guatemala City, Coban, Botopo del Quetzal, Semuc Champey, Antigua & Escuintla
- Service Scope: $29,000 (654 units)
- 654 Households, or 6,540 People Served
- Village Clusters: Yikiche-Canau, Cantoloc, Santa Valeria (Northern Alta Verapaz)
- Includes Mobile Medical Clinic!

Sad News to Share



We learned this week that former Rotarian, Jack Bouquet, passed away on October 8th. Jack joined our club in 2004-05 and was given the New Rotarian of the Year award that year. A Mass of Christian Burial was held at St. Edward's Catholic Church on October 30th.

Jack was an attorney by profession. He served on the Membership Committee; worked on the Harold Larson Party and helped with the Wheel and Crowne Basketball Tournament with Rotary. He was attracted to Rotary by our Commitment to Service in the community.

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

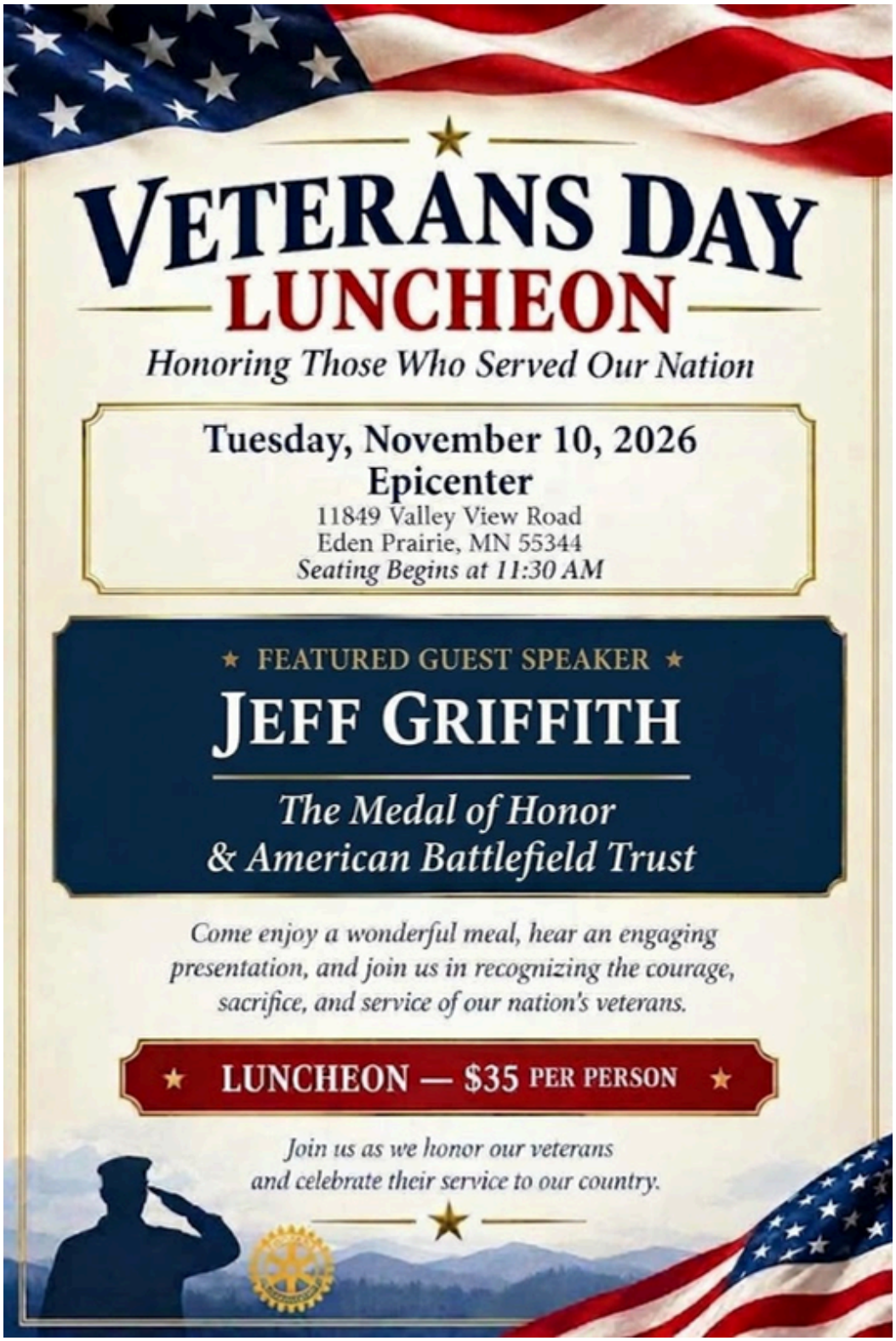
Deb Newman is leading a group planning a fundraiser for our effort to support Middle School Sports. The Idea is to have a Trivia Night with teams of four which will be held locally. Let your friends know and encourage them to build a team. This will be a fun, nonthreatening event for all. Start planning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

Monday, January 11, 2027 at Nine Mile Brewing, Ste 290

9555 James Avenue, Bloomington Register at this link: https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/trivia-night-225

$200 for a four Person Team, PopCorn and Pizza and lots of fun!

Reservations are Closed for this event.



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

Nov 9: Monday **"Veterans's Treatment Court"** Assistant Scott County Attorney Mike Hayek
Nov 16: Monday **"Meet and Greet"** Olive Lounge, Hilton Hotel, 5:00 PM
Nov 23: Monday **"Mental Health and Grief"** Guest: Dan Gasner
Nov 30: Monday **"Loaves and Fishes"** Community Service 4:00 PM Christ the King Lutheran
Dec 7: Monday **"Make a Wish Assemble Winter Wish Kits"** Bloomington Center for the Arts
Dec 14: Monday **"Barbershop Quartet"** Guest: Jeff Knight
Dec 21: Monday **"Meet and Greet"** 5:00 PM Olive Lounge, Hilton Hotel
Dec 28: Monday **"NO MEETING"** Have a safe Holiday

Calendar of Events

Nov 9: Monday **"Club Board of Directors Meeting"** Hilton Board Room,11:00 AM
Nov 10: Tuesday **"Veterans Day Luncheon"** 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM Epicenter, 11849 Valley View Road, Eden Prairie,55344
Nov 10: Tuesday **"District Art Pop Up"** 5:00 to 7:00 PM, at Robbin Gallery, Robbinsdale
Nov 30: Monday **"Loaves and Fishes"** Community Service, 4:00 PM Christ the King Lutheran Church
Dec 7: Monday **"Make a Wish"** Assemble Wish Kits, Community Service, Noon - 1:30 at Bloomington Center for the Arts, Rehearsal Hall
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
Register at this link: https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/trivia-night-225
$200 for a four Person Team, PopCorn and Pizza and lots of fun!
Jan 23, 2027: Saturday **"Rotary Education at the District 5950 Mid-Term Assembly"**
Plymouth Community Center - Save the Date
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 1, 2027: **"Club Assembly for Incoming Club Leaders"** Save the Date
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

Are you thinking about your RMD for 2026. You can donate to the Rotary Foundation for Middle School Sports by having a check issued to Bloomington Rotary Club Foundation, Tax ID 41-1649217, and mailing it to P.O.Box 20300, Bloomington, MN 55420-0300.

You may also donate individually through Zeffy, see QR code. 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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"Like; Follow; Join; Share" us on Facebook and Join our group on The 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 VEAP for the $4,275 we donated to them to help families and individuals access nutritious food and essential household items that they need.

From Miguel Avila Sanchez, a first generation college student, for the $1,000 scholarship through the Education Foundation of Bloomington that is helping him pursue his dream to major in biology and ultimately become a doctor.

From Jared Conniff, a Hennepin Technical College student, for the $1,000 scholarship which will ease his mind about expenses to attend college.

2026-2027 Bloomington Rotary Club Meeting Calendar

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