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# THE BARKER

ROTARY CLUB OF EDINA

## Aug. 27, 2015 Meeting Assignments

Front Desk	David Clynes
Front Desk Admin	Mary Hustad
Greeters	Royce Pavelka, Brad Pearson and Libby Schmit
Invocation,	
Four-Way Test, Pledge	David Hatzung
Introduce Guests	Tim Palm
<i>The Barker</i> writer	Will Steinke
Introduce the Speaker	Scott MacDonald
Thank the Speaker	Jody Kern

**Program:** Brigadier General Greg A. Haase, "The Economy: A Pillar of National Power"

**Menu:** Roast Pork Loin or Italian Chop Salad

## Upcoming Events and Schedule

- Aug. 26 **Edina Rotary Foundation Board meeting**, 7:30 a.m., Edina City Hall.
- Sept. 2 **Edina Rotary Happy Hour**, Vocational Development Group, 5:30 to 7 p.m., The Mezz, Byerly's, 7171 France Ave. S., Edina, speaker for the September event is Sheila Carrington from the Edina A Better Chance Foundation.

**Blue** is for special Rotary Club of Edina events.

**Purple** is for District 5950 events.

**Orange** is for Rotary International events.

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~ Saturday, Sept. 26, 2015 ~

## In Review

Aug. 20, 2015

By Bob Stehlik

On a cool fall-like day, we were greeted by **Jim Roberts**, **Terry Moore** and **Ross Peterson**. At the front desk were **Jennifer Garske** and **Les Jones**.

President **Jennifer Bennerotte** opened the meeting at 12:43 with applause. She acknowledged two long-time honorary members who were in attendance: **Ben McPheeters** and **Jack Braun**.

She also acknowledged that our club was active in the District Leadership. In addition to DG **Tim Murphy**, we have five members in various leadership roles: **Jeff Ohe**, **Melinda Inman**, **Wooj Byun**, **Jody Kern** and **Sandy Schley**.

**Bob Harvey** led us in the invocation, reading a poem, "Slow Me Down, Lord," by Wilfred A. Peterson, then sang a song of grace. He then led us in the Pledge of Allegiance and the Rotary Four-Way Test.

**Mike Opitz** introduced a visiting Rotarian and several guests. The visiting Rotarian was Charlie Marvin from the Wayzata Club. **David Clynes** brought Evan Cole; **Terry Stevens** brought two youth exchange students, Tina Sletten from Norway and Jein Im from Korea; **Gary Pedersen** brought Yeon-Ji Park, A New Generations Exchange student; **Mitch Robinson** brought Sue-Jung; **Wooj Byun** brought Terri Hong; **Jack Braun** brought his grandson, Noah Fransen; **Jennifer Bennerotte** brought Stan Brown and Bob Harvey brought his wife, Jackie, and three sons, Joseph, John and Daniel (who was celebrating his 14th birthday).

**Mike Opitz** and **Marty Kupper** made a pitch for the sale of raffle tickets as an important part of our fundraiser, representing 17 percent of last year's total income. The goal this year is to increase it to 20 percent. Turn in your raffle tickets and money ASAP. Everyone needs to participate.

**San Asato** introduced our speaker, District Governor **Tim Murphy**. His visit represented his 25th club visit since July 1, a very ambitious schedule. He outlined our club's accomplishments. He highlighted some of our accomplishments in giving to The Rotary Foundation. Last year, we contributed \$91,734 to the Annual Fund for a per capita giving of \$584! The

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Jennifer Garske, Club Administrator

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district average is \$274. We also contributed \$27,600 to the Polio Plus campaign. We are “this close” to eradicating Polio.

Tom also pointed out that we are now the largest club in the District. We have actually increased members while most clubs have lost members. Overall, we are the No. 1 club in the Universe. Growth in Rotary membership is occurring overseas while America is declining in an equal amount.

Tim touched on the three goals of Rotary International Strategic Plan. They are Support & Strengthen Clubs, Enhance Public Image and Awareness and Focus on and Increase Humanitarian Service. These are all built around our core values of Fellowship, Integrity, Diversity, Service and Leadership.

In closing Tim quoted RI President Ravi, “Our time has come, it will never come again.

Be a Gift to the World.”

**Charlie McGoldrick** thanked Tim, explaining that our club will donate a book in his name to the Edina Schools.

President Bennerotte closed the meeting with a quote from Nelson Mandela about “servant leadership.”

## Rotary Club of Edina Mailbox



“It’s nearly impossible to put into words how thankful and honored I am to have been sponsored by you all. I was fortunate to have experienced a year in which I not only learned how our small world truly is (I met someone at my school whose grandma lives in Minneapolis), but also about my character and desires in life. None of this would have been able to happen without your generosity and trust. I am forever in debt, and plan on being an active Rotex member, as well a happy member of any Rotary function.”

- **Kathleen Fink, former outbound youth exchange**

## We’re on TV!

The program portion of the Rotary Club of Edina’s weekly meetings are being televised and air on Edina Community Channel 16 (EDINA 16) daily at 1 a.m., 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. The programs are also available on YouTube.



*Rotarian Joe Arends of North American Banking Co. meets youth exchange students Tina Sletten and Jeim Im when the girls visited the branch to set up their bank accounts for the year.*

## Youth Exchange Students Arrive in Edina for 2015-2016 School Year

Two 17-year-old girls have arrived from other countries to study in Edina as part of the Rotary International Youth Exchange program. They are sponsored by the Rotary Club of Edina and the Edina Morningside Rotary Club.

Tina Sletten was born in California and holds dual citizenship in the United States and Norway, where her parents reside in Notteroy. She is interested in singing, drama and dancing. She also plays the piano. Tina is currently staying with the family of Mike Seeger, a member of the Edina Morningside Rotary Club.

Jein Im is a native of Daegu, South Korea. She previously studied in the Philippines. She is interested in art and music, and is able to play both the flute and piano. Jein (pronounced “Jane”) is currently staying with Peter Kelley and Ruth Weber Kelley. Peter is a member of the Edina Morningside Rotary Club.

The girls will begin school as juniors next week at Edina High School.

## ROTARY YEAR 2015–2016 — OFFICERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Secretary **John Flynn**

Membership—Recruitment **Josh Sprague**

Community Service—Local Funding **Keith Benson**

President-Elect **Ann Platt**

Club Service **Barbara Born**

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Public Image **Mark Jessen**

Youth Service **Sam Thompson**

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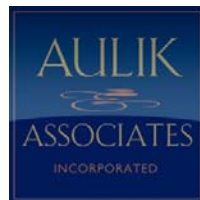


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