

EDINA

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# THE BARKER

ROTARY CLUB OF EDINA



## Aug. 7, 2014 Meeting Assignments

Greeters	Gary Aulik, David Clynes, & Scott Tankenoff
Program Chair	Heather Hansen
Front Desk	Jerry Potter
Invocation	Jerry Potter
Guest Introductions	Mark Hegman
Barker	Mike Eckert
Thank the Speaker	Mike Opitz

**Program:** Dr. Robert Sweet, "Simulation: Driving the Future of Healthcare and Patient Safety"

**Menu:** Open face pork loin sandwich or roasted beet salad with salmon cake

## Rotary Clock Dedication and Happy Hour Celebration Aug. 12

Join your fellow Rotarians Tuesday, Aug. 12, at the Hughes Pavilion at Centennial Lakes Park in Edina for the dedication of the clock the Rotary Club of Edina donated to the city. The dedication is set to begin at 5:30 p.m., with a few words from Rotary Club of Edina Past President Scott MacDonald and Edina Mayor Jim Hovland.

After the dedication, everyone is welcome to happy hour at Pinstripes to celebrate the clock dedication. There will be a cash bar.

Please register online at [www.edinarotary.org](http://www.edinarotary.org) so that we can plan for the dedication and happy hour! Just go to the website and log in and go to "Events."



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## In Review

July 31, 2014

By John MacLennan

The first thing I noticed was the neatest name card table in the entire history of magnetism—let's keep it that way.

Our welcoming team of **Charlie Barer, Don Hutchison and Axel Steuer** were enjoying their assignment and each other, setting the mood for the day.

**Ann Platt and Audri Schwarz** brightened the Front Desk with their summer attire and happy faces.

The **'Big O'** called us to order promptly at 12:35 p.m. with a brief lecture on Rotary Object #4 and an even briefer summary of the annual meeting in Sydney. (Maybe we'll learn more later—he has the whole year!)

Jeff also thanked *Edina Magazine* for its excellent article on Camp Enterprise, and touted **Wooj Byun's** new book about his Rotary experiences with pictures of his 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade float.

**David Wohl** gave us a timely invocation, and led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Notable among the guests and visiting Rotarians **Joe Hayes** announced were our Rotary Youth Exchange student from Switzerland of five years ago, and the Honorable Mayor **Jim Hovland** from the Edina Morningside Rotary Club.

**Josh Sprague and Mary Husted** of the Membership Committee presented awards for continuous weekly meeting attendance to an outstanding record of one-third of our active members. The top award went to Past President **Jon Barnett** for an alarming 23 years.

**Colleen Simpson** began her Classification Talk with an aerial photo of the southwestern Iowa farm where she was milking cows at four and driving the tractor at six! After graduating from Iowa State, she married her high school sweetheart and raised two boys. She is also very proud of her 2.5 grandsons. Much of her career has been in medical foundation activities and she is now the executive director of Foundation and Resource Development for Normandale Community College.

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Mayor Hovland introduced our speaker, Craig Lamothe, with whom he has been working at various community gatherings to discuss plans and progress for the Metro Green Line Extension. Craig is the acting project director for the Southwest Light Rail Transit Project and is a graduate of the University of Minnesota's Humphrey School of Public Affairs.

With the help of a colorful collection of slides, Craig presented the history and future of the project now being developed to carry 30,000 passengers per day. Preliminary studies included all modes of transportation for the area from automobile to regular trains, with light rail providing the best answer. The projected cost is \$1,650,000,000. The route pretty much follows the existing Southwest bus line, which will be modified somewhat to become a series of feeders for the planned 17 stations. Ten of the stations will be "Park & Ride," with space for a total of 3,000 autos.

The approval process is now underway and is expected to be completed later this year. Engineering and right of way acquisition is scheduled for next year, followed by three years of construction, and full operation in 2019. About half of the capital cost will be paid by the federal government, with the cities, Hennepin County, and Metro Transit sharing the balance. Operating cost will be one-third paid by fares.

An active Q & A followed and **John Flynn** thanked Craig for "a beautiful presentation of a complex problem!"

## Upcoming Events and Schedule

- Aug. 12 **Rotary clock dedication**, Centennial Lakes Park, Edina, 5:30 p.m., brief ceremony at clock, then join Rotarians at Pinstripes for happy hour.
- Aug. 20 **Women of Rotary Social**, 4904 Sunnyside Road, Edina, 6 p.m., all female members of Rotary are invited, as well as any female guests that might be interested in learning more about the Club.

**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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## Five Fun Facts about Japan, and Our Inbound Youth Exchange Student!

### Facts about Japan

1. Japan is an island nation that consists of 6,800 islands, while it's less than the number of lakes in Minnesota, that is still a lot of islands to track.
2. Japan has 1,500 Earthquakes a year! Talk about shake, rattle, and roll!
3. Japan has more than 50,000 people over the age of 100 years old. They have the oldest average age in the world, four years more than the average age in the USA. They must be doing something right!?!
4. Students in Japan go to school six days a week! Japanese students spend more time studying than Edina juniors and seniors. English is the only foreign language taught in Japanese schools. Teachers and students clean the classrooms and the cafeteria.
5. Japanese grow SQUARE watermelons because they are easier to stack and store! Now imagine that stacked in your grocery store!

### Facts about our inbound Youth Exchange student

1. Her name is Miyuki Sanko, she is the oldest in her family of four kids. She is currently 16 going on 17!
2. She comes from Osaka, Japan, the second largest city in Japan.
3. Miyuki can cook!
4. She loves to play tennis and is very studious. Translation: Miyuki is polite, flexible, and wants to learn about our culture. The perfect student to live with your family!
5. She needs a host family for the second and third periods available to host students. Our own member Wooj Byun and his family are Miyuki's first host family!

Don't be shy.....consider being a host for the benefit of your family! **Questions about hosting? Call or email Sonja Tengdin.** Always looking for a few good families.

In the next *Barker*...check out the Czech Republic!

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# *Rendezvous in Paris*

## *Rotary Club of Edina Foundation Gala Fundraiser*

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