



THE BARKER

ROTARY CLUB OF EDINA

Dec. 4, 2014 Meeting Assignments

Greeters	Ann Goebel & Jim Ryman
Front Desk	Josh Sprague
Invocation	Jennifer Bennerotte
Guest Introductions	Mike Kallas
Barker	TBD
Thank the Speaker	Mitch Robinson

Program: Anne Mavity, director of new projects for Beacon Interfaith Housing Collaborative, will speak about the youth homeless shelter planned for 66th Street in Edina, known as the 66 West Apartments.

Menu: Edina Rotary Big Buffet featuring meatloaf, chicken with artichokes and sun-dried tomatoes, mashed potatoes, creamed corn, mandarin orange salad, and strawberry almond salad.

Donate gifts in December for Rotary Holiday Giving Program

Again this year, the Rotary Club of Edina will be collecting holiday gifts for families in need in our community.

Rotarian Jean Morrison is once again spearheading the Holiday Giving Program, and asks that **members bring UNWRAPPED gifts for children of any age (infant all the way through teens) as well as gifts for moms, dads, and families, to the Edina Country Club in December.** The gifts can be dropped off at the regular Rotary meetings on Thursday, Dec. 4 and 11, or at the Holiday Party on Wednesday, Dec. 17.



This year, the organizations benefitting from the Edina Rotary Holiday Giving Program are:

- **VEAP**—a non-profit, social service agency that assists low-income families in Bloomington, Edina, Richfield, and south Minneapolis.
- **Oasis for Youth**—a resource center for homeless that houses youth in Bloomington, Edina, and Richfield.

For more information, contact Jean Morrison at jean@jeanmorrisonhr.com. Thank you!

In Review

Nov. 26, 2014

By Barbara Born

Michael Stanzak thanked everyone for participating in the annual Thanksgiving Baskets Assembly event, hosted by our Club and the Edina Morningside Rotary Club. **Mary Hustad** gathered the names of the basket recipients. Most of the canned goods were donated by Del Monte, thanks go to EMRC for the donation. One of their members has a spouse that works at Del Monte. Each family receives a box of food that includes a cooked turkey with all the fixings, fruit, vegetables, a pumpkin pie, hats and gloves, and a rose.

Michael told a wonderful story about a crotchety older man that moves in with his son after a heart attack. The older fellow had lost his zest for life and he and his son bickered and argued. The son decided to get a dog for his father, and visited the local shelter. He selected an old pointer that struggled to stand as the son walked past the cage. The dog was just one day away from being euthanized. The father was resistant to the dog at first, but the dog soon won him over. They became best friends and constant companions. The father regained his zest for life. After three years the father died, and a few days later so did the dog. At the man's funeral, his son realized how many people had met his father and his faithful companion on their daily walks.

Michael's lesson concluded with a verse from Hebrews 13:2—
“Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by this some have entertained angels without knowing it.”

Paul Harris Society certificates to be given out at Dec. 4 meeting

District Governor Jim Nelson will be at our meeting on Dec. 4 to award Paul Harris Society certificates to 32 Edina Rotarians. The Paul Harris Society is for those who commit to give at least \$1,000 each year to The Rotary Foundation. Thank you for your support of TRF!



Questions on The Rotary Foundation? Contact Will Steinke at wsteinke@christensengroup.com or 952-653-1049.

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City of Edina/Edina Police Department Blood Drive set for Wednesday, Dec. 10

What? City of Edina/Edina Police Department Blood Drive

When? Wednesday, Dec. 10, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Where? Edina City Hall in the Mayoral Chambers

The City of Edina is sponsoring a blood drive with nonprofit partner Memorial Blood Centers. All who live or work in Edina are encouraged to donate blood that day at Edina City Hall, 4801 W. 50th St. Donors must be at least 17 years old or 16 with a signed parental consent form, weigh at least 110 pounds, free of antibiotics for at least 24 hours unless taken daily for a skin condition, and symptom-free for at least three days following a cold or flu.

Step up to donate this month for a chance to win a winter getaway! Present to donate Dec. 1-31, 2014 and enter for a chance to win a 3-night stay at a Hyatt Place with round-trip airfare for 2. Prizes hold no cash value and are nontransferable. Blackout dates and other restrictions apply. Visit MBC.ORG/VACATION for details, or call 1-888-GIVE-BLD (888-448-3253).

Make a date to donate today, and consider making blood donation a regular part of your life. All blood types are needed—especially O negative (O-) and O positive (O+).

For more information about the City of Edina blood drive, or to schedule a time to donate, go to mbc.org/searchdrives and enter sponsor code 0111 or call 651-332-7161. Appointments are highly desired, but some walk-ins will be welcome. Expanded information about donation eligibility or restrictions can be found on the Memorial Blood Center website under the “Donate Blood” tab, then go to “Guidelines.”

Blood donation is easy and typically takes less than an hour! And located at Edina City Hall, it couldn't be more convenient.

Meet our newest member...

In the spirit of getting to know our new members, the Barker will feature a profile and photo of new members periodically. This week, we meet:

Name: Larry Doty

Classification: Higher Education

What was your first job? Cleaning bugs off of airplane wings

Who was your first role model and why? My uncle. He went through over 20 surgeries in his life, never complained, always wanted to work and contribute regardless of the hand he was dealt.

Why did you want to join Rotary? The mission of helping others and the community is amazing and I feel Rotary is a club that puts the mission into action.

What do you like best about being part of the Rotary Club of Edina? I have attended other Rotary Club meetings and I am blown away by the passion and kindness that the members of the Edina Rotary Club display. I enjoy coming to the meetings and feel like it refreshes my day and week by connecting with such great people!

What one piece of advice do you offer other business leaders? Success is found in the trenches. Good leaders strategically identify opportunities for improvement and motivate their teams with focused energy. Success is a choice and good leaders put their teams in a position to choose success.



Upcoming Events and Schedule

Dec. 3

Edina Rotary Vocational Development Group, Maker's Cafe, 5:30 to 7 p.m., meets on the first Wednesday of each month to provide Club members the opportunity to share their profession, network, encourage professional development, and foster ethical business practices. Contact Kip Peterson for more information.

Dec. 4

Edina Rotary Foundation Fundraiser & Gala wrap-up meeting, Edina Country Club, 11:15 a.m., Gala Team members and volunteers are invited to come and discuss the planning of this year's Gala to help next year's team in their planning. Contact Jean Morrison or Mary Younggren for info.

Dec. 17

Rotary Club of Edina Holiday Party, Edina Country Club, 6 to 8:30 p.m., appetizers and cash bar, more information to come soon.

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