

EDINA

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# THE BARKER

## ROTARY CLUB OF EDINA

### Feb. 13, 2014 Meeting Assignments

Greeters	Jerry Potter, Erick Ries, & John Buttolph
Front Desk	Michael Stanzak
Invocation	Erick Ries
Guest Introduction	Joe Christensen
Barker	Joe Hayes
Program Host	Tom Bach
Thank the Speaker	Jennifer Bennerotte

**Program:** Bill Gray, Uponsor North America, "Uponsor Innovations"

**Menu:** Buttermilk fried chicken breast or salmon cake salad

### Upcoming Events and Schedule

Feb. 13	Bring a Prospective Member to Rotary Day, all guests who are interested in possible membership are free to attend
Feb. 20	<b>Jeremiah House Cook for Kids, 1510 Laurel Ave., Minneapolis, 4:30 to 6:15 p.m.</b>
March 20	<b>Evening at the theater</b> at Old Log Theater, "Almost Maine," 6:30 p.m. cocktails, curtain is at 7:30
April 8	Joint meeting with EMRC at Edina Country Club, 7:30 to 8:30 a.m.
April 10	No meeting
April 24	Vocational Ethics Day, Edina Country Club, 12:15 to 1:30 p.m.
May 2	<b>District 5950 Annual Conference, Radisson Blu Hotel</b>
May 8	<b>Vocational Day, Minneapolis Media Institute, 12:15 to 1:30 p.m., hosted by Paul Peterson</b>
June 1-4	<b>Rotary International Convention, Sydney, Australia</b>

### *In Review*

*Feb. 6, 2014*

**By Les Jones**

On another cold and frigid February day we were warmly greeted by **Ann Platt, Dr. Tom Pirsch** and **John Buttolph**.

Our Club **President Steve Slyce** opened the meeting by telling us that even with all the cold weather, meeting attendance is up. He thanked all of us for engaging Rotary.

**Chuck Rauenhorst** wrote the invocation he gave today and then led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Dr. Bill Carter** introduced our guest today. Angela Johnson of "Edina Magazine" was **Brad Hepp's** guest.

**Bob Stehlik** had a Rare announcement. While in Mexico, **Dave Hatzung** suffered a heart attack and had a stent put in. Bob said Dave is recovering and should be home soon. We wish Dave a speedy recovery.

**Mike Eckert** talked about the Jeremiah House and how it helps single mothers and their children get out of poverty. Our club will be serving dinner for the families on Feb. 20 at the Minneapolis location. Mike asked for volunteers to help serve dinner at this event.

**Val Burke**, who is on the Youth Services Committee, introduced Spencer, a senior at Edina High School. Spencer talked about his involvement in school and church. He is considering attending the University of Minnesota to continue his education next year.

**Will Steinke**, our Club's The Rotary Foundation director, and **Josh Sprague** handed out awards to nine members. These members were recognized for their generous contributions to The Rotary Foundation. The members were given Paul Harris Fellow pins or Multiple Paul Harris Fellow pins. The pins are given based on their level of gifts of \$1,000.

**Paul Peterson**, a member since 2012, introduced his sister, Patty Peterson, as today's speaker. She spoke of their mother, Jeanne, and father, Willie, passion for music and being in the

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a music business. All five living siblings shared their parents' love for music and followed in their foot steps. Today they are all known both nationally and internationally for their talents.

Patty has received the Minnesota Music award seven times for best vocalist and has performed all of the country. She has received these accolades while also raising four children with her husband.

Patty's talk was on "Live Your Gift." In February 2007 she had a life-threatening cardiac emergency—aortic dissection. She had been living with an irregular heart beat and other heart problems for many years so she knew to call 911 when she felt the problem happening. Patty had to have open-heart surgery to repair her heart. She was lucky to make it through surgery as most aren't so fortunate.

After Patty's near-death experience, she focused on getting better each day to continue living her life to the fullest. She was back singing after only five and half months.

Her message was to take care and be aware of your health concerns. We all have gifts and it's up to us to find them, not squander them. Honor who you are, take care of your health.

Patty ended her inspiring and entertaining talk with a song called "Believe in Yourself." She closed by saying "Live you Gift."

**Gordy Lewis** thanked Patty for her talk and **President Slyce** adjourned the meeting.



Several Rotary Club of Edina members were recognized as Paul Harris Fellows at the Feb. 6 meeting. The Rotary Foundation director for our Club, as well as Josh Sprague, handed out pins and awards to (left to right) Kris Maser, Susan Johnson, Erick Ries, Joe Christensen, Brad Pearson, Sam Thompson, Gary Pedersen, Bill Carter and Ron Erhardt. Congratulations!

## Bring a prospective member Feb. 13, and meeting guest guidelines

This Thursday, Feb. 13, is "Bring a Prospective Member to Rotary Day"—all guests who are interested in possible membership are free that day. Please plan to bring a friend or colleague and introduce them to the #1 Club in the Universe. In order to allow plenty of time to introduce your guests to other Rotarians and give them a chance to mingle before the meeting, please plan to arrive by noon if possible.

All guests at meetings must stop at the check-in table to fill out a guest registration form and get a nametag. First time prospective members are guests of the club and not charged, (such as guests this week). Prospective members are requested to pay for their own meals for subsequent visits. All other guests should also pay for their meals. Guests can pay right at the front desk as they come in, at the same time they fill out the guest registration form and get a nametag. This information is important for the Club to follow up with prospective members, so please make sure all guests follow the procedure. Thanks for your help!

Looking forward to seeing many new faces at this Thursday's meeting!

## Did you get a Membership Directory?

The 2013–2014 Rotary Club of Edina Membership Directories were handed out at the Jan. 16 meeting. If you did not attend that meeting, a Membership Directory was mailed to you. Directories should have arrived in your mailbox by now. If you did not receive a directory and would like one, there will be copies at the Front Desk at meetings, or you can contact Club Administrator Jennifer Garske (612-875-3109 or [jengarskerotary@gmail.com](mailto:jengarskerotary@gmail.com)) and one can be mailed to you. If you have updated information for the 2014-2015 directory (including missing information such as sponsor name or photo), send that to Jen Garske at any time. Thank you!

## Barker correction

In the Feb. 5 *Barker*, the winning bowling team was not correctly identified. On the winning team were Jeff Palm (guest of Jody Kern), Marty Kupper, Sonja Tengdin and Teresa Cosgrove (guest of Rick Carlson). We regret the error.

### ROTARY YEAR 2013–2014 – OFFICERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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## News from District 5950, including District Conference information

Make no mistake: *you* have changed lives this year.

Sometimes, it's hard for Rotarians to realize the impact we truly make in our communities, both local and global. That's why we're devoting this year's District Conference (Friday, May 2) to the theme **Celebrate Lives Changed**. There is *plenty* to celebrate.

For example, so far this year, our district has tallied:

- 1 new satellite Rotary club with 7 new members
- 1 new Interact club
- 2 district nominees selected for the prestigious [Rotary Peace Fellows program](#)
- 40 clubs participating in 10 matching international grants
- 64 percent boost in attendance at our Mid-Term Assembly
- 13,038 people viewing [our Rotary Facebook](#) ads, purchased with a generous Public Image grant from Rotary International
- \$40,000 of [grant money from Hunger-Free Minnesota](#), distributed to 10 clubs to expand capacity of local food shelves

All District 5950 Rotarians are invited to celebrate these and more accomplishments at our District Conference, Friday, May 2, at the [Radisson Blu in Bloomington](#), attached to the Mall of America.

For more information on the conference, go to [Rotary5950.org](#). More information about the conference and registration will be available from the Rotary Club of Edina in the coming weeks.

Make plans to help us **Celebrate Lives Changed!** We look forward to seeing you there.

—information provided by Heather Voorhees,  
District 5950 Public Relations Chairwoman



## Cook for Kids at Jeremiah House scheduled for Feb. 20

A few volunteers are needed to take part in the **Jeremiah House Cook for Kids Rotary event on Thursday, Feb. 20**. Rotarian Mike Eckert is looking for three to five volunteers to help cook dinner for families from 4:30 to 6:15 p.m. at Jeremiah House, 1510 Laurel Ave., Minneapolis.

To volunteer or learn more about the opportunity, contact Mike at [michaelpeckert@gmail.com](mailto:michaelpeckert@gmail.com), or log on to the Club website at [www.edinarotary.org](http://www.edinarotary.org) and sign up!

## Volunteer for Rotary Rocks the Y

Rotarian Nate Wenner is still looking for volunteers for Rotary Rocks the Y. From 4 to 5 p.m. on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, one Rotary member is needed to volunteer to go to the Y and assist the YMCA staff with the program. Right now, Nate is mainly looking for members who can **volunteer on March 12**. To sign up to volunteer for one of these dates, or with questions about the program, you can reach Nate Wenner at 952-548-3404 or [NWenner@wipflihewins.com](mailto:NWenner@wipflihewins.com). Thanks!

## Like Rotary on Facebook!

If you haven't already, go to the **Rotary Club of Edina Facebook page** ([www.facebook.com/EdinaRotary](http://www.facebook.com/EdinaRotary)) and give it a "Like"! Our Facebook page is a great way to keep up on Club news, as well as share Rotary items with your Facebook friends. We want as many people as possible to see what good work our Club is up to.

And while you are on Facebook, visit **Rotary District 5950's Facebook page** ([www.facebook.com/Rotary5950](http://www.facebook.com/Rotary5950)) and "Like" them to receive regular posts from the District as well.

## 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.



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