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ROTARY CLUB OF EDINA

Feb. 20, 2014 Meeting Assignments

Greeters	Chuck Rauenhorst, Marie Pribyl & John Buttolph
Front Desk	Alan Mogck
Invocation	Tom Ries
Guest Introduction	Michael Eckert
Barker	Bob Stehlik
Program Host	Doug Bailey
Thank the Speaker	Scott MacDonald

Program: Chris Brooks, "First Things First: Protecting Kids and Families"

Menu: Edina Rotary Big Buffet featuring lasagna and chicken alfredo

Upcoming Events and Schedule

Feb. 20	Jeremiah House Cook for Kids, 1510 Laurel Ave., Minneapolis, 4:30 to 6:15 p.m.
March 20	Evening at the theater 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	District 5950 Annual Conference, Radisson Blu Hotel
May 8	Vocational Day , Minneapolis Media Institute, 12:15 to 1:30 p.m., hosted by Paul Peterson
June 1-4	Rotary International Convention, Sydney, Australia
June 19	Transition Day meeting

In Review

Feb. 13, 2014

By Joe Hayes

We were summoned to attention by the ring of the Rotary bell by our esteemed **President Steve Slyce**, who welcomed us to today's Prospective Member meeting. President Slyce presented the fact that Edina Noon Rotary has been a leader in many ways but was in the forefront of diversity by welcoming Chrysanne Manoles in 1988 for membership. Manoles was one of the first women in the world to join Rotary.

We were welcomed by **Wayne Harmon, Erick Ries** and **John Buttolph**. **Erick Reis** offered a heart felt Invocation. **President Slyce** shortened the bench (hockey term) and took over the numerous guest introductions from **Joe Christensen** who was all set to go.

The Club welcomed many visitors, since it was "Bring a Prospective Member to Rotary Day." Joining us at the meeting as prospective members were: Renee Harberts, guest of **Norberto Moran**; Doris Bevers, Jim Harrison, Colleen Simpson, Loreli Steuer and Axel Steuer, all guests of **Mary Hustad**; Michael Nelson, guest of **Paul Peterson**; Brian Kidwell, guest of **Mike Kallas**; Dennis Johnston, guest of **Wooj Byun**; Mike Ogle, guest of **Thom Winninger**; Edelweiss Harrison and Bobby Tarnowski, guests of **Skip Thomas**; Jodie Jennings, guest of **Jean Morrison**; Chad Eckert, guest of **Mike Eckert**; Laura Barrett and Mike Koehler, guests of **Ann Platt**; John Murray, guest of **Bob Harvey**; David Clynes, guest of **Bill Clynes**; Michelle O'Kelley and Sue Stein, guests of **Mary Younggren**; new Edina Police Chief Dave Nelson, guest of **Kaylin Martin**; and Sue Spalding, Rose McKinney, guest of **Brad Hepp**; and Ingrid Mattsson, guest of the speaker, also joined us.

Steve welcomed for one final time our 2013 Gala Chairs Frank and Dean who continue to charm us (**Dave Hatzung** and **Rick Carlson**) were joined at the podium by the 2014 Gala Chairs, the lovely **Mary Younggren** and **Jean Morrison** who were appropriately dressed for a *Rendezvous in Paris* themed annual gala on Oct. 11, 2014. Save the date folks—it will be one of the all-time classic evenings.

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Tom Bach introduced our speaker, Bill Gray who is president of Uponor Innovations North America in Apple Valley, headquarters in Finland. The Apple Valley division employs approximately 400 people.

Uponor Innovations is a billion-dollar company traded on the Helsinki Exchange and specializes in manufacturing of indoor climate control and plumbing. Uponor has been seeking out innovative ways to ensure our plumbing, radiant heating/cooling (in-floor), hydronic distribution, pre-insulated pipe and fire sprinkler systems offer the most consistent, reliable solutions available to residential and commercial structures around the globe. Their products are made of PEX plastic. PEX is made from high-density polyethylene (HDPE). PEX contains cross-linked bonds in the polymer structure, changing the thermoplastic to a thermoset. Uponor primary focus was originally radiant commercial and residential heating and cooling but found the plumbing market to be the most significant part of their business. In the United States radiant heat has been marketed and priced as a high-end product vs. the European markets.

Uponor has been very successful achieving best practices awards such as 2013 Minnesota Manufacturer of the year, *StarTribune* 100 Best Places to Work, and Excel Energy 2012 Partner of the Year. They have continued to use their engineering expertise to become more sustainable by reducing corrugate in their packaging. Bill gave us the opportunity for a question-and-answer session, where we discovered that folklore says that Uponor has a thing for hiring Swedes and that's how they ended up in Minnesota. Uponor continue to pursue other markets with their PEX plastic engineering and innovations.

Jennifer Bennerote thanked Bill for taking the time to address our club and **President Steve** wrapped up the meeting.

Cook for Kids at Jeremiah House scheduled for tonight, 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 michaelp Eckert@gmail.com, or log on to the Club website at www.edinarotary.org and sign up!



Bonjour!

Save the date Saturday, Oct. 11,
for the annual Edina Rotary

Foundation fundraiser and gala

at the Sheraton Hotel in

Bloomington. Hope to see

you there! Au revoir!

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. Thanks!

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