

EDINA

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THE BARKER

ROTARY CLUB OF EDINA

July 24, 2014 Meeting Assignments

Greeters	Buzz Bainbridge & Wade Thommen
Program Chair	Tim Murphy
Front Desk	Tom Pirsch
Invocation	Terry Stevens
Barker	David Clynes
Thank the Speaker	Bob Solheim

Program: Ward Brehm, nationally recognized leader in African humanitarian efforts

Menu: cracker-crumb walleys fingers or chicken Caesar salad

In Review

July 17, 2014

By Charles Agan

We were greeted at the door by **Doug Bailey** with help from his son, Jack; **Jodie Jennings**; and **Deirdre Kvale**.

Marty Kupper and **Audri Schwarz** took care of the money and the Front Desk.

President **Jeff Ohe** called the meeting to order and opened with a discussion of item No. 2 on our new "Object of Rotary" banner—the high ethical standards to which Rotarians are held.

Nate Wenner gave the invocation and **Bob Harvey** made guest introductions. We had one visiting Rotarian, Walt Thompson from Georgia. Did we set a record for members bringing guests?

- Joe Graca, in process of becoming a member
- Brian Thoresen, guest of **Michael Stanzak**
- Jack Bailey, son of **Doug Bailey**
- Mike Shinnick, guest of **Jeff Ohe**
- Doni Palmer, guest of **Jody Kern**
- John McCoy, guest of **Brad Hepp**
- Pat Reddin, guest of **Brad Hepp**
- Dale Thompson, guest of visiting Rotarian Walt Thompson
- Len Mrachek, guest of **Harry Weingartner**
- Jason Cotton, guest of **Scott Neal**
- Peter Saabye, guest of **Scott Neal**
- Susan Miller, guest of **Scott Neal**
- Amanda Holle, guest of **Scott Neal**
- Ethan Neal, guest of **Scott Neal**

Edina Rotary looking for host families for YE students

Exciting News! In less than a month Edina Rotary will be welcoming our 2014–2015 Youth Exchange inbound students.

This year the Edina Morningside Rotary Club and Rotary Club of Edina are supporting two exchange students. The male student coming to Edina is Patrik. He is from the Czech Republic, which was formerly under communist rule and known as Czechoslovakia. The female student is Miyuki and is coming to Edina from Japan, which has always been an island country named Japan!

Did you know that Rotary Youth Exchange requires that each student have a total of three families? Each host family will have the student for no more than 3.5 months! From the minute the student arrives they are supported by the larger Edina Rotary family—from the Youth Exchange Officer to their counselor, to the clubs, and also support from the District Rotary level.

We are looking for Rotary families that are slightly intrigued by the thought of hosting a student from another country. A family that is interested in seeing their family become part of the global community. It is a great experience and very exciting for your children to have a Japanese sister or Czech brother.

If you are slightly interested in hosting, please stay tuned to your weekly *Barker* for more information.

If you are more than slightly interested, please stay tuned for more info and think about joining our committee. Looking for host families and supporting our inbound and outbound students is a continuing project with no start date and no expiration date.

If you are really interested in hosting, please pick up the phone or log in to your computer and contact Sonja Tengdin at 612-849-2727 or sonja@scoopypoo.net and she will give you all the fun facts about hosting a student and get you signed up.

Check out the *Barker* for more details in coming weeks. Next issue—Top 5 reasons to host an Rotary exchange student.

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Bob Harvey did an excellent job welcoming guests to our Club!

Don Erickson was honored for his 50+ years (since 1957!) of service to the club and Rotary, including as past president.

Brad Hepp and **Sam Thompson** inducted **Deidre Kvale** as a new member, and introduced her to the Club.

Josh Sprague, Membership Director, told us our goal was "170," the membership level we want to reach by the end of the Rotary year. We currently have 157 members. He explained that we have "Ambassadors" within the Club to find new members, and "Diplomats," whose goal it is to act as mentors for new and prospective members. Next week is one of the quarterly events to build membership, Prospective Member Day. Bring a guest/prospective member next week!

Jennifer Bennerotte, President-elect, gave her first report of the Club's board meeting, held earlier today. She said they covered many subjects including membership transitions, community service projects approval (Third Grade Books Program and VEAP Student Hunger program); and Club support for Fairview Southdale Hospital emergency room improvements. They also discussed a new Rotary Interact initiative. (Interact is Rotary International's service club for young people ages 12 to 18. Interact clubs are sponsored by individual Rotary clubs, which provide support and guidance, but they are self-governing and self-supporting.)

Mark Jessen, who was sponsored for club membership by Scott MacDonald, brought us the program today. Our speaker was Lou Nanne.

The July 2014 issue of *Ski-U-Mah*, the official sports publication of the University of Minnesota, has a feature article on Nanne. In it, it says,

In the long history of Minnesota hockey—not just Gopher hockey, but hockey across the state of Minnesota—few people can match the impact of Lou Nanne.

...his standout career as a Golden Gopher, his two-decades-plus as a player, coach, general manager, and president of the Minnesota North Stars or his long-time presence in the broadcast booth at the Minnesota State High School Boys' Hockey Tournament, Lou has an undeniable presence across the state and the sport.

You can read the *Ski-U-Mah* article online at: http://issuu.com/gophersports/docs/ski-u-mah_july_2014_w.covers/22?e=1313047/8449304#/signin



Rotarian Dennis Schulstad thanks program speaker Lou Nanne at the July 17 Rotary Club of Edina meeting.

According to the U of M, in its announcement issued December 9, 2013:

The University of Minnesota announced today that Lou Nanne will lead the Athletic Facilities Fundraising Campaign in an effort to provide Golden Gopher student-athletes with the opportunity and tools they need to succeed in competition and later in life. The \$190 million effort will fund new Gopher football and basketball practice facilities, a student-athlete academic and counseling center, nutrition and training tables, Olympic sports facilities, and other training and support needs for the University's athletic programs.

At our meeting, Nanne talked about how the University compares to other Big Ten schools—saying we ranked at the bottom by comparison of facilities for athletics. He said many in the state have taken the University for granted, but we should realize that the U affects all of us. And that we can achieve our goals if we all help.

He answered questions at the end of his talk, including what would happen if the campaign raised less than the full \$190 million. He said there is an order of priorities, starting with a Teaching and Learning Center for Students, Football Practice Facilities, and Men and Women's Basketball Practice Facilities.

Dennis Schulstad thanked the speaker, and **Jeff Ohe** adjourned the meeting, asking us to "Light Up Rotary."

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Proposed for Membership

The Rotary Club of Edina's Board of Directors recently approved the applicant below for membership:

Name: Joseph Graca
Classification: Mortgage Banking
Sponsor: Mike Optiz

Written objections to the application must be submitted before 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 6, to Rotary Club of Edina, 4801 W. 50th St., Edina, MN 55424.

In Memoriam...

We are sad to announce that Betty Kremer, wife of long-time Rotary Club of Edina member Dick Kremer, passed away July 12, 2014. Dick passed away in July 2010. He joined Rotary in December 1973. Their son, John Kremer, was also a Rotarian. Visitation and funeral services were at Lakewood Memorial Chapel July 19. Please keep the Kremer family in your thoughts and prayers.

Upcoming Events and Schedule

- July 24 **Prospective member** meeting, Edina Country Club, 12:15 to 1:30 p.m., Rotarians are encouraged to bring someone who is interested in learning more about our Club
- July 30 **EMRC 23rd Annual Golf Tournament**, Braemar Golf Course, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. registration, 1 p.m. shotgun start, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. beer and wine reception, event supports the Edina Morningside Rotary Foundation grant recipients, visit www.emrc.org for more information and to register.
- 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.

Blue is for special Rotary Club of Edina events.
Purple is for District 5950 events.
Orange is for Rotary International events.

Meet our new 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: Deirdre Megley Kvale
Classification: Intellectual Property Law
What was your first job? My first "real" job was a waitress at the Daniel Fuller House in Massachusetts. I was 18 years old and had to learn quickly how to set up Manhattans, Vodka Gimlets and other drinks for the bartenders to pour. Most of the drinks, I'd never heard of. My first professional job was an engineer at Littlefuse, Inc. in Illinois.
Who was your first role model and why? No one in particular, I think I admire different traits in different people. I admire my sister's upbeat and social personality and I admire people who are naturally neat and organized because that is a trait that does not come naturally to me.

Why did you want to join Rotary? To expand my network and grow personally and professionally.

What do you like best about being part of the Rotary Club of Edina? I am really impressed with the congeniality of the members and the inspirational programming and speeches.

What one piece of advice do you offer other business leaders? My advice to other business professionals is to get involved and serve. I think it is important to get involved in social and professional organizations and spend time building relationships because it is those relationships and involvement that enhance one's personal and professional life.



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