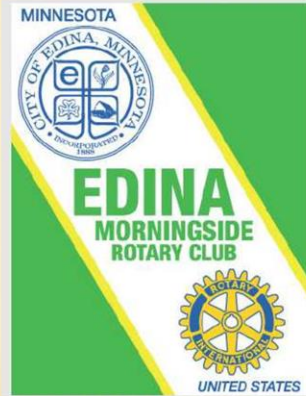


# EDINA MORNINGSIDE ROTARY CLUB

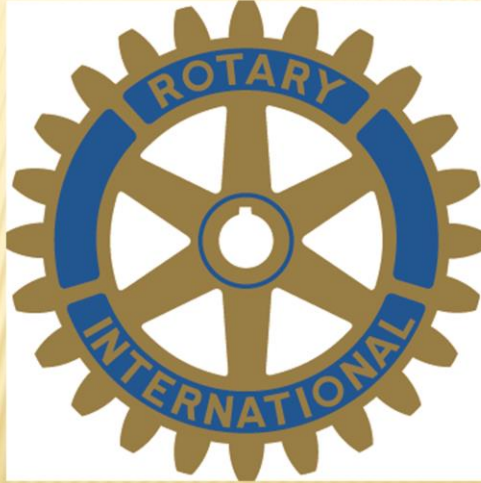


## 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Hangar Dance Celebration

Good evening, everyone. Thank you again for joining us tonight as we celebrate Edina Morningside's 25 years of service, fellowship, and fun. My name is Heather Haen Anderson and I am the President Elect for Edina Morningside. Remember my last name because it will come up again.

## EDINA MORNINGSIDE ROTARY CLUB



Twenty five years ago my husband and I were newly married – young and in love. My father-in-law, who was a member of the Edina Rotary club mentioned from time to time something about starting a new club. Now remember, I was just 22 or 23 and really had no idea what Rotary was.

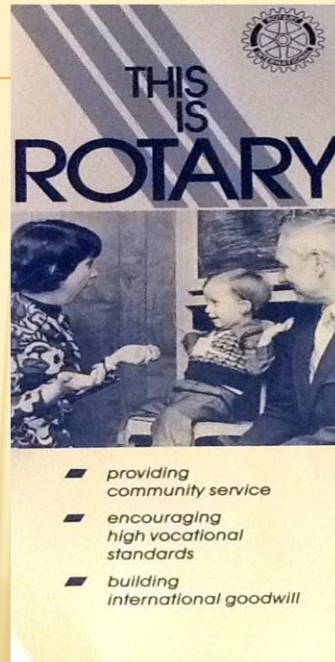
In my defense, that ‘young and in love’ thing was going on.

And my father-in-law didn’t often mix his Rotary life with his home life.

Oh, and before I forget, this will be an audience participation event. If I mention your name, you’ll need to stand up and give a wave. Or in Mark Hegstrom style you and your table can shout out “Our table!” It’s a tradition in our club, so just go with it. Plus if you don’t, then my script will be off and I’ll get flustered up here – which is not the encourage I’ll need when I become president in July. So, Mark, I know you’re here, and I’m waiting for a wave or shout.

So, where was I? Oh, yes, my father-in-law. You see, my father-in-law was Thornton Poland Anderson, known to most people simply as “TP”.

## HOW WE STARTED



TP Anderson was president of the noon club back in 82-83 and he knew his club was becoming too large so he began kicking around the idea of a second club here in Edina. It shouldn't come as a surprise that some members had reservations about having a new club in Edina. They wanted to be certain their club remained strong, vital and a service to Edina. TP didn't move forward with the plan immediately, instead he took his time, garnering more and more support from his club. By the spring of 1989, TP called together a team of his Edina club members and they got to work.

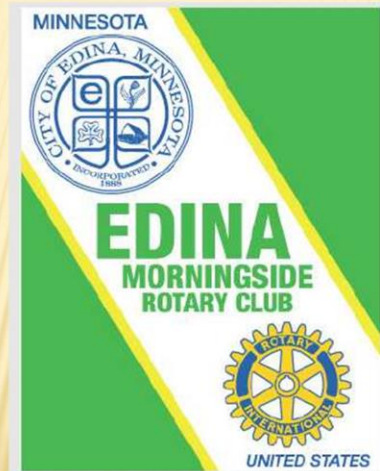
Say, checkout that pamphlet cover for Rotary, circa 1985. The clothes and hairstyles may have changed since then, and I'm pretty sure that no one still uses plywood paneling in their office, but Rotary continues to provide community service, encouraging high vocational standards and building international goodwill.

## CHARTER NIGHT



Introducing a second Rotary club to Edina took careful thought and planning, but finally on October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1989 the Rotary Club of Edina Morningside held its first meeting. That's Ron Kaufman, the first president of EMRC, receiving our charter from the district governor.

## ‘WHAT SHALL WE NAME THE BABY?’



Here's a little known fact – because the original Edina Rotary club met for lunch it was decided early on that the new club would hold morning meetings. So our name – Edina Morningside - was an inside joke. Get it? Because we meet in the morning and Morningside, having been annexed by Edina in 1966, is a neighborhood of Edina? TP loved a good joke with a good story to go with it.



## CHARTER NIGHT



Forty-one leaders, business owners, bankers, and sales executives, all joined together that first year. Here we see a younger Bill Hatch on charter night.

## CHARTER MEMBERSHIP



Rotary International had begun accepting women into their membership in 1989 and eight intrepid women joined the new club. Edina Morningside was one of the first clubs in the world to accept female members.

Actually, the original goal of membership was 50 members, half of whom should be women. Of those original eight women, two are still members of the club. There's a smiling charter member, Jane Ehresmann, second from the left. (Jane?)

## CHARTER MEMBERSHIP



Nancy Olson Grazzini is the other female charter member who has remained with us. So, more audience participation needed here, let's give Nancy and her staff another round of applause for making this night possible.

Nancy was in a leadership position from the very beginning. She started as the chair of Club Service and then moved on to become our 5<sup>th</sup> president.



## CHARTER NIGHT



In total, seven of the original 41 are still active members today. In this photo you can see Pat Kennedy sporting a fine beard and moustache. And Kevin Ries, must have joined the club shortly after we formed because there he is at the Charter Night Celebration. Other “silver” members are Alan Goltzman, Mark Moore, and Jim Warner. Can I get all seven original members who are here tonight to take a bow?

Our membership has grown to 66 active members, 24 of whom are women, which is a little over 1/3 of the club membership. So after 25 years, we still haven’t made our original goal of 50% female membership, but with your help we can get there. Hint. Hint.

## PAST PRESIDENTS

- Ron Kaufman, 1989-90
- Mike Kramer, 1990-91
- Katie White, 1991-92
- Jim Warner, 1992-93
- Nancy Olson Grazzini, 1993-94
- Mark Moore, 1994-95
- Bill Hatch, 1995-96
- Alan Goltzman, 1996-97
- Patrick Kennedy, 1998-99
- Bob Laue, 1999-00
- Jane Ehresmann, 2000-01
- Janine Krieter, 2001-02
- Bob Seeger, 2002-03
- Paul Nelson, 2003-2004
- Annie Kennedy, 2004-05
- Ted Field, 2005-06
- Dave Wendt, 2006-07
- Guy Logan, 2007-08
- Marc Usem, 2008-09
- Mark Hegstrom, 2009-10
- Steve Lyon, 2010-11
- Charlie Weigel, 2011-12
- Mark Shockey, 2012-13
- Mary Brindle, 2013-14

An interesting note is that 22 of our 25 past presidents are still active members of our club. Past presidents – can you all please give a wave?

Also interesting are the number of families who become Rotarians generation after generation. For example, Paul Nelson's father, David Nelson, was a charter member of the club. Paul? And Nancy Olson Grazzini's daughter, Alecia Olson, is now a member of our daughter club, South Metro Minneapolis Evenings, or SMME. I'll get back to them in a minute.

## ROTARY YOUTH EXCHANGE



Within the first few months of our club's beginnings we were involved in Rotary Youth Exchange, both at the district level and within our own club. Working in partnership with the noon club, we have hosted high school students from 4 continents and over a dozen countries.

Rotary Youth Exchange students spend one year of their life in a foreign country, living with local families while attending a local high school. They are immersed in the language and culture of another country. And they do so while still in high school or as a gap year before college.

Here is Jack Lee's daughter Elisabeth, encouraging more students to apply.

## ROTARY YOUTH EXCHANGE



While it used to be that we would send one student outbound about every other year, since the 2009-2010 school year we have had one or more students go out on exchange each year. I'll give a shout out for my daughter Molly, who spent her senior year of high school in South Africa. She's the blondie in the blue shirt.

## ROTARY YOUTH EXCHANGE



Our two clubs embrace our inbound students, like YouJung and Sidsel here; supporting, nurturing and loving each of them to make them feel at home.

We trust that our outbound students will be treated the same way, so they can truly be integrated into their host country and host club. Here is a former outbound, Asher, displaying the US flag while at a Norwegian soccer stadium. You can see his pride at being both an American and a Norwegian. Norway actually wasn't his first choice, but he now says he can't imagine having gone anywhere else.



## CAMP ENTERPRISE



Camp Enterprise is another joint program of Edina and Edina Morningside Rotary Clubs which our club began working on in 1990.

It is an incredible opportunity that can change a student's life! Sponsored by the Rotary Clubs of District 5950 and 5960, Camp Enterprise is an extensive three-day camp offering students the opportunity to participate in leadership activities focusing on the Free Enterprise System.

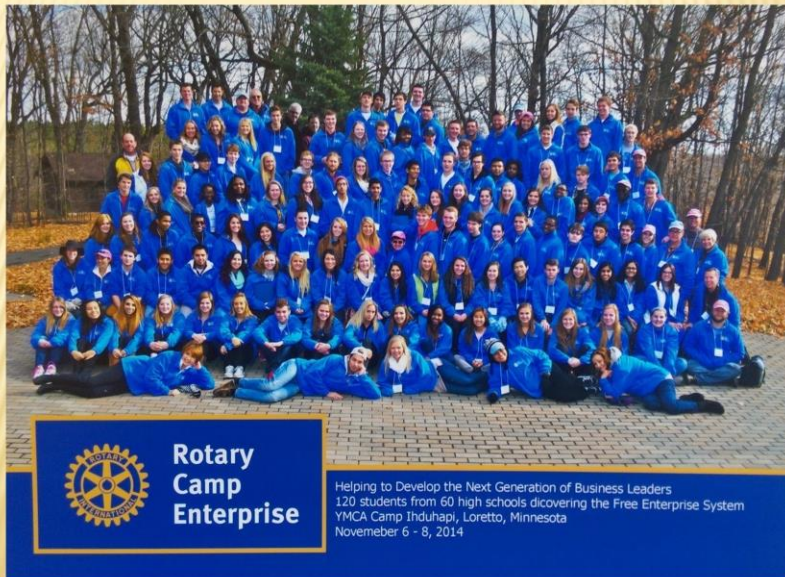
## CAMP ENTERPRISE



Camp Enterprise provides High School Students with the chance to discuss topical issues, giving insight into Business Concepts, building negotiation and teamwork skills, and lets them meet today's business leaders.

Chaired by Tom Gump in 2014, our two clubs, Edina Noon and Edina Morningside, alternate years for chair position. Tom, where are you?

## CAMP ENTERPRISE



Every year dozens of Rotarians work countless hours to provide this three day camp for area high school students. With a show of hands, how many of us here tonight have donated our time and talents to this great program?

## JUNIOR POLICE



EMRC has partnered with the Edina Police Department to present the Junior Police program for almost 25 years, led by Dave Wendt and Bob Seeger. Each year more than 700 elementary age children from public and private schools here in Edina, get to meet a “real live police officer!”, learn about stranger danger, and the importance of safety. Hey! Dave and Bob have you taken a bow yet?



## ADOPT A HIGHWAY



Adopt a Highway has been a part of our club's community service from the get go. That means since 1990 we have gotten up early on two Saturdays a year to clean up highway 100 from Vernon Ave to highway 62. And sometimes we've gotten our children up early, too! This is Paul Nelson's son, Skip, looking smart in his safety vest!



## ADOPT A HIGHWAY / EDINA ABC



The Edina ABC is another program we help support. Here are some of the ABC students from a few years ago joining us for highway cleanup.

ABC stands for A Better Chance. Led by our own Sheila Carrington, ABC is a non-profit organization providing a quality education to academically talented students of color from families of modest means. Each of the students can live and go to school in Edina from the the 9<sup>th</sup> grade through their senior year.

And by the way, some of the ABC students are here tonight helping us with the coat check, so if you guys are in the room right now, take a bow! You, too, Sheila!

## SOUTH METRO MINNEAPOLIS EVENINGS



As I mentioned earlier South Metro Minneapolis Evenings Rotary Club is our daughter club. It is a young professional Rotary Club chartered in June 2010. Which means they are coming up on their 5 year anniversary already!

Their club is focused on helping young professionals in the Twin Cities not only get involved volunteering both on a local and international level, but to network and enjoy the friendship of like minded people.

Our two clubs have worked together on several projects – including food packing for distribution to low income families, our annual beer tasting fundraiser, and a networking how-to for college and high school aged young adults.

## EDINA MORNINGSIDE ROTARY CLUB



Of course there are many, many service projects that EMRC has participated in. Far too many to list here – plus I’m sure many of you are saying “enough already, let’s get to the live auction!” – so I won’t go on.

What I will say, though, is that in our first 25 years, we have remained close with our mother club, Edina Noon and daughtered a new club, SMME. We have donated our time, talent, and treasure for international, regional, and local needs. We have aided the impoverished, the hungry, the young and the old. We have formed strong friendships with our fellow Rotarians while striving to rise to the notion of “Service above Self”.

I think TP would have been proud.