

#### 2021-2022

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# **Accomplishments**

### THE ROTARY FOUNDATION

- Members of the Rotary Club of Edina contributed \$98,571 to The Rotary Foundation's annual fund. In an internal club competition between "Team Jennifer and "Team Jeff," Team Jennifer had greater participation in the fundraising campaign.
- Members of the Rotary Club of Edina contributed \$9,225 to the Polio Plus Fund.
- Stefan Smith joined the Paul Harris Society, committing to donating \$1,000 annually to The Rotary Foundation for as long as he is able.
   Nearly 60 members of the club have made that commitment.



Our Black Business Networking drew business leaders together monthly at a black-owned restaurant in downtown Minneapolis.

Eighteen students graduated from Edina High School in June as Edina Rotary Global Scholars.







In partnership with Edina Public Schools



Our annual Edina Car Show drew 200 collector cars and netted thousands for our charitable work.



International grant awards in 2021-2022 included providing medical supplies and creating a sustainable food garden in Zimbabwe.



## A Word From the President



**Dear Rotarians:** 

From July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022, the Rotary Club of Edina enjoyed a phenomenal year!

Rotary International President Shakir Mehta's theme was "Serve to Change Lives" and my theme was "Reengage with Rotary!" Our club certainly did both in many ways.

Thanks to exceptional planning by Gala Committee Chairs Jody Kern, Paul Mooty and Kayla Beehler, over

120 people attended our "Let's Dance" fundraiser Oct. 2, at the Marriott Southwest. We netted \$153,494 for the Edina Rotary Foundation — a record for our club! Our club also hosted the third-annual Edina Car Show with over 200 cars on display. The money raised at that event also went to the Edina Rotary Foundation. All of the funds were used to fund our annual projects and provide local and international grants.

Our Programming Committee under Club Service put together a diverse and interesting schedule of speakers that included FOX 9 Chief Meteorologist Ian Leonard, voice of the Minnesota Twins Dick Bremer, National Automobile Association President Paul Waler and Chanhassen Dinner Theater Chief Artistic Director Michael Brindisi, to name just a few.

In addition to our regular meetings, we also hosted a leadership series the second Wednesday morning of each month. The speakers covered everything from emotional intelligence to outperforming the norm. Our club also hosted a vocational happy hour once a month where members shared their vocation.

On a social note, five Rotarians hosted fall Fireside Chats in their homes. We had a fun holiday party with more than 100 Rotarians and guests in attendance. The appetizers and refreshments were delicious, along with musical entertainment on the piano. We had our annual bowling tournament at Tuttles in Hopkins in February. Over 30 Rotarians and guests bowled and had great fun and fellowship.

New this year, Josh Sprague organized a Black Business progressive dinner and three Black-owned restaurants in Minneapolis. We enjoyed spring Fireside Chats at the home of five Rotarians. The social calendar was topped off at the picnic, which took place in June at Centennial Lakes Park. Delicious food catered by Pimento Jamaican Restaurant was served along with refreshments and fun games.

We added 10 new members this year:

- Matt Bennis, Financial Advisor
- John Buttolph, Community Advocate
- Kristin Huepenbecker, Law/Legal
- Dan Hunt, Real Estate Development
- Ken Larson, Real Estate
- Chris Laskowski, Multimedia Production
- Rich Melzer, Community Advocate
- Cathy Ritter, Social Services
- Dan Rubio, Youth Development Services
- Randy Smasal, Education

Throughout this document, you will find other reports documenting our club's success over the year. I'm proud of these accomplishments and hope you are, too. Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your President!

Michael Stanzak

Michael Stanzak President 2021-2022



In 2021-2022, the Rotary Club of Edina made donations to My Very Own Bed in honor of each club meeting's speaker. The money was used to purchase needed bedding and stuffed animals.

# Accomplishments

### **COMMUNITY SERVICE - PROJECTS**

### **Director Lisa Walker**

- The club participated in Rotary's Lake Street project, assisting local business Post Plus with business needs, including marketing and QuickBooks assistances. The project, including business owner Amina Osman, was featured in Rotary magazine.
- Kris Maser is spearheading our collection of Coca-Cola product codes to go toward St. Jude's Cancer Hospital. Please remember to collect bottle caps and UPC labels and ask others for them, too.
- The committee completed a service project with one of our local grant recipients, Open Arms of Minnesota. Ten Rotarians prepped and packed meals.

- The Class of 2021-2022 completed a service project together, planning over 20 trees at Rosland Park May 6. Chris Laskowski led the effort.
- The committee held drives for MN Involve, Volunteers Enlisted to Assist People (VEAP) and Days for Girls. Winter clothing was gathered for MN Involve. Food was collected in March for VEAP's food shelf. The drive for Days for Girls resulted in \$788 in donations.
- Cornerstone requested meal delivery rather than onsite service until 2022.
   The club delivered meals twice monthly for 15 people in October, November and May. Bonnie Rolstad led the effort.

- Dan Hallberg spearheaded bell-ringing for the Salvation Army. Twenty Rotarians rang bells on five different days at Jerry's Foods, collecting \$8,146.58 for the Salvation Army.
- Members donated \$3,120 and gifts for the club's annual holiday giving program. Jean Morrison and Les Jones delivered gifts to 66 West and Afghan refugee families.
- Jennifer Bennerotte coordinated four volunteer shifts at VEAP in the spring.

### COMMUNITY SERVICE - GRANTS

#### **Director Ryan Wilson**

The following grants were presented:

- Abbey's Hope, \$2,500
- ACES, \$5,000
- Assistance League, \$2,500
- Cornerstone, \$4,185
- Edina Give and Go, \$5,000
- Every Meal, \$5,000
- First Tee Minnesota, \$5,000
- Fraser, \$2,000
- Hallie Q. Brown Community Center, \$2,500

- Hearts and Hammers, \$5,500
- Help at Your Door, \$2,500
- Hope Academy, \$5,000
- Humanity Alliance, \$1,000
- Hunger Related Events, \$3,000
- Inner City Christian Ministries, \$3,500
- MN Involve, \$6,000
- CS Affective Sober Living, \$1,800
- MADDADS, \$2,500

- My Very Own Bed, \$2,500
- Northside Boxing Club, \$4,800
- Oasis for Youth, \$4,000
- Open Arms of Minnesota, \$2,500
- Pillsbury United Communities, \$2,950
- Summit Academy, \$5,000
- Way to Grow, \$5,000
- YMCA of the North, \$4,000

### PUBLIC IMAGE

### **Director Katy Campbell**

The first-ever public image sponsorships were made in 2021-2022:

- Edina Chamber of Commerce
   45th-annual Golf Tournament, \$500
- Edina Baseball Association, sponsorship of 9-year-old AA Gold Team, \$500
- Edina High School 71st-annual
- Senior Party, \$100
- Fall into the Arts Festival, \$500
- Torchlight Concert of First John Philip Sousa Memorial Band, \$1,000

The Rotary Club of Edina also sponsored mini flags distributed at the City's 4th of July parade and participated in community events such as HalloBoo.



Public Image sponsorships included providing water for the Edina Chamber of Commerce Golf Tournament, and talking about the club's international work in water filtration delivery.