



THE BARKER

ROTARY CLUB OF EDINA

**No Rotary Club of Edina
meeting today, April 9,**
due to the joint meeting with EMRC April 7

April 16, 2015 Meeting Assignments

Greeters	Jody Kern, David Kunz, & Royce Pavelka
Front Desk	Tom Bach
Invocation	Patti Ellingson-Solheim
Guest Introductions	Alan Mogck
Barker	Jerry Potter
Thank the Speaker	Sam Thompson

Program: Philip Lukhachi, "An Immigrant's Story"

We want to hear from you!

Our leadership constantly strives to retain the club's status as the "No. 1 Club in the Universe." Are we hitting the mark?

There is still time to complete a member satisfaction survey before **noon Friday, April 10**, so that we can validate our good work as a club and determine areas for improvement prior to the start of the next Rotary year. Your open and honest feedback is encouraged and appreciated! The survey should take just a few minutes of your time. Here's a link to the survey:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/2015EdinaRotary>

Please contact me if you have any questions or additional feedback. I love hearing from our members! Thank you!

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In Review

April 2, 2015

By Amir Gharbi

Millennials are more likely to choose Minnesota than Florida as a vacation destination, according to a new poll of **President Jeff Ohe's** lovely children. The meeting opened flawlessly for once as Torger, Sander, and Maren Ohe demonstrated their steady-handed leadership abilities. The children were wearing dark ties and pink shoes, like their father. They led us in a recitation of the Four-Way Test, and impressed this author with their Rotary knowledge and poise.

You were greeted by **Luther Amundson, Royce Pavelka, and Les Jones.**

The invocation and pledge were led by **Bob Solheim**. Bob also served as the program chair today.

The front desk was covered by **San Asato and Audri Schwarz.**

Michael Stanzak, Mike Opitz, and Jody Kern engaged in an impromptu colloquy to remind us of the upcoming Fireside Chats. They will take place April 14 at **Brad Hepp's** mansion, April 16 at **Gordy Lewis'** hangar, April 21 at **Sutton McGraw's** palace, and April 23 at **Jon Barnett's** heavily secured bunker (hat tip to **Paul Peterson** for location names). The Fireside Chats are opportunities to engage in club service by strengthening our bonds of fellowship. **Jeff Ohe** asked that every Rotarian find time to attend at least one Fireside Chat this month—and those who attend all four chats may have their names entered in a drawing to win a free home alarm system donated by an expert to be identified at a later meeting. Each chat also counts as a meeting make-up event. Bringing a bottle of wine is optional, but keep it corked for the drive.

We were reminded that next week we have a joint meeting with the Edina Morningside Rotary Club. It begins at 7:30 a.m. on Tuesday morning, April 7. That is also the opportunity to contribute to the triple-bottom line mission of Tech Dump by dropping off electronic items for recycling. Tech Dump will collect donations in the Edina Country Club parking lot from 7 to 9:30 a.m. Tuesday. There is no regular Thursday meeting next week.

Michael Stanzak encouraged visiting Rotarians and guests to predict a winner for the NCAA Final Four. Mark Hegstrom from EMRC

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pinned his hopes on Kentucky. Mark Marlin from the Minnetonka Rotary Club reluctantly agreed. Susan Russell Freeman of the Bloomington Noon Rotary Club suggested we limit the Madness to March. **Mary Younggren's** guest Michelle O'Kelly, agreed. **Gary Pedersen's** guest was Holly Bruce. **Buzz Bainbridge's** guest was Bryan Svendby. **Tim Murphy's** guest was his wife, Cindy.

Ann Platt led the club in a rousing rendition of "Happy Birthday" for **Jennifer Bennerotte**, who for 40 years has maintained a running joke of celebrating her birthday on April Fool's Day.

Brad Hepp inducted **Hugh Hadlund** into the Rotary Club of Edina. Brad also served as Hugh's sponsor. Brad was impressed with Hugh's passion for community, and he promised Hugh that Edina Rotary was a place of good people who would make good friends. Hugh is a business banker with Citizens Independent Bank in St. Louis Park. He holds an MBA from St. Thomas. Hugh is also a guitar player, and he is involved with "Rock Camp for Dads." Welcome Hugh!

Visiting Rotarian Mark Marlin reminded everyone of the upcoming opportunity to help package 48,000 meals for local distribution. It is a six-club initiative that will involve over 200 Rotarians. The event takes place from 9 a.m. to noon on April 18 at Hopkins High School. Sign up for a one-hour slot at www.MinnetonkaRotary.org.

Visiting Rotarian Susan Russell Freeman thanked the club for its ongoing support for Volunteers Enlisted to Assist People (VEAP). Susan will be stepping down from her role as VEAP



Rotarian Brad Hepp and new member Hugh Hadlund pose at a Rotary meeting in March. Hepp officially inducted Hadlund into the Rotary Club of Edina at the April 2 meeting. Hepp was also Hadlund's sponsor.

executive director after 39 years of service. She noted the similarities between the serious mission and values of VEAP and the mission and values of Rotary.

Bob Solheim introduced our speaker, Bill Arnold. After deciding the paths to the exits were sufficiently clear, Bill began his humorous and sincere presentation. Bill is an Edina native and has been a professional in comedy and magic for 30 years. His website advises that those looking to hire a comedian or magician hire a funny, professional, class act who cares about tailoring material to a specific corporate culture...or hire Bill. He entered comedy after studying pre-law at the University of Minnesota, yet failing to open a pre-law firm. There were dozens of laugh moments during his speech, and there was a serious side too.

Bill has spent a lot of time observing the people around him here in the Twin Cities and reflecting on the community we share. He's convinced that every relationship we form represents a chance to grow in life. He's found that the best advice is to loiter, have fun, and use humor. Too often we are too busy to realize that we're actually impacting people every day. Take a moment to notice the little "finger painting you make on a person's heart." Rather than being rigid by *reacting* to life, try enjoying your days by *responding* to life. The best legacy is to have been a blessing to those around us. Use humor. Be liked. Cherish life.

Bill found that the above advice opens doors in life. While having breakfast with a friend and fellow comedian he made the acquaintance of a third comedian. The three of them liked each other enough to put some ideas on paper and hoped it would be enough for a three-month run on stage. Those three partners created something that has lasted for decades and touched thousands of people. After 3,300 performances of *Triple Espresso...a Highly Caffeinated Comedy*, Bill can say with certainty that nothing is inconsequential.

Bill serves his community further by volunteering with the Salvation Army's Drug Recovery Center once or twice a week. He's been doing that for seven years now, and it represents another opportunity in life that came about through a friendly chat. A friend of his asked him to do one show for the people the Recovery Center serves, and Bill agreed and was then quite moved. There's a similar relationship origin to his radio program, which broadcasts on 90.7 FM Faith Radio Network on Sundays from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. Bill concluded his remarks by emphasizing that there are no inconsequential events in life.

President Jeff Ohe closed the meeting with the following quote by Archbishop Desmond Tutu: "You don't choose your family. They are God's gift to you, as you are to them."

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Tech Dump free recycling event during joint Rotary meeting a success

During the joint meeting of the Edina Morningside Rotary Club and the Rotary Club of Edina April 7, Tech Dump held a free recycling event. Rotarians and community members were encouraged to drop off their used electronics equipment in the parking lot at the Edina Country Club to be recycled, at the same time helping support Tech Dump, a non-profit helping economically disadvantaged adults to obtain marketable job skills. The event was an amazing success, filling the Tech Dump truck in only two hours!



The turnout was so good that the Tech Dump truck was even filled by 9 a.m., so anyone who came after that was directed to drop their items off at City Hall, and Tech Dump came and picked up those items later that day.

Amanda LaGrange, marketing director for Tech Dump, commented, "Tech Dump is very grateful to partner with both Edina Rotary chapters. While recycling electronics isn't always the highest on the priority list, it's an important way to safeguard the environment and the Rotary helped make it more convenient with their event. In Tech Dump's case, we also use those unwanted gadgets to fund our employability training program for adults with barriers to employment." LaGrange was program speaker at a Rotary Club of Edina meeting in February.

Tech Dump, a division of Jobs Foundation, is a 501(c3) nonprofit providing stable jobs to economically disadvantaged adults to obtain marketable job skills as well as a pathway to self-sufficiency. Go to TechDump.org for more information or call 763-432-3117.

Special thanks to Rotarian Greg Yoch (*shown at right in photo above*), who helped organize the event for the Rotary clubs, and Jennifer Bennerotte, who offered her office at City Hall as a second drop-off after the Tech Dump truck was filled. Thanks to all who donated and made a difference in our community!

Club accepts nominations for Women's Leadership Award

The Rotary Club of Edina seeks nominees for the seventh-annual "Chrysanne Manoles Women In Leadership Award."

Reflecting society in 1905, the Rotary organization was limited to male members and remained so officially until 1989, when the Council on Legislation, Rotary's parliament, voted to eliminate the male-only provision, opening up membership to qualified women across the world. However, the forward-thinking Rotary Club of Edina welcomed its first female member, Chrysanne Manoles, a year earlier in 1988. Manoles continues to be active in Rotary.

In Manoles' honor and to celebrate the work of women in the community, the Rotary Club of Edina established an annual women's leadership award in 2008. Previous winners include Dr. Laurel Wills, Ann Byrne, Donna Tilsner, Terrie Rose, Katey Taylor, Ruth Valgemae and Kim Foote.

Nominees cannot be current Rotarians and must live, work or volunteer in Edina. Female nominees must demonstrate Rotary's "Four Way Test" of the things we think, say or do: Is it the truth? Is it fair to all concerned? Will it build goodwill and better friendships? Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

To nominate a woman for the prestigious award, submit a one- or two-page letter explaining how the person demonstrates the Four Way Test and what she does in the community. Letters should be sent to Rotary Club of Edina, 4801 W. 50th St., Edina, MN 55424 and must be postmarked by Thursday, April 30.

The 2015 Chrysanne Manoles Women In Leadership Award will be presented at a meeting of the Rotary Club of Edina in May.

Q4 invoices sent out this week

Invoices for all Rotary Club of Edina members were sent out this week. The invoice is for the fourth quarter of the Rotary year, and cover dues and meals for April to June 2015. If you did not receive an invoice either by email or mail, please contact Club Administrator Jennifer Garske at jengarskerotary@gmail.com or 612-875-3109.

Any time you want to check your account balance, just log onto www.edinarotary.org, go to the Member Area, and click on "My Billing Account Balance."

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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: Terry Moore

Classification: Attorney

What was your first job? Radio DJ

Who was your first role model and why? My father. He was grounded, authentic and could sell like crazy.

Why did you want to join Rotary? I strive to be a servant-leader. The Rotary seems to be dedicated to both service and leadership.

What do you like best about being part of the Rotary Club of Edina?

So far, it's the people.

What one piece of advice do you offer other leaders? Listen well.



Upcoming Events and Schedule

April 9 No meeting

April 9 **Jeremiah House dinner**, 4 to 7 p.m., 1510 Laurel Ave., Minneapolis, volunteers are still needed to help with a meal for families at Jeremiah House. Contact Mike Eckert for more information..

April 14 **Spring Fireside Chat hosted by Brad Hepp**, 6416 Willow Wood Road, Edina, 7 to 9 p.m.

April 16 **Spring Fireside Chat hosted by Gordy Lewis**, 6824 Chapel Lane, Edina, 7 to 9 p.m.

April 21 **Spring Fireside Chat hosted by Sutton McGraw**, 4904 Sunnyside Road, Edina, 7 to 9 p.m.

April 23 **Vocational Ethics Meeting**, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Edina Country Club, all Area 3 Rotary Club members are encouraged to attend this meeting, as well as high school students. Speaker will be John Rubischko. Contact Dan Hallberg with questions.

April 23 **Spring Fireside Chat hosted by Jon Barnett**, 5633 Interlachen Circle, Edina, 7 to 9 p.m.

April 30

Rotary Club of Edina Prospective Member Day, 12:15 to 1:30 p.m., Edina Country Club, members are encouraged to bring someone interested in learning more about Rotary and our club. Lunch is free for all guests who are prospective members. Contact Josh Sprague for more information.

May 2

Feed My Starving Children, 9 to 11 a.m., Chanhassen location, Rotarians, friends, and family are welcome to come and help fill bags of food to send to people around the world. Contact Brad Beard for more info.

May 6

Edina Rotary Happy Hour, Vocational Development Group, 5:30 to 7 p.m., The Mezz, Byerly's, 7171 France Ave. S., Edina, meets on the first Wednesday of each month to provide Club members the opportunity to make business connections and learn more about what Rotary is doing in the community. Speaker for the May 6 gathering is San Asato. Contact Kip Peterson for more info.

May 25

Veterans Memorial Dedication ceremony, 10 a.m., Utley Park in Edina, new memorial honoring our community's veterans will be dedicated. Rotary Club of Edina donated \$20,000 to the project.

Blue is for special Rotary Club of Edina events.

Purple is for District 5950 events.

Orange is for Rotary International events.

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