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ROTARY CLUB OF EDINA

Aug. 21, 2014 Meeting Assignments

Greeters	Jennifer Bennerotte, Jodie Jennings & Colleen Simpson
Front Desk	Chuck Rauenhorst
Invocation	Chuck Agan
Guest Introductions	Bob Hildreth
Barker	Marty Kupper
Thank the Speaker	Norberto Moran

Program: Michele Kelm Helgan, "New Minnesota Multi-Purpose Stadium: Transforming Downtown East"

Menu: Edina Rotary Big Buffet featuring deli food

Are you a veteran?

Plans are being made for the 2014 Area 3 Veterans Luncheon. This year, organizers are putting together a tribute to Rotarians who are veterans. If you have served in the Armed Forces, please send your name, military branch and years of service as soon as possible to President Elect Jennifer Bennerotte, jbennerotte@EdinaMN.gov or 29455 Gaylord Ave., Cannon Falls, MN 55009. If you have a photo of your time in the service, please send that, too. (Physical photos will be returned.)

For more information, contact Bennerotte, 612-201-3467 or jbennerotte@EdinaMN.gov.

Upcoming Events and Schedule

- Aug. 20 **Women of Rotary Social**, 4904 Sunnyside Road, Edina, 6 p.m., all female members of Rotary are invited, as well as any female guests that might be interested in learning more about the Club.
- Dec. 22 **Edina Rotary Goes to Motown!**, Orpheum Theater, Minneapolis, 7:30 p.m., Rotary members and guests can sign up to attend "Motown—The Musical," tickets are \$66.50 per person with limited seating available. Look for more info Aug. 22.

Blue is for special Rotary Club of Edina events.

Purple is for District 5950 events.

Orange is for Rotary International events.

In Review

Aug. 14, 2014

By Scott MacDonald

We were warmly welcomed by **Dr. Tom** (greatest chili cook) **Pirsch, Scott Tankenoff**, and **Colleen Simpson**. **Audri Schwarz** was assisted at the front desk by **Marie Pribyl**, and our invocation was given by **Nate Whittier**.

Brad Hepp had his hands full introducing a ton of guests and visiting Rotarians, but was able to accomplish this task before **Jeff Ohe** started to sweat looking at his watch. **Ohe** even commented on the presentation for the wine wall at the Gala given by **Terry Stevens** and **Nate Wenner**, stating it was better than last week's presentation.

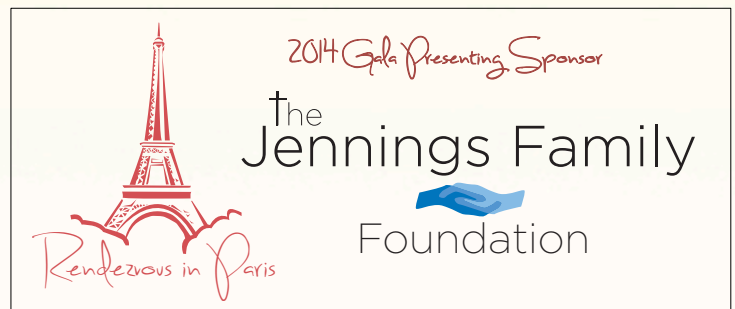
In all seriousness, please bring a bottle of your favorite wine, or cash, to next week's meeting where it will be collected for the Gala.

It was great to see **Sherm Hoyt** back with us. He recently was made an Honorary Rotarian, and we are happy he is back with us.

Wooj Byun introduced us to our new exchange student from Japan, Miyuki Sanko. We are looking for two more host families for her this school year.

Ohe has introduced us to the "My Rotary Experience" video series. Today was the second installment, with **Sandy Schley** being featured. I don't know how Sandy does all that she does, but she lives and breathes Rotary, as featured in the film.

Sandy also brought us today's program, the Steve Rummier Hope Foundation. Many of us first learned about Steve



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Rummler two years ago with a talk by Steve's parents, Judy and Bill Rummler, regarding his death due to an addiction to opiates for chronic pain.

Our Rotary Club along with the Rotary clubs from Bloomington, Buffalo, Burnsville Breakfast, Eden Prairie Noon, and Excelsior, along with a matching grant from District 5950, helped pay for the production of a video that will be used to educate and heighten awareness of the dilemma of chronic pain and the disease of addiction of prescription pain killers.

The video was played in its entirety as the program, with questions following. Please go to Edina channel 16 or on YouTube to watch the video. I cannot do it justice on paper!



Longtime Rotarian Sherm Hoyt (shown above with his wife, Helen) was honored at the Aug. 14 meeting. (Right) A representative of the Steve Rummler Hope Foundation speaks at the meeting Aug. 14. The foundation premiered their educational video at the meeting. The video was funded by grants from area Rotary clubs, including the Rotary Club of Edina and District 5950.



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: Yevgeniy "Eugene" Drozdov

Classification: Mortgage Banking

What was your first job? The first job I held was when I was about 10 years of age. The classification was "Organic Gardening" or in simple terms, Planting Potatoes clerk. My grandfather, along with my grandmother, had a small piece of land in the village about 50 kilometers from where my family lived. Every spring through the summer, I would become a Potato Planting expert. It was a seasonal job but a very consistent job market, although unpaid.

Who was your first role model and why? I have always looked up to the elders. My grandfather, dad, and older brothers were the benchmark of what I should become.

Why did you want to join Rotary? Service above self is one of the concrete pillars on which every man's life should stand. "It is more blessed to give than to receive." Edina Rotary definitely exemplifies this notion.

What do you like best about being part of the Rotary Club of Edina? There is a special vibe when entering the Edina Country Club on Thursday afternoon, the welcoming atmosphere is felt in the air and the unity of giving is distinct, making it a club you want to be a part of and affirms that it is in fact the "No. 1 Club in the Universe."

What one piece of advice do you offer other business leaders? Be honest, transparent and focus on the needs of your clients. Never stop learning.

Like Rotary on Facebook and Twitter

If you haven't already, go to the **Rotary Club of Edina Facebook page** (www.facebook.com/EdinaRotary) and give it a "Like"! Our Facebook page is a great way to keep up on Club news, as well as share Rotary items with your Facebook friends. We want as many people as possible to see what good work our Club is up to. You can also follow the **Rotary Club of Edina on Twitter @EdinaRotary**. And while you are on Facebook, visit **Rotary District 5950's Facebook page** (www.facebook.com/Rotary5950) and "Like" them to receive regular posts from the District as well.

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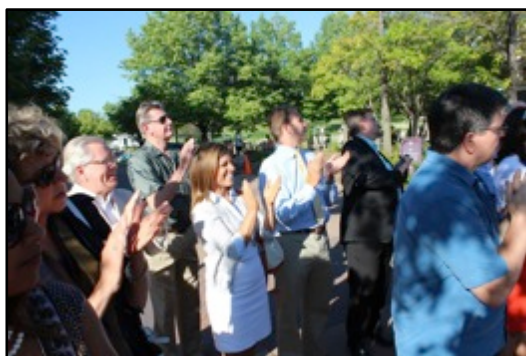
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Clock dedication and celebration held Aug. 12

Heirloom clock donated by Rotary Club of Edina to the City of Edina dedicated at ceremony at Centennial Lakes Park



It was a perfect night for the dedication ceremony of the Rotary clock at Centennial Lakes Park in Edina.

Mayor Jim Hovland (left) highlighted the long-standing partnership between our Club and the City of Edina. He noted that thousands of people will pass by this clock weekly and will not only be able to tell the time, but also see the logo of Rotary International. Rotary is a wonderful organization that provides so much service and support locally and worldwide. He accepted the gift of the clock on behalf of the City.

Former Club of Edina President Scott MacDonald (pictured above right with Jeff Ohe, Jim Hovland, and Steve Slyce) added that our Club is committed to service above self. We make a difference.

President Jeff Ohe highlighted that our Club's signature project this year will be support for the new emergency room at Fairview Southdale Hospital. There will be more information on that soon.

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Rendezvous in Paris

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Gala Fundraiser

Oct. 11, 2014

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