



THE BARKER

ROTARY CLUB OF EDINA

Rotary Happy Hour is tonight, Dec. 2, at Lunds & Byerly's in Edina

The next meeting of the Vocational Development Group will be tonight, **Wednesday, Dec. 2, beginning at 5:30 p.m.** at "The Mezz," located upstairs at Lunds & Byerly's, 7171 France Ave. S. in Edina. The event will feature a short social period, with a "formal" program beginning at 6 p.m.

December's featured presenter will be **Mike Kallas**. The meeting will conclude no later than 7 p.m. Wine and craft beer is available at your own cost. Food is available for purchase downstairs at the deli. The Happy Hour is a joint event with our club and the Edina Morningside Rotary Club.

Contact Kip Peterson for more information. There is no Happy Hour in January due to the holidays.

Dec. 3, 2015 Meeting Assignments

Front Desk	Mike Hagen
Front Desk Admin	Jennifer Garske
Greeters	Leann Stessman, Axel Steuer & John Mazzara
Invocation, Pledge, Four-Way Test	Mark Jessen
Introduce Guests	Chuck Rauenhorst
<i>The Barker</i> writer	Greg Yoch
Introduce the Speaker	Brad Beard
Thank the Speaker	TBD

Program: Lexi Reed Holtum of the Steve Rummier Hope Foundation, "The Dilemma of Chronic Pain and Addiction"

Menu: Portobello chicken or strawberry almond salad with salmon cake

Dec. 10, 2015 Meeting Assignments

Front Desk	Dan Hallberg
Front Desk Admin	Jennifer Garske
Greeters	Terry Stevens, Mary Swendsen & Kenny Smith
Invocation, Pledge, Four-Way Test	Doug Johnson
Introduce Guests	Erick Ries
<i>The Barker</i> writer	Ted Yoch
Introduce the Speaker	Keith Benson
Thank the Speaker	Bill Milota

Rotary Holiday Giving Program kicks off this week

Season's greetings! This is the first week that members are asked to bring presents to donate to the Edina Rotary Holiday Giving Program. Jean Morrison will once again be spearheading the effort to collect holiday gifts for families in need in our community. **Members that would like to participate can bring UNWRAPPED gifts for children of any age (infant all the way through teens) as well as gifts for moms, dads, and families, to the Edina Country Club in December.** The gifts can be dropped off at the regular Rotary meetings this week, Dec. 3, next week, Dec. 10, or at the Holiday Party Thursday evening, Dec. 17. Cash or check donations are also welcome. Jean will use the funds donated to buy gift cards or other gifts to be donated as well.




This year, the organizations benefiting from the Edina Rotary Holiday Giving Program will be VEAP and Oasis for Youth.

If you have questions about the program, or need gift ideas for children or families, go to the club website, www.edinarotary.org, and you'll find more information and a list of gift ideas. Or you can contact Jean Morrison at jean@jeanmorrisonhr.com with questions.

Thank you for sharing your holiday spirit with those in need!

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In review

Nov. 25, 2015

By Mary Hustad

Our meeting today was a special one—the Edina Morningside and Noon clubs gathered at Edina Country Club for a buffet lunch and then packed 80 Thanksgiving meals to deliver to families in need in Edina, Minneapolis and surrounding suburbs. Many of our fellow Rotarians brought guests—spouses, children and grandchildren—to help with packing and delivering.

Assisting at today's meeting were greeters **Will Steinke**, **Renee Harberts** and **Michael Stanzak**; and front desk team **Bob Gubrud** and **Mary Hustad**.

Michael Stanzak, longtime chair of the Thanksgiving Baskets Committee, opened the meeting with the invocation. Abby Garske then came forward to lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by the Four-Way Test. Michael then gave a huge thank you to everyone who helped with today's meeting and Thanksgiving basket delivery:

- **Tom Bach** and **Tom Ries**—acquired and assembled Cub boxes
- Sheila Carrington and her husband, Mario, a vice president at DelMonte—donated canned goods
- **Tom Pirsch** and **Jim Roberts**—procured the pumpkin pies
- Jane and Mike Ehresmann—purchased the oranges and bread
- Ted Field—donated hats and gloves
- **Paul Mooty**—donated scarves on behalf of Faribault Woolen Mills Company
- Edina third-grade Girl Scout troop—gave additional canned goods and handcrafted greeting cards
- **District 5950 Governor Tim Murphy**—added cards noting the meals were donated by the two Edina Rotary clubs
- Edina Country Club—prepared the turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes, gravy and cranberry sauce
- **Mary Hustad**—put together delivery routes

In addition, several Rotarians referred families to us and donated additional canned goods.

Everything was very capably organized by **Michael Stanzak**, who also put together the delivery teams and purchased many cans of sweet potatoes. In the spirit of the holiday, Michael delivered a Thanksgiving Proclamation written by President George Washington.



More than 120 Rotarians from the Rotary Club of Edina and EMRC participated in the annual Thanksgiving Baskets Assembly Nov. 25. Above, Jean Morrison and EMRC members Annie Kennedy and Jane Ehresmann are all smiles as they hand out food to place in the baskets. Left, Tom Pirsch, with the help of Jim Roberts, purchased the pumpkin pie for each basket. Below, no one worked harder than organizers Michael Stanzak and Mary Hustad to make the event a success.



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Meet one of our new members...

In the spirit of getting to know our members, The Barker periodically will feature a profile and photo of new members of the Rotary Club of Edina. This week we meet:

Name: Shelly Loberg
Classification: Tourism

What was your first job? My first job out of college was an administrative role at Robert Half International in Minneapolis. In less than a year I was able to get a job in my industry at an advertising agency in media planning. That was really exciting for me!

Who was your first role model and why?

My first role model that had a great impact on me was a cousin in my family who I am lucky to have a close relationship with. She has a strong, independent, and open-minded personality, a classic sense of style, and a successful career. She is also adventurous and a great giver within our family. Many of her experiences have inspired me to be a better person and to this day we have a special connection.

Why did you want to join Rotary? Having a strong love of other cultures and languages, Rotary's involvement in international projects is especially interesting to me. I also love the idea of being involved in the community where I work since my job at Explore Edina is all about promoting the city and it's amenities.

What do you like best about being part of the Rotary Club of Edina? I love how the Edina Rotary Club takes pride in giving back to its community and the surrounding area. I also love the connectivity it has given me to other professionals and the friendships that it's fostering.

What one piece of advice do you offer other business leaders? Be a good listener and collaborator. Some of the best results are achieved when we work together.



Register now for the Rotary Holiday Party Dec. 17 at the ECC

Come and get in the holiday spirit with your fellow Rotarians! **The Holiday Party will be from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 17, at the Edina Country Club (ECC) in the living room.** There will be a variety of hearty appetizers and a cash bar, with live entertainment and lots of room to sit and relax and catch up with old and new friends in Rotary.

You are welcome to bring one guest to the gathering. Cost is \$19 for each guest. Senior Active and Honorary members will also pay the usual \$19. (Regular members do not have to pay, as they were already billed for the meeting on their Q2 invoice.) Go to the club website, www.edinarotary.org, and click on the Holiday Party link in the "Upcoming Events" section on the upper right of the home page to register. You will have the option to pay online for the guest ticket (or your own ticket if you are a Senior Active or Honorary member). You also may pay with cash or check at the door or ask to be billed on the next quarterly invoice (Q3, sent out in early January). Contact Club Administrator Jennifer Garske with questions about registration or payment options.

Valet parking will be offered at the ECC. Make sure you check in at the registration table when you arrive at the ECC that evening. Note that only cash will be accepted to purchase beverages at the bar. The ECC does not have a cash machine on site.

The Holiday Party counts as the regular meeting for the week, so if you are shooting for perfect attendance this Rotary year, you will need a make up if you do not attend.

Please sign up online by Monday, Dec. 14, so we can get a count for the ECC.

If you have questions, please contact Marty Kupper or Steve Slyce.

Like Rotary on Facebook, 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**.

New Duty Roster to be sent out soon

Keep an eye on your inbox. The January–June 2016 Duty Roster will be sent out soon. Please take a look at the roster and see what duties you are assigned at meetings in the New Year. If you have questions, contact Barbara Born or Jennifer Garske.

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Proposed for Membership

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

Raj Kumar

Classification: Consultant

Sponsor: Josh Sprague

Lisa Walker

Classification: Residential Mortgage Lender

Sponsor: Les Wanninger

Written objections to the applications must be submitted before 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 9, to Rotary Club of Edina, 4801 W. 50th St., Edina, MN 55424.

We're on TV!

The program portion of the Rotary Club of Edina's weekly meetings are being televised and air on Edina Community Channel 16 (EDINA 16) daily at 1 a.m., 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. The programs are also available on YouTube.



Upcoming Events and Schedule

Dec. 2

Edina Rotary Happy Hour, Vocational Development Group, 5:30 to 7 p.m., The Mezz, Lunds & Byerly's, 7171 France Ave. S., Edina, gathering is to provide Club members the opportunity to make business connections and learn more about what Rotary is doing in the community. Mike Kallas will be the speaker at the event. Contact Kip Peterson for info.

Dec. 3, 10, 17

Rotary Holiday Gift Giving Program, bring unwrapped presents to donate to children and families this holiday season. Jean Morrison will be collecting gifts, gift cards and cash at meetings in December to send to Oasis for Youth and VEAP. You can also drop off presents at the Holiday Party Dec. 17. Contact Jean for gift ideas or other information.

Dec. 17

No noon meeting

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Holiday Party, 5:30 to 8 p.m., Edina Country Club, come and celebrate the holiday season with new and old friends in Rotary, appetizers and a cash bar. Go to www.edinarotary.org to register by Dec. 14. For more info, contact Marty Kupper or Steve Slyce.

Dec. 24

No meeting, Christmas holiday

Dec. 31

No meeting, New Year's holiday

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