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ROTARY CLUB OF EDINA

Jason Peterson DeLaire will provide music at Dec. 17 Holiday Party

Have you signed up yet to attend the Rotary Holiday Party? Now is the time! 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 in the living room.** There will be a variety of hearty appetizers and a cash bar with lots of room to sit and relax and catch up with old and new friends in Rotary.

Come for the fellowship, stay for the music! We will once again be entertained by a member of the well-known and immensely talented Peterson Family! **Jason Peterson DeLaire, nephew of our own Paul Peterson, will provide the musical entertainment at the party.** Jason is an in-demand saxophonist and keyboardist, as well as a talented singer, songwriter and producer. He has toured nationally and internationally with artists such as Donny Osmond, Michael Bolton, Prince, Alexander O'Neal, Richard Marx, Solo and Oleta Adams. He is currently touring as the saxophonist in Michael Bolton's band. Jason is a versatile performer in classic jazz and R&B music. His debut CD, "In My Life," received critical acclaim during the inauguration of President Barack Obama for his reflective lyrics. We are honored to have Jason join us as pianist to make the party even more festive.



You are welcome to bring one guest to the Holiday Party. 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 www.edinarotary.org and click on "Holiday Party" in the "Upcoming Events" section on the home page to get to the registration page. 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). If you have any problems registering, please contact Jennifer Garske.

Please sign up online by noon Monday, Dec. 14, so we can get a count for the ECC. If you have questions, please contact Marty Kupper or Steve Slyce.

Bring gifts to this week's meeting for Holiday Giving Program

Thanks to everyone who brought a gift or donated money to the Rotary Holiday Giving Program at last week's meeting! We are off to a great start, and we'll once again be ready and waiting to receive your holiday donations at this week's meeting, Thursday, Dec. 10. The gifts, gift cards and money we collect go to programs for families in need in our community this holiday season. If you would like to participate, please **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.** The gifts can be dropped off at the regular Rotary meeting Dec. 10, or at the Holiday Party Thursday, Dec. 17. The funds donated will be used to buy gift cards or other gifts to be donated.




This year, the organizations benefiting from the Edina Rotary Holiday Giving Program will be:

- VEAP—a non-profit, social service agency that assists low-income families in Bloomington, Edina, Richfield, and south Minneapolis.
- Oasis for Youth—a resource center for homeless that houses youth in Bloomington, Edina, and Richfield.

If you have questions about the program, or need gift ideas for children or families, go to www.edinarotary.org. A list of gift ideas for people of all ages is available. Contact Jean Morrison at jean@jeanmorrisonhr.com with questions.

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In review

Dec. 3, 2015

By Greg Yoch

Jennifer Bennerotte, President of Edina Rotary, opened the meeting. She paid tribute to **Aaron Klein**. This was Aaron's last day as our audio-visual guru at Rotary meetings. He has been doing this for Edina Rotary for about 10 years while he has worked with Jennifer at the City of Edina. Aaron works full time at Evine Live. With those responsibilities and a growing family, Aaron decided he needed to reduce his commitments. So he will be leaving us at Rotary and also leaving his part-time job at the City of Edina. Aaron will be missed by Rotary, Jennifer and all his colleagues at the City of Edina. Jennifer presented Aaron a Paul Harris Fellowship in recognition of his extraordinary contributions to the Rotary Club of Edina. Thank you Aaron!

Mark Jessen provided an exceptionally well-considered invocation about gun violence in the United States and led us in the Pledge of Allegiance and Four-Way Test.

Mary Hustad introduced quite a few guests to the meeting, including three of Aaron and Jennifer's colleagues from the City of Edina, and one visiting Rotarian.

Sue Spalding, The Rotary Foundation director for our club, talked about the difference between the Edina Rotary Foundation and The Rotary Foundation (TRF). The primary fundraiser for the Edina Rotary Foundation is the Gala in the fall. But we are just now kicking off the campaign to raise money for TRF, which funds such projects as improving sanitation in Kenya, eliminating Polio and providing ambassadorial scholarships. We have two goals this year: raise at least \$80,000 and get 100 percent participation among our members. Be an international philanthropist. Be a gift to the world.

Shelly Loberg introduced the Rev. Rena Turham, a deacon in the Episcopal Church in Minnesota (ECMN) and a member of ECMN's Cuban Ministry Commission. She was visiting our club to provide an update on her project that we helped sponsor with an international grant. She thanked **David Clynes**, who brought her project to Rotary: installing clean water filtration systems in Cuba. Toward this end, the \$2,000 gift by the Edina Rotary Foundation was matched by a member of this club, as well as the Pohlada Family Foundation, and donations by several other clubs including St. Cloud, City of Lakes, Downtown Minneapolis and North Minneapolis. They have surpassed their 2016 fundraising goal and are exploring installing a third 3M water purification system in Cuba. This is great way to bring goodwill to Cuba and perhaps an opportunity for Rotary to return to Cuba in the longer term.



Aaron Klein (center) was honored at the Dec. 3 Rotary Club of Edina meeting for his nearly 10 years of service to the club as the audio-visual guru. This was Aaron's last meeting, as he is leaving his part-time job at the City of Edina and will no longer be helping at meetings. Some of Aaron's City of Edina colleagues were at the meeting (pictured above), and his boss at the city, Rotary President Jennifer Bennerotte (right), awarded him a Paul Harris Fellowship in honor of his dedication to the Rotary Club of Edina.

Brad Hepp and **Steve Slyce**, with assistance from **Josh Sprague**, inducted two new members into Edina Rotary: **David Aase** and **John Mazzara**. Congratulations and welcome!

Brad Beard introduced the speaker: Lexi Reed Holtum of the Steve Rummeler Hope Foundation. Ms. Holtum acknowledged **Sandy Schley**, who was so welcoming to her at Rotary. Ms. Holtum gave a very heartfelt and personal presentation of the dilemma of chronic pain and addiction. She said that 44 people die in the United States each day due to prescription overdose. It is the No. 1 cause of accidental death. It is a health epidemic. In 2014, Edina Rotary provided the Steve Rummeler Hope Foundation with a grant of \$5,000, which was matched by a number of Minnesota Rotary clubs including Excelsior, Burnsville, Buffalo, Bloomington and Eden Prairie. The organization used the money to produce a film to raise awareness and educate people about the problem of chronic pain and prescription overdose. We viewed a condensed version of the very compelling video about her deceased fiancé, Steve Rummeler, who had a back injury, became addicted to pain killers and eventually died of an overdose. The organization is now partnering with a number of hospitals to educate patients about the risks of pain killers. In addition, they are working on education, legislation, label changes and distribution of overdose prevention kits.

Sandy Schley thanked the speaker. **President Jennifer Bennerotte** closed the meeting and reminded everyone that next week our speaker is the Executive Vice President and General Counsel of Best Buy. She encouraged us to go out and "Multiply the gifts we have been given."

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Dec. 10, 2015 Meeting Assignments

Front Desk	Dan Hallberg
Front Desk Admin	Jennifer Garske
Greeters	Bob Gubrud, 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

Program: Keith Nelsen, executive vice president and general counsel at Best Buy

Menu: Roast beef or chicken Caesar salad

Correction

Newly approved Rotary Club of Edina member Lisa Walker's name was incorrect in the Nov. 25 and Dec. 3 editions of *The Barker*. We apologize for the error.

Upcoming Events and Schedule

Dec. 17	No noon meeting
Dec. 17	Ring for Rotary , Lunds & Byerly's, 7171 France Ave. S., Edina, Rotary Club of Edina members will be ringing the Salvation Army bell from 2 to 6 p.m. Members will also be ringing Dec. 18, 21, 22 and 23. Contact Dan Hallberg for more information.
Dec. 17	Holiday Party , 5:30 to 8 p.m., Edina Country Club, musical entertainment by Jason Peterson DeLaire. Go to www.edinarotary.org to register by Dec. 14. For more info, contact Marty Kupper or Steve Slyce.
Dec. 22	Ring for Jerry Day , Lunds & Byerly's, 7171 France Ave. S., Edina, members will be ringing the Salvation Army bell in memory of Jerry Potter. Donations will be matched!

Rotary Club of Edina mailbox

On behalf of my entire family I want thank all my Rotary friends for the beautiful flowers you sent to us for my mother's funeral. I also appreciate all the support and cards I received, which were full of many kind words of condolence. God bless all of you.

Sincerely,
Dave Hatzung

Thank you for supporting Heshima Children's Center in Nairobi, Kenya. Enjoy this Christmas ornament, hand made by the moms of our special needs kids.

Heshima Children's Center

Thank you for your generous donation of \$100 [in recognition of Area 3 Veterans' Luncheon speaker Major General (ret) Paul Rehkamp] received on Nov. 18, 2015. Your contribution is a tangible way to say 'thank you' to our Minnesota military families for their service and incredible sacrifice.

Without the generous support of companies and people like you, the Minnesota Military Family Foundation would not be in the position to support the families of deployed military personnel.

Sincerely,
Terry Palmer
Treasurer
Minnesota Military Family Foundation

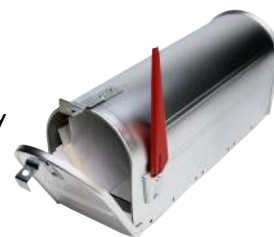
Thank you for your gift of \$1,750 to the 2016 Southdale YMCA Annual Campaign.

The Y's Annual Campaign raises funds that help us in our cause of strengthening our communities through youth development, healthy living and social responsibility.

You are part of a great effort that is helping tens of thousands of local people each year to benefit from all that the Y offers, from summer camp to swim lessons, from academic support in afterschool centers, to healthy living activities and programs for people of all ages, and so much more. You are making a difference!

Your support is important. It means that the Y continues to be accessible to all, regardless of financial need. We hope you know that your gift stays in our community and meets local needs.

With gratitude,
Cassidy K. Titcomb
Interim Vice President of Mission Advancement
YMCA of the Greater Twin Cities



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Edina Rotary Foundation announces 3 international grants

The Edina Rotary Foundation has awarded three international grants:

Clean Water Project in Cuba

The Rotary Club of Edina is leading a project to provide clean water in two communities within Santiago de Cuba.

After decades of economic isolation, clean drinking water is one of the most critical needs of the Cuban people. The public water and sewage system has broken down after years of disrepair. Water filtration plants are barely operational due to lack of maintenance as a result of inability to import the required parts and equipment. A high percentage of the water pumped into the public water system is not treated or suitable for drinking.

The Rotary Club of Edina, along with the Episcopal Church in Minnesota Cuban Ministry Commission, 3M Corporation and St. Stephen's Episcopal Church of Edina, Rotarian Ed Padilla and the Pohlard Family Foundation, plans to install ultraviolet water filtration systems at two churches to serve the surrounding communities. The systems will be installed in March and April 2016. The total cost of the project is estimated to be \$6,000. A trip to the project site is being planned for the spring.

All-Female Youth Orchestra in Guatemala

Three area Rotary clubs are pooling resources to buy instruments to be used in forming an all-female youth orchestra in Antigua, Guatemala. The Rotary Clubs of South Metro Minneapolis Evenings, Edina and Edina Morningside, along with Rotary District 5950,

provided money for the project, which will be done in partnership with the Rotary Club of Vista Hermosa in Guatemala City to further women's rights.

The money will be used to buy instruments for girls ages 8 to 18 who will join the orchestra this year. Total project cost is estimated to be \$12,600. Rotarians plan to travel to Guatemala in the spring for some hands-on service projects and to see a performance of the orchestra.

Heshima Children's Center in Kenya

Our club is supporting Heshima Children's Center for disabled children in Nairobi, Kenya. Most children with special needs in Kenya live a life that is undignified. Public schools do not provide services for children with special needs. Most special needs children either stay at home or end up attending public school without any specialized instruction. Heshima Children's Center was started with the vision of meeting the needs of these "hidden children." Heshima provides breakfast and lunch; basic educational instruction; and occupational, physical and speech therapy for children with special needs. Heshima also provides jobs to those in the area.

Through its foundation, the Rotary Club of Edina, and Rotary International District 5950 will donate equipment to Heshima, including four wheelchair-accessible bookshelves, five adjustable chairs, three wheelchair-accessible tables, four standing frames for children who need to increase weight bearing, and a printer. The total cost of the project is estimated to be \$7,000.

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