

EDINA

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THE BARKER

ROTARY CLUB OF EDINA

Dec. 11, 2014 Meeting Assignments

Greeters	Bob Gubrud & Greg Hanks
Front Desk	TBD
Invocation	Keith Benson
Guest Introductions	Jack Kennefick
Barker	Sue Spalding
Thank the Speaker	Will Steinke

Program: Beth Burns of the Minnesota Zoo, "What's New at the Zoo?"

Menu: Roast pork loin with baked risotto or wild rice chicken salad

Rotary Holiday Party is Wednesday, Dec. 17 at the ECC

Happy holidays!

Join us in celebrating the holiday season at the **Rotary Club of Edina Holiday Party from 6 to**



8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 17, at the Edina Country Club. There will be heavy appetizers served and a cash bar. Come and enjoy some background music as you get in the holiday spirit with your fellow Rotarians! Guests are welcome to attend the party. Cost is \$18 for each guest. Members will be billed for any guests on the Quarter 3 invoice, which will be sent out in January.

There is no Rotary Club of Edina meeting on Thursday, Dec. 18, so the party counts as the meeting for that week. Please register yourself and any guests by this Friday, Dec. 12, so we can get a count for the ECC. That evening, please make sure to sign in at the Rotary check-in table on your way into the party.

If you have questions, please contact Barbara Born or Jeff Ohe. Hope to see you there!

After the Dec. 11 meeting, the next regular Rotary Club of Edina meeting is Thursday, Jan. 8.

A Note from the President

At our Dec. 4 meeting, Jean Morrison and Mary Younggren, the co-chairs of our 2014 Gala Fundraiser "Rendezvous in Paris," announced the final financial results of our fundraiser for the Edina Rotary Foundation: **\$113,180!!!**



Jean and Mary worked tirelessly on the event, and put together a tremendous team of more than 40 fellow Rotarians that worked together to make this the most financially successful fundraiser in our Club's history. It was a magical evening with fantastic decorations and 317 people in attendance—also a record!

We now have \$113,180 that will be used to improve the lives of those less fortunate in our local and global communities. This money supports local projects such as: Camp Enterprise, Feed My Starving Children, Youth Exchange, and Jeremiah House, to name just a few, as well as international projects that supply clean water and sanitation to communities around the world, and much, much more.

The generosity of our Club members through their gifts to the Edina Rotary Foundation and to The Rotary Foundation is nothing short of amazing. It is truly an honor to be a member of Rotary, and specifically Edina Rotary.

On behalf of the countless families who you'll never meet, but whose lives will be changed through the money that was raised, THANK YOU!

Yours in Rotary,

Jeff

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In Review

Dec. 4, 2014

By Bradley Pearson

Warning! Action-Packed Meeting!

Today, **Ann Goebel** and **Jim Ryman** greeted us. The Big Rotary Buffet (BRB) was a hit for the hungry Rotarians who didn't get enough feasting at Thanksgiving.

Prez **Jeff Ohe** convened the meeting at its usual 12:35 p.m. start time. Prez went over the families in Edina Noon Rotary including father and son duos: **William** and **David Clynes**, **Lloyd** and **Brad Pearson**, **Tom** and **Erick Ries**, **Adam** and **Michael Stanzak**; father and daughter team **Joel** and **Jodie Jennings**; and husband and wife members **Bob Solheim** and **Patti Ellingson-Solheim**.

Jennifer Bennerotte gave the invocation and led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. **Mike Kallas** did the guest introductions.

Special guest District Governor Jim Nelson went over the list of our members who are members of the Paul Harris Society, giving \$1,000 per year to The Rotary Foundation: **Joe Arends**, **San Asoto**, **Brad Beard**, **Joe Christensen**, **Don Erickson**, **Heather Hansen**, **Hal Harris**, **Melinda Inman**, **Joel Jennings**, **Jack Kennefick**, **Jody Kern**, **Dave Kunz**, **Gordy Lewis**, **Scott MacDonald**, **Kris Maser**, **Matt Mattis**, **Bill McReavy**, **Paul Mooty**, **Tim Murphy**, **Jeff Ohe**, **Ed Padilla**, **Sandy Schley**, **John Schwarz**, **Steve Slyce**, **John Solberg**, **Sue Spalding**, **Michael Stanzak**, **Will Steinke**, **Scott Tankenoff**, **Bruce Templeton**, **Steve Veker**, and **Ted Yoch**. Congratulations to these great Rotary members truly committed to the Rotary way.

Prez **Ohe** had **Jean Morrison** and **Mary Younggren**, the co-chairs of the 2014 Gala Fundraiser "Rendezvous in Paris," come up to the podium. They announced the financial results of our fundraiser for the Edina Rotary Foundation: \$113,180! Great job! This is a new record, with 317 people attending the event.

Jean Morrison also announced that this year's Edina Rotary Holiday Giving Program will go to: **VEAP**—a non-profit, social service agency that assists low-income families in Bloomington, Edina, Richfield, and south Minneapolis; and **Oasis for Youth**—a resource center for the homeless that houses youth in Bloomington, Edina, and Richfield. Bring your unwrapped toys/gifts next week or to the Holiday Party on Dec. 17.

Val Burke brought our student guest Betsy Jasper, granddaughter of our own **Sam Cote**.

Brad Hepp inducted new member **Ron Kallich**, sponsored by **Ann Platt**. Welcome Ron!

Jean Morrison brought the program: Anne Mavity, director of new projects for Beacon Interfaith Housing Collaborative. This is the youth homeless shelter planned for 66th Street in Edina, known as the 66 West Apartments.

Youth homelessness in the Edina/west metro area is a problem effecting 250 youths. Seventy congregations and counting have come together and are committed to ending homelessness in the Twin Cities. They have come together to build the 66 West Apartments, which will serve about 40 homeless young people pursuing education and career goals. The complex will have 39 studio apartments.

Why are young people homeless? Various reasons exist: conflict in families; parents mental health/chemical/alcohol; poverty; unsafe to stay in home; or transitions from foster care without support.

The housing will provide a haven of support for young people who haven't had the advantages of some of their peers. The location will be ideal near transit and jobs, will serve primarily 18- to 21-year-olds, and services onsite will emphasize education and employment, health and healing, and independent living skills. There will be overnight staffing to help at all hours.

Mitch Robinson thanked the speaker. At 1:25 p.m. Prez **Ohe** made his closing remarks. Prez Jeff looked relieved to have this action-packed meeting completed. (He is now half way through with his presidency.)



Members of the Rotary Club of Edina and Edina Morningside Rotary Club gathered Nov. 26 for the annual Thanksgiving Baskets Assembly. Boxes containing a turkey and all the trimmings, plus extras like hats and mittens for kids, were assembled and then delivered to families in need in Edina, south Minneapolis, and Richfield. Thanks to everyone who participated!

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Donate gifts in December for Rotary Holiday Giving Program

Again this year, the Rotary Club of Edina will be collecting holiday gifts for families in need in our community.

Rotarian Jean Morrison is once again spearheading the Holiday Giving Program, and asks that members

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 this week's Rotary meeting, Thursday, Dec. 11, or at the Holiday Party on Wednesday, Dec. 17.



This year, the organizations benefitting from the Edina Rotary Holiday Giving Program are:

- **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.

For a list of gift ideas for all ages, go to the Rotary Club of Edina website, www.edinarotary.org, and click on the story on the main page.

For more information, contact Jean Morrison at jean@jeanmorrisonhr.com. Thank you!

Rotary Club of Edina mailbox



On behalf of all of us at Little Hospice, "thank you" for the incredible generosity, once again, of the Rotary Club of Edina. Your donation of four turkeys along with all the fixings and canned goods and desserts was deeply appreciated and put to good use.

Mike Opitz and Scott MacDonald pulled up to the back of our hospice about 2 o'clock and made several trips from their car to bring food and laughter to our kitchen. They were greeted with enthusiasm by our cook and several nurses, volunteers, and myself.

We had nearly 50 family members/friends here for the Thanksgiving feast. These were the spouses, sons, daughters, grandchildren, and other family and friends of our patients who were able to enjoy this last Thanksgiving with their loved ones in this most special way. We set one table for 17 and another for 12, and the others enjoyed their meals at the bedside of their loved ones. It was heartwarming to see people coming back for seconds/thirds, all expressing heartfelt thanks for this meal and their precious time together.

The Rotary Club of Edina continues to make a difference to so many in so many ways...I am both humbled and proud to be associated with our great and generous Club.

With gratitude.

Bob Solheim
Director
N.C. Little Memorial Hospice

Upcoming Events and Schedule

- Dec. 17 **Rotary Club of Edina Holiday Party**, Edina Country Club, 6 to 8:30 p.m., appetizers and cash bar, cost for guests is \$18, register at www.edinarotary.org by Dec. 12.
- Dec. 18 **No Rotary Club of Edina meeting** due to the Holiday Party Dec. 17
- Dec. 22 **Edina Rotary Goes to Motown!**, Orpheum Theater, Minneapolis, 7:30 p.m., Rotary members and guests who purchased tickets will attend "Motown—The Musical." Contact Michael Stanzak for more info.

- Dec. 25 **No Rotary Club of Edina meeting**
- Jan. 1 **No Rotary Club of Edina meeting**
- Jan. 17 **District 5950 Mid-Term Assembly**, University of Minnesota Landscape Arboretum, Chanhassen. All Rotarians are welcome to attend this training and networking session to re-energize for the rest of the Rotary year. Club presidents and board members are especially encouraged to attend. More information about the event and registration to come soon.

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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Checking in with ... Youth Exchange

This week we check in with two of our Rotary Youth Exchange outbound students:

Kat Fink

Youth Exchange student in Denmark

Kat is studying in Denmark this school year, and visited Copenhagen a couple of weekends ago with her counselor and took some beautiful pictures (*top right*) to share with us. She is loving her time in Denmark. Kat reports “the average tap water here tastes like gold” and “everything is so laid back here, and the public transportation is a breeze!”

Amy Hobday

Youth Exchange student in Italy

Amy, who is an Edina High School student, is studying in Italy this school year, and recently returned from a weekend trip. Amy says, “Hello! I just returned from my first Rotary weekend in Rome and Florence! It was absolutely unbelievable. The most fun I have had since being here. I was blown away by everything. We saw so many things in just three days! I loved it. Here are some pictures (*one of Amy and other students at bottom left*)!”

Next week we will hear from our other two Youth Exchange students: Sarah Aydinalp, spending the year in Brazil, and Pauline “Vivi” Pocha, also in Denmark.

—Heather Hansen, Youth Service Director



City of Edina/Edina Police Department Blood Drive set for TODAY, Dec. 10

What? City of Edina/Edina Police Department Blood Drive

When? Wednesday, Dec. 10, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Where? Edina City Hall in the Mayoral Chambers

The City of Edina is sponsoring a blood drive with nonprofit partner Memorial Blood Centers. All who live or work in Edina are encouraged to donate blood that day at Edina City Hall, 4801 W. 50th St. Donors must be at least 17 years old or 16 with a signed parental consent form, weigh at least 110 pounds, free of antibiotics for at least 24 hours unless taken daily for a skin condition, and symptom-free for at least three days following a cold or flu.

Step up to donate this month for a chance to win a winter getaway! Present to donate Dec. 1-31, 2014 and enter for a chance to win a three-night stay at a Hyatt Place with round-trip airfare for two. Prizes hold no cash value and are nontransferable. Blackout dates and other restrictions apply. Visit MBC.ORG/VACATION for details, or call 1-888-GIVE-BLD (888-448-3253).

Make a date to donate today, and consider making blood donation a regular part of your life. All blood types are needed—especially O negative (O-) and O positive (O+).

For more information about the City of Edina blood drive, or to schedule a time to donate, go to mbc.org/searchdrives and enter sponsor code 0111 or call 651-332-7161. Appointments are highly desired, but some walk-ins will be welcome. Expanded information about donation eligibility or restrictions can be found on the Memorial Blood Center website under the “Donate Blood” tab, then go to “Guidelines.”

Blood donation is easy and typically takes less than an hour! And located at Edina City Hall, it couldn't be more convenient.

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