EDINA

THE BARKER ROTARY CLUB OF EDINA

Jan. 8, 2014 Meeting Assignments

- Greeters
- Front Desk Invocation Guest Introductions Barker Thank the Speaker

Heather Hansen, Larry Doty & Ron Kalich Steven Veker Michael Braun Jody Kern Bob Perkins John Solberg

Program: Mark Lanterman, computer forensics expert, "Easiest Catch: Don't Be Another Fish in the 'Net."

Donate to The Rotary Foundation before 2014 comes to an end

On behalf of The Rotary Foundation (TRF), we thank all of you who have made donations to help support the primary goals of eradicating polio and providing clean drinking water. Your support has made a difference in the lives of people throughout the world!

As we come to the end of 2014, you might consider making your TRF contribution prior to Dec. 31 to have the contribution count for your 2014 taxes. In order to get credit in 2014, we recommend you send your mail your contribution prior to Dec. 25. Contributions can be mailed to:

Jeff Ohe 5418 Creek View Lane Edina, MN 55439

Thank you for supporting TRF! Contact our club's TRF director, Will Steinke, for more information.



Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

No Rotary Club of Edina meetings Dec. 25 or Jan. 1



Believe it or not, bow ties were optional at the Rotary Club of Edina Holiday Party, held Dec. 17 at the Edina Country Club. Here (left to right) Wooj Byun, John Flynn, and John Buttolph pose for a bow tie fashion show.

Celebrate Rotary Club of Edina Holiday Party





(Above) Tom and Roberta McNellis and Betty and Harry Weingartner were just a few of the 100 Rotarians and guests that attended the Holiday Party. (Left) Jody Kern and Leann Stessman are festive in red at the event.

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Edina Rotarian Mary Swendsen helps pack bags for area children to take home Friday so they have food over the weekend. The program is a collaboration between six area Rotary Clubs and VEAP.

Area Rotary Clubs and VEAP packing food for area children in need

Six Rotary Clubs (Bloomington Daymakers, Bloomington Noon, Edina Morningside, Edina Noon, Richfield, and South Minneapolis Metro Evenings) and VEAP are collaborating to provide food bags to children in Bloomington, Edina and Richfield who do not have enough food over the weekends. With the help of a generous Rotary District 5950 grant to purchase the food throughout the school year, the Rotarians provide the sweat equity to pack the bags on Thursday evenings before those Fridays that the schools are open. The schools pick up their supply of bags Friday mornings and distribute them confidentially to those students in need.

We currently have been providing bags for Kennedy High School (Bloomington), Valley View Middle School (Bloomington), Centennial Elementary School (Richfield), South View Middle School (Edina), and we will be adding Normandale Elementary School (Edina). The clubs pack about 125 bags with a volunteer team of six.

For more information, contact Community Service (Projects) Director Mary Swendsen.

Your generosity helped make Rotary **Holiday Giving Program a success**

Again this year, the Rotary Club of Edina collected holiday gifts for families in need in our community. Rotarian Jean Morrison spearheaded the effort to get



members to donate gifts or cash at three Rotary events in December. Jean reports that this year's Holiday Giving Program was an amazing success! Members donated \$596 and 87 gifts, a record-setting year for giving for our Club! Ms. Santa was able to purchase many gift cards and special gifts with the money donated.

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

• VEAP-a non-profit, social service agency that assists lowincome families in Bloomington, Edina, Richfield, and south Minneapolis.

• Oasis for Youth—a resource center for homeless that houses youth in Bloomington, Edina, and Richfield.

Ms. Santa would like to thank her elves—Jodie Jennings and Tom Pirsch (shown above with Ms. Santa herself, Jean Morrison)-for helping with the bell ringing to collect gifts at meetings, and with delivery of the donations. Thank you to everyone for sharing your holiday spirit with those in need!

Upcoming Events and Schedule

Dec. 25/Jan. I No Rotary Club of Edina meeting

Jan. 7

Edina Rotary Vocational

Development Group, 5:30 to 7 p.m., meets on the first Wednesday of each month to provide Club members the opportunity to share their profession, network, encourage professional development, and foster ethical business practices. Contact Kip Peterson for more information.

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