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ROTARY CLUB OF EDINA

## Dec. 12, 2013 Meeting Assignments

Greeters	Matt Boockmeier and Gordy Lewis
Front Desk	Bob Stehlik
Invocation	Paul Peterson
Guest Introduction	Ann Platt
Barker	Greg Hanks
Program Host	Mary Younggren
Thank the Speaker	John Flynn

**Program:** Author and tennis expert Jim Holden, "A History of Minnesota (and Edina) Boys' High School Tennis"

**Menu:** Swiss steak or halibut salad

## A Note from the President

December is Rotary Family Month and I urge all of you to engage with your Rotary family over the course of the next two weeks. At our next Club meeting and the last one until Jan. 9, we will announce to you our proposed 2014-2015 Officer candidate along with candidates to fill our open Director positions. You as members will then vote on the candidates.



At our Dec. 12 meeting, as well as the Dec. 19 Holiday Party, Jean Morrison will collect unwrapped toys for distribution to area children through VEAP, Oasis for Youth and Veterans' Family Group.

Dec. 19 is our Holiday Party at Edina Country Club from 6 to 8:30 p.m. An Evite was sent out to all members last week. Please include your significant others and adult children and RSVP. There will be heavy appetizers and a cash bar at the party.

Stay warm and travel safe!

—Steve

## *In Review*

*Dec. 5, 2013*

### By Dan Hallberg

President **Steve Slyce** began our meeting at 12:35 p.m. with a greeting to all visitors and Rotarians. **Bob Perkins** provided an inspirational invocation and then led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. **Michael Braun** introduced our visiting Rotarians and guests, and then appeared **Jean Morrison**—dressed in her holiday best—reminding us that the Holiday Giving Program this year will benefit VEAP, Oasis for Youth, and Veterans' Family Group. Jean has been a real **Yule Nisse** (Christmas Elf—ask Bob Solheim for further explanation) for Edina Rotary for 20-plus years. Merry Christmas to you from Edina Rotary, Jean. You can bring unwrapped toys and family gifts to the ECC on Dec. 12 and 19.

**Heather Hansen** and **Terry Stevens** updated us on the five Edina female students who are interviewing for the District Youth Exchange program. Thanks for your work, Heather and Terry, on behalf of our Club.

**Dave Wohl** gave his classification talk, which traced his path from Mason City, Iowa, through the University of Iowa, to Minnesota. Dave's family owned the COIT franchise in the metro area, which Dave grew and managed until it was sold in October 2012. He lives in Edina with his wife, Kathy, has two adult children and already is active on several Club committees. Welcome to Edina Rotary, Dave.

**Ted Yoch** then introduced our speaker, Jan Callison. Jan was elected as Hennepin County Commissioner for District 6, which includes Edina, in 2009. She is one of seven commissioners and serves in many leadership positions including vice chair, Hennepin County Board; chair, Budget and Capital Investment committee; and treasurer, Hennepin County Regional Railroad Authority. Her presentation, which she titled "Counties: Minnesota's Invisible Level of Government," focused on three primary areas: Functions, Governance, and Challenges.

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The Hennepin County Board is an advisory board only. It is empowered to hire a county executive administrator. The city of Minneapolis, the largest city, is represented by three of the seven commissioners. Medicine Lake is the smallest community in the county and the city of Chanhassen (in Hennepin county) is without any residents.

Jan listed some of the challenges the board faces: Hennepin County's population is becoming older and more diverse and presents a challenge in properly educating younger people for future job opportunities. She supports the Southwest Light Rail project, but sees some major challenges to its implementation. After lively and informative questions from the audience, **Andy Finsness** thanked Jan for her presentation.



### Celebrate Founders Day in Edina!

The City of Edina is celebrating its 125<sup>th</sup> birthday this year! There will be a community-wide

Founders Day celebration on Thursday, Dec. 12. See below for a list of the festivities:

- 5 p.m. Open house at Cahill School and Minnehaha Grange Hall
- 6 p.m. Edina City Hall social hour with music provided by Edina Chorale
- 7 p.m. Founders Day program featuring readings and music
- 7:45 p.m. Birthday cake served by Rotary Club of Edina!

### Bring gifts for annual Edina Rotary Holiday Giving Program

Season's greetings! Again this year, the Rotary Club of Edina will collect holiday gifts for families in need in our community. Rotarian Jean Morrison is



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 for the next three Thursdays.** The gifts can be dropped off at the regular Rotary meeting on Dec. 12, or at the Holiday Party on Dec. 19. Cash donations are also welcome.

This year, the organizations benefitting from the Edina Rotary Holiday Giving Program are **VEAP, Oasis for Youth, and Veterans' Family Group.**

If you have questions about the program, or need gift ideas for children or families, contact Rotarian Jean Morrison at [jean@jeanmorrisonhr.com](mailto:jean@jeanmorrisonhr.com).

Thank you!

### Upcoming Events and Schedule

- Dec. 19 No regular Club meeting  
Club Holiday Party, 6 to 8:30 p.m. at the ECC, hors d'oeuvres and cash bar
- Dec. 26 No regular Club meeting
- Dec. 31 Deadline for Rotary Local Grant Applications
- Jan. 2 No regular Club meeting
- Feb. 1 Bowling night at Lariat Lanes, 6:30 to 9 p.m.

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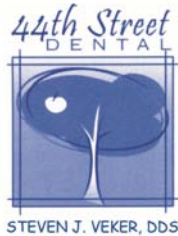
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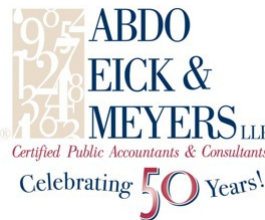
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