



THE BARKER

ROTARY CLUB OF EDINA

Feb. 11, 2015 Meeting Assignments

Greeters	Joe Hayes, Mark Hegman & Mike Kallas
Front Desk	Dan Hallberg
Invocation	Frank Cardarelle
Guest Introductions	Steve Slyce
Barker	John Buttolph
Thank the Speaker	Bob Stehlik

Program: Edina Rotarian Thom Winninger, "What Are You up Too?"

Menu: Grilled chicken with roasted garlic and oregano served with fingerling potatoes or trio of salads (chicken, tuna, and egg)

In Memoriam...

We are sad to report that former Edina Noon Rotarian John Novachis passed away Feb. 6, 2015. John's time as a member may have been brief, but he made many friends in our Club.

John was a distinguished business owner and took great pride in his involvement with the 50th and France business community for over 40 years. He served in the U.S. Army in Vietnam as a proud member of the 101st Airborne. As a sergeant, John was awarded a Purple Heart, a Bronze Star and received many other honors during his time of service.

He is survived by wife, Kelly; sons, Tony (Natalie) and Matt (Madeline); daughter, Amy (Emily); grandchildren, Miles, Dominic, Otto, and Mason; sister, Chrisanti; and many other loving family and friends.

A celebration of life will be held at the Edina Country Club, 5100 Wooddale Ave., Edina, at 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 14. Please keep the Novachis family in your thoughts and prayers.

In Review

Feb. 5, 2015

By Nate Wenner

Warmly greeting us as we came in from the cold today were **Rick Carlson, Amir Gharbi, and Leann Stessman.** **John Flynn** ably helped **Audri Schwarz** at the front desk.

President-Elect Jennifer Bennerotte started us off at 12:35 p.m. to roaring applause, especially as she announced she was covering for **President Jeff Ohe**, who is skiing out in Colorado with several of the Hecklers in the Club. (Hey, guys, save some snow for the rest of us, will ya? Yours truly heads out there in a couple weeks).



Thank you to President-Elect Jennifer Bennerotte for running the meeting last week! President Jeff Ohe (third from left in the photo above) was in Beaver Creek, Colorado, with fellow Rotarians (left to right) Joe Hayes, Brad Pearson, Ohe, Steve Slyce, Bob Hildreth, Paul Mooty and Bill McReavy. They had a great time and came away with no injuries!

Since the Super Bowl had just occurred, **Jennifer** polled members to determine who had attended the most Super Bowls in person.

Michael Stanzak took the prize among members in attendance—he's been there three times! **Gary Aulik** fondly remembered attending when his beloved cheeseheads beat the Steelers a few years ago (a day which will live in infamy...). The inimitable **Gordy Lewis** professed ignorance that there had even been a Super Bowl recently.

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The “super” Super Bowl news was that our own **Mike Kallas** was actually seen in a commercial airing during the Super Bowl. (I thought that guy look familiar!) Jennifer cued-up a replay of the commercial, and there was Mike—prominently-featured for at least a half-second in a commercial for retailer By The Yard, sporting an Augustana football jersey. You hit the big time, at last, Mike! Next year, Doritos commercial?

Next, **Jennifer** informed us that several Club members were winners in *Edina Magazine's* recently announced “Best of Edina 2015” awards, including:

- **Skip Thomas**—Best Real Estate Agent for ReMax Results
- **Tim Fargo**—Best Chiropractic Clinic for Chiropractic Health and Wellness Center
- **Ann Platt**—Best Doggy Daycare/Kennel for Pets Are Inn
- **Brad Pearson**—Best Orthodontist
- **Katie Bassett**—Best Interior Designer for KBI Design Studios
- **Edina Liquor**—Best Liquor Store

David Clynes provided a warm invocation, and then **Gordy Lewis** welcomed guests and visiting Rotarians, as follows:

- Mike Donegan joined us as a guest of **Jon Barnett**. (Mike being described as a consultant to alarm guys who need help). By the way, Mike mentioned that he went to all four Packers Super Bowls (more infamy, see above), including the very first one in Los Angeles in which he purchased a walk-up ticket for \$26!
- Brant Pallazza, guest of **Sonja Tengdin**
- Bright Cho, guest of **Wooj Byun**
- Jack Czwertacki, guest of **David Clynes**
- David McElroy, guest of **Ann Platt**
- Dave Bell, guest of **Larry Doty**
- Ted Verlee and Paluca Avery, guests of **Kip Peterson**
- Hugh Hedlund, guest of **Brad Hepp**
- Dan Hare, guest of **Mitch Robinson**
- The Rev. Richard Coleman, guest of **Jim Ryman**
- John Slama, visiting Rotarian from (and Club President of) Rotary Club of Crystal-New Hope-Robbinsdale

Val Burke introduced our student guest speaker today, Monet Hall. Monet explained that she's a senior at Edina High School, and she noted that it was adjustment for her when she first came to EHS, as she was one of the only black students in her classes.

But she has enjoyed learning a lot and has been very involved in activities like tutoring, leadership in Girl Scouts, volunteering at her church, running track, being involved in theater, and many other activities. Next fall she plans to attend Iowa State University to study architectural and interior design. Good luck, Monet!

Next, **Brad Beard** thanked Edina Rotary for donating significant funds for redevelopment of the new Fairview Southdale Hospital Emergency Center, which will open this coming August. Our Club donated \$25,000 to help increase the size of the emergency room facilities from 15,000 square feet to almost 40,000 square feet, which will enable them to handle twice the number of visits per year, with much better space.

Amir Gharbi gave his classification talk today, mentioning that he was here in Edina Rotary because 20 years ago he was selected to attend Camp RYLA as a student from Chaska High School. Amir became an Eagle Scout earlier in life, and today noted a strong similarity between the Rotary Four-Way test and the Scout Law. Amir studied international relations at West Point and then flew Blackhawk helicopters. He got married, and served his country in overseas deployments, including Iraq. But he missed seeing his daughter very much, so left the service to earn his master's degree in public policy at the Kennedy School. He and his wife had two additional children during that time.

Amir was happy to then move back to Minnesota, working for the Department of Human Services (focusing on mental health issues), and also volunteering in the local sheriff's department. He just recently left DHS to pursue becoming a physics teacher. He's now earning a degree in education at Hamline—so he claimed to perhaps be the first Edina Rotarian to change his classification during the classification talk. Ha, ha!

Jennifer Bennerotte then brought up **Leann Stessman** to introduce our speaker, first pointing out that when an item about Leann joining the Club was recently posted to the Club's Facebook page, it resulted in the most active Facebook posting we've ever had as a Club. Way to go, Leann!

Leann introduced David Schultz, who is a political science professor at Hamline University and also teaches election law at Hamline and the University of Minnesota School of Law. David has written 28 books and over 100 articles on American politics and election law, and is regularly quoted in the media. He is a two-time Fulbright scholar, has taught in Europe, and is the 2013 Leslie A. Whittington national award winner for excellence in public affairs teaching.

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David began his talk telling us that every generation can't quite understand what the previous generation was doing politically, and also naturally thinks that the coming generation after them will lead the country to h___ in a hand basket. He mentioned an oft-quoted saying that "If you are not a socialist at 18, then you must have no heart. And if you're not a conservative at age 40, then you have no brain." But he went on to show how that is fallacy. One of his main points is that politics differs across generations—each generations' politics do not change as that cohort ages; instead they largely stay the same. By the way, Baby Boomers are no longer the largest electoral cohort—the Millennials now are.

Each generation goes through its own adolescence and then later, in their 40s and 50s, the next generations become the major leaders economically and politically, trying to remake the vision of the previous generation. David tells his own students to take heart if they don't like what is happening currently in the world, because the generation now "in charge" will move on and die someday, and then you as the next generation will be in charge.

Conventional wisdom has been that people's views generally become more conservative over time, but David posits that most generations have fairly fixed views in terms of how they view the world, and these views are determined early in our lives by many circumstances. He believes you can clearly identify generational membership among Republicans or Democrats:

The so-called "Greatest Generation" has mostly exited the political arena—so now the four remaining political generations are the Silent Generation, the Baby Boomers, Generation X, and the Millennials. The Silents are the most likely to be Republican, and many Baby Boomers as well (especially the younger Boomers, not the older Boomers). Generation X and Millennials are more likely to be Democrats.

Silents are most likely to be white, religious, skeptical of government involvement in the economy, and skeptical of immigration and social issues. Millennials are the least white and the least religious, and much more interested in diversity in terms of immigration and same-sex marriage, and they generally see a role for government in regulation and in the economy.

Why is this important? As the Silents and the Boomers slowly exit the electoral population, they will be replaced by Gen X and the Millennials—and while there are 77 million Boomers, there over 80 million Millennials at this point. This will result in a significant shift in terms of preferences and public policy. And it also speaks to potential trouble for Republicans: How will the Republican Party maneuver, as its current base has shifted to the right (with the Tea Party movement) and does not embrace the issues of the younger generations?

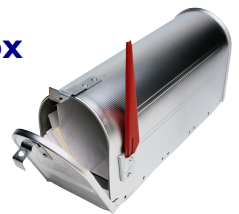
Meanwhile, the voting rate this last election was 33 percent—the worst in several decades. Millennials are identified as independent and not politically engaged, but they are somewhat civically engaged (they like to volunteer for their causes). So, David tells his students that they are often thirsty (can't drink alcohol legally) and broke (have more education costs and student debt than previous generations) because they're not speaking up for themselves in the political process. He would like to see schools today educate twelfth-graders to get registered to vote and instructed on civics. But that has not been happening, partially due to the impact of No Child Left Behind policies, which focus learning/testing on other subjects. Society does not seem to be supporting civics as a whole, he said.

Michael Stanzak thanked David for the civics lesson to the group, and **Jennifer Bennerotte** commented that she really admired his public speaking skills. She then gave a sneak preview of the just announced 2015–2016 Rotary theme for her upcoming year as President (starting in July): "Be a Gift to the World."

Jennifer then ended the meeting, reminding us that **President Ohe** would be returning to the podium again next week, which elicited big cheers for her and large groans for him. Tough crowd!

Rotary Club of Edina mailbox

On behalf of the Edina Crime Prevention Fund, I want to thank the Rotary Club of Edina for its very generous contribution in memory of Diesel!



We are all grieving the loss of Diesel, who was a great K-9 officer and a wonderful part of the Officer Mike Seeger family.

Thank you also for your very kind comments about Edina police officers! Your support is most appreciated.

Dave Nelson
Edina Chief of Police

Thank you for your generous donation to Audubon New Mexico and the Randall Davey Audubon Center and Sanctuary in memory of Buzz Bainbridge [Sr.]. Even though our office is part of the National Audubon Society, we are financially independent non-profit organization and your gift stays in New Mexico to benefit local programs and communities throughout our state.

Thanks for remembering Buzz with a gift to Audubon!

Julie Weinstein
Audubon New Mexico Executive Director

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