



THE BARKER

ROTARY CLUB OF EDINA

Feb. 26, 2015 Meeting Assignments

Greeters	Peter Hoffman, Mary Hustad, & Royce Pavelka
Front Desk	Gary Pedersen
Invocation	Harold Hanson
Guest Introductions	Kris Maser
Barker	Gary Pedersen
Thank the Speaker	Axel Steuer

Program: Amanda LaGrange of Tech Dump, "Jobs for Junk"

Menu: Roast turkey breast with mashed potatoes and gravy or chicken Caesar salad

Proposed for Membership

The Rotary Club of Edina's Board of Directors recently approved the applicants below for membership:

Name: Hugh Hadlund
Classification: Business Banking
Sponsor: Brad Hepp

Name: David D. McElroy
Classification: Business Development Consulting
Sponsor: Skip Thomas

Name: Terrance Moore
Classification: Attorney
Sponsor: Paul Peterson

Name: Ross Peterson
Classification: HOA Management
Sponsor: David Hatzung

Written objections to the applications must be submitted before 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 11, to Rotary Club of Edina, 4801 W. 50th St., Edina, MN 55424.

In Review

Feb. 19, 2015

By Scott Tankenoff

"What good is the warmth of summer, without the cold of winter to give it sweetness."

—John Steinbeck

We were warmly greeted by **Doug Bailey** and **Steve Buettner** as we entered our Rotary meeting room at the Edina Country Club. **Mike Kallas** helped **Audri Schwarz** at the front desk. The lunch buffet line formed early, and we then all took our seats in anticipation of **President Jeff Ohe's** "ringing of the bell" to get our meeting started.

Jeff started our meeting with a wonderful update on Moses, the young man who has inspired so many of us. **Tim Murphy** visited our Rotary water project in Africa and checked in to see how Moses was doing. Moses is growing up and doing well. The eye and teeth surgeries have made it possible for Moses to lead a mainstreamed life. It was great to see how the power of Rotary changed Moses' life, as well as how he impacts our lives as Edina Rotarians.

Rick Carlson delivered a passionate and most meaningful invocation honoring both of his parents memory, and reminding all of us of the deep meaning that family and loved ones holds for us individually as well as a people. Thank you, Rick, for sharing.

As mentioned earlier, the lunch was a buffet, and it consisted of salad, hamburgers, and chicken sandwiches. While we started our meals, the guests at the Edina Rotary meeting were welcomed by **Mary Hustad**. They included: Erin Sontowg, guest of **Leann Stessman**; Rob Gadtke, guest of **Josh Sprague**; Shelly Loberg, guest of **Brad Hepp**; Hugh Hadlund, guest of **Brad Hepp**; Ross Peterson, guest of **Dave Hatzung**; Daniel Hennen, guest of **Mike Kallas**; and Dan Hare, guest of **Mitch Robinson**.

We had one visiting Rotarian: Robert Shadley of Wayzata. Robert's classifications are: Author/Military.

Thank you to all of our guests and to their host members.

Brad Hepp then presided over the induction ceremony for **Royce Pavelka**. Royce's sponsor was **Sonja Tengdin**. Official welcome to Edina Rotary, Royce—we love loyal Vikings fans!

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Next, **Jeff** asked **Treasurer Ann Platt** to provide us with a summary of the Edina Rotary's Board meeting, held earlier at Washburn McReavy's 50th Street location. See the next page of *The Barker* for a recap of the board meeting.

Jeff then asked **Joseph Christensen** to introduce today's speaker. Joe let Jeff "get away with one" as he did not respond to Jeff's "lawyer joke" from his "what book is on Joe's nightstand". Joe provided a great background and lead up for our speaker, Richard Lett.

Richard began his discussion by sharing past stories with us, including several Royal Family security details. He also discussed security investigations across the world, including the Mumbai, India, 2008 terrorist attack. Richard coordinated multiple security operations, including Prince William's wedding in 2011.

Richard shared his personal insights of what makes a good leader great, and also gave us a flavor of how difficult balancing security concerns is with ongoing life for people like the Royal Family. Richard also shared his love for diving and sailing, as well as the very special and unique way he arrived in the United States when he moved from England: by boat, alone. Further, he then traveled by boat to the state of Minnesota, arriving alone, again, in Duluth.

Will Steinke thanked Richard for his presentation.

Upcoming Events and Schedule

March 4 **Edina Rotary Happy Hour**, Vocational Development Group, 5:30 to 7 p.m., The Mezz, Byerly's, 7171 France Ave. S., Edina, meets on the first Wednesday of each month to provide Club members the opportunity to make business connections and learn more about what Rotary is doing in the community. Speaker for the March 4 gathering is Gary Aulik. Contact Kip Peterson for more info.

March 11 **Women of Rotary**, social event, 6 p.m., Heather Hansen's home, all female Rotarians and any friends they have who might be interested in learning more about Rotary are invited to attend, Jean Morrison will give a demonstration on self defense and teach some basic defense moves. Contact Ann Platt for more information.

Blue is for special Rotary Club of Edina events.

Purple is for District 5950 events.

Orange is for Rotary International events.

Rotary Club of Edina mailbox

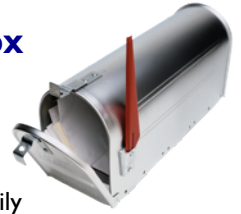
Ciao from Italy!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! I'm going to pass Christmas in Spain with my family and with my uncle's family.

I hope you are all going to have fun! I miss you all in Edina. Hopefully I will see you next year.

Best regards,

Giuliano Pini
Rotary Youth Exchange student
2013-2014



Help Solve a Rotary Mystery: The Missing Black Sport Coat

If you wore a men's black sport coat to a Rotary meeting within the last few months, please read on! A member of our Club has realized that the sport coat hanging in his closet for the last few months—likely way back when warmer weather allowed a sport coat to be worn outside without achieving frostbite—is not his! We've deduced that the coat was likely placed on the back of a chair at a meeting, and another Rotarian at the meeting must have done the same thing with his black sport coat, because the coats were accidentally picked up by the wrong members and swapped.

The jacket that might be yours is a black Hugo Boss men's sport coat. There is no size label, but it is likely a 40 or 42 regular. There is a Rotary pin on the left lapel. And (another clue!) in one of the pockets was a ticket stub for "Scooby-Doo Live" in Atlanta, GA, from Saturday, March 29, 2014. This jacket is in the hands of Club Service Director Barbara Born, our very own Rotary Sherlock Holmes, just waiting to find its rightful home when this mystery is solved!

If the description of the found sport coat rings a bell, please check your closet and see if instead of the aforementioned sport coat, you have a black sport coat that is size 44 long, and also has a Rotary pin on the lapel. The brand of the missing coat is likely Calvin Klein or Haggard.

If you find you were part of the inadvertent sport coat swap, please contact Barbara at bjborn@gmail.com and she'll broker an exchange. Thanks for your help in getting these poor coats back to their rightful owners!

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Board meeting notes**Feb. 19, 2015****By Ann Platt, Treasurer**

Our monthly Board meetings are held at Washburn McReavy's Edina location. Thank you, Bill, for allowing us to use your facility.

Committee Reports**Community Service (Grants):**

- Mike Kallas and Keith Benson brought to the Board for discussion grant requests from nine of the seventeen applications submitted. These will be taken to the Foundation Board during an upcoming meeting. Mike, Keith, and the committee have done a great job vetting these organizations and their requests.

Community Service (Projects):

- Dinner at Jeremiah House has been set for April 9.
- Preparing food packets at Feed My Starving Children will be May 2 and Oct. 3.

International Service:

- We will be hosting a student through the New Generations exchange program of Rotary. She is from Korea and will be here in late July and most of August. We need four to five host homes during her visit. Wooj Byun has already offered his home.

Membership (Recruitment):

- The following applications were approved for membership:
 - Hugh Hadlund, sponsored by Brad Hepp
 - David McElroy, sponsored by Skip Thomas
 - Terrance Moore, sponsored by Paul Peterson
 - Ross Peterson, sponsored by Dave Hatzung

All four candidates will be posted in *The Barker* for two weeks and if no objections, then they will become members.

- It is with regret that we accepted the resignation of Mike Ogle, due to school and work conflicts.
- Prospective Member Day meetings have been successful and applications have followed attendance at these meetings.
- Happy hour event, which is held the first Wednesday of the month at Byerly's Mezz area, have been very

popular and will continue. Everyone is welcome to come and network and get to know fellow Rotarians in a more casual setting. If you know of someone who might be interested in Rotary, invite them to next one. Thanks to Kip Peterson for spearheading these socials!

Membership (Retention):

- We will again be having Fireside Chats in late April and May. If you are interested in hosting a chat, please contact Michael Stanzak. Fireside Chats are held during the evening at a Rotarian's home. Everyone gathers around to visit and share something about themselves. Excellent opportunity to get to know your fellow Rotarians in a more casual manner. More details to follow.

Public Relations:

- We again will be participating in the Edina 4th of July parade. For our unit, we will be sponsoring the "Super Heroes" group, use our banner, and will be recognizing some of our Club's award recipients.
- We want to continue to post members' accomplishments and/or awards on the Club Facebook page. If you know of someone that has won an award or been featured in an article, please let Doug Johnson know.

The Rotary Foundation:

- Focus is getting donations in by June 15 of this fiscal year.

Youth Service:

- Interact, which is a Rotary club for high school students, is being established at Edina High School. Progress is ongoing, and it should be up and running by next school year. Thank you, Mark Jessen, for taking the lead on this for our Club!
- We will have three outbound Youth Exchange students next year.

Officers' Reports:

- President-Elect Jennifer Bennerotte brought forward an addition to our by-laws allowing new member applications to be posted on our website, in addition to *The Barker*. These apps are posted for two weeks. With the holidays and no *Barker* being produced the last week of the year, some applications got delayed. The by-law change will be posted in *The Barker* for two weeks and then brought to membership for a vote. (See next page.)

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Board of Directors Propose Change to the Rotary Club of Edina Bylaws

The Rotary Club of Edina's Board of Directors recommends a change to Article 14 of the club's bylaws in order to keep new member inductions on track.

Under the current bylaws, the name of a prospective member must be published in *The Barker*, giving current members an opportunity to object to the potential membership. When a newsletter is not published, the process is delayed. The proposed bylaw change would allow the posting to be made on the club's website instead. The proposed change is the addition of the bolded text below.

Section 4 – If the decision of the Board is favorable, the prospective member shall be informed of the purposes of Rotary and of the privileges and responsibilities of membership, following which the prospective member shall be requested to sign the membership proposal form and permit his or her name and proposed classification to be published in one edition of the Club's newsletter **or on the Club's website**.

Club members will be asked to vote on the proposed change to the bylaws sometime in March. For more information, contact President-Elect Jennifer Bennerotte, jbennerotte@EdinaMN.gov, 952-833-9520 (office) or 612-201-3467 (cell).

We're on TV!

The program portion of the Rotary Club of Edina's weekly meetings are being televised and air on Edina Community Channel 16 (EDINA 16) daily at 1 a.m., 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. The programs are also available on YouTube.



Like Rotary Club of Edina on Facebook and Twitter

If you haven't already, go to the **Rotary Club of Edina Facebook page** (www.facebook.com/EdinaRotary) and give it a "Like"! Our Facebook page is a great way to keep up on Club news, as well as share Rotary items with your Facebook friends. We want as many people as possible to see what good work our Club is up to. You can also follow the **Rotary Club of Edina on Twitter @EdinaRotary**.

And while you are on Facebook, visit **Rotary District 5950's page** (www.facebook.com/Rotary5950) and "Like" them to receive regular posts from the District.

Meet our new member...

In the spirit of getting to know our new members, the Barker will feature a profile and photo of new members periodically. This week, we meet:

Name: Steve Buettner

Classification: School District Administration

What was your first job? My first job was selling newspaper subscriptions door to door in Minneapolis and St. Paul. I was a fifth-grader at the time.

Who was your first role model and why? My father was my first role model because he instilled in me a work ethic and a sense of appreciation for the outdoors and nature. That work ethic has carried through my early years as a teacher and later into my employment in the school IT field. My family and I enjoy skiing and my father, brothers and I still go fishing annually in the Boundary Waters.

Why did you want to join Rotary? I am familiar with Rotary from a project I did in the 1990s where we collected and distributed bicycles to Africa through the Burnsville Rotary. The Edina community is so strong because of organizations like Rotary, and that is why I wanted to join formally and to give of my time and service.

What do you like best about being part of the Rotary Club of Edina? What I like best about the Rotary Club of Edina is its sense of purpose, thereby giving back to others and the community it serves.

What one piece of advice do you offer other business leaders? Being humble, I would ask other business leaders how I could be of service to them.



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