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ROTARY CLUB OF EDINA

Feb. 6, 2014 Meeting Assignments

Greeters	Tom Pirsch, Ann Platt, & John Buttolph
Front Desk	Sutton McGraw
Invocation	Chuck Rauenhorst
Guest Introduction	Bill Carter
Barker	Bob Stehlik
Program Host	Paul Peterson
Thank the Speaker	Gordy Lewis

Program: Patty Peterson, "Live Your Gift"

Menu: Swedish meatballs or chicken Caesar salad

Upcoming Events and Schedule

Feb. 13	Bring a Prospective Member to Rotary Day, all guests who are interested in possible membership are free to attend
Feb. 20	Jeremiah House Cook for Kids , 1510 Laurel Ave., Minneapolis, 4:30 to 6:15 p.m.
March 20	Evening at the theater at Old Log Theater, "Almost Maine," 6:30 p.m. cocktails, curtain is at 7:30
April 8	Joint meeting with EMRC at Edina Country Club, 7:30 to 8:30 a.m.
April 10	No meeting
April 24	Vocational Ethics Day, Edina Country Club, 12:15 to 1:30 p.m.
May 2	District 5950 Annual Conference , Radisson Blu Hotel
May 8	Vocational Day , Minneapolis Media Institute, 12:15 to 1:30 p.m., hosted by Paul Peterson
June 1-4	Rotary International Convention , Sydney, Australia

In Review

Jan. 30, 2014

By Bob Harvey

President Steve Slyce began our meeting at 12:30 p.m. with a greeting to all visitors and Rotarians. **Marie Pribyl** gave a thoughtful invocation and then led all in the Pledge of Allegiance. **Rick Carlson** introduced these guests: Jodie Jennings, guest and daughter of **Joel Jennings**; Sue Spalding, guest of **Michael Stanzak** (Sue has turned in her membership application); Yoshi Asato, guest and son of **San Asato**; and Jackie Harvey, guest and wife of **Bob Harvey**. Rick also welcomed these visiting Rotarians: Robb Hiller, Eden Prairie AM Club; Roy Terwilliger, Eden Prairie Club; and Axel Steuer, Jacksonville, IL, and a guest, his wife, Loveli Steuer.

Steve Slyce gave a short tribute to JoEllen White Linnemon, a long-term employee of the Edina Country Club who passed away on Jan. 28.

Scott MacDonald was presented with a certificate of achievement award for personally bringing in 15 new members to the Rotary Club of Edina. Scott encouraged all to bring potential new members to the Feb. 13 meeting. Scott suggested to us to keep our eyes open because "you never know" if someone you meet might be interested being a part of Rotary and our awesome Edina chapter. Congratulations, Scott!

Sonja Tengdin gave her classification talk. Sonja is sponsored by **Ann Platt**, and is the owner of Scoopy Poo, a doggy doo pick-up pet services business. Her business was established 12 years ago and started "as a joke." Sonja's life journey can be traced from her roots in Germany, through Oceanside, CA, where she lived next door to Camp Pendleton US Marine Base, and on to wonderful Minnesota. Sonja and her husband, David Tengdin, have two sons, Rolf and Peter. The Edina Rotary welcomes Sonja.

San Asato introduced our speaker, Julie Brekke, of PPL (Project for Pride in Living). Julie is vice president of programs, fundraising, and communications. Julie also oversees PPL's self-sufficiency, youth development, and employment skills training programs. PPL is a 42-year-old organization, which helps people to become self-sufficient. Julie explained that this is

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accomplished in four ways: affordable housing, employment, support services, and education.

PPL serves up to 14,000 people annually in the Twin Cities. Seventy-four percent of those people are enrolled in programs, and 81 percent of them are living at 100 percent poverty and below. PPL supports 1,100 units of affordable housing (some with subsidized rent) and expects to add 50 to 60 units per year of affordable housing. Julie displayed a photo rendering of a lovely new apartment facility on Ford Road in St. Paul, a 44-unit building, which will house families. Sixteen of these units are reserved for families who have experienced long-term homelessness. PPL has also partnered with the Touchstone company to provide housing options for mentally ill adults.

PPL supports many youth advancement programs, including early childhood programs to prepare children for kindergarten, two alternative high schools, and before and afternoon school programs offering one-to-one tutors and mentors to promote literacy. Of the students who participate in PPL's alternative high schools, 89 percent graduate, a tremendous accomplishment when compared to the 49 percent graduation rate in Minneapolis public high schools.

Julie raises \$15 million yearly in revenue for PPL to support an annual \$18.3 million operating budget. PPL employs 220 people and relies heavily on the dedication of 2,300 volunteers to support its many programs. PPL is doing great work in the Twin Cities to: support healthy, safe homes; prepare individuals to be successful in the workforce, which benefits families and the broader community; assist and support kids by teaching them the skills they need to succeed at school and beyond.

A donation to PolioPlus was made in the name of PPL, and was presented to Julie by Rotarian **George Lancaster**.

Cook for Kids at Jeremiah House scheduled for Feb. 20

A few volunteers are needed to take part in the **Jeremiah House Cook for Kids Rotary event on Thursday, Feb. 20**. Rotarian Mike Eckert is looking for three to five volunteers to help cook dinner for families from 4:30 to 6:15 p.m. at Jeremiah House, 1510 Laurel Ave., Minneapolis. To volunteer or learn more about the opportunity, contact Mike at michaelpeckert@gmail.com, or log on to the Club website at www.edinarotary.org and sign up!

Bring a prospective member Feb. 13

Feb. 13 is "Bring a Prospective Member to Rotary Day" – all guests who are interested in possible membership are free that day. Please plan to bring a friend or colleague and introduce them to the #1 Club in the Universe. In order to allow plenty of time to introduce your guests to other Rotarians and give them a chance to mingle before the meeting, please plan to arrive by noon if possible, and stop at the check-in table to fill out a guest registration form and get a nametag for your guest. If you plan to bring a guest(s), please let Mary Hustad (952-949-2119 or mhustadarch@comcast.net) know by Feb. 10, so we will have an estimate on the number of attendees.



Scott MacDonald honored as Rotary Membership Pillar

Past President Scott MacDonald was awarded the Club Membership Pillar honor at the Jan. 30 Rotary meeting. He is pictured above with President Steve Slyce after receiving the certificate. There are 15 active members in the Club that MacDonald has sponsored! President Slyce noted at the meeting, "Scott not only has sponsored members to our Club but he is also responsible for getting others interested in Rotary and joining other clubs through out the United States."

MacDonald said about his success at bringing new members to Rotary, "When you love the Club, the activities, the making a difference, the getting-it-done spirit, and above all the friendships, it's pretty easy to get others to come on board."

Congratulations, Scott!

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In memoriam...

We are sad to announce the passing of Jo Ellen White Linnemon, longtime employee of the Edina Country Club. Linnemon, 61, of Richfield, formerly of Edina, is survived by her husband, Charlie; children, Bill (Shelly) Linnemon, Christine Linnemon, Corey White, Kelly (Anthony) Weigel and Jamie Linnemon; and granddaughter Bailey Weigel. Her obituary stated that she "touched many lives as a chemical dependency counselor and AA sponsor." Memorial service was Feb. 2, with a reception at the ECC. Her kindness and great work will be missed at our weekly meetings.

Did you get a 2013–2014 Membership Directory?

The 2013–2014 Rotary Club of Edina Membership Directories were handed out at the Jan. 16 meeting. If you did not attend that meeting, a Membership Directory will be mailed to you. They should arrive in your mailbox this week or next week. If you do not receive a directory and would like one, there will be copies at the Front Desk at meetings, or you can contact Club Administrator Jennifer Garske (612-875-3109 or jengarskerotary@gmail.com) and one can be mailed to you. If you have updated information for the 2014-2015 directory (including missing information such as sponsor name or photo), send that to Jen Garske at any time. Thank you!

Bowling night at Turtles...er, Tuttle's!

Rotary Club of Edina members gathered at Tuttle's Eat Bowl Play in Hopkins on Feb. 1 for the annual bowling night. More than 50 Rotarians and guests very much enjoyed the new venue, and bowled three games each in a night with loud bowling shirts, louder bowling balls, and much revelry. Membership Director (Retention) for the Club, **Michael Stanzak**, and bowling event Chair **Mark Jessen** hosted a great evening. They want to thank **Thom and LynMarie Winner** for providing the trophies for Best Scoring Team and Worst Scoring Team, among other awards; as well as **Paul Mooty**, for keeping track of the scores (both amazing and dismal). Thanks also to the following members who contributed to the door prizes given out throughout the evening: **Mike Opitz**, for securing the gift cards to Bunny's and Crave; and **Tom Ries**, for donating Summit beer.

(Below) Jeff Palm (guest of Jody Kern), Marty Kupper, Sonja Tengdin, and Nancy Slyce were the highest-scoring team of the night. Palm was also the highest individual scorer overall.



(Top) Bill McReavy takes aim at Tuttle's, as does San Asato (immediate left). (Above) Jennifer Garske and Jennifer Bennerotte toast the bowling night ahead.

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