



# THE BARKER

## ROTARY CLUB OF EDINA

### Jan. 22, 2015 Meeting Assignments

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| Greeters            | Harold Hanson, Larry Doty & Leann Stessman |
| Front Desk          | Les Wanninger                              |
| Invocation          | George Lancaster                           |
| Guest Introductions | Deirdre Kvale                              |
| Barker              | Ed Padilla                                 |
| Thank the Speaker   | Sue Spalding                               |

**Program:** Jarret Brachman, "Counterterrorism: ISIS and Al Qaeda"

**Menu:** Walleye or strawberry almond chicken salad

### Proposed for Membership

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

**Name:** Greg Yoch

**Classification:** Custom Business Decor

**Sponsor:** Ted Yoch and Gary Pedersen

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

### Know someone interested in keeping up with Club news?

If you know someone who would like to receive this weekly Rotary Club of Edina newsletter via email each week, just send the person's name and email address to Club Administrator Jennifer Garske. *The Barker* can be sent out to anyone interested in the goings-on with the Club. The newsletter is typically sent out via ClubRunner email each Wednesday morning.

Comments on or suggestions for *The Barker*? Send those in as well! Thank you!

### In Review

Jan. 15, 2015

By Mike Opitz

President **Jeff Ohe** opened the meeting on a beautiful "SUNNY" January day, and yes I said SUNNY. With Jeff completing the first half of his term, it is time for the release of the "Rotary Viewer Rating" numbers or (RVR). This is a very similar to TV ratings or news station ratings. President Ohe's 7.6 (RVR) is .6 behind past presidents **Steve Slyce** and **Scott MacDonald** 8.2 (RVR) at this point in their respective terms, but well ahead of the dismal performance at this point in **Bob Hildreth's** term, with his 2.3 (RVR). FYI, the board at that time warned President Hildreth that if his (RVR) did not improve, he may have been asked to step down. He finished the year with a respectable 5.5 to finish a full term. Good start president Ohe, and there is still six months to finish strong and maybe pass Scott and Steve.

**Jeff**, as he mentioned last week, shared that it is Rotary Awareness Month. During the month he encouraged us all to get the word out on all that we do in Rotary to make a difference in the world. He talked about how our club has a strong legacy of working with the youth in our community and for three years, **Jerry Potter** has led an initiative called "Do the Right Thing," which is the Leadership Ethics Seminar for Edina High School students. On Nov. 17, Jerry and his co-chair **Joe Hayes** led a team of 29 Rotarians and volunteers, and 64 Edina High School Students participated in an all-day seminar on leadership ethics. **Tom Winninger**, **Bob Solheim** and Tom Hayes were speakers, and **John Flynn** and **Mitch Robinson** led a panel discussion about ethics and how Rotary believes the acts of right or wrong, and exhibiting ethical and moral conduct at all times, can lead to a fulfilling life.

He finished by saying "Do the Right Thing" is another example of the impact Edina Rotary is having in our community. Get the word out and share Rotary with your friends and colleagues. People want to be a part of something bigger than themselves, and Rotary affords them the opportunity to do just that. "Let's not keep Rotary a secret."

We were greeted by **Wayne Harmon**, **Amir Gharbi** and **Leann Stessman**. Working with **Audri Schwarz** at the front desk was **Dale Walker**. Before **Jody Kern** introduced our guests and visiting Rotarians, **Val Burke** gave our invocation. Visiting Rotarians included David McElroy from Dallas, TX, and David Melanson from El Campo, TX. The following guests were introduced by their member hosts: Hugh Hadlum by **Michael Stanzak**; Michael Mobley by **Ken**

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**Andersen;** Roseanne Hope by **Deirdre Kvale;** Grace Fink and Bridgette Fink by **David Clynes;** Lance Elliott by **Frank Cardarelle;** new member **Luther Amundson** by **Kris Maser,** who was not present; and finally our exchange students Patrik Pisecky and Miyuki Sanko by **Mike Kallas.**

In Memoriam...President Ohe announced the passing of Buzz Bainbridge's father and Mary Younggren's mother. We were asked to keep the families in our thoughts and prayers. Next, **Sandy Schley** made tribute to **Sherm Hoyt** with a very nice honor of his life. Sherm was very active in Rotary, loved to travel, a history buff, and a man of great faith. She asked the room to toast Sherm,

Past President **Brad Hepp** introduced our new member **Larry Doty.** Larry was sponsored by **Paul Peterson.** Brad officially inducted Larry into the Club, and encouraged him to be active in Rotary and on committees. Brad then had them remain at the podium while he showed a picture on the big screen of the Excelsior Amusement Park, and asked if anyone remembered this historic building, standing just across the road from the entrance to the park. It was called Big Reggie's Dance Land. Paul's parents were very active with the Big Reggie's. Finally Brad presented Paul with a picture of Big Reggie's Dance Land for Paul and his family, who are considered "Minnesota's First Family of Music."



*A copy of the print that Brad Hepp presented to Rotarian Paul Peterson and his family at the Rotary Club of Edina meeting Jan. 15.*

**Ann Platt** made our next announcement, bringing attention to the card on each table, which gave information on the Y Music Festival fundraiser benefiting Southdale YMCA Youth Leadership, set for Sunday Feb. 8. It will be at the Icehouse, 2528 Nicollet Ave., Minneapolis, with dinner at 5:30 p.m. and music at 7. A few of the musicians appearing include our own Paul Peterson, as well as Jason Peterson Delaire (musician at this year's Rotary Holiday Party!) from Minnesota's First Family of Music; Jason Scheff, bassist and lead singer of Chicago; and Kat Perkins, season six contestant on "The Voice." Ann encouraged everyone to sign up.

**Mark Jessen** came on very unenthusiastic with his announcement for the upcoming bowling night Jan. 31 at Tuttle's, not Turtles, located in Hopkins on Shady Oak Road. Still confused, Michael Stanzak slowly came out dressed as a turtle to bring on the enthusiasm that Mark was not able to, encouraging everyone to sign up for the event. Michael slowly mentioned sign up is online.

Our program was brought to us by our own City Manager **Scott Neal,** who joined our Club in February 2011. He came to us from Eden Prairie. The program was titled "White Collar Crime and Identity Theft." The program speaker was Officer David Lindman with the Edina Police Department, where he has over 14 years of experience. He was assigned to the Minnesota Financial Crimes Task Force for more than five years, where he worked on organized crime groups that were involved in complex fraud. Additionally, he has worked two years on undercover commercial crimes where he investigated theft rings and fencing operations. Currently, he continues to work on organized fraud groups as a Special Federal Deputy U.S. Marshal under the authority of the U.S. Secret Service. Officer Lindman is the computer forensic examiner for the Edina Police Department, and also assists with forensics for the Minnesota Financial Crimes Task Force and several federal agencies. He has participated in or led investigations that have received international awards and recognition.

Identify theft was the topic of his program, and more specifically a very large fraud case called "Operation Starburst." Numerous defendants have been convicted in this \$50 million fraud conspiracy that featured a network of bank employees and others. The fraud scheme at the center of this case was carried out in Minnesota, California, Massachusetts, Arizona, New York, Texas, Nevada, Iowa, Wisconsin, and Rhode Island during a five-year period between 2006 and 2011. Through the fraud, the co-conspirators obtained or attempted to obtain well in excess of \$50 million. The financial institutions victimized include American Express, Associated Bank, Bank of America, Capital One, Guaranty Bank, JP Morgan Chase Bank, TCF Bank, US Bank, Wachovia Bank, Washington Mutual, and Wells Fargo Bank. The case resulted from an ongoing investigation, and was led by the Minnesota Financial Crimes Task Force. That task force was established pursuant to state law and comprises local, state, and federal law enforcement investigators who work to combat the growing trend of cross-jurisdictional financial crimes. Officer Lindman was a big part of this operation and was responsible for numerous arrests.

The group was organized as a West African fraud group, the crimes stretched coast to coast as well as internationally. It was very difficult to solve with over 10,000 hours of manpower. The leader of this group's name is Julian Nosa Okeayainneh. His organization had a large number of foot soldiers. Many of these

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individuals were bank employees, who had access to most of the data or individual's records to commit these crimes, including account numbers, picture profiles, and user account information. They were able to move from bank to bank undetected. Officer Lindman noted that Wells Fargo was very helpful in solving this case.

Some of the schemes the group was involved with included:

- Check fraud
- Counterfeit currency
- Mortgage fraud
- Bank fraud
- Account takeover
- Credit card fraud
- Identify theft

**Bob Solheim** thanked Officer Lindman and presented him with a donation in his name to VEAP. President **Ohe**, who didn't appear to be happy with his current (RVR) rating, closed the meeting and very abruptly left the building. We will see how he responds this week.

## Upcoming Events and Schedule

Jan. 24 **EMRC 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration—Hangar Dance and Night Flights**, 5:30 p.m. cocktail reception, dinner at 7:30, dance starting at 9, Thunderbird Aviation, 14091 Pioneer Trail, Eden Prairie. Help the Edina Morningside Rotary Club celebrate their 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary by attending this fundraising event. The event will feature silent and live auctions, delicious Latin cuisine, dance music, and night flights on King Air planes courtesy of Thunderbird. For tickets to the celebration, and tickets for the flights, go to [www.emrotary.org](http://www.emrotary.org) or contact Mary Brindle at [mbrindle@comcast.net](mailto:mbrindle@comcast.net) or 612-270-9887. RSVP deadline was Jan. 10.

Jan. 31 **Rotary Club of Edina Bowling Night**, Tuttle's Eat, Play, Bowl! in Hopkins, 7 to 10 p.m. Join your fellow Rotarians for a night of bowling fun. Cost is \$25 for each bowler. Sign up now at [www.edinarotary.org](http://www.edinarotary.org).

Feb. 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

## In Memoriam...

Please keep Rotarian Mary Younggren and her family in your thoughts as they mourn the passing of Mary's mother, Ellen Marie (Ronholm Olson) Golliet. Ellen died Jan. 12, 2015 at N.C. Little Memorial Hospice after a long-fought battle with Parkinson's. She is survived by her husband, Merrill; children Mary Younggren and Jeff Olson; step-children Patricia Hanenburg, David Golliet, Daniel Golliet, and Susan Andrea; many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her first husband, Ernie. Her memorial service was Jan. 17 at St. Stephen Lutheran Church in Bloomington.

Our condolences also go out to Buzz Bainbridge on the death of his father, A.G. "Buzz" Bainbridge, on Jan. 11, 2015 in Santa Fe, NM. Buzz Sr. was a U.S. Naval veteran of both World War II and the Korean War. He fought in every theater of the war during Word War II. He is survived by Jean, his wife of 71 years; sons Buzz and Steve; daughter Andrea; five grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. Please keep Buzz and his family in your thoughts and prayers.

to provide Club members the opportunity to enjoy food, drink, and fellowship while making business connections and learning more about what Rotary is doing in the community. Speaker for the Feb. 4 gathering is Sam Thompson. Contact Kip Peterson for more information.

April 7 **Joint meeting with EMRC**, 7:15 a.m., Edina Country Club.

April 9 No meeting

June 4 **Edina Rotary Annual Picnic**, location TBD. Look for details in the coming weeks.

June 18 **2015-2016 District Governor Tim Murphy installation ceremony**, more information to be announced soon.

**Blue** is for special Rotary Club of Edina events.

**Purple** is for District 5950 events.

**Orange** is for Rotary International events.

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