



# THE BARKER

## ROTARY CLUB OF EDINA

### Jan. 30, 2014 Meeting Assignments

Greeters	Kip Peterson & Paul Peterson
Front Desk	Mike Eckert
Invocation	Marie Pribyl
Guest Introduction	Rick Carlson
Barker	Bob Harvey
Program Host	San Asato
Thank the Speaker	George Lancaster

**Program:** Julie Brekke of Project for Pride in Living, "PPL: Helping People Help Themselves—Four Elements of Self Sufficiency"

**Menu:** Fish and chips or strawberry almond salad

### Upcoming Events and Schedule

Feb. 1	<b>Bowling night</b> at Tuttle's Eat Play Bowl in Hopkins, 6:45 to 10 p.m.
March 20	<b>Evening at the theater</b> 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
May 2	<b>District 5950 Annual Conference</b> , Radisson Blu Hotel
May 3	<b>District 5950 District Assembly</b>
May 8	<b>Vocational Day</b> , Minneapolis Media Institute, 12:15 to 1:30 p.m., hosted by Paul Peterson
June 1-4	<b>Rotary International Convention</b> , Sydney, Australia
June 19	Transition Day meeting

### In Review

Jan. 23, 2013

**By Hal Harris**

The meeting got off to a fast start—someone jumped up and wished **President Steve Slyce** a happy 50th birthday today and presented him with a birthday cake marked 50th. Only problem it was not his 50th (he is older).

Today you were greeted by **Gary Pedersen** and **Dr. Brad Pearson**. **Audri Schwarz** and **Dave McElroy** were at the front desk. **Jerry Potter** gave the invocation. **Frank Cardarelle** introduced our guests, including Dustin Evenson, guest of **Scott MacDonald**; Chase Rydberg, guest of **Scott MacDonald**; Sue Spalding, guest of **Michael Stanzak** (turned in her membership application today); Gavin Moberg, guest of **Michael Stanzak**; Bill Gamble, guest of **Joel Jennings**; and David Clynes, guest and son of **Bill Clynes**. **Rick Burrock** introduced our speaker. **Hal Harris** wrote the *Barker*. **John MacLennan** thanked our speaker. Visiting Rotarians were Rolf Nelson and Annette Roth, both from Brooklyn Park Rotary.

Our speaker was Dirk DeYoung. He spoke about "Minneapolis/St. Paul Business Journal's Industry Outlook." He presented dozens of pages on the statistics of interest to business. He is the editor of *Minneapolis/St. Paul Business Journal*. They also publish morning and afternoon programs, slides on job growth, employment statistics, retirement statistics, info on temporary workers, the top 25 business lists, need to keep key workers, trends in temporary workers, job growth, new construction, business investments, health care, shift from pensions to defined contribution, increase in building rentals vs. ownership, flexible working hours, and info on the hospitality industry.

The upcoming of bowling night is Feb. 1 at a new location—Tuttle's Eat Play Bowl in Hopkins.

Kaylin Martin told on how to use the computer to get info on our club activities on "facebook" and suggested that we use it. also other things on the web including our club, and rotary international..reminded us that our meetings are on the web – channel 16.

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Jennifer Garske, Club Administrator

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**President Slyce** talked about a list by **Jeff Long** (ex chief of police in Edina) of people who have done much for our community—on the list were Rotarians **Jon Barnett**, **Doug Johnson**, and **Bob Solhiem**.

Recent recipients of Paul Harris awards for gifts to the foundation were presented with pins.



Pictured above are the Rotarians who received Paul Harris pins at the meeting Jan. 23. They are (left to right) Dan Hallberg, David Kunz, Wooj Byun, John Solberg, Michael Stanzak, Charles Agan, Buzz Bainbridge, and Steve Slyce. Congratulations!

## Rotary Club of Edina mailbox

Thank you very much for the invitation to attend the Southwest Metro Rotary Veterans' Day Luncheon on Nov. 11, 2013. I was grateful to have the opportunity to hear Brigadier General (ret.) Dennis Schulstadt speak and to see so many members of our community honored for their service to our country.

The entire event was a very appropriate blend of solemn and inspiring celebration. Thanks again for the invitation. It was an honor to attend the luncheon.

Sincerely,  
**Joni Bennett**  
Edina City Council member

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Thank you for your generous donation. Your support allows us to provide humanitarian relief in the form of lifesaving supplies that bring shelter, warmth and dignity to families affected by disasters such as earthquakes, floods, hurricanes, cyclones, tsunamis or conflict.



## Volunteer for Rotary Rocks the Y

Rotarian Nate Wenner is still looking for volunteers for Rotary Rocks the Y. From 4 to 5 p.m. on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, one Rotary member is needed to volunteer to go to the Y and assist the YMCA staff with the program. Right now, Nate is mainly looking for members who can **volunteer on March 5 or 12**. To sign up to volunteer for one of these dates, or with questions about the program, you can reach Nate Wenner at 952-548-3404 or [NWenner@wipflihewins.com](mailto:NWenner@wipflihewins.com). Thanks!

Our work is only possible thanks to the generous support of people like you, who are truly making a difference. To learn more, please visit [shelterboxusa.org/whatsnext](http://shelterboxusa.org/whatsnext). Thank you again for your donation!

With gratitude,  
**Emily Sperling**  
President, ShelterBox USA

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First, let me apologize for the tardiness of this letter. Several of the young people who got Thanksgiving meals wrote thank-you notes [see next page] right away and put me to shame!

We very much appreciated having the opportunity to offer some of the Oasis clients a Thanksgiving meal again this year. This is a wonderful project by Edina Rotary and I know that it made Thanksgiving very special for the young people who received the meals.

As you may recall, one of our youth ended up in St. Paul at Thanksgiving. I understand that one of your Rotarians made the trek all the way to St. Paul to deliver the meal. When a young person sees that someone cares enough to make such an effort, it sends a powerful message.

Please pass our sincere thanks along to the Club and to those who participated in the Thanksgiving deliveries for Oasis for Youth. Life can be difficult for the youth we serve, especially around the holidays. These meals made the season start off brighter.

Edina Rotary might just be the "Best Rotary Club in the World!"

With gratitude,  
**Leslie Stiles**  
Oasis for Youth

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Thank you so very much. Me and my family enjoyed the lovely food you blessed us with. I appreciate everything you have done.

**Kristie, Ty C, and Jordannay**

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Thank you very much for the Thanksgiving dinner. We loved every bit of it. There were no leftovers.

Love,  
**Jackie and Jada**

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On behalf of suburban youth experiencing homelessness and instability, thank you for Edina Rotary's donation of Target gift cards and the hats, scarves and gloves at Christmastime. The holidays can be especially difficult for the youth we serve. Your show of support and concern was most certainly appreciated! Please pass our thanks along to your Club members.

While I was at Oasis recently during one of our very cold snaps, one of our youth stopped in to work on her resume and to fill out job applications. As she left, she wrapped the scarf around her neck, and put on the hat and gloves that were donated by your Club. When I complimented her, she gave me a big smile and thanked me for the compliment. She was clearly very proud of her new winter wear! Though her jacket was thin, she was ready for the cold.

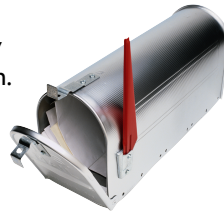
We appreciate Edina Rotary's ongoing support of Oasis for Youth. Your financial support, Thanksgiving meals, and holiday gifts all make a difference in the lives of young people who are struggling to find stability.

With gratitude,  
**Leslie Stiles**  
**Oasis for Youth**

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Thank you for the beautiful arrangement you sent to my dad's funeral. My family appreciates your thoughtfulness and prayers.

**Sam Thompson**  
**Rotary Club of Edina**



I hope all is well in Minnesota. Greetings and Happy New Year!

I am a Rotary Peace Fellow, class XI, whose application was generously supported by the Rotary Club of Edina in 2012. Randi Markusen, Ellen Kennedy and you helped me with preparing my application. I am very much thankful to you all and the Rotary Club of Edina for supporting my application to study International Politics and Security Studies at the University of Bradford in the United Kingdom and for believing in me.

I have had a very interesting and exciting year in the United Kingdom and the Netherlands, but I definitely miss Minnesota a lot, and I hope to be able to visit sometime soon. I have visited many Rotary Clubs in the United Kingdom and I will bring you their banners when I get a chance to visit Minnesota again.

As a part of the University of Bradford MA degree requirement, I completed an internship at the International Criminal Tribunal for Former Yugoslavia (ICTY) in September 2013. After my internship ended, I was offered a short-term contract that ended in December 2013.

After that I continued writing my MA dissertation and I just finished writing it, and I hope to be able to submit my work in the next couple of days. I will be awarded the MA degree sometime in June 2014.

I was accepted to a PhD program at the University of Essex, Department of Government, Colchester, UK and I hope to start the program in the next couple of weeks.

I am forever thankful to the Rotary Club of Edina and the Rotary Foundation for giving me a chance to study and meet other people from around the globe who are interested in resolving conflicts and promoting peace and tolerance.

Thank you for everything.

Best wishes,  
**Dragana Vidovic**

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