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ROTARY CLUB OF EDINA

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July 18, 2013 Meeting Assignments

Greeters	James Krezowski, Ann Goebel & Susan Johnson
Front Desk	Paul Peterson
Invocation	Paul Mooty
Guest Introduction	Ken Anderson
Barker	Wooj Byun
Program Host	Bob Solheim
Thank Speaker	Matt Boockmeier
Program: Hennepin County Sheriff Rich Stanek, "Gun Control and Recent Mass Murders"	

Host Families Needed

Rotary International District 5950 will host Young Hwan (Flynn) Choi, 25, from South Korea as a part of the New Generations Exchange (NGE) program. The Rotary Club of Hopkins is his sponsor for the trip, July 25 through Aug. 29.

Flynn will be visiting Minnesota to work as an unpaid intern at Target and University of Minnesota in the fashion merchandising business. The Rotary New Generations Committee is looking for four host families for Flynn, each to host one week of his stay here in the United States. Each host family needs to provide a bed, breakfast and dinner.

Please contact Tom Thorfinnson at 612-850-2597 or Dennis Kim at 612-961-6878 for more information. This is a wonderful opportunity to host an international guest for a short period of time — perhaps to get your feet wet in preparation to host one of our two international Rotary Exchange students from Italy and France! Contact incoming Youth Service Director Heather Hansen, 612-366-0051 for more information on that AMAZING opportunity.

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



In Review

July 11, 2013

By Rick Burrock

Edina Rotary members were warmly greeted by **Charlie McGoldrick** and **Jim Brindley** on this fabulous Minnesota summer day! We had a full agenda, which led off with an invocation highlighting the Four-Way Test, presented by **Paul Mooty**.

After numerous guests were introduced, **Brad Beard** introduced Polly Wright of Feed My Starving Children for an update and to say, "Thank You!" Edina Rotary members (too numerous to count) have packed meals for this worthwhile organization. More than 650,000 volunteers helped the organization in the last 12 months by packing 163 million meals. We learned that for as little as 25 cents, you can feed a child—makes you look at two-bits a little differently! Our club also donated \$1,000 to make kids a little less hungry in another part of the world.

Doug Johnson was up next to take us on a tour down Edina Rotary "Memory Lane." Our club was formed 56 years ago this past week by Sam Thorpe Jr., Fred Rogers and others. Doug highlighted some of the programs and memorable moments that have kept us vibrant. It is amazing in some ways that our club has had "legs" when many others see decline. I guess it is that Edina mystique—and lots of great leaders!

John Allen introduced our speaker today after arriving in his personal jet from Gull Lake in Brainerd (at least that might be how he got here). John is the owner of Industrial Equities and has consistently provided his support to our club, even though he spends most of his time in Naples, Fla. That is a loyal member for you!

Our speaker was Lee Anderson, owner of the APi Group, a company specializing in fire protection, industrial and specialty construction. Lee grew up in the Twin Cities and was blessed with a "strict" but loving father who knew the value of hard work. Lee graduated from the Breck School and attended West Point. After military service, he started work at a small company owned by his father and has built it to a 40-company, \$2 billion in sales success, employing 9,000 people. Recently, Lee sold 30 percent of his ownership to his employees via an ESOP so they can also enjoy the fruits of ownership.

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Lee's message of accomplishment was an inspiration, however his efforts at employing veterans is the rest of the story. Lee indicated he is an advocate for the Hire Our Heroes program and that his companies commit 80 percent of their new hires to veterans of military service. Lee is convinced that a part of the post-service, mental health difficulties experienced by our vets may be due to "no job" and he wants to help cure that.

Keith Benson provided a nice thank you to Lee after his presentation and we were off to another week of Service Above Self.

Have a great one!

Upcoming Events



- July 18 7:15 a.m., Rotary Club of Edina Board of Directors, Washburn-McReavy Funeral Chapel.
- July 31 6 p.m., Women in Rotary gathering, Bassett residence.
- Aug. 17 8 a.m.-4 p.m., Zone 28 Summer Seminar, Arrowwood Resort, Alexandria.
- Sept. 1 Deadline for District Grant Applications.
- Sept. 14 7 p.m., Minnesota Lynx Game to End Polio Now, Target Center, Minneapolis.
- Oct. 1 Deadline for District Grant Applications.
- Oct. 12 "A Night At the Sands," Edina Rotary Foundation Fundraiser, Hotel Sofitel.
- Nov. 1 Deadline for District Grant Applications.

Blue events are those of the Rotary Club of Edina.



Rotarians Are Everyday Super Heroes

Rotarians Jerry Potter and David Hatzung led the Rotary Club of Edina's unit in the annual Independence Day parade earlier this month. The club sponsored Minnesota Superheroes United, a group popular with the youngest parade viewers. Superheroes included Super Man, Bat Man, Wonder Woman, Super Girl and Iron Man. An estimated 20,000 people attended the parade, which was televised live and will be rebroadcast on Edina Channel 16 throughout the month.

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