



# THE BARKER

## ROTARY CLUB OF EDINA

### July 23, 2015 Meeting Assignments

Front Desk	Wooj Byun
Front Desk Admin	Jennifer Garske
Greeters	Jeff Ohe, Ross Peterson, & Jim Roberts
Invocation,	
Four-Way Test, Pledge	Greg Hanks
Introduce Guests	Gerry Norton
<i>The Barker</i> writer	Sue Spalding
Introduce the Speaker	George Lancaster
Thank the Speaker	Les Jones

**Program:** David Nguyen, outreach manager for Minnesota Assistance Council for Veterans

**Menu:** Edina Rotary Big Buffet with grilled hamburgers and chicken breasts

*In review*

*July 16, 2015*

**By John Solberg**

**Jennifer Bennerotte** opened the second meeting of her presidential term to another round of applause! She offered prizes to the members that could name the five core values of Rotary International. Those core values are:

- Fellowship
- Leadership
- Integrity
- Diversity
- Service

**Terry Moore, Gerry Norton** and **Bill McReavy** greeted us all. Jennifer Garske manned the front desk with assistance from **Marty Kupper**. **Dan Hallberg** gave the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and reciting the Four-Way Test. **Mike Norman** introduced the six guests and two visiting Rotarians.

**Dennis Hykes**, a past president of the club, inducted **Jim Roberts** into Rotary as a new member. Jim's classification is aviation. **David Clynes** was Jim's sponsor.

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### Rotary, MACV holding clothing drive for veterans and their families tomorrow

The Rotary Club of Edina is partnering with the Minnesota Assistance Council for Veterans (MACV) to host a clothing drive this Thursday, July 23.



MACV has been a sponsor of the Suits for Soldiers program, which ensures veterans have suitable clothing for job interviews. Now they are extending way beyond suits and requesting everyday clothing for veterans, male and female, and their families.

Our club will be collecting clothing to donate to MACV at our meeting this Thursday, July 23. A van will be in the parking lot at the Edina Country Club from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. All articles of clothing and shoes are welcome with the exception of undergarments.

Minnesota Assistance Council for Veterans (MACV) is a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit organization that has been assisting veterans for over 25 years. Each year MACV receives more than 25,000 contacts, inquiries and requests from veterans across the state.

Every Rotarian is encouraged to clean out their closets and donate to the clothing drive. Please share this information with friends and family.

For more information, contact Scott MacDonald at [scottm@mac-mac.org](mailto:scottm@mac-mac.org).

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New member Jim Roberts is congratulated by Past President Dennis Hykes after Roberts was officially inducted into the club at the July 16 meeting.

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**Royce Pavelka** and **Greg Yoch** made a plea for donations to the annual Fundraiser & Gala, which was followed up by a short video starring College Dean, Vernon Wormer, and five familiar Rotarians. The video was perfectly cast and, we are sure, first triggered a “flashback,” followed by “déjà vu all over again” for the “actors.” (The video can be found on our club Facebook page, [www.facebook.com/EdinaRotary](http://www.facebook.com/EdinaRotary).)

Trumpet player **Scott MacDonald** introduced our speaker, Boyd Huppert, a reporter at KARE 11 who works on the “The Land of 10,000 stories” series. Boyd showed a series of videos that became one of the biggest stories in the history of his show. It was about the relationship between “Emmit,” a 3-year-old boy, and his best friend and neighbor, “Erling,” an 89-year-old World War II veteran. This story was picked up by NBC’s national newscast and from there went viral. The follow-up segment of the story has 11 million views! Perhaps it became so popular because there are not many “good news” stories on TV and it touched the hearts of viewers.

**Susan Johnson** thanked Boyd and **Jennifer** adjourned the meeting.

## Silent Auction Pick of the Week! CONNECT HEARING

The Silent Auction Committee would like to thank Connect Hearing for their donation to the 2015 Edina Rotary Foundation Fundraiser & Gala. Connect Hearing is donating a premium hearing package to the Silent Auction. Included in this package are:

- Video Otoscopic examination of ears
- Comprehensive hearing test and evaluation
- Pair of GN ReSound Premium Digital Hearing Aids
- Full fitting and fine tuning of hearing aids
- One year of fine tuning and service

  
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This package has a retail value of \$7,200. This package would be a very good value for anyone who suffers from hearing loss and doesn’t currently wear hearing aids or someone who currently wears older hearing aids and are looking for an upgrade in technology. For more information or questions on The Connect Hearing Premium Hearing Package, please contact Matt Mattis. Thanks again to Connect Hearing!

For anyone wishing to donate to the Silent Auction, please contact Royce Pavelka at [rpavelka@cbcgriffin.com](mailto:rpavelka@cbcgriffin.com) or 952-270-2754.

## All members are requested to sign up on the RI website

In the last week, Rotary Club of Edina members should have received an email from Marty Kupper, requesting that you sign up on the Rotary International website. Instructions on creating an RI account were included in the email from Marty.

Please try and do this as soon as possible and let Marty ([marty@kupper.com](mailto:marty@kupper.com)) know if you have any problems signing up. Thank you!

## In Memoriam...

We are sad to report that Rotarian John Solberg’s mother, Lois Solberg, passed away last week. Lois was 91, and was preceded in death by her husband, Bill Solberg.

Please keep John and his family in your thoughts and prayers.

## ROTARY YEAR 2015–2016 — OFFICERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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## Bring a guest! Next Thursday, July 30, is Prospective Member Day at Rotary

The Rotary Club of Edina will host a Prospective Member Day at next week's meeting, Thursday, July 30. All Rotarians are encouraged to bring a friend or colleague that is interested in learning more about Rotary and our club. Lunch is on the club for all prospective members July 30! Please make sure your guests sign in at the guest table before the meeting. This is the first Prospective Member Day of the new Rotary year.

For more info on either event, contact Membership Director — Recruitment Josh Sprague at [josh@joshsprague.com](mailto:josh@joshsprague.com).

### Meet one of our new members...

*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:** Ross Peterson

**Classification:** Home Owner Association Management (Condominiums and Townhomes)

**What was your first**

**job?** Other than a lawn and snow removal business in my early teens, I started working at Gabberts Furniture on the loading dock when I was 16.

**Who was your first role model**

**and why?** My father. He was a person of integrity, well liked by everyone and always had a great and infectious sense of humor.

**Why did you want to join Rotary?** Dave Hatzung has always had high praise for Rotary and its members and has asked me a few times over the years. I've been very fortunate in my personal life and business career and it seems like it's a good time to start giving back somehow. "Service Above Self" describes how I feel.

**What do you like best about being part of the Rotary Club of Edina?** It's a very friendly and welcoming professional group of people. The opportunities for giving and involvement in the community and beyond are far reaching with many options.

**What one piece of advice do you offer other business leaders?** Get up in the morning with determination so you can go to sleep at night with satisfaction. Always endure.



## Upcoming Events and Schedule

- July 22 **25<sup>th</sup> Annual EMRC Rotary Golf Event**, 11:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m., Braemar Golf Course, registration is open for this yearly fundraiser for the Edina Morningside Rotary Foundation. For more information, go to [www.emrotary.org](http://www.emrotary.org).
- July 23 **MACV clothing drive**, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Edina Country Club parking lot, donate clothing for veterans and their families through this Rotary-sponsored event held with the Minnesota Assistance Council for Veterans. Contact Scott MacDonald for more information.
- July 30 **Prospective Member Day and Perfect Attendance Awards**, 12:15 to 1:30 p.m., Edina Country Club, bring a friend or colleague to our Thursday Rotary meeting. Members will receive Perfect Attendance Awards at this meeting. Lunch is on the club for all prospective members! Contact Josh Sprague for more info.
- Aug. 5 **Edina Rotary Happy Hour**, Vocational Development Group, 5:30 to 7 p.m., The Mezz, Byerly's, 7171 France Ave. S., Edina, gathering is to provide Club members the opportunity to make business connections and learn more about what Rotary is doing in the community. Mary Younggren will be the speaker at the event. Contact Kip Peterson for more info.
- Aug. 9 **Pre-Torchlight Concert/Lighthouse Night Rotary cocktail party**, 5 p.m., location to be determined, join your fellow Rotarians and guests at a cocktail party with free hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar, before enjoying the Torchlight Concert Promenade and Lighthouse Night. The concert will feature the John Phillip Sousa Memorial Band. Lighthouse Night features the running of the boats of the Edina Model Yacht Club. For more info on the party, contact Ken Andersen.

**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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