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ROTARY CLUB OF EDINA

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July 25, 2013 Meeting Assignments

Greeters	Michael Krmpotich, Jack Kennefick & David Hatzung
Front Desk	Tom Pirsch
Invocation	Jean Morrison
Guest Introduction	Joe Arends
Barker	Frank Cardarelle
Program Host	Diane Solmonson
Thank Speaker	Doug Bailey
Program: Rose McKinney, Founder and CEO of PineappleRM, "Reputation Management"	
Menu: Mexican Trio or Chicken Taco Salad without onions	

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 18, 2013

By Woodrow Byun

The second meeting of this Rotary year was opened by our new President, **Steve Slyce**. Greeters included **Ann Goebel**, **Susan Johnson** and **San Asato**. Front desk was kept by **Mary Hustad** and **Paul Peterson**. Guest introductions were made by **Sutton McGraw**. Lt. Jeff Elasky and Lt. Mike Nibbe of the Edina Police Department were guests of **Kaylin Martin** and Shawn Teal was a guest of **Bob Solheim**.

We had two visiting Rotarians: Steve Reidel of Eden Prairie and San Carlos, a President-Elect of Mexico Rotary Club. Invocation was brought to us by **Matt Boockmeier**. He quoted Ralph Waldo Emerson who once said, "Nothing great was achieved without enthusiasm." So, Edina Rotarians, you must laugh, think and cry to make your day full!

Tom Bach brought a very interesting item on the agenda. It has been our tradition to call our presidents endearing nicknames, and therefore, we should come up with a new one for our future president Ann Platt. In a rather (unnecessary) lengthy PowerPoint presentation, he showed us the equation: Ann Platt = All Night = PAI = PI = Pie Pi. Long story short, he wanted the members to vote between "All Night" and "Pie Pi." "Pie Pi" was met with more enthusiasm than "All Night," and Ann Platt officially became "Pie Pi" as of July 18, 2013.

Dave Hatzung and **Rick Carlson** made an announcement about this year's fundraiser, which will take place on Oct. 12.

John Flynn made an announcement about Camp E and also about our club's International Service efforts. He introduced Sandya Gupta, a member of Bloomington Noon Rotary Club, who made a small presentation about "Rotary Matching Grant Project" and her project in India which involves promotion of education and scholarship in certain rural parts of India by building satellite/mobile libraries. She thanked our club for the past support of this project.

This Rotary year's first PPMT (Past President's Modified Millennium Talk) was brought by **Tom McNellis**. He was sponsored by Lee Heutmeyer. With overwhelming emotions, he remembered

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his younger brother, Jerry, who suffered from polio, and had to receive 17 subsequent operations. Tom's mother, 98 years old this year, remembers "Jerry's polio" as the most difficult moment of her life. Tom has been in his business for the past 42 years, and he will become a great-grandfather in September, which means Asato (Tom's son-in-law) will become a grandfather at the same time. Wish both of you best of luck! Tom also remembered "Kindness Project" in Edina as one of the most meaningful and successful projects in which he was ever involved. This Barker writer would like to add that he owns a signed copy of Jerry McNellis' book entitled "Don't Pick Him Up," whereby Jerry chronicled his personal experience with polio.

Our program was brought to us by Solheim, who became a member of our club in 1990 and President in 1997.

Our speaker was Richard W. Stanek, Hennepin County Sheriff.

Stanek served from 1986 to 2006 as a police officer in Minneapolis, served from 1995 to 2003 in the Minnesota House of Representatives, and served from 2003 to 2004 as Commissioner of Public Safety under Minnesota Gov. Tim Pawlenty. He became the 27th Hennepin County Sheriff in 2007.

Stanek spoke about Hennepin County Sheriff's Office which has eight branches of business: Jail, 911/Dispatch, Civil Process, Warrants, Patrol, Court Security, Crime Lab and Investigations.

The staff members' number was reduced from 817 (2008) to 744 (2013) due to certain budget cuts, but it still remains the largest Sheriff's office among Minnesota's 87 counties.

Stanek introduced some interesting statistics: There are 40,000 yearly bookings at the county's jail system, among which more than 30 percent are cases involving the mentally ill. In 2012, as many as 13,690 inmates and 1,435 mentally-ill patients were escorted. A total of 32,770 warrants were issued in 2012 and 7,266 were felony-related warrants. There were 18 drownings in 2012 and 15 near-drownings in 2012. In its Crime Lab Department, 7,400 DNA-type of requests were made, and 900 finger/palm print lab tests were conducted. Violent Officer Task Force (VOTF) made 331 arrests last year.

Stanek then showed a mentally-ill man whose photo bore an uncanny resemblance to Aaron Klein, our cameraman. Aaron later confessed to the writer of the Barker that the photo may belong to one of his long-lost remote relatives.

Stanek's conclusion was that violent crimes in Hennepin County reduced from 7934 (2006) to 4,959 (2012) which is a remarkable 37 percent progress.

Boockmeier thanked the speaker, and President Slyce closed the meeting by reminding the members of this year's Rotary theme: "Engage Rotary, Change Lives."

Shockwaves Water Ski Show Rotary Outing July 17, 2013



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