



THE BARKER

ROTARY CLUB OF EDINA

July 30, 2015 Meeting Assignments

Front Desk	Ann Platt
Front Desk Admin	Marty Kupper & Deirdre Kvale
Greeters	Jody Kern, Mike Opitz & Libby Schmit
Invocation,	
Four-Way Test, Pledge	Heather Hansen
Introduce Guests	Jennifer Bennerotte
The Barker writer	Bob Solheim
Introduce the Speaker	Ken Andersen
Thank the Speaker	Les Jones

Program: Rick Nelson, restaurant critic for the *Star Tribune*

Menu: Buttermilk fried chicken or Oriental shrimp salad

Prospective Member Day is this Thursday, July 30, at Rotary

The Rotary Club of Edina will host a Prospective Member Day at this 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 information, contact Membership Director — Recruitment Josh Sprague at josh@joshsprague.com.

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~ Saturday, Sept. 26, 2015 ~

In review

July 23, 2015

By Sue Spalding

Jennifer Bennerotte called the meeting to order with an enthusiastic response from the attendees. She was a good sport to the hoots and hollers and presented the club with a logo quiz, "Name This Logo." The final logo to name was the Rotary logo, which Jennifer informed us was the mark of excellence, so named in 2011. It is meant to bring Rotary to life and encourage all of us to be ambassadors of Rotary. Jennifer and her husband graciously bought all of us window clings of the Rotary logo for us to proudly display in our vehicles.

President Bennerotte thanked the greeters for the day: **Jeff Ohe**, **Ross Peterson** and **Jim Roberts**. She also thanked **Wooj Byun** for his work at the front desk. She then recognized that the attendees were indeed being squirrely and she knew how to handle the rest of the meeting.

Greg Hanks led the invocation, Pledge of Allegiance and Four-Way Test. His invocation was a call to action to build one new relationship and strengthen one old relationship in our daily lives.

Gerry Norton introduced our guests for the day:

- Tiffany Hanson, guest of **Brad Beard**
- Diane Cross, guest of guest of **Don Hutchison**
- Brian Miller, guest of **Josh Sprague**
- Brett McReavy and Blake McReavy, guests of their father, **Bill McReavy**

Josh Sprague reminded all of us that this upcoming week is Prospective Member Day—bring your friends, bring your neighbors, bring someone to Rotary!!

International Service Director Gary Pedersen informed us that the New Generations internship is all set except that we are still in need of some host families. Please let Gary know if you are interested or know someone interested in hosting our New Generations intern.

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President Bennerotte reclaimed the podium and called **Josh Sprague** back up to pick up his napkin—manners first. President Bennerotte also recognized Rotarian **Jim Perkins**, who was in the “house,” from Florida, and **Paul Mooty**, who was recently named as chairman of the Fairview Hospital Foundation Board. This is a huge honor. Congratulations, Paul!!

Mike Kallas, director of Community Service—Local Funding last Rotary year, introduced Kerry Pioske from YMCA Camp Ihduhapi, who was present to receive a local grant check from the Edina Rotary Foundation. Camp Ihduhapi is where Camp Enterprise is held each year. The camp also offers team-building experiences, retreats and camps in the fall and spring. The grant funds will be used to replace the motor on a rescue boat and to build a new canoe rack at the camp. Kerry passed around photos of the new canoe rack and it looked spectacular.

Past President **Steve Slyce**, feeling a bit slighted because no one ever clapped for him (except at his last meeting), inducted two new members to our club: **Dan Hare**, sponsored by **Mitch Robinson**, and **Mike Sitek**, sponsored by **Ann Platt**. Pins were presented to both members and they were welcomed to the club.

George Lancaster introduced the speaker, David Nguyen, program and outreach manager for the Minnesota Assistance Council for Veterans (MACV). David is an Army veteran who served with the 82nd Airborne Division from 2001–2004 and was deployed to Afghanistan and Iraq.

After returning home to Minnesota in 2004, David joined the Minnesota Army National Guard, completed his degree at the University of Minnesota and was commissioned as a second lieutenant.

David has been with MACV since June 2013, serving as a case manager working directly with homeless or at risk veterans and also as an outreach case manager doing direct outreach to homeless veterans in the community.

MACV serves veterans who are homeless or about to be homeless (at risk) and has services that are non-duplicative to the Department of Veterans Affairs. They are focused on housing and employment. David was visiting the club to first say “thank you” for the clothing drive that the club sponsored that day for veterans, and to let us know how the donations would be used in the future. (See photos and information about the clothing drive on the next page.) David reminded the club that it is never one thing that creates a homeless situation for a veteran. There are multiple reasons why a veteran becomes homeless—employment or



Rotary Club of Edina officially welcomed two new members at the meeting July 23. (Left to right) Inducted to the club were Mike Sitek, sponsored by Ann Platt, and Dan Hare, sponsored by Mitch Robinson.

medical reasons, addictions, etc. MACV works hard to stabilize families and veterans and help them through tough transitions.

MACV has an upcoming event Aug. 4 and 5 called a Standdown, which is a term used on the front lines to let soldiers know to take a break. At this gathering all veteran services will be showcased and the donated clothing from today will be available to all in attendance. The new clothing adds great value to the veterans' lives and provides some dignity to those in need.

There were a few questions from the club:

- Where are MACV's housing units? Across the metro.
- How do they receive their funding? Federal, state, county and other grants, as well as some fundraising and donations.
- Does MACV monitor the success of the recipients after getting employment? Ongoing support, etc.
- MACV receives about 25,000 calls a year, but not all need direct services. About 1,600 of those that contact MACV need direct services.

All members are requested to sign up on the Rotary International website

Recently, 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) know if you have any problems signing up. Thank you!

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Rotarian Scott MacDonald drops off items at the clothing drive for area veterans and their families, held July 23. The clothing drive was organized by Scott, and sponsored by our club and the Minnesota Assistance Council for Veterans.

MACV clothing drive held during July 23 meeting will help area veterans

The Rotary Club of Edina collected more than two vans full of clothes for the Minnesota Assistance Council for Veterans (MACV) on July 23.

MACV is a non-profit organization that has been assisting veterans for more than 25 years. In 2013, MACV comprehensively served 1,785 veterans and their families throughout Minnesota who were homeless or experiencing a crisis that could lead to homelessness. MACV has been a sponsor of the Suits for Soldiers program, which ensures veterans have suitable clothing for job interviews. Through clothing drives such as the one organized by Edina Rotary, clothing is also given to veterans' families.

The clothing collected by the Rotary Club of Edina on July 23 will be distributed at the 2015 Twin Cities Standdown Tuesday, Aug. 4, and Wednesday, Aug. 5, in Bloomington.

"We are very appreciative of the many donations collected to get veterans back on their feet," said David Nguyen, MACV program and outreach manager, overseeing program eligibility in the metro area. "The clothes donated by the community through the Rotary collection will give veterans the confidence they need going into job interviews."

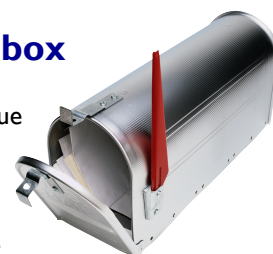
At the 2015 Twin Cities Standdown, veterans will select clothes, change and then meet with potential employers.

KEEP AN EYE ON YOUR MAILBOX! YOUR GALA INVITATION WILL BE ARRIVING SOON...



Rotary Club of Edina mailbox

Thank you for the beautiful yellow and blue floral arrangement for Jerry Potter's memorial service. My father loved Rotary and believed so deeply in its mission. We are grateful for the beauty it brought to this day.



Most sincerely,
Teddie Potter

We sent our German exchange student to [Camp Enterprise] in 2013. I was not totally in favor of sending him, as his real interest was math, science and engineering. This student is currently back in Minnesota for a visit and announced to our club that, based on his experience at Camp Enterprise, he completely switched his career focus. Upon returning home, he changed high schools to one with a business focus—and even added an additional year of high school because of this. He's considering studying economics in college. Even his parents agree that business is a much better fit for his talents and abilities, and were grateful for his Camp Enterprise experience. I was floored that this short experience had such a profound impact on him. Our exchange student last year (2014) also listed Camp Enterprise as a highlight of his year.

Please pass this along to your committee and commend them for their meaningful, impactful efforts.

Sincerely,
Lynn Keillor
President, Minneapolis South Rotary

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In Memoriam...

We are sad to announce that former Rotarian John Horton has passed away. He joined Edina Rotary Jan. 20, 1994 and resigned June 30, 2008. He was a retired senior analyst for the St. Paul Companies. He also served on the Board of Directors for Southdale YMCA. He is survived by his wife, Annette, two daughters, and three grandchildren. Services were July 28 at Christ Presbyterian Church in Edina. Please keep John's family in your thoughts and prayers.

We are also sad to announce that Rotarian Sam Cote's sister passed away June 13. Mary Cote Boos was married to Fred Boos, and both were active in Grand View Lodge. They just celebrated 55 years together and had three daughters. Services were July 27. Please keep the Boos and Cote families in your thoughts and prayers.

'Battle of the Badges' Blood Drive set for Wednesday, Aug. 5, in Edina

Memorial Blood Centers is challenging fire and police departments from the Twin Cities to participate in the "Battle of the Badges," a competitive, yet friendly blood drive.

As part of the Battle of the Badges, the Edina Police Department will sponsor a blood drive from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 5, in the Council Chambers at Edina City Hall, 4801 W. 50th St. Officers, firefighters, friends, family and the greater community are encouraged to donate blood in honor of their favorite police or fire departments. The department with the greatest percentage of participation wins.

"In times of great need, such as when Officer Mike Blood was wounded when responding to a bank robbery, the community has a chance to roll up their sleeves and make a difference," said Sgt. Kevin Rofidal, about Officer Blood, who needed 15 gallons of donated blood to survive after he was shot in the line of duty in 2000.

The Edina Police Department has participated in the Battle of the Badges since 2011, taking home first place in 2012 and 2013. To donate blood in honor of the Edina Police Department, register using sponsor code 0111 by calling 1-888-GIVE-BLD, or online at www.mbc.org.

Upcoming Events and Schedule

- 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., Macaroni Grill, 7651 France Ave. S., Edina, join your fellow Rotarians and guests at a cocktail party with free hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar (with happy hour prices compliments of the restaurant), before enjoying the Torchlight Concert Promenade and Lighthouse Night at Centennial Plaza. The concert at Maetzold Amphitheater will feature the John Phillip Sousa Memorial Band. Lighthouse Night features the running of the boats of the Edina Model Yacht Club. For more information on the party, contact Ken Andersen.
- Aug. 14 **Fairview Southdale Emergency Center dedication**, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Carl N. Platou Emergency Center, 6401 France Ave. S., dedication ceremony, VIP section for Rotarians. The Edina Rotary Foundation donated to the Emergency Center, along with area Rotary clubs, as the Signature Project for the 2014-2015 Rotary year. To RSVP for the event, call 612-672-4956 or email Inguye13@fairview.org.

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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