



THE BARKER

ROTARY CLUB OF EDINA

June 11, 2015 Meeting Assignments

Greeters	Jean Morrison, Dan Mott & Jim Roberts
Front Desk	Keith Benson
Invocation	Joe Graca
Guest Introductions	Gerry Norton
Barker	Mitch Robinson
Thank the Speaker	Gary Pedersen

Program: Kyle Loven, "FBI in Minneapolis: ISIS Recruitment Efforts in Our Community"

Menu: Fish and chips or wild rice salad

July–December 2015 Duty Roster assignments sent out this week

The Duty Roster for July–December 2015 was sent out to all members earlier this week via email. The roster lists assignments at each meeting from July through December, as well as noting what weeks the Club does not have a regular Thursday meeting. Please review the roster and make note of which weeks you are assigned a duty. Members are responsible for finding their own replacements if they cannot attend the meeting they are assigned. If you need to find someone to replace you, please let Club Service Director Barbara Born and Club Administrator Jennifer Garske know about the change.

If you are on the regular mail list for Club invoices, and you had an assignment on the Duty Roster, a copy of the roster was mailed out to you. If you did not receive the Duty Roster, or have questions on your assignments, contact Jen Garske.

Rotary happy hour is tonight, June 10, at 5:30 p.m. at Byerlys

The next meeting of the Vocational Development Group will be tonight, **Wednesday, June 10, beginning at 5:30 p.m.** at "The Mezz," located upstairs in the new Byerly's at 7171 France Ave. S. in Edina. The event will feature a short social period, with a "formal" program beginning at 6 p.m. April's featured presenters will be **Skip Thomas and Wade Thommen**. The VDG was moved to this week due to the Rotary family picnic on June 3.

For more information, contact Kip Peterson.

Party in the park

Rain couldn't dampen the spirits of the Rotarians and their families who gathered June 3 for the annual picnic.



The annual family picnic featured a dual inflatable slide (above) enjoyed by children and adults, and games for everyone, such as the wrap the mummy game Wooj Byun and Maren Ohe participated in (bottom left). The meal was catered by Divine Swine. Though picnic goers may have needed umbrellas, like Kyle and Kaylin Eidsness (bottom right), for some of the evening, the pavilion at Bryant Lake Park in Eden Prairie provided a warm and dry gathering place.



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Portrait session for Rotary directory set for this Thursday, June 11

Need a new portrait for the Rotary directory? Pop in to Edina City Hall between 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Thursday, June 11—before you come to Rotary. Photographer Polly Norman will be set up in the lobby of City Hall. It should only take a few minutes of your time to have a photo taken. Who should have one taken?

- Anyone who has not had a professional portrait taken (new Rotarians and those who have skipped “photo day” in the past).
- Anyone whose professional portrait is more than three years old.
- Anyone with new hair style, color or glasses or otherwise looks different than in past portraits.
- Anyone who wants to have a new photo!

Our goal is to have a photo of EVERY Rotary Club of Edina member pictured in the directory. If you know you do not have a photo online or in the 2014–2015 directory, it is very urgent that you stop by to have your photo taken.

Please contact President-Elect Jennifer Bennerotte if you have any questions. Otherwise...smile pretty!

Time to get in on the action: Volunteer for a 2015 Gala Committee now!

We are rolling out the red carpet to celebrate the great work our Rotary Club does locally and internationally. This year's Gala theme is “Lights! Camera! Rotary in Action!” The Gala will be Saturday, Sept. 26, at the Metropolitan Ballroom and Clubroom in Golden Valley. Fundraiser co-chairs John Flynn and Jody Kern are still looking for volunteers for many committees. This is a great way to get involved (new members!) or stay involved (everyone else!).



Please contact John Flynn (cell 612-819-5517 or email jflynn@mchsi.com) or Jody Kern (cell 612-961-5571 or email jody.kern@wellsfargo.com) for more info or to volunteer.

Like Rotary on Facebook!

Go to the **Rotary Club of Edina Facebook page** (www.facebook.com/EdinaRotary) and give it a “Like”! Keep up with Club events including program speakers by following the Club's Facebook page.

Join us in celebrating Tim Murphy's District Governor Installation June 18

Rotarians have one more day to register to attend the installation ceremony and dinner for our own Tim Murphy as he becomes Rotary International District 5950 Governor for the 2015–2016 Rotary year! **The event will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, June 18, at the Edina Country Club. Check in will begin at 5:45 p.m.** We will celebrate current District Governor Jim Nelson's successful Rotary year, and welcome Tim as the new leader of District 5950.

Rotary Club of Edina members are welcome to bring guests. Cost for guests to attend is \$35 each. You will be charged for any guests on the next quarterly invoice, sent out in early July. Senior active members who register will be charged \$18 on the next quarterly invoice. The cost for members with regular memberships was included on your Q4 (April–June 2015) invoice as usual, so no additional payment is necessary. Please register online at www.edinarotary.org.

The event will feature dinner and a cash bar. Please note that no credit cards will be accepted at the bar and the ECC does not have a cash machine. There will be valet parking available at the ECC the night of the event.

There will be NO meeting at noon on Thursday, June 18, as this event takes the place of our regular weekly meeting.



Rotary Club of Edina President-Elect Jennifer Bennerotte (left) and District 5950 Governor-Elect Tim Murphy, along with his wife, Cindy, have spent the last week in Brazil, attending the Rotary International Conference. They will come back inspired this week, ready to take on their new Rotary offices with the start of the Rotary year July 1.

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Upcoming Events and Schedule

- June 10 **Edina Rotary Happy Hour**, Vocational Development Group, 5:30 to 7 p.m., The Mezz, Byerly's, 7171 France Ave. S., Edina, meeting on the second Wednesday of June due to the family picnic, gathering is to provide Club members the opportunity to make business connections and learn more about what Rotary is doing in the community. Speakers for the June event are Skip Thomas and Wade Thommen. Contact Kip Peterson for more info.
- June 11 **Portrait session for Rotary directory**, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Edina City Hall, 4801 W. 50th St., Edina, any Rotarian interested in a new portrait for use in the Membership Directory should come to the lobby at City Hall, where photographer Polly Norman will be shooting photos for one hour prior to the Rotary meeting. It should only take a few moments of your time. If you have not had a professional photo taken, or your current professional photo is more than three years old, please make sure to come and have your portrait taken. Contact Jennifer Bennerotte for more information.
- June 18 No meeting
- June 18 **2015–2016 District Governor Tim Murphy installation ceremony**, 6 to 8 p.m., Edina Country Club, dinner honoring incoming District Governor Tim Murphy and outgoing DG Jim Nelson. C Steve Slyce or Marty Kupper for info.
- June 25 **Rotary Club of Edina Transition Meeting**, 12:15 to 1:30 p.m., Edina Country Club, the 2014–2015 Rotary year comes to an end, and the leadership of the Club will move from President Jeff Ohe to President-Elect Jennifer Bennerotte. Departing board members will be honored, and new board members will be welcomed.

Blue is for special Rotary Club of Edina events.

Purple is for District 5950 events.

Orange is for Rotary International events.

Saying goodbye to Patrik and Miyuki; getting to know new YE student Tina

Very soon we will be bidding farewell to our current inbound Rotary Youth Exchange students—Patrik from the Czech Republic and Miyuki from Japan. We have enjoyed and learned so much about Patrik and Miyuki, and they have gotten to know us. And they now have a better understanding of our culture here in Edina. We say goodbye and good luck to both Patrik and Miyuki!

While we say goodbye to this year's YE students, we get to welcome two more students! In the 2015–2016 school year, we are hosting two wonderful girls from Norway and South Korea. They both will be juniors at Edina High School. And yes, the campaign continues to recruit host families.

Won't you and your family consider the benefits of becoming a host family?! It's only for three months.

We offer you a few tidbits of info on our inbound students—just as a tease—so that you will run to your computer and send an enthusiastic email to say **“Yes!” your family is interested in hosting**, or just as good, that you know an Edina family who would be a great host family. So with excitement and glee...

Lets meet Tina!

Tina is a very talented young lady from Norway. She comes from Notteroy, which is an island about 50 miles south of Oslo. But it is a mere stone's throw from the oldest town in Norway—Tonsberg! It is here where they have found the remains of a Viking Ship!

See, fellow Rotarians, how much we have learned in the last 15 seconds? Imagine what cultural enlightenment you will absorb in three months if you host one of our students?!

Tina will come to us as a 16-year-old and will turn 17 in December. She can sing, dance, play the keyboard, and act! She is such a good singer that she has won awards! She also practices dance. These are two very popular activities at Edina High School. You will be happy to know that Tina's English is very good. Tina's family has traveled to other countries in Europe, as well as to the United States. Actually, she was born in Mountain View, California, while her father worked in the United States, but moved back to Norway when she was 3-years-old. She wants to enjoy the high school spirit...and knows what Homecoming means and wants to experience it all!

Wouldn't you like to host a Norwegian student and show her your American spirit, as well as that Edina Spirit we all know you have!

Next week learn more about Jein from South Korea!

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Checking in with...Community Service (Local Funding)

ERF awards 2014–2015 local grants

Organizations that received local grants from the Edina Rotary Foundation for the 2014–2015 Rotary year were recently announced. Members of the Community Service (Local Funding) Committee solicit applications from area organizations for specific projects that might need funding help. The committee vets all applicants and makes recommendations to the ERF board of directors for grants that fit the parameters of the local grant guidelines. The board then approves the grants, and successful applicants are notified. Each grant recipient is invited to attend a Rotary Club of Edina meeting to share with members the mission of their organization, and how the grant will impact the community. Community Service (Local Funding) was led by Director Mike Kallas. The committee chair was Keith Benson.

The following organizations, along with many other local and international projects, received ERF grants this Rotary year. Our Club raises money each year for ERF by holding a Fundraiser & Gala. The 2015 Gala will be Saturday, Sept. 26.

Can Do Canines

Can Do Canines is dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for people with disabilities by creating mutually beneficial partnerships with specially trained dogs. The specific grant is for the purchase of a small, efficient van to be used in Can Do Canines' program department. The vehicle will be used to transport dogs and puppies to and from four prison programs on a regular basis, visit animal shelters, take dogs to veterinarian visits, and to work with clients in their homes and community. This grant is combined with grants from District 5950 and other Rotary clubs.



Cornerstone

Cornerstone Advocacy Service also has been selected as one of our annual grant recipients. Specifically, our Club awarded a grant to purchase mobile computers to allow Cornerstone's Criminal Justice Intervention Advocates access to mobile technology to efficiently and effectively serve victims.

For over 30 years, Cornerstone staff have been serving adults and children traumatized by unhealthy, destructive relationships based on power and control. Understanding the intersections between domestic violence, sexual violence, human trafficking, we provide comprehensive services and support for victims of interpersonal violence and their families in Bloomington, Brooklyn Center, Brooklyn Park, Crystal, Eden Prairie, Edina, Maple Grove, Richfield, Robbinsdale, and St. Louis Park. Cornerstone provides safe housing to anyone in imminent danger, regardless of whether or not they live in our target cities.

Fishing for Life

The grant will help Fishing for Life to purchase supplies to assist in their Reel 'Em in Kids- Rod Rebuilding Program. Items include the purchase of fishing line and tackle for boxes. Fishing for Life hosts a number of their Rebuilding Days in various communities in the Twin Cities Metro area. Founded in 2004, Fishing for Life has been serving kids, families and communities through fishing and outdoor programs for more than a decade.

Fraser

Fraser in Minneapolis also received a local grant from ERF. Fraser serves children and adults with more than 60 types of mental and physical disabilities, and is Minnesota's largest and most experienced provider of autism services. Fraser School provides child care and early childhood education for young children with typical needs and special needs. Fraser offers an array of housing and in-home support options for people with disabilities in the Twin Cities area.

Minnesota Life College

We are proud to partner with Minnesota Life College by providing them a grant to train community members, including Minnesota Life College staff, in a course designed to teach key mental health first aid skills. This evidence-based training results in significant improvement in handling mental health crises and will be provided by Fairview Southdale Hospital mental health professionals. Together we make a difference in our community.

Since 1996, MLC students have been engaged in a challenging work-readiness curriculum and participated in internships with job coaches. This has been combined with training in critical independent living skills, in which our teaching takes place in the environments where our students will use the skills: in their apartments, at the grocery store, at the health club, on public transportation, etc.

YMCA Camp Ihduhapi

The ERF grant will provide funds to Camp Ihduhapi to purchase a new motor for the Camp's emergency boat and to purchase material to repair existing canoe racks. New and returning campers thrive during a week packed full of exciting, structured activities. They'll learn new skills and build self-esteem while practicing the YMCA's core values of caring, honesty, respect and responsibility.

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