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THE BARKER

ROTARY CLUB OF EDINA



The annual Rotary Club of Edina family picnic is today (Wednesday, June 25) from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Hughes Pavilion at Centennial Lakes Park in Edina. Members who wish to attend and bring guests were required to register. There will be picnic food, games for children including face painting, and a dunk tank with your favorite Rotarians ready to get wet. See you there!



New baby congratulations to...



Rotarian Mitch Robinson and his wife, Jennifer, on the birth of Brooks Edward Robinson on June 20. Brooks weighed in at 7 pounds, 7 ounces. Jennifer and Brooks are doing great.

Congratulations to the happy family!

Upcoming Events and Schedule

June 25	Annual Rotary Picnic , Centennial Lakes Park, Edina, 5 to 8 p.m.
June 26	No regular Rotary Club of Edina meeting
July 3	No regular Rotary Club of Edina meeting due to the Fourth of July holiday

Blue is for special Rotary Club of Edina events.
Purple is for District 5950 events.
Orange is for Rotary International events.

In Review

June 19, 2014

By Penny Kodrich

Steve Slyce began meeting No. 45—his last special meeting as our President. Today's program is the passing of the Rotary Club of Edina Presidency from **Steve Slyce** to **Jeff Ohe** and a review of the year.

Greeters at the meeting were **San Asato** and **Jon Barnett**. **Bob Perkins** helped **Audri Schwarz** at the front desk.

The Invocation was given by **Wade Thommen**. He spoke of new beginnings for Rotary, given this special meeting.

Dan Hallberg made the numerous introductions of guests at the meeting. The guests were:

- Nancy Slyce, wife and guest of **Steve Slyce**
- Katherine Slyce, daughter and guest of **Steve Slyce**
- Sandy DeGonda, sister and guest of **Steve Slyce**
- Alley Ohe, wife and guest of **Jeff Ohe**
- Torger, Sander, and Maren Ohe, children of **Jeff** and **Alley Ohe**
- Debbie Kupper, wife and guest of **Marty Kupper**
- Roberta McNellis, wife and guest of **Tom McNellis**
- Camille Cohen, daughter and guest of **Jon Barnett**
- Josh Cohen, son-in-law and guest of **Jon Barnett**
- Yevgeniy (Eugene) Drozdov, guest of **Mary Hustad** (his membership application was approved by the board earlier in the day)



Steve Slyce was joined at his last meeting as President by (left to right) his sister, Sandy DeGonda; his daughter, Katherine Slyce; and his wife, Nancy Slyce.

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Jennifer Garske, Club Administrator

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Jennifer Bennerotte, Club Treasurer, spoke on two topics. One, she reminded members to submit all receipts to her in order to close out the fiscal year. She then introduced changes to the bylaws and asked for a formal vote.

The first bylaw changes were in reference to the Club Bylaws specific to Article 13, Membership Types. There are four membership types and the ones addressed in the proposed amendments are regarding Probationary Members. **Jennifer** reviewed the specific topic of Rotarians who have fallen behind in payments by two quarters. "Unless the Board of Directors decides otherwise, a member is classified as 'Probationary' for six months after the Board determines that he or she broke a policy or until his or her account is paid in full. In addition, a Probationary Member who falls behind in payments by a third quarter shall be deemed to have resigned as a member of the club." In addition, member types recognize both residents and non-residents (Rotarians whose primary address is outside of Minnesota).

Jennifer called for a motion to the amendment. **San Asato** made the motion and it was seconded by **Gordy Lewis**. A call for a vote was made and it passed unanimously.

Jennifer then introduced the changes to the Foundation Bylaws that had been rewritten with the help of **Joe Christensen** to better reflect operations of the Foundation and to establish a permanent endowment. Jennifer called for a motion to amend the Foundation Bylaws, which was made by **Gordy Lewis** and seconded by **Scott MacDonald**. The call for approval passed with one nay by **Matt Boockmeier**.

Joel Jennings introduced and gratefully acknowledged **Tom** and **Roberta McNellis** for their generous donations totaling \$25,000 to The Rotary Foundation. Tom spoke about polio eradication and its impact on his life, particularly as it affected his brother. Tom described the fact that Jonas Salk refused to patent and collect royalties on the vaccine. In 1955, the number of cases went from 60,000 cases down to 2,000. In 1961, likewise, Albert Sabin, who created the oral vaccine, also refused to patent and collect royalties on the vaccine. If these two scientists had collected royalties, there would have been over 7.7 billion dollars less to help eradicate polio. Tom spoke of these facts as a supreme example of "Service Above Self."

Steve Slyce took the podium and called forward and introduced our current club officers. Each was acknowledged for their special contributions and skills.

- President-elect **Jeff Ohe**
- Treasurer **Jennifer Bennerotte**



Rotarian Tom McNellis and his wife, Roberta, were honored at the June 19 meeting for their contributions to The Rotary Foundation.

- Secretary **Ann Platt**
- Past President **Scott MacDonald**

Current Board members who will stay on for the next rotary year were introduced. They included:

- **Mike Kallas**, Community Service (Grants) Director
- **Doug Johnson**, Public Relations Director
- **Will Steinke**, The Rotary Foundation Director
- **Heather Hansen**, Youth Service Director
- **Michael Stanzak**, Membership (Retention) Director

Steve then called forward and acknowledged the current Board members who have completed their term and moving off of the board. They are:

- **Mary Hustad**, Membership (Recruitment) Director. Eleven new members joined as a result of her work.
- **John Flynn**, International Service Director
- **Marty Kupper**, Club Service (Administration) Director
- **Tom Bach**, Community Service (Projects) Director

In addition, **Steve** acknowledged the following individuals for their continued support of Club activities. They are:

- **Patti Ellingson-Solhiem**, who serves as the Club accountant
- Jennifer Garske, Club administrator
- **Audri Schwarz**, front desk professional
- Aaron Klein, video recording of each meeting
- **Bill McReavy**, for providing board meeting location and amenities
- And to the Edina Country Club staff who help in the kitchen, as servers, and valets. Many thanks to them for their efforts.

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Steve then gave his closing speech as President by expressing appreciation for the Club. He reviewed events and accomplishments during the past year, including:

- The annual Fundraiser, “A Night At The Sands,” on Oct. 12, 2013, surpassed the original goal with a record event, netting the foundation \$103,000. **Dave Hatzung** and **Rick Carlson** were co-chairs.
- Camp Enterprise was held in late October, with **John Flynn** as the chair.
- The Edina Rotary’s member, **Dennis Schulstad**, was the speaker at the annual Veterans’ Day luncheon.
- The District grant committee supported the Edina Rotary’s grant to the Steve Rummel Foundation with a matching gift of \$6,000. This committee also rewrote the guidelines for local grants and revised the local grant application form.
- The Rotary Foundation committee developed a strategic plan for upcoming years to increase participation, with major donors added, including additional Paul Harris Society members.
- Acknowledged the two inbound exchange students from France and Italy.
- Added 11 new members with the total membership at 158.
- There were eight fireside chats with over 115 members attending.
- An additional social event was added with an evening at the Old Log Theater in March.
- The International Service committee was involved in the purchase of five shelter boxes for the typhoon ravaged Philippines; partnered with the Bloomington Rotary Club to provide vocational and computer training in rural community of Palampur, India; and a committee is in place overseeing the continued education of Moses.
- Jennifer Garske finished her first full year as club administrator.
- Service projects included Salvation Army bell ringing, holiday giving program for veterans’ family groups, and four other local projects.
- The Club was recognized at the Rotary District Conference with five awards, which were given to the community service, youth service, membership development, and public relations committees and to Wooj for a “Service Above Self” award.

Wooj Byun had earlier presented **Steve** with his recently published book. He gave his first copy to Steve as a token of appreciation for his service. It is called “My Rotary Journey.” People can secure a copy either by calling Wooj or visiting his website at <https://secure.mybookorders.com/Orderpage/1394>.



Incoming Rotary President Jeff Ohe, with his wife, Alley, and three of their four children—Torger, Maren, and Sander.

Steve thanked all for their friendship and service, stating it has been a huge honor to serve as president. Steve then invited **Jeff Ohe** to the podium, and handed the ceremonial gavel to him, along with the President’s pin.

Jeff spoke to the group about becoming the 60th Club President. He honored and thanked **Steve** with a presentation and a plaque.

Jeff spoke of his father (Ron Ohe) regarding involvement in Rotary. He introduced his wife Alley, his oldest son, Torger, his second son, Sander, and his daughter, Maren. Their 14-month-old daughter, Inga, was at home. Jeff’s three children stood on their chairs and gave the Rotary 4-way test, followed by a thunderous applause.

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Jeff then called forward and introduced the 2014-15 Board. They include:

- **Steve Slyce**, Past President
- **Jennifer Bennerotte**, President Elect
- **Ann Platt**, Treasurer
- **San Asato**, Secretary
- **Barbara Born**, Club Service (Administration)
- **Mike Kallas**, Community Service (Grants)
- **Mary Swendsen**, Community Service (Projects)
- **Josh Sprague**, Membership (Recruitment)
- **Gary Pedersen**, International Service
- **Heather Hansen**, Youth Service
- **Will Steinke**, The Rotary Foundation
- **Michael Stanzak**, Membership (Retention)
- **Doug Johnson**, Public Relations

Jeff described three main goals he holds for 2014-15:

1. To grow the Club membership by 5 percent to 170 members by June 30, 2015. There will be quarterly prospective meetings with the first held on July 24. He also wants to initiate a strong mentorship program to help people become and remain engaged.
2. To hold a very successful fundraising gala on Oct. 11, 2015. **Jean Morrison** and **Mary Younggren** are co-chairs. The intent is to increase attendance of outsiders to the event in order to impact the funds raised.
3. To launch the Edina Rotary Legacy Fund. This is intended to create a broader scope of giving to increase the impact and influence on local and international causes. The Legacy Fund is an endowment fund designed to create a broader level and longer-lasting level of financial support.

Jeff finished with his commitment to Edina Rotary as its President. Next regularly held meeting will be July 10 with Andrew Zimmern as the program speaker. Jeff closed the meeting.

Proposed for Membership

The Rotary Club of Edina's Board of Directors recently approved the applicant below for membership:

Name: Yevgeniy (Eugene) Drozdov
Classification: Residential Mortgage Banker
Sponsor: Mary Hustad

Written objections to the application must be submitted before 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 9, to Rotary Club of Edina, 4801 W. 50th St., Edina, MN 55424.

Board meeting notes

June 19, 2014

By Ann Platt, Secretary

It was with sadness that we gathered at Washburn-McReavy for our final board meeting under the leadership of President Steve Slyce. He has been a fantastic President and has done many things behind the scenes.

Our financial reports indicated that the Club is in sound financial shape. All directors were encouraged to submit all outstanding receipts for expenses by June 25 so they can be paid and reflected in this fiscal year.

Committee Reports:

PR Report:

- There will be a video shown once a month during a meeting with Bob Solheim interviewing veteran members as well as new members with respect to "Why Rotary? When did you join? When did you become a true Rotarian?" These videos will be posted on our website, Facebook, and YouTube.
- Rotary will be well represented in the Edina Fourth of July parade. Jennifer Bennerotte will be one of the grand marshals representing our Club as the parade is honoring civic groups within the city. Wooj will be riding in a convertible donated by Key Cadillac as the Service Above Self award winner, and Dave Hatzung will be recruiting Rotarians to carry the Super Heroes banner.
- PR committee is working with the gala committee to promote the event.
- Doug Johnson and his committee have done a fantastic job this past year.

Membership (Recruitment):

- We finished the year with 158 members. Mary Hustad had done an incredible job the past two years as membership chair, establishing a prospective member day and having the new member brochure developed. She will be missed on the board.
- A new member application was approved for Yevgeniy (Eugene) Drozdov, whose classification is Residential Mortgage Banking. He is sponsored by Mary Hustad.

Community Service (Projects):

- The committee will be coordinating with Membership (Retention) to recruit volunteers for the July 18

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Music in the Park at Roslind Park.

- The committee reinstated an old project this year, which was park clean-up. Matt Boockmeier recruited 16 volunteers to clean up Wooddale Park and then went across the street to clean up Utley Park as well. Over 40 pounds of garbage was picked up and 5 gallons of Tom Pirsch's famous chili was consumed by the volunteers.
- Feed My Starving Children's next packaging day has been scheduled for Oct. 25.
- Tom Bach has done a great job with this committee and everyone appreciates his efforts and that he was able to add one new project this year. Thanks, Tom, for your service to Rotary.

Community Service (Local Grants):

- The deadline for grant requests is being changed to Oct. 31 vs. Dec. 31, with the intent of being able to better capitalize on matching grant monies from the district.
- Mike Kallas presented the concept of having a Rotary room at the new Fairview Emergency Room. Fairview is requesting a total of \$50,000. There is the potential of the nine area Rotary Clubs being involved in the project, with our Club being the largest club. It would include the eight Area 3 clubs plus the Southwest Metro club. A motion was made, seconded, and approved for \$25,000 for this project. The Community Service (Grants) Committee will decide the timing of the disbursement of funds over a maximum of five years.
- The Veterans Memorial grant of \$20,000, which was approved three years ago, is now coming to fruition. The memorial committee has requested our funds now so that they will be able to receive the \$225,000 matching grant from the State of Minnesota (this was approved during the last legislative session).
- Kallas and his committee have done a great job of establishing guidelines and procedures for processing grant requests.

Youth Service:

- The youth programs were very successful this past year due to Heather Hansen and her team.
- Hansen will be heading up establishing an Interact club at Edina High School.
- Do the Right Thing will be moved to the fall vs. next spring.
- Camp Enterprise is Nov. 6 through 8.

Club Service (Administration):

- Thanks to Marty Kupper for his dedication as Club Service (Administration) Director the last four years.

He had to work with the likes of Slyce, MacDonald, Barnett and Wooj to make sure meetings are running smoothly.

International Service Projects

- A grant of \$2,500 was approved for "Hope for the City," which is based in Panama. The monies will be spent to acquire medical equipment and shipment of this equipment. EMRC is the lead club on this project.
- Moses, our student based in Africa, is doing well. He is attending a private school due to the monies that our Club collected for him during the presidency of Paul Mooty.
- John Flynn has made great use of his retirement time working on International Service projects and heading up a very successful Camp E. Thanks, John!!!!

The Rotary Foundation

- Wrapping up the year with meeting our goal of \$75,000.
- All monies need to be to Jeff Ohe before the end of the month to count towards this fiscal year.

Officer's Report

- Thank you to Scott MacDonald for the last five years of your life that you have dedicated to making our Club even better.
- Jeff Ohe gave a very brief talk about his trip to the Rotary International Convention in Sydney, Australia. Over 25,000 people were in attendance.
- The District Governor will be speaking at the Aug. 14 meeting.
- Jennifer Bennerotte reported that the Rotary clock is done and being shipped from Ohio. It may be installed by the picnic at Centennial Lakes.
- The Board approved a bylaws amendment allowing for a member classification for non-resident members.
- Steve Slyce thanked the board members for their dedication and time during the past year. It has made his year easier knowing that he has been surrounded by just great people. "THANK YOU to everyone."

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