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ROTARY CLUB OF EDINA

March 13, 2014 Meeting Assignments

Greeters	Bob Solheim & Diane Solmonson
Front Desk	Jeff Ohe
Invocation	Bob Solheim
Guest Introduction	Barbara Born
Barker	Peter Hoffman
Program Host	Jon Barnett
Thank the Speaker	Ann Platt

Program: Belinda Jensen, KARE 11 chief meteorologist, "Wow!! What a Winter!"

Menu: Steak and Guinness stew or Asian chicken salad

Upcoming Events and Schedule

March 20	Evening at the theater at Old Log Theater, "Almost Maine," 6:30 p.m. cocktails and appetizers, curtain is at 7:30
April 8	Joint meeting with EMRC at Edina Country Club, 7:30 to 8:30 a.m.
April 10	No meeting
April 17	Committee sign-up for Edina Rotary Fundraiser Gala "Rendez-vous in Paris," Edina Country Club, 12:15 to 1:30 p.m.
April 24	Vocational Ethics Day, Edina Country Club, 12:15 to 1:30 p.m.
May 2	District 5950 Annual Conference , Radisson Blu Hotel
May 8	Vocational Day , Minneapolis Media Institute, 12:15 to 1:30 p.m., hosted by Paul Peterson
June 1-4	Rotary International Convention , Sydney, Australia
June 19	Transition Day meeting

Blue is for special Rotary Club of Edina events.

Purple is for District 5950 events.

Orange is for Rotary International events.

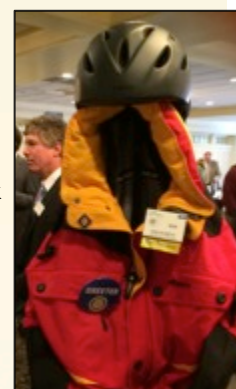
In Review

March 6, 2014

By Brad Pearson

Today we were greeted by **Sandy Schley**, **John Solberg**, and special greeter **Bob Hildreth**.

Bob wasn't able to find a replacement for the greeter job, so being the self proclaimed #1 past president, he had his ski jacket and helmet displayed for our enjoyment (jacket and helmet worn prior week at Beaver Creek Rotary Meeting). Bob continues his perfect attendance at Rotary with his unique imagination. The front desk was handled by **Audri Schwarz**, **Josh Sprague**, and **Marty Kupper**.



At 12:35 p.m. sharp **President Steve Slyce** started the meeting. The invocation was presented by **Mitch Robinson**. Mitch explained that what had drawn him to Rotary was the inclusiveness of all members. He went on to read a prayer by the Dalai Lama used to open Senate Session in Washington D.C. "Compassion is what makes our lives happy...speak or act with a pure mind, happiness with follow."

Ann Platt introduced guests—Dean Sorenson, guest of **Paul Peterson**; Mike Olge, guest of **Thom Winninger**; and Colleen Simpson, guest of **Sandy Schley**. Other visiting guests: Axel Steuer, Jodie Jennings, Scott Tankenoff, and Rotarian Brad Turner (from Los Angeles).

Bob Solheim gave a very heartfelt review of Don Brauer's life, who passed away Feb. 28, 2014. **Donald G. Brauer**, Nov. 24, 1922—Feb. 28, 2014, was a 50-year-plus member of Edina Rotary. He was President of our Club in 1967 and was instrumental of setting up the Rotary Club of Eden Prairie. He is called the "godfather of the Eden Prairie Rotary Club". Don was a civil engineer, having developed numerous projects throughout his life. He was assistant park director for the City of Edina in the 1950s prior to going into private practice. He was instrumental in the planning of the Braemar Golf Course, and also did the first comprehensive plan for the city of Eden Prairie. Don is survived by his wife, Gudrun, of 58 years; three children, three grandchildren; and one great grandchild. Don we will miss you and all your great friendships.

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Mike Stanzak reminded us about the Rotary Evening at the Log Theater on March 20. "Almost Maine" at the Old Log Theater in Excelsior. You can sign up on our website. www.edinarotary.org.

Our exchange student Giuliano Pini gave us his life-in-Italy talk. Giuliano is from Varese, Italy, (near Milan). The city looks over Lake Varese. He talked about the foods of Italy and soccer (the real football). Giuliano went over how to talk Italian with hand gestures: very interesting what you can say with simple gestures. Great job Giuliano!

Our speaker was introduced by **Dr. Charlie Barer**, who joined our club in 1982. He was sponsored by Ernie Larsen, and is a Paul Harris Fellow +4.

Charlie introduced Karen Sorbo, a professional auctioneer for the past 20 years. Her talk was titled, "Becoming a Compassionate Auctioneer." Karen has hosted more than 2,500 auctions over the past 20 years, which have brought in more than 500 million dollars. Besides auctioneering, she is author of a book, "Your Inner Butterfly," which is a recap of her life and how previous experiences have shaped her future. Her website is www.karensorboauctioneer.com. Karen says she tries to figure out her audiences' mission goals to the fundraisers she works. "I can read a audience".

Karen talked about her childhood seeing a *National Geographic Magazine* with young children in Africa who appeared to be at the final phase of starvation. She set a goal to follow her heart. And she has, starting a foundation called the Karen Cares Foundation. You can go to You Tube and watch her video by searching the key words: "Invisible Ones Karen Sorbo." The Karen Sorbo Foundation is an advocacy group focused on confronting many global issues, such as homelessness and abandoned and orphaned children, child prostitution and sex trafficking. The Foundation has been working in South Africa, and in the video you can see her work in motion. Her talk showed a person living our Rotary motto for the year: "Engage Rotary to Change Lives."

Kaylin Martin thanked Karen Sorbo for her presentation, and stated that the Rotary Club of Edina will make a donation to PolioPlus in her honor.

President Slyce adjourned the meeting. When I looked at my synchronized watch it read 1:35 p.m. Don't worry Steve, its Daylight Savings this weekend, so your watch can be synchronized like mine for next week's meeting.

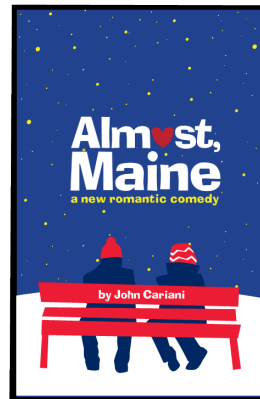
In memoriam...

We are sad to announce that fellow Rotarian Matt Boockmeier's father, Richard, passed away March 6, 2014, in Portage, Wisc., at the age of 73. He is survived by his wife, Mary Cele; his son, Matthew, and his wife, Vivian, and their daughters, Emma and Sophia, of Bloomington; his son, Andrew, and his wife, Annie, and their daughters, Bridget and Lillian, of Oak Park, Ill.; brother, John (Jan) Boockmeier, of Holland, Mich.; sister-in-law, Barbara Boockmeier, of Chicago, Ill.; by several nieces, cousins and countless friends. He was preceded in death by his parents; and brothers, Gary and Tom. Visitation will be from 4 until 7 p.m. Thursday, March 13, at the Pflanz Mantey Mendrala Funeral Home in Portage. Graveside services, with full military honors provided by the Portage area veterans, will be at 11 a.m. Friday, March 14, at St. Mary Cemetery in Portage.

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

Register now for Almost Maine!

Enjoy a night of theater with your fellow Rotarians! Rotary Club of Edina members and guests are invited to the Old Log Theater in Excelsior for "Almost Maine" on Thursday, March 20. Join us for appetizers and a cash bar at 6:30 p.m., the curtain goes up at 7:30. Tickets are \$29 per person. Please go to the Club website, www.edinarotary.org, log in, and go to "Events" to register. You can also sign up at the Rotary meeting this Thursday, March 13. If you have questions, contact Michael Stanzak.



Click on the following link to view the *Star Tribune's* review: <http://www.startribune.com/entertainment/stageandarts/242233481.html>

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