



THE BARKER

ROTARY CLUB OF EDINA

March 5, 2015 Meeting Assignments

Greeters	Don Hutchison, Dennis Hykes & Greg Yoch
Front Desk	Mary Younggren
Invocation	Joe Christensen
Guest Introductions	Matt Mattis
Barker	Kip Peterson
Thank the Speaker	Ann Platt

Program: Former motorcycle and race car driver Gary Curtis will talk about the Brainerd International Raceway Performance Driving School.

Menu: Salisbury steak and a salad option

Proposed for Membership

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

Name: Hugh Hadlund
Classification: Business Banking
Sponsor: Brad Hepp

Name: David D. McElroy
Classification: Business Development Consulting
Sponsor: Skip Thomas

Name: Terrance Moore
Classification: Attorney
Sponsor: Paul Peterson

Name: Ross Peterson
Classification: HOA Management
Sponsor: David Hatzung

Written objections to the applications must be submitted before 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 11, to Rotary Club of Edina, 4801 W. 50th St., Edina, MN 55424.

In Review

Feb. 26, 2015

By Gary Pedersen

Attendees to the last meeting in February 2015 were warmly greeted by **Peter Hoffman**, **Royce Pavelka**, and **Mary Hustad**. **Gary Pedersen** and **Audri Schwarz** effectively relieved the senior actives of their admission fees, nearly always making the correct change.

President "OOOhhh" began the meeting with a humorous story about someone in Iowa...you had to be there! (Or have **Jeff** tell it one more time; make sure you are out of ear-shot of any Iowan with a shotgun.)

Harold Hanson provided a meaningful invocation and got us started on the Pledge of Allegiance.

A very large contingent of visitors, at least a dozen, was on hand and introduced by **Kris Maser**. We only had one visiting Rotarian.

Our resident Norwegian (and magician), **Bob Solheim**, continued with his series "My Rotary Story" by interviewing club member **Sutton McGraw**. Sutton has been an active member in our club since 2009, working on the Gala Fundraiser, International Committee, and a number of other committee assignments. She got introduced to Rotary by **Past President Wooj** and was pleasantly surprised by the warmth and interest that other Rotarians displayed to her. Rotary has taken a large place in her life and she would like everyone to know that Rotary can change your life and make you a better person. Bob, we really appreciate that you facilitate the sharing of these stories that bring Rotary to life!

Our Edina Rotary Foundation honored a number of Club members for their generous support of the Edina Rotary Club and the Rotary Foundation, as Paul Harris Fellows (PHF):

Scott Tankenoff	PHF
Scott Neal	PHF+1
Rick Carlson	PHF+3
Jennifer Bennerotte	PHF+5
Charles Barer	PHF+7
Melinda Inman	PHF+7
Chuck Agan	PHF+8
Mike Hagen	PHF+8
Will Steinke	PHF+8

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Jennifer Garske, Club Administrator

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The Rotary Club of Edina honored Rotarians who achieved Paul Harris Fellow status, or added to their PHF totals. Club members receiving recognition were (left to right) Will Steinke, Melinda Inman, Charles Agan, Scott Tankenoff, Rick Carlson, Charlie Barer, Jennifer Bennerotte, and Scott Neal.

The involvement and generous nature of our members is one of the things that makes the Edina Rotary Club such a great place! Thank each one of you for living the spirit of Rotary.

Our club was fortunate to induct a new member at our meeting, **Greg Yoch**. Many of our members know **Ted Yoch** and Greg is his son, recently relocating from California to Minnesota. Greg has taken on the presidential duties at one of the family businesses, Environmental Graphics. He, his wife, Ahroon, and their daughter, Katelyn, live in Edina and are actively getting involved and exploring the community. Greg's skills of developing and supporting people match well with his focus on solving problems and achieving results. He is a person of compassionate action who truly cares about others. Greg, sponsored by Ted Yoch and **Gary Pedersen**, is a person of action and is sure to get very involved. Welcome to our club, Greg.

New Rotary Club of Edina member Greg Yoch was officially inducted into the Club at the Feb. 26 meeting. Here President Jeff Ohe welcomes Greg to the Club. Greg was sponsored by his father, Ted Yoch, and Gary Pedersen.



Mary Swendsen was then invited to introduce our program for the day, Amanda LaGrange of Tech Dump, speaking about "Jobs for Junk." Amanda comes with great credentials—six years in corporate finance at General Mills, recognized in 2014 as one of the Top 50 Women in Business in Minnesota, and clearly has a passion for helping others and preserving our environment. She remains an Indiana Hoosier basketball fan, but has definitely become a true Minnesotan. She started and heads up Tech Dump, which is a non-profit electronics recycling business. Equally as important as safely disposing of used cell phones, computers, disk drives, TVs, etc., is that Amanda accomplishes this mission by giving people that have gotten in trouble with the law a second chance. Her company provides jobs, training and a sense of self sufficiency to felony offenders. One of her great joys is celebrating when one of her employee's leaves Jobs For Junk for a better position. That has become the measure of success.

Every person in the room had some "stuff" that could be recycled responsibly and **Amanda's Tech Dump** is the place to go. For larger amounts of recyclables, her company actually comes out and picks up the stuff. We are considering having an electronics recycling day where we bring all of our old, unused electronics in for her team to recycle. And the idea of helping people find a better way in their own life, get that second chance, feel like they are contributing to themselves and their families...that's what it is all about. A topic that hit home with all of us. Thanks, Amanda.

After a few interesting questions answered by Amanda, our own **Axel Steuer** thanked her for her activism and talk. **Jeff** promptly adjourned the meeting.

Know someone interested in keeping up with Club news?

If you know someone who would like to receive this weekly Rotary Club of Edina newsletter via email each week, just send the person's name and email address to Club Administrator Jennifer Garske. *The Barker* can be sent out to anyone interested in the goings-on with the Club. The newsletter is typically sent out via ClubRunner email each Wednesday morning.

Comments on or suggestions for *The Barker*? Send those in as well to jengarskerotary@gmail.com or call 612-875-3109. Thank you!

ROTARY YEAR 2014-2015 — OFFICERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Board of Directors Propose Change to the Rotary Club of Edina Bylaws

The Rotary Club of Edina's Board of Directors recommends a change to Article 14 of the club's bylaws in order to keep new member inductions on track.

Under the current bylaws, the name of a prospective member must be published in *The Barker*, giving current members an opportunity to object to the potential membership. When a newsletter is not published, the process is delayed. The proposed bylaw change would allow the posting to be made on the club's website instead. The proposed change is the addition of the bolded text below.

Section 4 – If the decision of the Board is favorable, the prospective member shall be informed of the purposes of Rotary and of the privileges and responsibilities of membership, following which the prospective member shall be requested to sign the membership proposal form and permit his or her name and proposed classification to be published in one edition of the Club's newsletter **or on the Club's website.**

Club members will be asked to vote on the proposed change to the bylaws sometime in March. For more information, contact President-Elect Jennifer Bennerotte, jbennerotte@EdinaMN.gov, 952-833-9520 (office) or 612-201-3467 (cell).

Upcoming Events and Schedule

- March 4 **Edina Rotary Happy Hour**, Vocational Development Group, 5:30 to 7 p.m., The Mezz, Byerly's, 7171 France Ave. S., Edina, meets on the first Wednesday of each month to provide Club members the opportunity to make business connections and learn more about what Rotary is doing in the community. Speaker for the March 4 gathering is Gary Aulik. Contact Kip Peterson for more info.
- March 11 **Women of Rotary**, social event, 6 to 9 p.m., Heather Hansen's home, all female Rotarians and any friends they have who might be interested in learning more about Rotary are invited to attend, Jean Morrison and instructors from Krav Maga Club will give a demonstration on self defense and teach some basic defense moves. Contact Mary Swendsen for more information.

Help our club find candidates for Rotary's Peace Fellowships program

Each year, up to 50 Rotary Peace Fellows are chosen from around the world to carry forward the Rotary mission of promoting national and international cooperation, peace, and successful conflict resolution throughout their lives, in their careers, and through service.

Rotary International awards graduate study grants of \$50,000 to \$70,000 (to be used over a 15-24 month period) that allow Peace Fellows to pursue a master's degree in international relations, public administration, sustainable development, peace studies, or a related field, as well as the completion of a three-month practicum experience, at various university study sites around the world.

Candidates for the Peace Fellowship will have a bachelor's degree, completed 3 to 5 years of work or volunteer experience, and have demonstrated a commitment to peace and justice.

We invite Rotary Club of Edina members to assist us with identifying candidates to represent the Club. Applications for this fellowship are due to local Rotary clubs on April 1, 2015 for study beginning in 2016-2017 and will be forwarded, along with our recommendations, to District 5950 by May 1, 2015.

Please encourage potential candidates to contact Dr. Axel Steuer at asteuer@mail.ic.edu or at 952-929-2598 for more information and to apply.

- April 7 **Joint meeting with EMRC**, 7:15 a.m., Edina Country Club.
- April 9 No meeting
- April 9 **Jeremiah House dinner**, 4 to 7 p.m., 1510 Laurel Ave., Minneapolis, four to six volunteers are needed to help with a meal for families at Jeremiah House. Contact Mike Eckert to volunteer or for more information.
- April 23 **Vocational Ethics Meeting**, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Edina Country Club, all Area 3 Rotary Club members are welcome to attend this special meeting, as well as high school students. More information to come. Contact Dan Hallberg with questions.

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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Checking in with ... Rotary Youth Exchange

This week we get an update on two of our outbound Rotary Youth Exchange students:

Sarah Aydinalp Youth Exchange student in Brazil

Sarah shares: I was fortunate enough to have the opportunity to go on the northeast trip this January. This trip was three weeks long and we traveled up the coast of Brazil, visiting beautiful beaches and many historic sites. I honestly had the time of my life and won't ever forget all the people or all the things I was able to see. My favorite city was Salvador because of the laid back, hippie vibe and all the life, color, and culture that was so present there. Another obvious highlight was visiting the Christ because it's definitely a sight that takes your breath away. Thank you Rotary for making this possible!



—Jean Morrison, Youth Exchange outbound student counselor



Kat Fink Youth Exchange student in Denmark

Kat tells us: All is well here, my new host family is so sweet and very considerate. I live on a mink farm, and even though it doesn't smell all that great from time to time, there are lots of animals to see.

Give Edina Rotary all my best!

—Heather Hansen,
Youth Service Director



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