



THE BARKER

ROTARY CLUB OF EDINA

May 14, 2015 Meeting Assignments

Greeters	Matt Mattis, Wade Thommen, Sam Cote & Dan Hennen
Front Desk	Gary Aulik
Invocation	Mary Younggren
Guest Introductions	Mary Younggren
Barker	Don Hutchison
Thank the Speaker	Les Wanninger

Program: Our own Bob Solheim will speak about "The Magic of Hospice."

Menu: In celebration of Syttende Mai, Norwegian Constitution Day on May 17, Bob Solheim requested: broiled cod, buttered boiled potatoes, and cucumber salad. Baby scallop Niçoise salad will also be served.

Rotary volunteers sought for 2015 fundraiser gala committees

Calling all Rotarians! Have you been looking for the perfect way to contribute to the No. 1 Club in the Universe? Look no further! Our annual fundraiser gala is coming up quickly, and we are seeking volunteers for all committees. The 2015 fundraiser is set for Saturday, Sept. 26.

Please contact co-chairs 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 information.

Bring a prospective member to Chamber/Rotary event tonight

Our Club is hosting a prospective member event with the Edina Chamber of Commerce tonight, **Wednesday, May 13**. The happy hour mixer will be from 5 to 7 p.m. at Pinstripes in Edina. All Rotarians and Chamber members must bring a guest to the gathering. Guests will have a chance to network with membership. At the event, you and your guest(s) will mingle with attendees at cocktail tables in timed rotations. Complimentary appetizers will be served and there will be a cash bar for all beverage purchases. For more info on the event, contact Josh Sprague at josh@joshsprague.com.

In Review

May 7, 2015

By Chuck Rauenhorst

Jeff Ohe started the meeting on time and he got right into it by presenting us with the five values of Rotary: Fellowship, Integrity, Diversity, Service, and Leadership. He reminded us nicely that a part of leadership is to help grow our membership and that he says is going well compliments to **Josh Sprague**, Membership Director (Recruitment) for the Club.

Working the front desk at the meeting were **Charlie Barer**, **Audri Schwarz**, and **Mary Hustad**. Acting as greeters were **Luther Amundson**, **Dan Hare**, **Ron Kalich**, and **John MacLennan**. **Tim Fargo** gave the invocation, and **Dan Mott** introduced a number of guests.

Many meals for Feed My Starving Children were made at the volunteer event May 2, **Brad Beard** reported. He is very proud of his team and the work they do to help prepare these food supplies.

The upcoming picnic will be held once again at the wonderful Bryant Lake Park facility in Eden Prairie:

1. Outstanding entertainment!
2. When: Wednesday June 3
3. Time: 5:45 to 8 p.m.
4. Food served by: Divine Swine
5. Who is welcome:
 - a. Grandparents
 - b. Parents
 - c. Kids
 - d. Associates of Rotary
 - e. And of course Rotarians looking for a fun evening to connect in a family friendly atmosphere.

REGISTER NOW SO WE CAN GET THE COUNT RIGHT!

Our annual fundraiser came in with \$113,000 to help our community non-profits provide assistance to those in need. Laura Sorenson from Cornerstone received a check today to help pay for three Surface Pro 3 computers that will be used in court to help take notes while women that have been sexually

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abused report in court. Realizing how emotional this trauma is for the women, having support to document their presentations will be greatly appreciated by the volunteers helping these women. Laura shared that:

One in four women will be affected by violence/sexual abuse at some time in their lives.

The Edina Rotary Club thanks you, Laura, and Cornerstone for your work in helping women through their experience.

Rotary Club of Edina members were honored for their donations to The Rotary Foundation. Receiving Paul Harris Fellow pins at the meeting were:

- **Don Hutchison**—PHF
- **Jim Ryman**—PHF
- **Marie Pribyl**—PHF+1
- **Mark Jessen**—PHF+1
- **Bill Milota**—PHF+1
- **Jack Kennefick**—PHF+2
- **Mike Kallas**—PHF+3
- **Tom Bach**—PHF+4
- **Joe Christensen**—PHF+7
- **Brad Beard**—PHF+8

Jim Ryman stood up to make his classification talk. He is proud to finally be a Rotarian, as he has had an illustrious career and raised a proud family with his wife, Deb, who is a great mom and grandma. They are now enjoying their three children and seven grandchildren.

Jim grew up in Crystal, MN, and began to drive early as his first career position was a paper boy and then he was promoted to working at the infamous "Red Owl" grocery store. High School was in Robbinsdale, and once completed he joined the U.S. Marine corps and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant. Jim went on to Vietnam and Marble Mountain near Danang here he flew missions to bring back soldiers. He spent three months on a ship providing support. Towards the end of his tour he became a flight instructor and flew jets. In 1970 he started his 31-year career in insurance with State Farm, working his way up to an executive vice president in charge of the northern region, covering 900 regional offices with 1,600 claim employees. Two years later he took early retirement and immersed himself in his church and community Saratoga hospital board. He has been a Sunday school teacher and urban councilman. He loves fishing and goes to Canada annually. He makes maple syrup, however, his real love is wood turning. Jim makes beautiful wooden bowls

from exotic woods. He is excited to become involved in Rotary and to assist in bringing in great speakers like Richard H. Coleman, our guest speaker today.

The Rev. Richard H. Coleman's organization, Hope United Community Development Corporation, is designed to be a catalyst of hope in North Minneapolis, "connecting" people to rally around two big issues: Increasing the learning readiness of school-age kids; and increasing opportunities for economic growth for individuals and businesses.

Today, I am inviting Rotarians to take a look at our second strategic initiative; increasing opportunities for economic growth in North Minneapolis, said Rev. Coleman. Through their shared work, we began to better understand how social service policies and practices have actually supported systemic poverty. He explained that they discovered that 67 percent of North Minneapolis residents were receiving some form of government financial assistance—this is approximately 4,500 African-American households. Unemployment among these households was then, and remains, 30 percent. On top of all of this, only 51 percent of African Americans graduated high school on time.

Rev. Coleman grew up in poverty with his nine siblings. His inspiration came from his grandfather, who taught him as a 5-year-old that working in the field is good and that work is good and he never forgot the sense of self-esteem he felt when Granddad patted him on his head and said you are smart.

Many years have now passed since then, but the need to help people experience the good that you and I enjoy as a result of work needs to be shared with those less fortunate, the good reverend said. As this catalytic project continues to grow, other communities will get on board and collectively, we will be able to field a quality workforce of men and women who feel good about themselves and who will lead the restoration of our families and communities.

In the first couple of work-enriched projects, they helped 30 percent of the enrolled 75 people get full-time jobs, thus exiting the government's cash assistance program.

This stuff really works. Give people self-worth and teach them to take care of themselves through the sense of ownership of getting a good job helps everyone. Come sign up, says Rev. Coleman, who can be reached at:

Richard H. Coleman, Executive Director
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Help clean up Edina parks with Rotary members this Saturday, May 16

The Edina Rotary Spring Parks Clean Up will be Saturday, May 16, at 9 a.m. at Wooddale and Utley parks, located at the corner of 50th and Wooddale in Edina. We need able-bodied members who possess the following skill sets: None! Garbage bags and fancy yellow safety vests will be provided as needed.

You can register online if you plan to attend. Just go to www.edinarotary.org, log into the member area, and go to Events. Please respond no later than May 16 at 8:59 a.m. if you can assist. Better yet—just show up! Questions/Comments: email matt@mattboockmeier.com.

Meet one of our newest members...

In the spirit of getting to know our new members, the Barker will feature a profile and photo of new members periodically. This week, we meet:

Name: Dan Hennen

Classification:

Commercial Banking

What was your first job? Golf course driving range attendant

Who was your first role model and why?

My father. I remember always being impressed on how everywhere we would go, he would always know someone.

He was and is very active

in his community, and of course with Rotary.

Why did you want to join Rotary? I believe in what Rotary stands for in Service Above Self, as well as the Four-Way Test. I wanted to find a strong public service organization where I can serve the local community.

What do you like best about being part of the Rotary Club of Edina? I am looking forward to serving the Edina and surrounding communities with fellow Rotarians. I really enjoy the weekly programs and the shared conversations.

What one piece of advice do you offer other business leaders? Make the most of everyday and strive to think different. MAKE IT HAPPEN! TODAY!



Edina host families needed: Do you know someone, anyone?

Edina Rotary Youth Exchange has two female students coming for the school year 2015–16:

Tina from Norway

Jein from South Korea

We are seeking **three families for each student**.

It's a great way to explore your Norwegian roots and traditions and even learn a bit more of the language. That way you can impress all your fellow Rotarians with your second language skills.

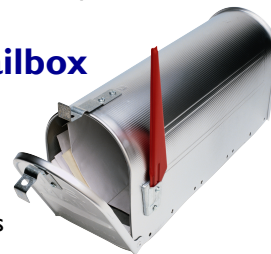
Always wanted to go to South Korea???? This is cheaper than a hotel and plane ticket! After hosting Jein from South Korea you can impress Wooj with your language skills!

If not your family....then we know **you know people**—friends, neighbors, co-workers, some other Edina residents that would love to host for just three months! We encourage all that read this to share the information about hosting or sending a student through Rotary Youth Exchange. For more information, contact Sonja Tengdin, host family coordinator, at 612 849-2727 or sonja@scoopypoo.net.

Next week...getting to know Tina from Norway!

Rotary Club of Edina mailbox

Thank you for Edina Rotary Club's donation of \$75 in honor of your March speakers. When you make a special gift to VEAP, you help neighbors in our community put food on the table and stay in their homes. Your support also helps seniors get to doctor appointments, grocery and drug stores or to visit a loved one in a care facility. You help us put our mission of neighbors serving neighbors in need into action.



On behalf of all the families VEAP serves, thank you again for thinking of VEAP with this special gift. Together we are making a difference in the lives of neighbors in our community.

Sincerely,

Patty Schulz

Advancement Director

VEAP

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Upcoming Events and Schedule

May 13	Edina Chamber/Rotary Mixer , joint prospective member event for both organizations, 5 to 7 p.m., Pinstripes, 3849 Gallagher Drive, Edina, Rotarians and Chamber members are encouraged to bring someone interested in learning more about these local organizations, appetizers will be served, beverages will be available for purchase. Go to www.edinachamber.com to register. Contact Josh Sprague for more info.	
May 16	Rotary District 5950 Conference , "Calling All Heroes," 9 a.m. to 8 a.m. (two sessions), Radisson Blu and Mall of America, keynote speakers are Mark Rosen (lunch) and Dudley Riggs (dinner), registration deadline is May 12. Register for the conference at www.register5950.com .	
May 16	Edina Rotary Spring Parks Clean Up , Wooddale and Utley parks, corner of 50 th and Wooddale in Edina, 9 a.m., all Rotarians are welcome to help out and bring guests, register at www.edinarotary.org . Contact Matt Boockmeier with questions.	
May 17	Pilgrim Center Ice Cream Social , 1 to 3:30 p.m., Colonial Church Fireside Room, 6200 Colonial Way, Edina, second annual open house for the Pilgrim Center for Reconciliation, brief program at 2:45 p.m. For more information call 952-946-6990 or email info@pilgrimcenter.org .	
May 21	Rotary Club of Edina Women in Leadership Day , 12:15 to 1:30 p.m., Edina Country Club, Chrysanne Manoles Women in Leadership award will be given out. For more information, contact Jennifer Bennerotte.	
May 25	Veterans Memorial Dedication ceremony , 10 a.m., Utley Park in Edina, new memorial honoring our community's veterans will be dedicated. Rotary Club of Edina donated \$20,000 to the project.	
May 30	Volunteer Work Day at Can Do Canines , 9 a.m. to noon, 9440 Science Center Dr., New Hope, District 5950-	sponsored volunteer project to help get ready for the commercial van Can Do Canines plans to purchase with help from a Edina Rotary Foundation grant. For more info and to sign up, contact Nacia Dahl of the Burnsville Breakfast Rotary at 952-210-1692 or ndahl@sunbeltmidwest.com .
June 3		Edina Rotary Annual Picnic , 5:45 p.m. registration, picnic festivities from 6 to 8 p.m., Bryant Lake Park, Eden Prairie, catered picnic with fun and games for the kids, registration info to come. For more details, contact Michael Stanzak.
June 4		No meeting
June 6–9		Rotary International Convention , Sao Paulo, Brazil.
June 9		Camp Enterprise Kick-off Meeting , 5 to 6:30 p.m., Community Room, Edina City Hall, celebrate the launch of 2015 Camp E and take part in discussions about volunteer needs and other camp-specific issues, ice cream may or may not be served. For more info, contact Kip Peterson.
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 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. For more info, contact Steve Slyce or Marty Kupper.

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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