



THE BARKER

ROTARY CLUB OF EDINA

May 21, 2015 Meeting Assignments

Greeters	Charlie McGoldrick, Sutton McGraw & Shelly Loberg
Front Desk	Katie Bassett
Invocation	John Flynn
Guest Introductions	Tim Murphy
Barker	Erick Ries
Thank the Speaker	Nate Wenner

Program: Chrysanne Manoles Women in Leadership Award will be given out, and last year's winner, Kim Foote, will be program speaker, along with Bill Neuendorf, economic development manager for the City of Edina

Menu: Edina Rotary Big Buffet with chicken Alfredo, beef and cheese lasagna, Caesar salad, chilled roasted vegetables, and garlic cheese bread

Jerry Potter honored at Rotary District 5950 Conference May 16

Congratulations to longtime Rotarian Jerry Potter for being recognized as our Club's 2015 Rotary Club Hero Award recipient! Jerry was recognized at the District 5950 Conference May 16 in Bloomington.

President Jeff Ohe commented that, "We are pleased that Jerry is being recognized for his great work in making a difference in our community. He is indeed a difference maker and a hero to us!"



Family picnic is Wednesday, June 3

Register now for the Rotary Club of Edina family picnic, set for 5:45 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, June 3, at Bryant Lake Park in Eden Prairie. Rotarians are encouraged to bring their children or grandchildren to this fun event. Go to www.edinarotary.org for more info and to register yourself and guests.

In Review

May 14, 2015

By Don Hutchison

Jeff Ohe "Oh-pened" the meeting at 12:30 p.m. sharp. He reminded us of all of the good The Rotary Foundation does in the world community, promoting, among other things, clean water around the world, food for the hungry, and so much more.

Rotarians **Matt Mattis, Wade Thommen, Sam Cote, and Dan Hennen** greeted us upon arrival. Working the front desk were **Jon Barnett, Mary Hustad, and Audri Schwarz.**

Recognition of Major Donors

The previous week 10 Paul Harris Fellows were recognized. At today's meeting we recognized two fellow Rotarians, **Bob Solheim** and **Patti Ellingson-Solheim**, as new *Major Donors* to TRF with a monetary contribution of \$10,000. We showed our admiration with a standing ovation for Bob and Patti.

N.C. Little Hospice

It has recently been reported that former presidents receive \$500,000 to \$750,000 for making speeches to thousands. It was pointed out that **Bob** and **Patti** paid \$10,000 so Bob could speak to dozens. But Bob's presentation was better than any president's. He spoke to us in moving terms about the mission

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Patti Ellingson-Solheim and Bob Solheim (center) were honored at the May 21 Rotary Club of Edina meeting as Major Donors to The Rotary Foundation. Past President Sandy Schley and President Jeff Ohe paid tribute to Patti and Bob, both former presidents of the Club.

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and purpose of caring for those dying of a terminal illness and the work at Edina's N.C. Little Memorial Hospice.

Bob told a story, to illustrate and explain hospice care, about a 23-year-old man who was dearly loved by his family and who had traveled to Minnesota from Michigan to be treated for an aggressive form of leukemia. The treatment ultimately did not succeed and it became clear the young man would soon die. Far too sick to travel hundreds of miles back to Michigan, he was brought to the Little Hospice where he was lovingly cared for with his fiancé, mother, father, and other relatives by his side in a comfortable environment during his last days of life. Days which were spent without pain and in the company of those he loved. He died with his family at his side, holding his hands, comforting him.

The N.C. Little Hospice is named after Newt Little, a charter member of the Richfield Rotary Club. **Bob Solheim** spent five years helping care for Newt, including Newt's last two years in a nursing home. Newt had wanted to die in his own home, and after his death Bob learned about the philosophy of hospice and began to develop a vision for a godly home that would offer a very special and deeply intimate end of life experience.

When medicines and medical care no longer hold the promise of recovery or cure, the Little Hospice works to make the most of whatever time is left for people at the end of life. The hospice focuses on comfort care in a warm and caring environment, helping keep the patient as pain-free as possible, focusing on relief of symptoms. The hospice provides the opportunity to die without tubes, needles, monitors, and other paraphernalia of high-tech medicine, all of which can dehumanize the dying process by placing physical and emotional barriers between the patients and their loved ones.

Last year 40,000 people died in Minnesota. That's about 110 people per day. Of these, 42 percent occur under hospice care. The Little Hospice was the first licensed eight-bed residential facility in the state of Minnesota. It opened in 1996 after three years of planning and development. **Bob** shared a 10-minute video about the hospice and the impact it has on the patients and their loved ones.

Bob reminded us that the Rotary Club of Edina played an amazing role in the development of the N.C. Little Hospice:

Erick Ries, Tom Ries, and Skip Thomas worked together to find a house that could have eight beds on one floor, and they spent an entire year looking for it. They found the current Little

Hospice home right off 70th and France. It had 14 bedrooms and 10 bathrooms—it was perfect.

Rotarian and bank owner Ray Bentsdahl loaned the money that was needed and waived the fees on the purchase of the home.

Bruce Templeton made the first donation three years before the doors opened. **Jon Barnett** raised funds at the first fundraiser, and for years after that.

More than 100 Edina Rotarians have helped in various ways—both personal and financial. **Bruce Templeton** and **Sandy Schley** serve on the hospice's board of directors. Many other members have contributed in important ways.

Eight Rotarians from our club have spent their final days at N.C. Little Memorial Hospice, and 15 Rotarians have brought members of their immediate family to be cared for there. In total, the Little Hospice has cared for nearly 3,600 members of our community. Those who work there are involved in a mission—it's not just a job. There are 105 volunteers, 25 registered nurses, and 15 interdisciplinary members on the hospice team.

Les Wanninger thanked **Bob** and presented a donation to the N.C. Little Memorial Hospice on behalf of our Rotary club.

Interview with a Rotarian

It was indeed Solheim Day at Rotary! **Bob** continued his series of video interviews with individual Rotarians in which he asks about their Rotary experience. Today's interviewee: none other than **Patti Ellingson-Solheim**! Coincidence? Among other revelations, we learned that Patti's favorite Rotarian is—you guessed it—Bob Solheim!



Norway

In order not to distract from the message and the presentation, traditional Norwegian food was served (pictured at right). Broiled cod, white buttered potatoes, sliced (peeled) cucumber salad, white bread, butter, and white cupcakes with vanilla icing graced our white plates. **Bob Solheim** explained how Norwegians don't use pepper because it draws attention to the chef and away from the (white) food. The menu was in recognition of Syttende Mai (non-Norwegians call this "May 17"), which is the day Norwegians celebrate their independence. In ways mysterious to those not of Scandinavian heritage, the Norwegian constitution apparently requires Americans of Norwegian descent to eat white food and not use pepper.

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Interestingly, Norway and Minnesota have similar populations—about 5 million—and Norway has 11,000 Rotarians, whereas Minnesota has 7,000 Rotarians. The disproportionate appeal of Rotary to those living in the Scandinavian nation may not be fully explained by Norway's culinary diversity.

Mary Younggren kicked off the Norwegian theme with the invocation. Mary taught us the Norwegian Table Grace—and had us sing it as well:

*"I Jesu Navn gar vi til bords
a spise. Drikke pa dirt ord
Deg Gud til aere, oss til Gavn'
Sa far vi mat in Jesu Navn.
Amen"*

Translated:

*"In Jesus' name we go to the table
To eat and drink according to his word
To God the honor, to us the gain
So we have food in Jesus name.
Amen."*

Mary led us in the Pledge of Allegiance (in English), and she also had members introduce guests and recognized visiting Rotarians as well:

- **Paul Peterson** introduced Bob Tift.
- **Leann Stessman** introduced Sherry O'Leary.
- **David Clynes** introduced his mother, Lois Clynes.
- **Tim Murphy** introduced Joan Firkins.
- **Brad Beard** introduced his wife, Gwendolyn Beard, and Charlotte Palmer.
- **Bob Stehlik** introduced his wife Vianne Stehlik.
- **Brad Hepp** introduced Libby Schmidt.
- **Ann Platt** introduced Mike Sitek.
- We welcomed and recognized visiting St. Louis Park Noon Rotary member Jim Rhodes.

GALA!

Sept. 26, 2015 is our annual Fundraiser & Gala, "Lights! Camera! Rotary in Action!" Save the date! We watched a great video promoting this upcoming fantastic event. The Gala will highlight the good work that our organization is doing locally and around the world. Presenting sponsor for this year's Gala will be Murphy Automotive/Grandview Tire and Auto.



Rotarians Joe Graca and Sonja Tengdin participate in a mock screen test as part of the 2015 Gala kick off before the Rotary meeting May 14.

Gala kick off: Lights! Camera! Rotary in Action! is theme for Sept. 26 event

We are rolling out the red carpet to celebrate the great work our Rotary Club does locally and internationally. Planning for the 2015 Edina Rotary Foundation Fundraiser & Gala officially kicked off at the May 14 Rotary meeting. Fundraiser co-chairs John Flynn and Jody Kern announced this year's Gala theme, "Lights! Camera! Rotary in Action!" Rotarians participated in mock "screen tests" and watched our own Gerry "Maguire" Norton make the case for showing the money to the annual Fundraiser. If you missed it at the meeting, check it out: <https://youtu.be/f8Z9JUVRfIA>

**LIGHTS
CAMERA
ROTARY IN
ACTION!**
2015

The Gala will be Saturday, Sept. 26, at the Metropolitan Ballroom and Clubroom in Golden Valley. The event is coming up quickly, and we are seeking volunteers for all committees.

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 or to volunteer.

We're on TV!

The program portion of the Rotary Club of Edina's weekly meetings are being televised and air on Edina Community Channel 16 (EDINA 16) daily at 1 a.m., 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. The programs are also available on YouTube.



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Upcoming Events and Schedule

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., Utey Park in Edina, new memorial honoring our community's veterans will be dedicated. Rotary Club of Edina donated \$20,000 to the project.	June 18	No meeting
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 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.
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, register online at www.edinarotary.org . For more details, contact Michael Stanzak.	June 20	Minnesota Twins Game for PolioPlus , 1:10 p.m., Target Field, Minneapolis, Rotary Districts 5950 and 5960 are holding a FUNdraiser supporting PolioPlus at the game, Rotarians and guests will be seated in reserved box seats and home plate-view seats, order deadline is June 2. Go to the District 5950 website at www.rotary5950.org to register online. For more information, contact District 5960 Administrator Kathy Hughhitt at kathy.hughitt@rotary5960.org?subject=kathy_hughitt@rotary5960.org or 651-636-9504.
June 4	No meeting	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.
June 6–9	Rotary International Convention , Sao Paulo, Brazil.	July 2	No meeting—Fourth of July holiday
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.	Sept. 24	No meeting—Fundraiser & Gala
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	Sept. 26	Edina Rotary Foundation Fundraiser & Gala , Metropolitan Ballroom and Clubroom, Golden Valley, the annual fundraising event for ERF with the theme Lights! Camera! Rotary in Action!

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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