

EDINA

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THE BARKER

ROTARY CLUB OF EDINA

May 29, 2014 Meeting Assignments

Greeters	David Wohl & Ted Yoch
Front Desk	Brad Pearson
Invocation	Sonja Tengdin
Guest Introduction	Dan Hallberg
Barker	Heather Hansen
Program Host	Jennifer Bennerotte
Thank the Speaker	Jean Morrison

Program: 2014 Chrysanne Manoles Women in Leadership Award will be presented; program speaker will be Marci Mattson, executive director of the Edina Historical Society
Menu: Turkey burgers or Mandarin orange chicken salad

In Review

May 22, 2014

By Kevin Kalal

Our May 22, 2014, meeting was called to order by **President-Elect Jeff Ohe**, filling in for the honorable **President Steve Slyce**. Jeff talked about the importance of new members and thanked **Mary Hustad** and her team for the great job they are doing attracting new members.

Brad Hepp and **Josh Sprague** introduced new member **Scott Tankenoff**. Scott's classification is Commercial Development and Josh was his sponsor.

Jeff acknowledged the greeters for the meeting—**Nate Whittier**, **Thom Winninger**, and **Sue Spalding**.

The front desk was covered by **Audri Schwarz**, **Marty Kupper** and **Tim Palm**.

Mary Swendsen gave the invocation, which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

The guest introductions were handled by **Mike Hagen**, who welcomed five visitors to our meeting.

Jeff Ohe thanked **Matt Boockmeier** on behalf of Rotary for his effort organizing the clean-up of Wooddale and Utley parks. Sixteen people including Rotarians and family members helped in this effort.

In Review continued

Jeff announced that **Jen Garske** will be taking orders of Rotary polo short-sleeved shirts with the Edina Rotary and Rotary wheel on them. Contact Jen if interested.

Jeff introduced **Will Steinke** who recognized the members of our Club for their generous donations to the Rotary Foundation. Receiving the Paul Harris Fellow pins were:

- Paul Harris+1: **Matt Mattis**
- Paul Harris+2: **Mike Kallas**
- Paul Harris+3: **Heather Hansen** and **John Flynn**
- Paul Harris+5: **Jean Morrison** and **Rick Burrock**
- Paul Harris+6: **Melinda Inman** and **Joe Arends**
- Paul Harris+7: **Arthur Rouner**

The Rotarians in attendance applauded their generosity.



Rotarians honored as Paul Harris Fellows at May 22 meeting

At the May 22 Rotary Club of Edina meeting, Will Steinke, Rotary Club of Edina's The Rotary Foundation director, honored Club members who achieved new Paul Harris Fellow status. They were (left to right) John Flynn, Arthur Rouner, Joe Arends, Melinda Inman, Rick Burrock, Matt Mattis, Jean Morrison, Heather Hansen, and Mike Kallas. Congratulations!

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Jennifer Garske, Club Administrator

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In Review continued

Sutton McGraw and **Heather Hansen** were acknowledged for their efforts with the Rotary Youth Exchange. The Rotary Youth Exchange was started by a Rotary Club in Denmark in 1929. Around 9,000 students a year are sponsored by Rotary Clubs. **Jeff** and his wife, **Alley**, are hosting an exchange student from France named **Louis** and **Jeff** spoke about what a wonderful experience it was. **Louis** spoke briefly about his time in the United States and exchanged host club Rotary flags.

Jeff also acknowledged **Terry Stevens'** work for the Youth Exchange, receiving the Mayor's commendation award a few years ago. **Terry** was there to introduce next year's Youth Exchange outbound students, **Kat** and **Amy**, who spoke briefly about where they grew up, attended school and discussed their travel destination. We wished them well on their adventure.

Joe Hayes introduced Edina resident **Roy Smalley** to speak. **Roy** is president of the 501(c)(3) organization **Pitch in for Baseball**. **PIFB** was established in 2005 and has partnered with **ESPN**, **USA baseball**, **Little League baseball**, **Wilson** and **Easton** equipment, along with many others. The group provides baseball equipment to underprivileged and underserved children. Typically these children are from urban, very rural, or disaster areas. Over the years, **PIFB** has donated over \$3.5 million dollars in equipment and have had an impact on over 250,000 children.

Roy told a story about the impact this equipment had on children in war-torn areas and that anyone in the world could go to their website at www.pitchinforbaseball.org and sign up for a grant. The organization has made grants to applicants in 77 countries.

Roy talked about a meeting that **PIFB** had with former President **George W. Bush**, and how the president had been impressed with what the organization was doing.

Rotarians can help **PIFB** by donating money or equipment. They can also help their communities by requesting grants for children in need. The website is a great source for more information if you are interested in learning more about **PIFB**.

Norberto Moran thanked the speaker.

Jeff finished the meeting by thanking all of those who helped with the meeting, as well as guests, visiting Rotarians, and **YE** student **Louis** for attending. He also wished **YE** outbound students **Kat** and **Amy** well on their travel abroad. He closed the meeting with a quote from **Robert F. Kennedy**: "This world demands the qualities of youth; not a time of life, but a state of mind, a temper

of will, a quality of the imagination, a predominance of courage over timidity, of the appetite for adventure over the life of ease."

Meeting adjourned.



Doug Johnson hard at work

Rotarian **Doug Johnson** snaps a photo at a recent Rotary Club of Edina meeting. **Johnson**, the Club's Public Relations director, makes sure every week that Club happenings are highlighted for members and the public, including on our Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/EdinaRotary>.

Upcoming Events and Schedule

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| June 1-4 | Rotary International Convention,
Sydney, Australia |
| June 19 | Transition Day meeting, Edina Country Club, 12:15 to 1:30 p.m. |
| June 25 | Annual Rotary Picnic, Centennial Lakes Park, Edina. |
| June 26 | No regular Rotary Club of Edina meeting |
| June 30 | Third annual Steve Rummier Day, Target Field, Minneapolis, pre-game event including food, silent auction, live music, and cash bar at 5:30 p.m., game at 7:10 p.m. Ticket and sponsorship info available at www.SteveRummierHopeFoundation.org |

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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Rotarians clean up Wooddale and Utley parks in Edina May 17

Saturday, May 17, Rotary Club of Edina members came together to do a spring clean-up of two parks in Edina—Wooddale Park and Utley Park. Organized by Matt Boockmeier, the group had a great time cleaning up for summer, and enjoying Tom Pirsch's famous chili after their hard work.

Above, some lucky Rotarians got to don safety vests announcing themselves as Rotary Club of Edina members ready to clean that park!

Below, Hal Harris and Jean Morrison were just two of the hard-working volunteers.



Board of Directors Propose Changes to the Club, Foundation Bylaws

The Board of Directors recently recommended changes to the club's and Foundation's bylaws. If approved by the general membership, the two sets of bylaws will go into effect with the start of the new Rotary year on July 1.

In addition to some minor tweaks to better reflect the current operations of the club, the club's bylaws were amended to define four member types: active members, senior active members, probationary members and honorary members. Probationary members are defined in the proposed bylaws as "Rotarians who have broken one or more of the Rotary Club of Edina's policies or 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. Any Probationary Member who breaks a Rotary Club of Edina policy or falls behind in payments by a third quarter shall be deemed to have resigned as a member of the club."

The Edina Rotary Foundation's bylaws were completely rewritten to better reflect the current operations of the Foundation and to establish an endowment. The Edina Rotary Legacy Fund will be the new endowment portion of the Edina Rotary Foundation. The principal will always be there, and the earnings will help fund the many programs our members support:

- Local/Community Service
- International Service
- Youth Development Programs
- Scholarships
- International Exchange Programs

The general membership will vote on the bylaw changes at an upcoming club meeting. Members are encouraged to review the draft documents online on the Club website, www.edinarotary.org. Once logged in, go to "View Club Documents," then click on the "Board of Directors" folder, finally the documents can be found in the "Club Bylaws and Amendments" folder.

Thanks to Joe Christensen, Jennifer Bennerotte and Jeff Ohe for working on the drafts of these important documents. For more information, contact any of them.

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Rotary Club of Edina mailbox



On behalf of The Rotary Foundation, I would like to thank you for your gifts honoring Belinda Jensen, Bruce Richardson, Joe Schmit, and Karen Sorbo [all program speakers at recent meetings]. An acknowledgment of your thoughtfulness has been sent to the honoree, informing them of your gift made for the occasion "In your honor."

Gifts to The Rotary Foundation sustain vital programs which alleviate human suffering, foster greater cultural understanding, and eradicate polio worldwide. Your commitment to the humanitarian, cultural, and educational programs of The Rotary Foundation is an investment in the future. Thank you for supporting our mission of world understanding and peace.

Warmest regards,

April Jensen

Donor Services and Support Manager, The Rotary Foundation

Proposed for Membership

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

Name: Deirdre Kvale

Classification: Law: Intellectual Property

Sponsor: Sam Thompson

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

Meet our new member...

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: Mike Ogle (shown at right with sponsor Thom Winninger)

Classification: Aviation and Real Estate

What was your first job? Airline Pilot

Who was your first role model and why? Sherman Levi Ogle (my grandfather)—aviator who was courageous, a problem solver, and hard worker. He flew the first aircraft in for the Berlin Airlift, flew Bob Hope on his tours to meet military personnel, helped detect the jet stream and was a main point of contact for JFK during the Cold War. He was always a role model in my life.

Why did you want to join Rotary? I wanted to join Rotary for three reasons:

1. In order to give back to the local community by which we live in and love.
2. Growing up, we had a foreign exchange student from Brazil through the Rotary student exchange. He was like a brother to me and that experience would not have happened if it were not for Rotary's dedication to connecting international communities.
3. The community I have felt from the moment I came to my first meeting. I believe this group will be a big part of our lives for a long, long time to come—for not only me, but also my wife and family.

What do you like best about being part of the Rotary Club of Edina? Connecting with people who are passionate experts in their field means a lot to me. People who commit themselves to Rotary speaks a lot to their foundational values and their diligence to continue to give back even with a full plate. I feel blessed to have the opportunity to form relationships with the Rotary community.

What one piece of advice do you offer other business leaders? The best leaders help to create leaders out of others—through inspiration, coaching and identifying what drives those around them. Through that mentorship we are paving a way for exponential potential!



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