

THE BARKER

ROTARY CLUB OF EDINA

May 7, 2015 Meeting Assignments

Greeters John MacLennan, Luther

Amundson, Ron Kalich & Dan Hare

Front Desk Charlie Barer
Invocation Tim Fargo
Guest Introductions Dan Mott
Barker Chuck Rauenhorst

Thank the Speaker Dale Walker

Program: The Rev. Richard Coleman of Hope United Community Development Corp., "North Minneapolis: Breaking the Cycle of Poverty"

Menu: Baked artichoke chicken or salmon salad

Join us for the Rotary happy hour tonight at 5:30 p.m. at Byerlys

The next meeting of the Vocational Development Group will be tonight, **Wednesday**, **May 6**, **beginning at 5:30 p.m.** at "The Mezz," located upstairs in the new Byerly's at 7171 France Ave. S. in Edina. The event will feature a short social period, with a "formal" program beginning at 6 p.m. April's featured presenter will be **San Asato**.

The June Vocational Development Group will be Wednesday, June 10, due to the Rotary Club of Edina family picnic on Wednesday, June 3.

Help clean up Edina parks with Rotary members 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.

In Review

April 30, 2015

By Marie Pribyl

On April 30, National Honesty Day, our meeting was exciting and extremely busy! In addition to introducing our guests, **President Jeff Ohe** directed us through our meeting with his usual style and humor. Thanks to all who were present.

We were greeted by Gordy Lewis, Scott MacDonald, Rob Gadtke, and Hugh Hadlund. Buzz Bainbridge, Barbara Born, Mary Hustad, and Audri Schwarz did a remarkable job sorting out all visitors, guests, and speakers at the front desk. Kaylin Eidsness gave the invocation and started us off in the Pledge of Allegiance. The speaker was introduced by Gen. Denny Schulstad, and thanked by soon-to-be-installed Rotary District Governor Tim Murphy.

It was our last Prospective Member Meeting for this Rotary year and we had a great turnout. The following guests joined us: Jerry McClees, Nicholas Fasching, Bob Tift, Eric Gustafson, Fayed Sayid, Kamal Hassan, Jill Sauber, and Brenna Galvin. Thank you to all the members who shared our Club this week.

We were also pleased to have several visiting Rotarians at the meeting: Jeff Long joined us from Lakeville (it was nice to see him back at our meeting, even if just for a visit), Michael Wheelock and Nacia Dahl visited from the Burnsville Morning Club, and Joseph Thompson visited from the Plymouth Club. Thank you for joining us this week.

Announcements and Presentations

Service Above Self Demonstrated

The Edina Rotary Club was honored with several awards, collectively and individually, at the City of Edina annual Volunteer Recognition Reception April 29.

The Rotary Club of Edina received the Mayor's Service Club Commendation, which is awarded to an organization that has made outstanding contributions to the community.

Congratulations to future Rotary District Governor **Tim Murphy**, who was awarded the Mayor's Individual Service

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Commendation for outstanding and exceptional individual volunteer service to the community at large. Jean Morrison and Mary Younggren were named Rotarians of the Year for our Club for record-breaking attendance and fundraising as the 2014 Rotary Gala co-chairs. Leann Stessman received the Edina Chamber of Commerce's volunteer of the year recognition, and Paul Peterson was recognized by the Edina Arts and Culture Commission for his extraordinary service to the Music in Edina program. Congratulations to one and all!

Edina Rotary Foundation Grants Given

Thanks to the efforts of Gary Pedersen, International Service Director, our Club provided \$5,000 to ShelterBox to aid earthquake victims in Nepal. Shelter boxes provide housing and necessities for people who have been left homeless by disasters. Each box is tailored to the specific disaster, but typically contains a disaster relief tent for a family, thermal blankets and groundsheets, water storage and purification equipment, solar lamps, cooking utensils, a basic tool kit, mosquito nets, and a children's activity pack.

Can Do Canines, represented by Nacia Dahl (Burnsville Morning Rotary Club), Janet Cobus, development director, and one of the working canines, received a local grant from Edina Rotary Foundation in the amount of \$5,000 to assist in buying a vehicle for the organization. The vehicle will be shrink-wrapped to include the names of donors. So look for our name on a vehicle cruising the streets of the Twin Cities.

Denny Schulstad informed us that Edina Rotary assisted in raising funds for the Edina War Memorial, which commemorates 32 Edina residents who gave their lives in military service to our country. General Schulstad has founded and supports several organizations that assist our men and women in military service and their families.

Youth Movement

Edina High School senior Harrison Delecki shared his current activities and future plans with us. He has been participating in a new Edina High internship program, is interested in engineering and flight, and will attend the Georgia Institute of Technology to pursue a major in air and space engineering. We wish Harrison great success in his new phase of education.

One of the current year's Youth Exchange students, Miyuki **Sanko.** gave her country talk and dazzled us with information about her home country, Japan. We learned that Miyuki's home city is Osaka and according to Miyuki, has a population of 8.8 million, which is roughly the equivalent of the combined populations of Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Nebraska!

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Rotary Club of Edina and individual members were honored at the City of Edina Volunteer Recognition Reception April 29. Our Club received the Mayor's Service Club Commendation. President leff Ohe accepted the award on behalf of the Club from Mayor Jim Hovland. Rotarian Tim Murphy, who will be District 5950 Governor for the 2015–2016 Rotary year, was honored with the Mayor's Individual Service Commendation. Pictured above (left to right) after the reception are President-Elect Jennifer Bennerotte, District Governor-Elect Murphy, Mayor Hovland, and President Ohe.

Also honored at the reception were Jean Morrison and Mary Younggren (below, left to right), who were named Rotarians of the Year for our Club. The two longtime Rotarians were co-chairs of the very successful 2014 Rendezvous in Paris Gala Fundraiser.



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Furthermore, Osaka is dwarfed by capital Tokyo! Japan is the only current country to be ruled by an emperor. Miyuki's family is truly international in their outlook, while she is spending her year with us, her family is hosting exchange students from Indonesia and Minnesota! Miyuki hopes to design wedding dresses and attend university in the United States. Thank you for sharing, Miyuki, and great success in your future endeavors.

Eidsness shares 'My Rotary Story'

A "My Rotary Story" video, featuring the interview talents of Robert Solheim, Past President, explored the reasons Kaylin **Eidsness** joined our club. Kaylin expressed that she was drawn by the idea of Service above Self, enjoys the welcoming nature of our club, and is proud to have joined our ranks. We are pleased that she has become a member of the No. I Club in the Universe.

Future Events

Edina Rotary members are invited to participate in the following events:

- District Governor Jim Nelson invites us to consider donations to ShelterBox for relief in Nepal. A matching grant for the first \$100,000 donated to ShelterBox starting at II a.m. May I, is offered by the Latika & Rajiv Jain Charitable Foundation, information can be found at www.crsadmin.com/gen/Accounts/50084/Eml/53ca3ccb-0aff-472f-9db6-a69ab7f2e652.pdf.
- Rotarian **Kip Peterson** invites us to the Rotary happy hour and networking group on Wednesday, May 6, at 5:30 p.m. at the Mezz, located upstairs in Byerly's at 7171 France Ave. S.
- Rotarian Josh Sprague told us about a joint Rotary Club of Edina and Edina Chamber of Commerce prospective member event Wednesday, May 13, from 5 to 7 p.m. at Pinstripes. All attendees must bring a guest.
- There is still time to register for the Rotary District 5950 Conference on Saturday, May 16, at the Radisson Blu/Mall of America in Bloomington. The registration deadline is May 12.
- All Edina Rotarians are encouraged to attend the installation ceremony and dinner for our own Tim Murphy as he becomes Rotary District Governor for



Youth Exchange student Miyuki Sanko told Rotarians and guests about her home country, Japan, at the April 30 meeting.

the 2015–2016 Rotary year! The event will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, June 18, at the Edina Country Club.

- Lakeville Rotarian Jeff Long invites us to the 13th Annual Taste of Lakeville on Thursday, May 14, from 5 to 9 p.m. at the Lakeville Area Arts Center.
- Rotarian Matt Boockmeier invites us to the Edina Rotary Parks Clean Up at 9 a.m. Saturday, May 16, at Wooddale and Utley parks, located at the intersection of 50th and Wooddale, Edina.
- Last but not least, send in your April make ups.

Program Speaker

Dave Lee of WCCO Radio was our program speaker. Mr. Lee is the host of The Morning News on WCCO Radio and has been in this spot for more than 20 years. His many industry awards include: Murrows, Associated Press, Minnesota Broadcaster of the Year, Emmy, and Peabody awards.

Mr. Lee shares Rotary's passion for service and contributes time and talent to various charities, which include: raising funds for local charities through "Gutter Bowl," his annual bowling tournament; raising funds for the University of Minnesota Amplatz Children's Hospital; funding a University of Minnesota Journalism School scholarship; involvement with the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, the Drive for Kids for Bolder Options, the Federated Challenge for Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Minnesota, and youth mentoring.

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We were greatly entertained by Mr. Lee's humorous stories of his years in the radio business, as well as anecdotes about his colleague and good friend Sid Hartman. We learned that Mr. Hartman dated Carol Channing! We also learned that Mr. Hartman was a great fan of Engelbert Humperdinck, but could not get his name right!

Mr. Lee also shared his passion for radio and interviewing with us. He stated that his job is more fun than work, despite days which stretch from 3 a.m. to 11 p.m. He has had the pleasure of interviewing authors, athletes (including a sumo wrestler), and President Jimmy Carter.

Reaching into memories of yesteryear's radio, Mr. Lee regaled us with nostalgic tales about radio as theater and radio personalities with alter egos. This led to a discussion of current radio and changes in the broadcasting industry and their impact on the future of radio journalism. Mr. Lee also shared his personal insights into local sports issues such as coaching, stadium building, and local sports teams.

We laughed and marveled throughout his talk and were reluctant to end the meeting. Thank you again to all who participated and attended.

Rotary Club of Edina mailbox

Please share with my fellow Rotarians my deep thanks for the very thoughtful gift in memory of my wonderful father. It was a very thoughtful gesture and I greatly appreciated the consideration.



John Allen

Thank you so much for the Camp Enterprise scholarship. I was honored to be a recipient. I had such a great experience at camp; I still consider it one of the highlights of my senior year. I am very grateful for organizations like yours that provide not only fun experiences, but scholarships such as this one. It will definitely help fund my college career and what I learned at camp will carry over next year as well.

Thanks again, Ali Muffenbier Chanhassen 2014 Camp Enterprise participant

Rotary volunteers sought for 2015 **Fundraiser Gala committees**

Calling all Rotarians!

Have you been looking for the perfect way to contribute to the No. I Club in the Universe? Look no further! Our annual fundraiser gala is coming up quickly, and we are seeking volunteers **ACTION!** for all committees.



Please contact co-chairs John Flynn (cell 612-819-5517 or email iflynn@mchsi.com) or Jody Kern (cell 612-961-5571 or email jody.kern@wellsfargo.com) for more information.

Host families needed for 2015-2016 Youth Exchange students

Exciting News!!! We are now looking for a few good host families for our 2015-2016 Youth Exchange inbound students. This year Edina Morningside and Edina Noon clubs are supporting two female exchange students. The first is Tina from NORWAY! The second is Jein (pronouced Jane) from SOUTH KOREA!

Did you know that Rotary Youth Exchange requires that each student have a total of three families!? No commitment is longer than 3.5 months! From the minute the student arrives they are supported by the larger Edina Rotary family—from the Youth Exchange officer to the student counselor, and additional support from the clubs and at the District level.

We are looking for Rotary families or other Edina families that are intrigued by the thought of hosting a student from another country. It is a great experience and very exciting for your children to have a Norwegian sister or South Korean sister to share life experiences!

If you are even slightly interested in hosting, please stay tuned to your weekly Barker for more information. Or if you know another family (does not need to be a member of Rotary) that would be interested, please connect us with them and we will take it from there. Looking for host families and supporting our inbound and outbound students is a continuing effort with no start date and no expiration date.

If you are really interested in hosting, please pick up the phone or log in to your computer and contact Sonja Tengdin, YE host family coordinator, at 612 849-2727 or sonja@scoopypoo.net, and she will give you all the fun facts about hosting a student and get you signed up.

In the next Barker—top five reasons to host a Youth Exchange student through Rotary.

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June 10

Upcoming Events and Schedule

Edina Rotary Happy Hour, Vocational May 6 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 May 6 gathering is San Asato. Contact Kip Peterson for more info.

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.

Rotary District 5950 Conference, May 16 "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 50th 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, I 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.

> Volunteer Work Day at Can Do Canines, 9 a.m. to noon, 9440 Science Center Dr., New Hope, District 5950sponsored 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.

> 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.

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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