



THE BARKER

ROTARY CLUB OF EDINA

Rotary Veterans Luncheon today, Nov. 11, at the Edina Country Club

The Area 3 Rotary Veterans Luncheon is today, Wednesday, Nov. 11, at the Edina Country Club. The annual event is sponsored by all eight of the clubs in Area 3, including Rotary clubs from Bloomington, Eden Prairie, Edina, Richfield and South Metro Minneapolis Evenings.

Registration and social hour, featuring music by the Rotary Brass Quintet, starts at 11:10 a.m., with lunch and the program kicking off at 11:30. The keynote speaker at the event is retired Major General Paul Rehkamp and the emcee is Dave Mona. U.S. Sen. Amy Klobuchar will also say a few words at the luncheon.

The club will pay for lunch for up to two veterans who are guests of Rotarians. Senior Active and Honorary members who are veterans also attend the luncheon for free. Other Senior Active and Honorary members will pay \$19 as usual. All other guests are \$25. Registration for the luncheon ended last Friday. Contact President-Elect Ann Platt with questions.

There is no Rotary Club of Edina meeting this Thursday, Nov. 12. Thursday meetings will resume next week, Nov. 19, with Elaine Wyatt, executive director of WomenVenture, as speaker.

Nov. 11, 2015 Meeting Assignments

Front Desk	Marty Kupper & Mary Swendsen
Front Desk Admin	Barbara Born
The Barker writer	Les Wanninger

Menu: Chicken Provençal

Rotary dinner/theater night is this Saturday, Nov. 14

Thirty Rotarians and guests who registered for the dinner and theater night will gather this Saturday, Nov. 14, in downtown Minneapolis. The fun starts at 6 p.m. at Mason's Restaurant and Barre for a light cocktail supper, then on to the New Century Theatre for "The Realish Housewives of Edina" at 7:30. Parking is available in the nearby Radisson or Macy's parking ramps. Information was sent out to members who registered for both dinner and the show about arranging carpools. Contact Membership-Retention Director Ken Andersen with questions.

Camp Enterprise photos and recap on page 3!

In review

Nov. 5, 2015

By Nate Wenner

President Jennifer Bennerotte rang in the meeting (with a weak-sounding bell but to strong applause), and she gave a warm welcome to the membership and to the Eden Prairie Noon Rotary Club, which had a number of members joining us today. Jennifer told a story about a Gratitude Jar and linked it to the recent cover story in the *Rotarian Magazine* about being thankful for what we have. She reminded us to consider our own gratitude as we think about our gifts to The Rotary Foundation (TRF) annual fund drive.

Jennifer also mentioned the get-well cards being passed around for Stan Brown, our new member, who is currently in the ICU at Fairview Southdale Hospital with pneumonia. Get well soon, Stan!

Helping out at the meeting were:

Greeters—**Marty Kupper** and **Bob Solheim**
Front Desk—**Amir Gharbi** (newly elected to the Edina School Board!) and Jennifer Garske
Invocation, Pledge of Allegiance and Four-Way Test—**Bill McReavy** (hardly looked at his cheat sheet)
Guests and Visiting Rotarian introductions—**Ann Platt**

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Ann also gave a quick reminder about the Veterans Luncheon next Wednesday, Nov. 11. That's Wednesday, not Thursday, here at the Edina Country Club.

Josh Sprague introduced two board members of the new Rotary Interact Club at Edina High School, which was recently chartered with 29 members. Rotary Club of Edina is sponsoring the Interact Club. Elizabeth Anderson (president) and Casey Robinson (treasurer and daughter of our own **Mitch Robinson**) both spoke briefly, sharing that the Interact group has a monthly meeting with all members, a weekly online board meeting, and a goal of one service project per month. The first service project was a pencil drive for developing areas in Africa. A number of Rotarians, both from our club and Eden Prairie Noon, brought pencils today and our young Interact board members left the meeting with four bags full. (Casey (left) and Elizabeth are

pictured at right with all the pencils, colored pencils and pens they will donate to Develop Africa, an organization that will distribute the supplies to schools in



need in Africa.) Way to go! The Interact Club's next planned service project will be a Skate to End Polio.

Our resident magician, **Bob Solheim**, reminded everyone of our Thanksgiving meal assembly and delivery meeting coming up on Wednesday, Nov. 25, at the Edina Country Club, led again by **Michael Stanzak** and **Mary Hustad**. We will deliver 75 baskets (including food, hats and mittens) to families in need in the area, with more than 100 volunteers needed. (For more information on the event, see page 4.) Members should please bring a can of sweet potatoes to the Nov. 19 meeting to add to the Thanksgiving baskets. **Dave Hatzung**, his pockets full of canned goods, assisted Bob in creating a tasty-looking, fire-code-breaking, instant Thanksgiving dinner. However, Henrietta Turkey (aka our resident mascot, **Jean Morrison**) trotted out to encourage us to instead consume only fish and veggies this holiday season!

Joel Jennings gave a heartfelt reading of his outstanding list of seven reasons why he gives to The Rotary Foundation, including relaying a moving story of why giving is better than receiving, and



The Eden Prairie Noon Rotary Club joined us for the Nov. 5 meeting. Here (left to right), Eden Prairie Noon Club President Katie Kearney-Bidwell, program speaker Ray Klinginsmith and Rotary Club of Edina President Jennifer Bennerotte pose before the meeting. Our club was honored to have Klinginsmith speak at the meeting. He was Rotary International President in 2010–2011 and current Trustee Chair for the Board of Trustees of The Rotary Foundation.

quoting “He is no fool who gives up what he can’t keep to gain what he can’t lose.” Great words of encouragement, Joel!

District Governor Tim Murphy then introduced our speaker, Ray Klinginsmith, a Rotarian for 54 years who has served Rotary in innumerable roles, including 2010–2011 Rotary International President and current Trustee of The Rotary Foundation. Ray’s talk focused on the future vision plan for TRF and the new grants model that several trustees have been reviewing, which especially considers the Sustainability, Simplicity, and Impact of grants. By the way, essentially 100 percent of funds donated to TRF are used for grants, so it is truly an efficient method of giving.

Ray also discussed the membership growth plans for each region—important because U.S. Rotary membership has been falling approximately 1 percent annually over the past decade, while worldwide membership has been about flat. Ray tells us that Rotary must grow and evolve to remain dynamic. Strategic planning is occurring now to decide on a new international focal point and structure for the time when polio is completely eradicated.

Jon Barnett thanked Ray for sharing his insights and stories, mentioning our Club’s gifts to both TRF and PolioPlus.

Jennifer closed the meeting by admitting she had been nervous all week about this meeting and its VIP speaker and guests, comparing this to when she was trying to earn her driver’s license (ask her if you missed the story). You did great, Jennifer!

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2015 Camp E

Another successful Rotary Camp Enterprise was Thursday through Saturday, Nov. 5-7. Rotary Club of Edina and Edina Morningside Rotary Club, along with support and volunteers from Rotary clubs across Districts 5950 and 5960, welcomed more than 100 high school students to YMCA Camp Ihduhapi in Loretto for the chance to learn about the free enterprise system. The juniors and seniors from high schools in central and southern Minnesota and western Wisconsin completed a case-study project with their team, held small-group discussions and listened to amazing speakers, all while having fun and making new friends. On the final day of camp, six students were awarded \$1,000 scholarships (pictured at bottom left with Kip Peterson).

Organizing this year's Camp E were Chair Kip Peterson; Marketing Director Sam Thompson (shown at far left with Ann Goebel, another Camp E organizer), who led a team of top-notch Rotarian volunteers in contacting area clubs for sponsorships; and Camp E expert John Flynn. Many Rotarians attended camp to volunteer as mentors, essay readers or venture capitalists. Kip (center) is shown at left with volunteers Jim Roberts (left) and Dan Hare. Faribault Woolen Mill Company, via Rotarian Paul Mooty, once again donated scarves to all who attended (pictured below).

Next year's Camp E chair will be EMRC member Peter Kelley. The Camp E team will be looking for volunteers again, so plan to be part of this rewarding experience in 2016!



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Thanksgiving Baskets Assembly event is Wednesday, Nov. 25, at the ECC

It is Thanksgiving Baskets time again! Bring your family and join your fellow Rotarians, including members of the Edina Morningside Rotary Club, at the annual Thanksgiving Baskets Assembly on Wednesday, Nov. 25, at the Edina Country Club. We will gather at 11:30 a.m. for lunch, and then will begin assembling the Thanksgiving baskets for area families in need. Volunteers are needed for the basket assembly, as well as deliveries after the event.

Contact Michael Stanzak or Mary Hustad with info about who you would like to be paired up with for deliveries or for more information about the event. Baskets are delivered to families in Edina, and north and south Minneapolis.

We'd like all interested Rotarians to sign up themselves and guests online by end of day Thursday, Nov. 19, so that we can plan for the event. Go to www.edinarotary.org and register!

Rotarians are asked to bring a can of sweet potatoes to the Nov. 19 meeting (next week!) to donate to the Thanksgiving baskets. The baskets include a turkey with all the trimmings, made by the Edina Country Club chef and staff; canned vegetables donated by a member of EMRC; oranges; pumpkin pie; hats and mittens for the children on the receiving end of the baskets, and more.

There is no meeting on Thanksgiving, Nov. 26, so this counts as the official Rotary meeting for that week. A make up will be needed if you do not attend and are working on perfect attendance for this Rotary year. Rotarians with regular memberships do not have to pay for lunch at the door. Senior Active or Honorary members pay the usual \$19, and guests also will be charged \$19 for adults, \$12 for children.

After the Thanksgiving holiday, we will hold our last two regular Thursday meetings of the year, Dec. 3 and 10. **The annual Holiday Party will be in the evening Thursday, Dec. 17, at the Edina Country Club.** Save the date on your calendar! Then we'll take a holiday break from meetings, gathering again Jan. 7 in the New Year.

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