



# THE BARKER

## ROTARY CLUB OF EDINA

### Nov. 19, 2015 Meeting Assignments

Front Desk	Andrew Finsness
Front Desk Admin	Jennifer Garske
Greeters	Paul Peterson, Bob Stehlik & David Aase
Invocation, Pledge, Four-Way Test	Joel Jennings
Introduce Guests	Marie Pribyl
<i>The Barker</i> writer	Bob Stehlik
Introduce the Speaker	Susan Johnson
Thank the Speaker	Charlie Barer

**Program:** Elaine Wyatt, executive director of WomenVenture, "Helping Women-Owned Small Businesses Thrive"

**Menu:** Edina Rotary Big Buffet featuring porcupine meatballs and woodland chicken

### **Bring a can of sweet potatoes to this week's meeting for Thanksgiving baskets**

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. Senior Active or Honorary members pay the usual \$19 at the door, and guests will pay \$19 for adults, \$12 for children.

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 tomorrow, Thursday, Nov. 19, so that we can plan for the event. Go to [www.edinarotary.org](http://www.edinarotary.org) and register!

**Rotarians are asked to bring a can of sweet potatoes to the Nov. 19 meeting (this week!) to donate to the baskets.**

There is no meeting on Thanksgiving, Nov. 26, so this counts as the official Rotary meeting for that week.

### *In review*

*Nov. 11, 2015*

**By Les Wanninger**


This annual joint meeting with the Area 3 Rotary clubs is a highlight of the year. The banquet room at the Edina Country Club was packed with Rotarians, veterans and active service members. **District Governor Tim Murphy** opened the meeting by introducing Emcee Dave Mona. Bloomington VFW Post 1260 Presented Colors, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and the National Anthem led by the Rotary Brass Quintet. The Rev. Sol Grosskopf gave the Invocation.

Mona warmly introduced our U.S. senator, Amy Klobuchar. Klobuchar's presentation focused on supporting veterans and those on active duty, reminding us this date is the anniversary of many significant military events in which Minnesota soldiers had a major part. She traced Minnesota involvement all the way back to the Civil War. She pointed out the right of everyone to express our own opinion about war, but we must match that right with the responsibility not to take out our disagreements on those whom we ask to serve in the military. Klobuchar proudly announced bipartisan agreement on the defense budget.

Following lunch, Emcee Mona introduced a number of dignitaries, including the Rotary Club presidents and elected officials from our area. That was followed by the traditional introduction of each military service with their service song played by the Rotary Brass Band.

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Veterans like our own Frank Cardarelle (left) and guest Ken Bollig attended the Veterans Luncheon Nov. 11 at the Edina Country Club.

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Our own Edina Rotarian **Brigadier General (ret) Dennis Schulstad** gave a very personal introduction of his close friend Major General (ret) Paul Rehkamp. Gen. Rehkamp responded "You can't have a bad day if Schulstad introduces you!" In his remarks, Schulstad reminded us that MN Reserve and Guard "Citizen Soldiers," formerly considered as "surplus," are now absolutely "key" to all of our military engagements around the world.

Gen. Rehkamp said there have been 45 million men and women in U.S. military service since the Revolutionary War, with 22 living million veterans. Congress renamed Armistice Day to Veterans Day in 1954 to more accurately reflect we are recognizing our service members rather than the wars. When Gen. Rehkamp entered the military it was comprised almost entirely of males, with half volunteers and half draftees. We now have an all volunteer military, with 18 percent women and 42 percent from the South. He disposed of several myths about the makeup of our military, stating the portion of minorities is the same as in the general population, more members come from high-income vs. low-income backgrounds, the average age is 29, and the average education level exceeds that of the general population, with a minimum requirement of a high school diploma.

Gen. Rehkamp asked all service members present to stand and repeat the oath they took upon joining the military. He closed his comments by alerting us to the fact the representation of veterans in Congress has declined from 340 in 1977 to 82 today, and he wondered what effect that might have on future policy and support of our military. He received a standing ovation at the conclusion of his presentation.

Bloomington VFW Post 1260 retired the Colors, followed by Emcee Mona adjourning the meeting.

## Holiday happenings



Ho ho ho! Time to start thinking about bringing gifts to Rotary meetings in December to donate to the Rotary Holiday Giving Program. Spearheaded by Jean Morrison, we will again collect gifts for children and families in need this holiday season. **Please bring unwrapped gifts to the Dec. 3 or 10 meetings, or to the Holiday Party Dec. 17.** Wait! What Holiday Party you ask?

The annual Rotary Club of Edina Holiday Party on Thursday, Dec. 17! Mark your calendar for this highlight of the holiday season!

Come and get in the holiday spirit with your fellow Rotarians! **The Holiday Party will be from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Dec. 17 at the Edina Country Club in the living room.** There will be a variety of hearty appetizers and a cash bar, with live entertainment and lots of room to sit and relax and catch up with old and new friends in Rotary.

You are welcome to bring one guest to the gathering. Cost is \$19 for each guest. Senior Active and Honorary members will also pay the usual \$19. (Regular members do not have to pay, as they were already billed for the meeting on their Q2 invoice.) Look for a link in the coming weeks to register yourself and a guest. You will have the option to pay online for the guest ticket (or your own ticket if you are a Senior Active or Honorary member). You also may pay with cash or check at the door or ask to be billed on the next quarterly invoice (Q3, sent out in early January). Valet parking will be offered. Make sure you check in at the registration table when you arrive at the ECC that evening.

Stay tuned in the next couple weeks for more information on both the Holiday Giving Program and the Holiday Party. For questions about the Holiday Giving Program, contact Jean Morrison. For information about the Holiday Party, call or email Marty Kupper or Steve Slyce.

## 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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## An Apple Dumpling Adventure

As part of its focus on education and literacy, the Rotary Club of Edina is reading to third-grade classes at Normandale French Immersion, Countryside and Highlands elementary schools this month.

Rotarians are reading the book *Andy & Elmer's Apple Dumpling Adventure* by Andrew Shoup. The book is about a young boy, Andy, who starts a business selling apple dumplings. He gets help from his neighbor, Elmer, who has an apple tree, and later on from Becky, who helps transport the dumplings to market.

Through the story, children learn several life lessons. Students get the opportunity to discuss with Rotarians how these lessons might impact the things they think, say, and do in real life. Students also sample apple dumplings with ice cream and receive a book to take home. Community Service—Projects Director Mary Swendsen is organizing the reading events at the schools and making the dumplings. Looks like they are a hit!



Rotarians including Joe Arends (above), Dave Hatzung, Jean Morrison, and organizer Mary Swendsen (all pictured at right), President Jennifer Bennerotte (below left) and John Flynn (below right) took part in reading to third-graders last week.



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## Upcoming Events and Schedule

- Nov. 25     **Thanksgiving Baskets Assembly,**  
11:30 a.m. at the Edina Country Club, our club and their guests and Edina Morningside Rotary Club and their guests will gather for lunch and to assemble Thanksgiving baskets for families in need. Volunteers are needed to assemble the baskets and deliver them to Edina and south Minneapolis. Register online at [www.edinarotary.org](http://www.edinarotary.org). Contact Michael Stanzak for more information.
- Nov. 26     **No meeting, Thanksgiving holiday**
- Dec. 3, 10, 17     **Rotary Holiday Gift Giving Program,** bring unwrapped presents to donate to children and families this holiday season. Jean Morrison will be collecting gifts, gift cards and cash at meetings in December.

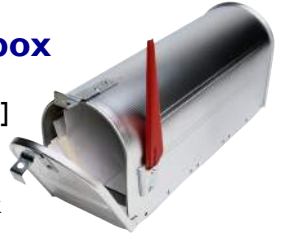
## Rotary Club of Edina mailbox

Thank you! I really wanted [John Crudele's] info to tell my school about him. Camp Enterprise revolutionized my life and you have no idea how much fun we had. Thank you again and take care.

**Anthony Mendez-Morales**  
**Austin, MN**  
**2015 Camp Enterprise student**

[Camp Enterprise students] Cheyenne and Dominick had a blast and learned a lot of valuable information. Dominick was one of the scholarship recipients. He was very excited. Thank you for the support in teaching our youth!

**Kelly Orr**  
**Business Education teacher**  
**Rice Lake High School, WI**



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