



THE BARKER

ROTARY CLUB OF EDINA

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

Today is the annual Thanksgiving Baskets Assembly for the Rotary Club of Edina! Our club, along with Edina Morningside Rotary Club, will meet at the Edina Country Club today, Wednesday, Nov. 25, at 11:30 a.m. for lunch, and then will begin assembling the Thanksgiving baskets for area families in need. Members and guests will be split into pre-assigned teams, and will assemble the baskets with a Thanksgiving dinner with all the trimmings, and hats and mittens for the family receiving the basket. Then the team will deliver the baskets to families in Edina and north and south Minneapolis.

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 for more information about the event. The registration deadline was Nov. 19.

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

Nov. 25, 2015 Meeting Assignments

Front Desk	Bob Gubrud
Front Desk Admin	Mary Hustad
Greeters	Michael Stanzak, Will Steinke & Renee Harberts
<i>The Barker</i> writer	Mary Hustad

Program: Thanksgiving Baskets Assembly

Menu: soup and sandwich buffet

Dec. 3, 2015 Meeting Assignments

Front Desk	Mike Hagen
Front Desk Admin	Jennifer Garske
Greeters	Leann Stessman, Axel Steuer & John Mazzara
Invocation, Pledge, Four-Way Test	Mark Jessen
Introduce Guests	Chuck Rauenhorst
<i>The Barker</i> writer	Greg Yoch
Introduce the Speaker	Brad Beard
Thank the Speaker	Sutton McGraw

In review

Nov. 19, 2015

By Bob Stehlik

Jennifer Bennerotte, President of Edina Rotary, opened the meeting with a story about her speaking at the National Honor Society induction at Randolph High School. She was the proud "back-up speaker" to a professional athlete. She talked about the Rotary Four-Way Test.

Greeting at the door were **Paul Peterson**, **David Aase** and **Bob Stehlik**. **Andy Finsness** helped Jennifer Garske at the front desk.

Joel Jennings gave a very thoughtful invocation and led us in the Pledge of Allegiance and Four-Way Test.

Marie Pribyl introduced the guests:

- Meg Boehne, guest of **Scott MacDonald** (her third visit)
- Leah Foreman, guest of **Valerie Burke**
- Scott Gad, guest of **Brad Hepp**
- Lisa Walker, a newly approved member, guest of **Brad Hepp**
- David Wohl, guest of **Hugh Hadlund**. David is a former member.

Steve Buettner introduced our student guest—Brady Bass of Edina High School.

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Lottie and Will Steinke are the newest Major Donors to The Rotary Foundation from our club. TRF Director Sue Spalding presented Lottie and Will with their Major Donor award at the Nov. 19 meeting.

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Sue Spalding called **Will** and Lottie **Steinke** forward to receive the Major Donor recognition Crystal from The Rotary Foundation.

Luther Amundson gave his classification talk. He is a litigation attorney, now working at Maser, Amundson, Boggio & Hendricks, PA. His wife (and fellow Edina Rotarian) **Kris Maser** is also an attorney.

Susan Johnson, who works at Fidelity Bank and served on the Board of Directors for WomenVenture, introduced the speaker—Elaine Wyatt, executive director of WomenVenture. Its focus is to help women-owned small businesses thrive.

WomenVenture has been around for 40 years. It is a micro lender with limits up to \$50,000. The SBA is a resource partner. The goal is to have women-owned small businesses be economically self-sufficient. Elaine showed a video that helped illustrate how WomenVenture functions. In 2015 they have assisted 187 small businesses that had \$21 million in gross sales. The average wage earned was \$30 per hour.

WomenVenture interacts with clients in two ways:

1. Launch Pathway—offering a “getting ready” class and guiding them toward a business plan.
2. Lending Pathway—actually providing capital to help them be successful.

President Jennifer Bennerotte closed the meeting with a quote by W.T. Purkiser, “Not what we say about our blessings, but how we use them is the true measure of our Thanksgiving.” Thanks for being Rotary’s “Gift to the World.”

Proposed for Membership

The Rotary Club of Edina’s Board of Directors recently approved the applicants below for membership:

Raj Kumar

Classification: Consultant
Sponsor: Josh Sprague

Kim Walker

Classification: Residential Mortgage Lender
Sponsor: Les Wanninger

Written objections to the applications must be submitted before 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 9, to Rotary Club of Edina, 4801 W. 50th St., Edina, MN 55424.

Bring holiday gifts to donate Dec. 3 and 10

Holiday greetings!



Again this year, the Rotary Club of Edina will be collecting holiday gifts for families in need in our community.

Rotarian Jean Morrison is spearheading the Holiday Giving Program, and asks that **members bring UNWRAPPED gifts for children of any age (infant all the way through teens) as well as gifts for moms, dads, and families, to the Edina Country Club in December.** The gifts can be dropped off at the regular Rotary meetings on Dec. 3 and 10, or at the Holiday Party on Thursday, Dec. 17. Cash or check donations are also welcome at the Dec. 3 and 10 meetings. Jean will take the funds donated and buy gift cards or other gifts to be donated as well.

This year, the organizations benefiting from the Edina Rotary Holiday Giving Program will be:

- VEAP—a non-profit, social service agency that assists low-income families in Bloomington, Edina, Richfield, and south Minneapolis.
- Oasis for Youth—a resource center for homeless that houses youth in Bloomington, Edina, and Richfield.

If you have questions about the program, or need gift ideas for children or families, contact Jean Morrison at jean@jeanmorrisonhr.com.

Thank you for sharing your holiday spirit with those in need!

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Scholarship winners from 2015 Camp Enterprise announced

Six area high school students won scholarships during Camp Enterprise earlier this month.

Camp Enterprise, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Edina and Edina-Morningside Rotary Club, provides high school students with a unique opportunity to learn about leadership, business and the free enterprise system.

During the three-day autumn camp Nov. 5 through 7, presentations were made by business executives and entrepreneurs who shared their experiences with the students and answered questions about a variety of fields and interests. In addition, students participated in a series of customized teambuilding experiences.

The students broke into teams and focused a majority of their time at camp on a business case study, which culminated in team presentations.

At the conclusion of camp and based on participation and leadership, six students were each awarded \$1,000 scholarships. Scholarship winners were:

- Mound Westonka High School junior Kate Farrell, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Mound-Westonka
- Rice Lake High School senior Dominick Guertin, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Rice Lake in Wisconsin
- Minnewaska Area High School junior Alexander Larson, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Glenwood
- Chisago Lakes High School senior Kenzie Lindstrom, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Chisago Lakes



- Edina High School junior Mollie Mertes, sponsored by the Rotary Clubs of Edina and Edina Morningside
- Mound Westonka High School senior Evan Richter, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Mound-Westonka.

More than 100 students from Minnesota and western Wisconsin participated in Camp Enterprise, representing more than 50 high schools. Each student was sponsored by a Rotary Club. Camp Enterprise utilizes the facilities of YMCA Twin Cities' Camp Ihduhapi in Loretto, Minnesota.

Camp Enterprise of Minnesota was established by the Rotary Club of Alexandria and taken over by the Rotary Club of Edina in 1980. When the Edina-Morningside Rotary Club was chartered in 1990, they became equal partners in the local project. There are approximately 25 such programs nation-wide. This year's Camp E was chaired by Edina Rotarian Kip Peterson (*shown at left in the photo above with the scholarship winners*).

Meet one of our new members...

In the spirit of getting to know our members, The Barker periodically will feature a profile and photo of new members of the Rotary Club of Edina. This week we meet:

Name: Luther M. Amundson

Classification: Attorney (litigation)

What was your first job? Lawn mowing (I had my own business as a teenager)

Who was your first role model and why? My father. He treated everyone with respect. My mother. She taught me compassion and understanding.

Why did you want to join Rotary? Rotary's philosophy and goals are consistent with my beliefs and that of my family. And of course my wife, Kris Maser, asked me to join.

What do you like best about being part of the Rotary Club of Edina? The dedication of its members to others above self-interest.

What one piece of advice do you offer other business leaders? Define yourself, do not let others do it for you.



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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, then deliver them to Edina and north and south Minneapolis. Contact Michael Stanzak with questions.
- Nov. 26 **No meeting, Thanksgiving holiday**
- Dec. 2 **Edina Rotary Happy Hour,**
Vocational Development Group, 5:30 to 7 p.m., The Mezz, Lunds & Byerly's, 7171 France Ave. S., Edina, gathering is to provide Club members the opportunity to make business connections and learn more about what Rotary is doing in the community. Mike Kallas will be the speaker at the event. Contact Kip Peterson for info.
- Dec. 3 and 10 **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 to send to Oasis for Youth and VEAP. You can also drop off presents at

In Memoriam...

We are sad to announce that Rotarian Dave Hatzung's mother Maxine passed away Nov. 17. She is survived by her children, four sons and one daughter, 11 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren. A memorial service was Nov. 21 at Mt. Olivet Lutheran Church in Minneapolis.

Please keep Dave and the Hatzung family in your thoughts and prayers.

the Holiday Party Dec. 17. Contact Jean for gift ideas or other information.

- Dec. 17 **No noon meeting**
- Dec. 17 **Holiday Party,** 5:30 to 8:30 p.m., Edina Country Club, come and celebrate the holiday season with new and old friends in Rotary, appetizers and a cash bar. Registration info to come soon. For more info, contact Marty Kupper or Steve Slyce.
- Dec. 24 **No meeting, Christmas holiday**
- Dec. 31 **No meeting, New Year's holiday**

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