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Join us for Rotary Happy Hour tonight, Nov. 4, at Byerly's

The next meeting of the Vocational Development Group will be tonight, **Wednesday, Nov. 4, beginning at 5:30 p.m.** at "The Mezz," located upstairs at Lunds & Byerly's, 7171 France Ave. S. in Edina. The event will feature a short social period, with a "formal" program beginning at 6 p.m.

November's featured presenter will be **Jody Kern**. The meeting will conclude no later than 7 p.m. Wine and craft beer is available at your own cost. Food is available for purchase downstairs at the deli.

The Dec. 2 Vocational Development Group will feature Mike Kallas as presenter. There is no Happy Hour in January due to the holidays.

The Happy Hour is a joint event with our club and the Edina Morningside Rotary Club. Contact Kip Peterson for more information.

Donate pencils at Nov. 5 meeting to support EHS Interact Club's project

You may have heard that our club is sponsoring a new Interact Rotary Club at Edina High School. Rotarians Josh Sprague, Sam Thompson and Nate Wenner are helping the club as advisors. The EHS Interact Club has held their first meeting and is already joining up with the Rotary Club of Edina on a service project!



The EHS Interact Club is asking Rotarians to bring boxes of pencils to the Nov. 5 meeting to be donated to Develop Africa to distribute to schools in need in that region. Members of the Interact Club will be at the meeting to introduce Interact to our club, and to collect the pencils, pens or colored pencils. Take this opportunity to support our Interact students, and to help students in other parts of the world to have access to pencils for schoolwork.

Contact Josh Sprague (joshsprague@edinarealty.com) for more information about the Interact Club and the pencil donation project.

Nov. 5, 2015 Meeting Assignments

Front Desk	Amir Gharbi
Front Desk Admin	Jennifer Garske
Greeters	Marty Kupper & Bob Solheim
Invocation, Pledge,	
Four-Way Test	Bill McReavy
Introduce Guests	Ann Platt
<i>The Barker</i> writer	Nate Wenner
Introduce the Speaker	Tim Murphy
Thank the Speaker	Jon Barnett

Program: Ray Klingensmith, Rotary International President 2010-2011

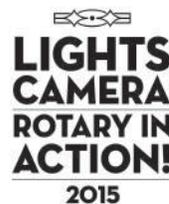
Menu: Cracker-crumb walleye or strawberry almond chicken salad

Area 3 Rotary Veterans Luncheon set for Nov. 11 at the Edina Country Club

You still have a few days to register for next week's annual Rotary Veterans Luncheon. The event, sponsored by all eight of the clubs in Area 3, will be on Veterans' Day, Wednesday, Nov. 11, at the Edina Country Club. 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 speaker at the event is retired Major General Paul Rehkamp and the emcee is Dave Mona. The club will pay for lunch for up to two veterans that are guests of Rotarians. Senior Active and Honorary members who are veterans also attend the luncheon for free. All other guests are \$25.

There is no Rotary Club of Edina meeting on Thursday, Nov. 12.

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In review

Oct. 29, 2015

By Will Steinke

President Jennifer Bennerotte opened the meeting asking us to keep Linda Trummer in our thoughts and prayers. Linda is the president of the St. Louis Park Sunrise Rotary Club and is battling cancer.

It has been an incredibly busy 10 days for the Rotary Club of Edina including: three (of four) Fireside Chats, serving meals at Jeremiah House (led by **Mike Eckert**), volunteering at Feed My Starving Children (organized by **Brad Beard**), fall clean up of Wooddale and Utley parks (spearheaded by **Matt Boockmeier**), and the Fall Leadership Ethics Seminar for Edina High School (EHS) students chaired by **Joe Hayes**.

The people helping to make the meeting a success:

- Greeters: **Jim Roberts, Colleen Simpson, Sue Spalding and John Solberg**
- Front Desk and Guest Check-in: **Barbara Born, John Flynn, Susan Johnson and Deirdre Kvale**
- Innovation, Pledge of Allegiance and Four-Way Test: **Dennis Hykes**
- The Barker: **yours truly**
- Introduce the Speaker: **Bob Gubrud**
- Thank the Speaker: **Kris Maser**

(Editors note 1.1: I have noticed certain members are selecting their meeting seats based on having a clear view of the Four-Way Test banner. I have been making a list of these members and will publish the list in a future Barker)

Breaking from tradition due to the volume of guests at today's meeting, **President Bennerotte** handled the welcoming of all our meeting guests. There were too many guests today to list in this newsletter, let's just say it was a very successful Prospective Member Day.

Two guests who will be mentioned were EHS students brought to the meeting by **Steve Buettner**. Kate Austin is a senior at EHS and is involved in soccer, alpine skiing, ultimate Frisbee, and student council. She has applied to University of Wisconsin-Madison, Indiana and the U of M. *(Insert big cheer.)* Our second student guest was Mitch Bair, who is also a senior at EHS. Mitch is a baseball player for the Hornets and has made the decision attend the U of M. *(Insert even bigger cheer.)*

Josh Sprague informed us of the new Interact Club at EHS, and their first project—a school supply drive. Our club will help this project by bringing pencils, pens and colored pencils to our next meeting. These supplies will be sent to schools in need in Africa.



TRF Director Sue Spalding and committee member Leann Stessman honored Rotarians that achieved their PHF, or their next PHF level, at the Oct. 29 meeting. (Above, left to right) Keith Benson, Mary Hustad, Dennis Hykes, Jack Kennefick, Melinda Inman, John Flynn, Jennifer Bennerotte and Jim Ryman were some of those members receiving recognition for their commitment to TRF.

Sue Spalding, The Rotary Foundation director for our club, asked all the Paul Harris Fellows (PHF) in our club to stand up; we have almost 80 Paul Harris Fellows in our club but have room for more! With the help of **Leann Stessman**, Sue recognized the following members for their gifts to The Rotary Foundation and their next PHF level:

- **Sonja Tengdin**, Paul Harris Fellow and Paul Harris Society+1
- **Mary Hustad**, PHF+2
- **Les Jones**, PHF+2,
- **Sue Spalding**, PHF+2
- **Keith Benson**, PHF+3,
- **John Flynn**, PHF+4,
- **Jack Kennefick**, PHF+4,
- **Dennis Hykes**, PHF+6,
- **Melinda Inman**, PHF+8,
- **Steve Veker**, PHF+8

Additionally, three people also have joined the Paul Harris Society, committing to give \$1,000 per year to The Rotary Foundation. Those members are:

- **President Jennifer Bennerotte**
- **Don Hutchison**
- **Jim Ryman**

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Steve Buettner gave his classification talk today and he began by sharing the background on his family. Steve is married to Kathy and they have a daughter, Francesca. Steve is a graduate of Mounds View High School, the University of St. Thomas, (*Editors Note 2.1: Steve was remarkably articulate for a Tommie*), studied Spanish in Spain and received his masters from Mankato State University, now MN State University – Mankato. (*Editors Note 2.2: the additional education explains note 2.1.*)

In the '80s and '90s, he and his brother had the idea of using a bicycle to explore other countries and to be an ambassador of goodwill to other nations. Their first bike trip was from Alaska to Argentina, which is 15,000 miles, or a long way. In 1990 they biked from St. Paul to Minneapolis “the long way,” which is 12,000 miles. Another trip took them across the continent of Africa down to the tip, which again was about 12,000 miles. After his bike adventures, he got into educational technology and currently is the District Media and Technology Director for Edina Schools. Steve enjoys traveling with his family both domestically and internationally and also enjoys camping and fishing. Steve makes it a point to travel annually to the BWCA with his family. Steve was initially introduced to Rotary based on a bike initiative, joining with the Burnsville Rotary Club to collect used bikes from the community and donate them to people in Africa.

Our program was brought to us by **Bob Gubrud**. Did you know Bob has traveled by steam locomotive to multiple Boy Scout Jamborees, was a captain and all-conference running back for his high school football team, once ate grubs in the Amazon jungle that he claims taste like vanilla pudding, (*Editors note 3.1: I hope I never confirm that claim.*), and has logged over 60 hours of bottom time scuba diving? Bob joined our club in 2007 and is a multiple Paul Harris Fellow. With an assist from **Scott** “Yeah baby!”

MacDonald, our speaker, author Richard Leider, was brought to the podium. Richard is ranked by Forbes as one of the top five executive coaches and has written 10 books, including three best sellers. His current company is called The Adventure and Purpose Group and has spearheaded Life Reimagined Edina in collaboration with AARP and our own **Brad Beard**.

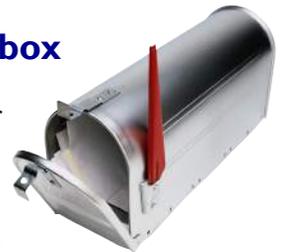
Richard shared with us why Edina is the first Life Reimagined city. It came about in a discussion with Mayor Jim Hovland on the aging population of Edina and their challenges of transition in our lives. As one out of three people are in some form of positive or negative transition in life, we must work to acknowledge this as a life challenge. In life we go through multiple transitions, in the past people would gain guidance from elders in our lives. There are three reasons why “Reimagine” is valuable to all of us. As we transition, we are challenged with finding meaning in our lives and continuing to finding the power of purpose in our lives.

Purpose is as important in living a healthy life as diet, genetics and exercise. Many people find a clear definition of purpose early in life but are challenged in the second half of life to find that purpose. Life Reimagined Edina is designed to engage people to find that purpose as we transition through new stages of life. In the last six months in Edina they have had people go through a “life check-up,” which is a chance to pause and evaluate direction and meaning to find purpose. Richard discussed his three “Ms”: money, medicine (code for health) and meaning. The third M—meaning—is not talked about enough and has a great impact on our longevity. We all know people with enough money and good health, but might struggle to get out of bed in the morning due to lack of purpose. Life Reimagined is about finding those people and helping them find the meaning or purpose in their life.

Kris Maser thanked our speaker and **President Jennifer Bennerotte** closed our meeting with a quote to motivate us to “Be a Gift to the World.”

Rotary Club of Edina mailbox

I want to personally thank each of you for this incredible gift to the Courage Kenny Adaptive Ski & Snowboard program. As you already know, we have folks from each of your communities benefiting from this grant.



This is a gift that will keep on giving as we continue to teach youth and adults with disabilities how to ski and snowboard, and helping them realize their true potential both on and off the ski hill.

Thank you again for your support financially and with the service project. We are incredibly grateful!

Megan (Ihlenfeld) Welty
Program Coordinator
Sports and Recreation Department
Courage Kenny Rehabilitation Institute,

Thank you so much for the well wishes. I'm so proud to be a Rotarian and to know there are so many caring people who are on my side. I'm so honored to know you are thinking of me.

Love you big!

Linda Trummer
President
St. Louis Park Sunrise Rotary Club

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Day of Service for Rotarians

Edina Rotarians had two opportunities to volunteer on Saturday, Oct. 24. The city held the annual Edina Day of Service, encouraging residents to give back to the community. Matt Boockmeier organized the fall clean up of Wooddale and Utley parks in Edina. He was joined by (at left) his daughter, as well as Rotarians Mike Sitek, Skip Thomas and Axel Steuer.



Members could also volunteer at Feed My Starving Children in Chanhassen on Oct. 24. Brad Beard once again gathered a group of Rotarians, their families and friends to pack meals to send to children around the world. Brad was joined by (left) Dan and Stacy Mott, Jullene and Mike Kallas and their son, and Bob Stehlik, as well as Nate Wenner and his family (above). Not pictured are Jennifer Garske, Brad Hepp and Nancy Slyce and their friends and families.



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