



# THE BARKER

## ROTARY CLUB OF EDINA

**No Rotary Club of Edina meeting  
this Thursday, Nov. 13,  
due to the Veterans Luncheon Nov. 10**

### Nov. 20, 2014 Meeting Assignments

Greeters	Don Erickson, Tim Fargo & Bill Milota
Front Desk	Bob Stehlik
Invocation	Brad Beard
Guest Introductions	Susan Johnson
Barker	Colleen Simpson
Thank the Speaker	Tom Ries

### **Edina Rotary Clubs will hold joint meeting Nov. 20**

The Rotary Club of Edina will hold the annual fall joint meeting with Edina Morningside Rotary Club (EMRC) on Thursday, Nov. 20. EMRC members will join us for our regular meeting at the Edina Country Club starting at 12:15 p.m.

The program speaker for the meeting will be Mary Beth Growney Selene, a director for Rotary International. She will speak about The Rotary Foundation.

### **Leadership Ethics Seminar for EHS students is next Monday, Nov. 17**

The annual Leadership Ethics Seminar (also known as "Do the Right Thing") is set for next Monday, Nov. 17. The seminar moved from the spring to the fall this school year.

Sixty Edina High School students will participate in an all-day session that starts at 8 a.m. at the Church of St. Patrick in Edina. Twenty adults, mostly Edina Rotarians, will be table leaders at the event. Speakers will be Thom Winninger, Bob Solheim, and Tom Hayes, brother of Rotarian Joe Hayes. John Flynn will moderate the discussion about a case study by four students. President Jeff Ohe will introduce the students to Rotary.

Chairing this year's seminar are Jerry Potter and Joe Hayes. Please contact them if you would like more information.

*In Review*

*Nov. 6, 2014*

**By Michael Stanzak**

It was a beautiful, sunny, and mild November day when we were enthusiastically met at the door by new members **Eugene Drozdov, Leann Stessman, and Mike Eckert.**

President **Jeff Ohe** opened the meeting with a reminder that November is The Rotary Foundation month, and since 1957, Edina Rotary has contributed 1.6 million dollars to TRF. The Rotary Foundation is the engine that enables us to help people all over the world. As the lady in Dominican Republic said, "After Rotary dug the well, the children stopped dying." **Jeff** encouraged us all to contribute something to The Rotary Foundation.

**Ann Platt** gave a meaningful invocation, where we prayed for the leaders and participants of Camp Enterprise, then led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. **Les Jones** introduced our numerous guests and their hosts:

- Luther Amundson, hosted by his wife, **Kris Maser**
- Dr. S.S. Kang, hosted by **Wooj Byun**
- David Allen, hosted by **Bob Stehlik**
- Steve Buttener, hosted by **Val Burke**
- Royce Paultza and Kim Montgomery, hosted by **Josh Sprague**
- John McCormick hosted by **San Asato**
- Loreli Steuer, hosted by her husband, **Axel Steuer** (no **Steve Slyce**, Les could not pronounce his name correctly either).

**Jeff Ohe** also announced a new edition to our Rotary family—Van Nathan Whittier, the son of Kishon and **Nathan Whittier.**

**Val Burke** introduced Mellanie Pusateri from Edina High School, who spoke to us about an opportunity called "May Term for All." May Term for All is a program where seniors from Edina High School can serve as an intern during the month of May. This year, the school is looking to expand the program to all students at EHS. The seniors will have an opportunity for students to help with businesses in and around Edina. Some students have helped with sports medicine or developing water gardens. Julie Johnson, who is a senior at EHS, also addressed

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**Jennifer Garske, Club Administrator**

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us and is looking forward to an internship next year. If there are any Rotarians that could use an intern, please contact Mellanie Pusateri at [mellaniepusateri@edinaschools.org](mailto:mellaniepusateri@edinaschools.org) or 952-848-3036.

**Jon Barnett** and **Will Steinke** recognized seven Rotarians for their continued support of The Rotary Foundation. They were each recognized as a Paul Harris Fellow or multiple Paul Harris Fellow. Not even a telephone call midstream slowed down former President **Jon Barnett** as he recognized:

- **Denny Schulstad**, PHF+1
- **Ann Platt**, PHF+3
- **San Asato**, PHF+8
- **Dave Hatzung**, PHF+3
- **Sam Cote**, PHF+7
- **Dave Wohl**, PHF
- **Steve Slyce**, PHF+5.

**Josh Sprague**, our membership director and Edina Rotarian since 2008, introduced our speaker, R.T. Rybak. R.T., which stands for Raymond Thomas, had a 30-year career in journalism before running for the mayor of Minneapolis. He was elected in his first attempt and stayed for 12 years. He thanked all of us for the great work we do every day as Rotarians. He also commented on the tremendous partnership he had with Edina Mayor Jim Hovland when he was in office.

Rybak said that the Twin Cities have a huge crisis in front of us—the largest achievement gap in education for students of color than any other major city in the country. He feels that the increasing diversity of our community will be cause for us to be a dominant economic force in the future. Rybak said that our community has a tremendous capacity to solve the achievement gap with our big hearts, big wallets, and great compassion, but we need to get everyone aligned.

He said that some of the keys are to:

1. Have every child ready for kindergarten by having all children screened by age of 3.
2. Have every child reading by second grade.
3. Have every child proficient at math by fifth grade.

Minneapolis and St. Paul are blessed with children speaking hundreds of languages, Rybak said. We need to work to get those children into the work force.

**Tim Murphy** thanked Rybak for his presentation and all that he does to minimize the educational achievement gap in our community.

## Rotary Club of Edina mailbox

Thank you so much for your kind words, emails, cards, hugs, and more in regards to the death of my mom. I am overwhelmed by the outpouring of support and kindness that you have all shown me. I am so appreciative of the gift to the library in my mom's name too. It's perfect. I'm blessed to be part of this club, and thrilled to work with all of you.

All my best,  
**Sue Spalding**



## Meet our new member...

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



**Name:** Amir Arnold Gharbi  
**Classification:** Public Service

**What was your first job?** Growing up, my mom and I provided respite care for developmentally disabled children for 10 years. When I turned 18 in high school, I became certified in my own right to work for Carver County as a respite care provider.

**Who was your first role model and why?** My mother, Jane Gharbi. She's a legend of a worker, a saint of a giver, and a rock of integrity.

**Why did you want to join Rotary?** Nearly 20 years ago, I was nominated to attend RYLA, Rotary's leadership development program for local students. I learned a great deal about problem solving, communicating, and being an engaged citizen in my community. As an Eagle Scout I was struck by Rotary's 4-Way Test of the things we think, say, or do (Is it the TRUTH? Is it FAIR to all concerned? Will it build GOOD WILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS? Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?) and Rotary's emphasis on public service. Rotary is actually the Boy Scouts for adults. I wanted to join Rotary because I am serious about serving my community.

**What do you like best about being part of the Rotary Club of Edina?** Engaging with leaders from across our community who are both serious about service and lighthearted about life.

**What one piece of advice do you offer other leaders?** Listen early and listen often.

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## Upcoming Events and Schedule

- Nov. 13 **No Rotary Club of Edina meeting**
- Nov. 13 **Open House at Maser, Amundson, Boggio, Hendricks**, 6601 Lyndale Ave. S., Suite 320, Richfield, 4 to 7 p.m. Rotarians are invited to a celebration of the law firm's anniversary, free parking in the Woodlake Centre ramp. Email [Events@maserlaw.com](mailto:Events@maserlaw.com) to RSVP or for more information.
- Nov. 17 **Leadership Ethics Seminar**, Church of St. Patrick, Edina, 8 a.m. Sixty Edina High School students will participate in an all-day seminar, with twenty adults, mostly Edina Rotarians, as table leaders. Speakers will be Thom Winninger, Bob Solheim, and Tom Hayes, brother of Rotarian Joe Hayes. John Flynn will moderate the discussion about a case study by four students. And President Jeff Ohe will introduce the students to Rotary. For more information, contact event co-chairs Jerry Potter or Joe Hayes.
- Nov. 20 **Joint meeting with EMRC**, Edina Country Club, 12:15 p.m., Rotary Club of Edina will host Edina Morningside Rotary Club members at the annual fall joint meeting.
- Nov. 26 **Thanksgiving Baskets Assembly**, Edina Country Club, 11:45 a.m. Rotarians and their families are invited to attend this annual event, held in conjunction with the Edina Morningside Rotary Club, where we will have lunch, then assemble Thanksgiving baskets for families in need. Volunteers will deliver the baskets after the event. Rotarians are not charged for lunch, and guests are charged the usual amount—\$18 for adults, \$12 for children.
- Nov. 27 **No Rotary Club of Edina meeting**
- Dec. 3 **Edina Rotary Vocational Development Group**, Maker's Cafe, 5:30 to 7 p.m., meets on the first Wednesday of each month to provide Club members the opportunity to share their profession, network, encourage professional development, and foster ethical business practices. Contact Kip Peterson for more information.

- Dec. 4 **Edina Rotary Foundation Fundraiser & Gala wrap-up meeting**, Edina Country Club, 11:15 a.m., Gala Team members and volunteers are invited to come and discuss the planning of this year's Rendezvous in Paris to help next year's team in their planning. Contact Jean Morrison or Mary Younggren for more info.
- Dec. 4, 11, 17 **Edina Rotary Holiday Giving Program**, bring gifts, gift cards, or donate money for gifts to be purchased for families in need this holiday season. Gifts will go to VEAP and Oasis for Youth. For more information, contact Jean Morrison.
- Dec. 17 **Rotary Club of Edina Holiday Party**, Edina Country Club.
- Dec. 18 **No Rotary Club of Edina meeting** due to the Holiday Party Dec. 17
- Dec. 22 **Edina Rotary Goes to Motown!**, Orpheum Theater, Minneapolis, 7:30 p.m., Rotary members and guests who purchased tickets will attend "Motown—The Musical." Contact Michael Stanzak for more info.
- Dec. 25 **No Rotary Club of Edina meeting**
- Jan. 1 **No Rotary Club of Edina meeting**
- Jan. 17 **District 5950 Mid-Term Assembly**, University of Minnesota Landscape Arboretum, Chanhassen. All Rotarians are welcome to attend this training and networking session to re-energize for the rest of the Rotary year. Club presidents and board members are especially encouraged to attend. More information about the event and registration to come soon.
- Jan. 31 **Rotary Club of Edina Bowling Night**, Tuttle's Eat, Play, Bowl! in Hopkins, mark your calendars for the annual Rotary bowling night. Stay tuned for information about the event and registration.

**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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