



THE BARKER

ROTARY CLUB OF EDINA

Nov. 20, 2014 Meeting Assignments

Greeters	Don Erickson, Tim Fargo & Bill Milota
Front Desk	Bob Stehlik
Invocation	Steve Slyce
Guest Introductions	Jeff Ohe
Barker	Axel Steuer
Thank the Speaker	Sandy Schley

Menu: Herb-crusted salmon or southwestern chicken salad

This week: Joint meeting with EMRC, TRF kick-off

Thursday we will have our joint meeting with Edina Morningside Rotary Club. The focus of the meeting will be The Rotary Foundation. TRF campaign will be kicking off at the meeting, and we are hoping for 100 percent participation from all members. Program speaker Mary Beth Growney Selene, director for Rotary International, will speak about TRF, reminding us it is the engine that makes all that we do in Rotary possible.

Thanksgiving Baskets is Nov. 26; cans of sweet potatoes needed

All Rotary Club of Edina members are encouraged to attend the annual Thanksgiving Baskets assembly next Wednesday, Nov. 26, at the Edina Country Club. Children and grandchildren are welcome to help assemble baskets for area families in need. We will gather at 11:45 a.m. for lunch, followed by the Thanksgiving baskets assembly at 12:30 p.m. Volunteers are needed for the basket assembly, as well as deliveries after the event. Baskets are delivered to families in Edina, and north and south Minneapolis. **All members should bring a can of sweet potatoes to add to the baskets.**

Please sign up yourself and any guests by end of day Thursday, Nov. 20, at www.edinarotary.org.

There is no meeting on Thanksgiving, Nov. 27, so this counts as the official Rotary meeting for that week. Rotarians do not have to pay for lunch at the door, unless they are senior active, and guests will be charged the usual rate—\$18 for adults, \$12 for children 10 and under who have the kids' meal.

In Review

Nov. 10, 2014

By Charlie McGoldrick

On an unseasonably cold and snowy early November Monday, we were warmly greeted by **Patti Ellingson-Solheim, Mary Hustad, and Joe Graca** at the 2014 Area 3 Veterans Luncheon. The front desk was handled by **Michael Stanzak**.

We were warmly greeted by emcee Diann Kirby from Bloomington Noon Rotary, who handled the meeting this week. We started out with the Presentation of Colors by The Fort Snelling Rifle Guard and then The Pledge of Allegiance and the 4-Way Test by our own **Tim Murphy**.

This is a combined meeting of the southwest metro Rotary clubs, and is held every year around Veterans Day. The presidents of the attending clubs were introduced to all attendees:

- Bloomington Daymakers—Debbie Belfrey
- Bloomington Noon—Dave Walock
- Eden Prairie AM—Jared Chester
- Eden Prairie Noon—Jim Lockman
- Edina—**Jeff Ohe**
- Edina Morningside—Rob Laughlin
- Richfield—John Devlin
- South Metro Minneapolis Evenings—Chris Piatt

We were also introduced to the city council members present at the meeting. Rep. **Ron Erhardt** introduced several servicewomen who were responsible in part for the state of Minnesota introducing a "Woman Veteran" license plate, one of the first in the country. We were serenaded by The Rotary Brass Quintet.

We also learned about the origin of Veterans Day: Veterans Day is an official United States holiday that honors people who have served in the U.S. Armed Forces, also known as veterans. It is a federal holiday that is observed on Nov. 11. It was once called Armistice Day to mark the anniversary of the end of World War I (major hostilities of World War I were formally ended at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918, when the Armistice with Germany went into effect). The United States also originally observed Armistice Day; it then evolved into the current Veterans Day holiday in 1954.

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Veteran Trista Matascastillo (below) holds up the new "Woman Veteran" license plate at the Veterans Luncheon.



(Above) Wade Thommen introduces his special guest, 97-year-old World War II veteran Carroll Lundeen.

Introducing the program speakers were Brig. Gen. (Ret.) **Dennis Schulstad**, who pointed out the ways the National Guard works in our world today. As an all-volunteer group, the National Guard of the several states, territories, and the District of Columbia serves as part of the first-line of defense for the United States.

The keynote speakers were Major Jackie Stenger and Sgt. First Class Angela Bedesem, both of the Minnesota National Guard. They spoke of their years in the Guard and how rewarding it has been to their lives. They also talked of the personal sacrifice when they are deployed and are away for long periods of time—it is very hard on the children and spouses. In the end though, even with the hardship, they would never give up the experience of their military service.

Diann Kirby thanked the speakers for their time with us as well as their service of our country, and we were adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

Rotary Camp Enterprise 2014

This year's Camp Enterprise, chaired by Tom Gump of the Edina Morningside Rotary Club, was the result of hard work by many Rotarians from both the Rotary Club of Edina and EMRC. John Flynn, who handled marketing and many other aspects of Camp E this year, shares details of 2014 Camp Enterprise:

- 110 students from 61 high schools attended
- 61 Rotary Clubs participated
- \$6,000 in scholarships awarded
- Close to 90 people volunteered

The students arrived on Thursday morning, Nov. 6, at YMCA Camp Ihduhapi and became great friends as they experienced the free enterprise system. The students interacted with a wide variety of keynote speakers and business professionals. And all the while, with the help of their Rotary mentor and counselor, solved a group of business problems and developed a business plan for a struggling company. They then presented their plan to a Venture Capital team. On Saturday afternoon, Nov. 8, our Venture Capital team leaders recognized the outstanding business plans, and at the conclusion of camp, six students were each awarded a \$1,000 scholarship to be used for post-secondary education (*photo at right*). It was a fantastic three days of leadership training, presentation skills development, team building, business experience, and fun. Next year Kip Peterson will chair Camp E, set for Nov. 5-7, 2015.



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Upcoming Events and Schedule

- 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 Gala to help next year's team in their planning. Contact Jean Morrison or Mary Younggren for 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**

Blue is for special Rotary Club of Edina events.
Purple is for District 5950 events.
Orange is for Rotary International events.

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: Bill Milota

Classification: Real Estate Law

What was your first job? Lifeguard at 13.

Who was your first role model and why? Clarence Darrow because he took on big challenges.

Why did you want to join Rotary? Hatzung has embarrassing pictures, I had no choice. (Editor's note: Bill was a Rotary Club of Edina member from December 1990 to July 2007.)

What do you like best about being part of the Rotary Club of Edina? It gives me an opportunity for meaningful service.

What one piece of advice do you offer other leaders? Be about service to the customer and the community, and the people will want to use your business because you are a good person/company.

Rotary Club of Edina Holiday Giving Program starts Dec. 4

Again this year, the Rotary Club of Edina will be collecting holiday gifts for families in need in our community. Rotarian Jean Morrison is once again 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 Thursday, Dec. 4 and 11, or at the Holiday Party on Wednesday, Dec. 17.

This year, the organizations benefitting from the Edina Rotary Holiday Giving Program are:

- **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.

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