



THE BARKER

ROTARY CLUB OF EDINA

No regular Rotary Club of Edina meeting this Thursday, Nov. 14

Nov. 21, 2013 Meeting Assignments

Greeters	Tim Murphy and Scott Neal
Front Desk	Michael Stanzak
Invocation	Kip Peterson
Guest Introduction	Don Brauer
Barker	Mike Hagen
Program Host	Thom Winninger
Thank the Speaker	Tim Fargo
Program: Robert Stevens, president and CEO of Ridgeview Medical Center in Waconia.	

Upcoming Events and Schedule

Nov. 14	No regular Club meeting
Nov. 27	Assemble and deliver Thanksgiving baskets
Nov. 28	No regular Club meeting
Dec. 19	No regular Club meeting Club holiday party
Dec. 26	No regular Club meeting
Jan. 2	No regular Club meeting

In memoriam...

We are sad to announce fellow Rotarian Thom Winninger's mother, Betty, passed away Nov. 4 in Waterloo, Iowa. Services were held last Saturday, Nov. 9. She is survived by her husband, Lawrence; two sons, Thomas of Edina, and Mark of Waterloo; and a daughter, Ann of Thornton, Colorado.

Please keep Thom and his family in your thoughts and prayers.

In Review

Nov. 7, 2013

By Tim Fargo

Our esteemed president, **Steve Slyce**, began the meeting promptly. He was looking good and standing at the podium with excellent posture (remember, I am a chiropractor). He began by reminding us that Veterans Day is coming up this Monday, Nov. 11. He also reminded us that November is Rotary Foundation month. He then showed us a short video about the good work of The Rotary Foundation. The video emphasized the fact that The Rotary Foundation has a history of strong oversight, a stellar charity rating and a unique funding model that makes the most of your contributions. The net result is that, through The Rotary Foundation, your contributions are changing lives, both close to home and around the world.

We were greeted by **Dave Wohl** and **Dan Mott**. The ever-present **Audri Schwarz** was at the front desk, assisted by **Josh Sprague**. **Ken Anderson** gave the invocation, which consisted of a reading of the WW I-era poem, "In Flanders Fields." He explained that the poppies that are so prominently worn on Veterans Day are evocative of the poppy fields referred to in the poem and are meant to honor fallen soldiers.

Sutton McGraw introduced guests and visiting Rotarians, including her cousin, **Bryan Smith**. **Ann Goebel** presented a colleague, **Matt Johnson**. **Joe Arends** introduced **Don Hutchinson**, a financial planner who was with us for the second time. **John Buttolph** attended for the fourth time and was introduced by **Scott MacDonald**. Josh Sprague introduced **Femi Solade**, a civil litigation attorney and **Joel Jennings** proudly introduced his grandson, **Sam Hagman**, who is an aspiring medical student recently back from living 12 years with his parents in Kenya. **Val Burke** introduced **Clare Ling**, our presenting senior from Edina High School. **Rev. Mark Kivimba** from Uganda was introduced by **Tim Murphy**. **Dan Rauchman** was a visiting Rotarian from Minneapolis #9 Rotary; he is considering membership in our club.

John Flynn did a wrap-up on Camp Enterprise, which was a rousing success this year. After unsuccessfully attempting to sell remaining programs for \$29.95, he reported that 197 students were in attendance and sponsored by 55 clubs. A total of 89 Rotarians volunteering their time this year, 39 from our club.

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Special acknowledgement was given to **Jody Kern, San Asato, Susan Johnson, Tim Murphy** and **Sam Thompson**. Val Burke was acknowledged as our connection to Edina High School; we sponsored six students this year and EMRC sponsored another 5. It was announced that **Kip Peterson** will chair the event in 2015. **Paul Mooty** was acknowledged for his contribution of more than 100 Faribault Woolen Mills scarves for participants.

Kevin Kalal gave us a summary of the results of our annual fundraiser. This year the theme was "A Night at the Sands." With co-chairs **Rick Carlson** and **Dave Hatzung** doing impressions of Frank and Dean, he announced that we exceeded our fundraising goal for the year with a total of \$135,000 in revenue, leaving over \$100,000 in net revenue after expenses. Rick and Dave each received a plaque in recognition of their fine work.

Val Burke introduced Clare Ling, a senior from Edina High School. She is the current online editor of the school newspaper, co-captain of the girls cross-country team, co-captain of the girls badminton team and a writing tutor at EHS. She plans to pursue studies in international relations and Spanish.

Jack Kennefick gave his classification talk. Jack joined our club last March and was sponsored by Scott McDonald. He described himself as a "bond peddler." He has been married for 29 years and has two grown children. Jack oriented his talk around the various nicknames he has had over the years. He was called "Mr. Lucky" while working at Piper Jaffray in the early '80s, this in honor of Rodney Dangerfield. He was married in 1985 and was called either "Lucky Shuffle" or just "Shuffle" for short. He recounted that he used to play a lot of Liars Poker while working as a bond salesman and was given the moniker "Madman." Finally, he went to work for Robert W. Baird selling bonds and managed to acquire the tag "The Jackal." He proudly, and maybe a bit ironically, wears that label to this day. He ended his talk by telling us how lucky he feels to be part of the #1 Rotary Club in the Universe. Perhaps he should return to his previous nickname of "Mr. Lucky."

Dr. Nate Whittier, a member since 2012, introduced our speaker, **General Larry Shellito**, currently the Minnesota Commissioner of Veterans Affairs. General Shellito's talk was entitled "Military Cutbacks and the Impact on Veterans." The General started his career in the army and served active duty in Vietnam. He then served in the Minnesota National Guard for 39 years, including 9 years in the post of Adjutant General.

His civilian work included 31 years at the Alexandria Technical College, including nine years as president. He holds two bachelors degrees: one masters and one doctorate degree from Moorhead State and the University of Minnesota. He is also a graduate of the Army War College.

General Shellito recounted that he studied accounting in college and was prepared to begin his career in that field when the specter of being drafted into the military prompted him to volunteer for military service, whereupon he went to officer candidate school. He made the point that having your life torn away from you in order to serve in the military is a very traumatic experience and it is what many of the returning soldiers are experiencing. His concerns for veterans center on how they are treated when they return home and how they can be assisted to re-enter the civilian work force. Last year his office was instrumental in changing a law that allows employers to advertise specifically to veterans. He emphasized that the caliber of these veterans is very high and they are deserving of the attention of those who are hiring.

He remarked that when hiring vets you get some or all of the following:

- You get great team players who are motivated by duty and honor.
- You get workers with great attention to detail and who are able to look toward the final objective that is being sought in the orders that are given.
- He commented that out of habit they will probably call you "sir" or "ma'am" and will also follow orders well.

He emphasized that when they have just gotten out of the service they may need some time to decompress and employers might need to be more sensitive to that possibility. He stated that there are approximately 80,000 soldiers coming back due to the current force reduction and this will result in a significant "brain drain" in the military. These veterans will need the understanding and assistance of employers in the civilian arena.

Buzz Bainbridge thanked our speaker and our president closed the meeting with a quote from Will Rogers, "You never get a second chance to make a first impression."

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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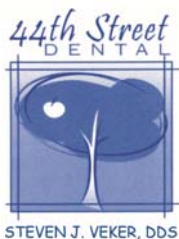
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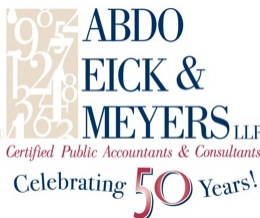
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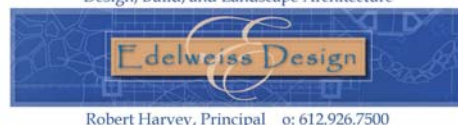
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