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ROTARY CLUB OF EDINA

## Nov. 7, 2013 Meeting Assignments

Greeters	Daniel Mott & David Wohl
Front Desk	Josh Sprague
Invocation	Ken Andersen
Guest Introduction	Sutton McGraw
Barker	Tim Fargo
Program Host	Nate Whittier
Thank the Speaker	Buzz Bainbridge

**Program:** Gen. Larry Shellito, State Commissioner of Veteran Affairs, "Military Cutbacks and the Impact on Veterans"  
 Rotarian Jack Kennefick will give his classification talk.  
**Menu:** Pork tenderloin and risotto or strawberry almond chicken salad



## **Area 3 Veterans Day Luncheon Nov. 11**

The annual Rotary Veterans Day luncheon for Area 3 will be held on Monday, Nov. 11, at the Minnesota Valley Country Club starting at 11:30 a.m. KARE 11 Reporter Boyd Huppert will serve as the emcee. Keynote speaker will be Brigadier General Dennis Schulstad.

Edina Rotarians' lunches are paid for by the club, since the luncheon serves as the regular meeting for the week. Club members are invited to bring up to three veterans as their guests at no charge. Other guests will be charged for the meal.

**There is no regular Thursday meeting on Nov. 14.**

## In Review

Oct. 31, 2013

**By Jim Gibson**

It was 11:45 a.m. when I arrived to see the ever-consistent **Audri Schwarz** staffing the front desk (she was soon joined by one of our newer members **Diane Solmonson**). But Audri had a look of puzzlement and a question for me. Where in the world was everybody? Usually, a number of people have arrived by that time. I didn't have an answer for Audri, but within 10 minutes or so, someone did—Camp Enterprise started today!

Soon our friendly greeters arrived. **Norberto Moran, Paul Mooty**, and **Sonja Tengdin** dispatched this indispensable duty with the utmost diligence.

President **Steve Slyce** opened the meeting with a trivia question: Who was the president when the slogan was "Mankind is our Business?" Answer: **Patti Ellingson-Solheim**, who served in 2001, and was the first female president of our club.

A thoughtful invocation honoring our veterans was delivered by **Gary Pederson**.

**Barbara Born** took the podium to introduce our visiting Rotarians and guests. We were joined today by Susan Stiles from the Rotary 9 club and by Jonathon Hobbs from the City of Lakes club. Barbara called on **Wooj Byun** (aka Woooo...j) to introduce his guest, John Kim, a Minneapolis attorney. She then called on **Arthur Rouner** to introduce his two guests, Paul Ndahigwa and Matt Carlson, both from the Pilgrim Center for Reconciliation, an organization founded by Arthur and Molly Rouner after the 1995 Rwanda genocide with the mission of promoting peace and reconciliation in Africa.

**Jeff Ohe** (aka Ohhhhh...e) took the podium to make a pitch for our Veterans Day event on Nov. 11th. Jeff, who will be our president next year, described his current job as president-elect as one of the easiest jobs ever invented, and that helping with the Veterans Day event was his only duty. He then used this opportunity to thoroughly roast Paul Mooty, one of our past presidents, describing and portraying through a series of pictures how Paul had taken this easiest of all jobs to a new level.

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Jeff capped this off by relaying the awkward moment when the board was meeting in the lower level of the McReavy funeral home, and Paul, who was reclining in a couch, was mistaken by McReavy staff for a corpse.

**Mike Kallas** then explained that applications for new grants must be submitted by 12/31/2013, and that our website contains links to the grant application forms.

**Nate Wenner** introduced our speaker, Scott Tankenoff, the Managing Partner of Hillcrest Development. Hillcrest is a third-generation family business, started in 1948. They specialize in redeveloping undervalued challenging commercial property, and view their job as a "puzzle solver." They tend to view properties with a long-term vision, and are not looking to turn properties quickly. They try to be pragmatic and realistic about projects rather than overpromising and under-delivering. Hillcrest is based in Minneapolis, and limits its development activities and holdings to the Twin Cities.

Hillcrest is currently redeveloping Pentagon Park, a commercial property built in 1968. Pentagon Park is located just north of 494 and east of Highway 100, and comprises 42 acres and 700,000 square feet of building space. Hillcrest's goal is to redevelop this property so that once again it will be considered "best of class."

The redevelopment includes such items as:

- incorporation of more window area
- ridding the buildings of asbestos and lead-based paint
- new lighting and HVAC
- integration of green areas
- turning storm water runoff into storm pond amenities
- connecting the south and north parcels of the property
- integration of the planned 9-mile regional trail
- providing bike racks
- integrating some convenience retail
- changing the exterior of the buildings

They are awaiting a decision by the city of Edina about plans for the Fred Richards golf course, which is adjacent to Pentagon Park. Hillcrest will seek to leverage and complement the outcome of that decision.

On the marketing side, they've taken the unusual step of building a 7,000-square-foot office showroom, so that customers can more easily visualize what their space might look like.

Patti Ellingson-Solheim thanked the speaker, and let him know that we would be making a donation in his honor to help eradicate polio.



### 100+ students take part in Camp E

Camp Enterprise, a collaborative youth project between the Rotary Club of Edina and Edina Morningside Rotary Club, kicked off at YMCA Camp Induhapi Oct. 31. One hundred high school juniors and seniors from 50 schools attended the three-day program, which concluded Nov. 2.

Edina Rotarian John Flynn (*pictured above with the student participants*) was the organizer of this year's Camp E. Many members of our club and EMRC volunteered in the planning of the event, as well as during the three days of camp. Go to the Rotary Club of Edina Facebook page or website to see more photos from the event!



At left are a few of the Rotary volunteers—(left to right) Sam Thompson, Tim Murphy, and Barbara Born.

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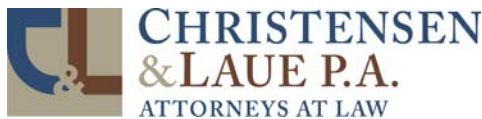
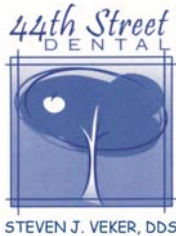
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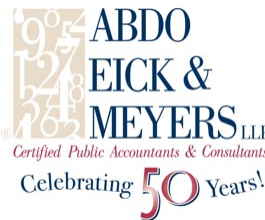
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