



# THE BARKER

## ROTARY CLUB OF EDINA

### Thursday is Vocational Day at Microsoft

The Rotary Club of Edina will hold a Vocational Day meeting at noon this Thursday, Oct. 22, at Microsoft Technology Center, located in Edina. Lunch and beverages will be provided.

**Check-in for the meeting will be at 11:45 a.m. To get into the Microsoft offices, you will need to go to their offices on the sixth floor, have a government-issued ID with you to get a badge and go to the meeting room.** As this takes some extra time, please make sure to arrive at 11:45 so that the meeting can begin at noon. Please note that anyone who wanted to attend the meeting had to register by Oct. 19. Registration is now closed. Because of security at the building and the size limit of the meeting space, only members who registered will be able to attend. Walk-ins the day of the meeting will be turned away.

This counts as the meeting for the week, so there is no additional cost for regular members. Senior Active and Honorary members will be charged \$19 at the door as usual.

Contact Marty Kupper for more information.

### Oct. 22, 2015 Meeting Assignments

Front Desk	Barbara Born
Front Desk Admin	Jennifer Garske
Greeters	Marty Kupper & Steve Slyce
Invocation, Pledge, Four-Way Test	Mary Hustad
The Barker writer	Steven Veker

**Program:** Vocational Day meeting at Microsoft headquarters

**Menu:** Boxed lunches and water will be provided

### Chamber/Rotary event is tonight

The Rotary Club of Edina, the Edina Morningside Rotary Club and the Edina Chamber of Commerce will be hosting a joint prospective member event at Edina Country Club tonight, Wednesday, Oct. 21, from 5 to 7 p.m. It will be a fun evening of connection and cross pollination. There will be complimentary appetizers and a cash bar. All Rotarians and Chamber members should bring a guest. For more info, contact Erica Hollom of EMRC and the Chamber, or Josh Sprague.

*In review*

*Oct. 15, 2015*

**By Sam Thompson**

**President Jennifer Bennerotte** opened the meeting by announcing that the Rotary Board approved sponsorship of the Interact program with Edina High School. Interact is a club for young people ages 12 to 18 to join together to tackle issues in their community they care most about. Jennifer thanked **Josh Sprague, Nate Wenner** and **Sam Thompson** for their involvement in chartering Interact this year.

**Tim Fargo** and **Dave Hatzung** handled the front desk duties at the meeting. **Jim Ryman** and **Sandy Schley** were the greeters.


**Don Hutchison** gave the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance, along with the Four-Way Test.

**Paul Peterson** introduced the following guests:

- Stephen Heath, guest of **Sutton McGraw**
- Chad Millnek, guest of **Jennifer Bennerotte**
- John Mazzara, guest of **Jim Roberts**
- Peggy Agan, guest of **Chuck Agan**
- Meg Boehne, guest of **Scott MacDonald**
- Bjorn Freudenthal, guest of **Josh Sprague**
- David Aase, guest of **Josh Sprague**
- Susan Peterson was a visiting Rotarian from Maple Grove

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**Kip Peterson** gave a short update on Camp Enterprise and said we were sold out! He thanked the marketing committee. Kip also indicated we still need one more mentor. He mentioned anyone that is a mentor gets the fashionable hoodie he was modeling.

**Ann Platt** encouraged everyone to attend the Veterans Luncheon from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 11, at the Edina Country Club. Members can bring two veterans whose meals will be paid for by the club.

**Jeff Ohe** awarded **Chuck** and **Peggy Agan** with the Major Donor Award. They were our 31<sup>st</sup> Major Donor Award recipients. They have supported humanitarian programs by donating over \$10,000.

**Steve Slyce** introduced new member **Brian Miller** and officially inducted him into the club. Brian was sponsored by **Josh Sprague**.

**Buzz Bainbridge** introduced our speaker. Buzz's classification is Corporate Training Consultant. Buzz runs 3.5 miles every day and was a member of the University of Colorado ski team. He's been a member of Edina Rotary since 2006 and works for TRACOM Group.

Buzz introduced **Brian Olson**, Public Works Director for the City of Edina. Brian talked about what is Public Works, the services offered by Edina Public Works Services, future challenges and key successes by the Public Works Department.

Some of the highlights included how Public Works services 230 miles of roadway, pothole patching, irrigation system repairs, almost 1,000 crosswalk blocks, 200 miles of water mains, mowing over 40 parks and overseeing 2,000 light poles, plus much, much more. Brian pointed out how they used to sealcoat the streets internally but have found it's much more cost effective to contract this service out.

He mentioned that they had over 1,000 Gopher One requests this past year. And shared that Mayor Jim Hovland is the official "Weed Inspector."

Edina has an outstanding reputation for its snowplowing services. The biggest challenge is balancing operation and maintenance with capital improvement. The majority of the infrastructure was built between 1950 and 1970. Total replacement cost is over a half billion dollars. Public Works job is to extend the life! One of Brian's final comments was the Edina infrastructure is getting older and we need to invest in it.

**John MacLennan** thanked the speaker and **President Jennifer Bennerotte** adjourned the meeting.

## Proposed for Membership

The Rotary Club of Edina's Board of Directors recently approved the applicant below for membership:

### David Aase

Classification: Commercial Real Estate

Sponsor: Josh Sprague

### John Mazzara

Classification: Residential Real Estate

Sponsor: Jim Roberts

Written objections to the applications must be submitted before 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 4, to Rotary Club of Edina, 4801 W. 50th St., Edina, MN 55424.

## Still time to sign up for the Rotary dinner/theater night set for Nov. 14

**The Rotary dinner/theater night is so popular, we are extending the deadline to sign up through Friday, Oct. 23!** Don't miss the chance to attend "The Realish Housewives of Edina: A Parody" with your own Edina entourage! If you sign up now, you will be part of the group of Rotarians and guests at the reserved tables in the theater. There is no guarantee members and guests who sign up after the deadline will be seated with the group. Register now at [www.edinarotary.org](http://www.edinarotary.org).

"The Realish Housewives" are fully loaded and ready to take on Edina...washed down with a big gulp of prosecco.

You are invited to:

### "The Realish Housewives of Edina: A Parody"

**When:** Saturday, Nov. 14, 6 p.m. light cocktail supper at Mason's Restaurant and Barre, followed by the show at the New Century Theatre at 7:30 p.m.

**Where:** Mason's Restaurant and Barre, 528 Hennepin Ave., Minneapolis, and New Century Theatre, 615 Hennepin Ave., street level City Center in Minneapolis. Parking nearby is inexpensive and convenient. There is parking at the Radisson or Macy parking ramps for around \$6.

**Cost:** \$49.50 each for the cocktail dinner party at Mason's and ticket to the show (a special savings of \$5 each) or \$31.50 each (includes fees) for just a ticket to the show. The cocktail party will include a light supper and a cash bar. Rotarians will be billed on the next quarterly invoice for the purchase.

For more information about the event, contact Membership-Retention Director Ken Andersen.

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## It is fall Fireside Chat time! Join us for 3 more gatherings Oct. 22, 28 and 29

The annual fall Fireside Chats kicked off this week with the first gathering at Jon Barnett's home Tuesday, Oct. 20. Attendees, such as (pictured at right) Mary Swendsen, Gary Pedersen and Chrysanne Manoles, enjoyed delicious appetizers while catching up with their fellow Rotarians. **The second Fireside Chat is this Thursday, Oct. 22, at the home of Gordy Lewis. The following week will feature two more gatherings—the third Fireside Chat at Joe Christensen's home Wednesday, Oct. 28, and the final Fireside Chat at Jeff Ohe's home Thursday, Oct. 29.** The chats are very informal social exchanges for members. New members will have a chance to learn about Rotary and to get to know fellow Rotarians in a casual environment.



To register for any of the last three gatherings, go to the Member Area of [www.EdinaRotary.org](http://www.EdinaRotary.org) and click on the "Events" tab.

## Bring a guest to Prospective Member Day at the Oct. 29 Rotary meeting

Rotary Club of Edina will host a Prospective Member Day next Thursday, Oct. 29. All Rotarians are encouraged to bring a friend or colleague that is interested in Rotary. The focus will be on our female membership and we encourage members to bring women who want to learn more about Rotary. Lunch is on the Club for all prospective members Oct 29. The program speaker for the Oct 29 meeting is bestselling author Richard Leider. He will discuss "How to Unlock the Power of Purpose."

## Serve dinner at Jeremiah House Oct. 22

The Rotary Club of Edina will be making dinner at the Jeremiah House on Thursday, Oct. 22. Volunteers will help with the meal from 4 to 7 p.m. The Jeremiah House is at 1510 Laurel Ave., Minneapolis. It is located just behind the Basilica. If you have questions about the event and how it works, please contact Mike Eckert at [michaelpeckert@gmail.com](mailto:michaelpeckert@gmail.com).

## Fall Park Clean-up set for Oct. 24

As part of the Edina Day of Service on Saturday, Oct. 24, Rotary Club of Edina will be holding the annual fall clean-up of Wooddale and Utley parks.

Volunteers will meet at 9 a.m. at Wooddale Park and begin the clean-up. Chair of the event Matt Boockmeier will bring most of the supplies, participants just need to bring their own gloves and wear shoes that are somewhat waterproof. The clean-up will likely last less than an hour. Family and friends are welcome to help out. If you are interested in volunteering, contact Matt Boockmeier at [matt@Mattboockmeier.com](mailto:matt@Mattboockmeier.com).

For more on the opportunities for volunteering all day in the city Oct. 24, visit the official website, [www.edinadayofservice.org](http://www.edinadayofservice.org).

## Feed My Starving Children also Oct. 24

Rotarians will be volunteering at Feed My Starving Children in Chanhassen this Saturday, Oct. 24, from 9 to 11 a.m.

Feed My Starving Children is at 18732 Lake Drive East in Chanhassen, right off Highway 5 and Dell Road. We will pack enough food to feed over 60 people for a year in just two hours. Family and friends and any child over the age of 5 is welcome. We need 25 volunteers to make this event a success. Thank you in advance for your participation. For more info, contact Brad Beard.

## Leadership Ethics Seminar is Oct. 26

The Rotary Club of Edina will host the Leadership Ethics Seminar for Edina High School students on Monday, Oct. 26, at St. Patrick's Church in Edina. This all-day session features small group discussions, Tom Hayes, author of "Relevance," and Edina City Councilmember Bob Stewart will speak, and there will be a case study discussion for the entire group. Twenty adults, mostly Rotarians, will be table leaders for the 60 Edina High School students who are participating.

The Leadership Ethics Seminar is chaired this year by Joe Hayes. Joe takes over for longtime Rotarian Jerry Potter, who initiated this seminar for students years ago. Contact Joe Hayes to sign up to be a table leader or speaker at the event.

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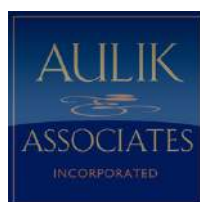


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