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ROTARY CLUB OF EDINA

Oct. 16, 2014 Meeting Assignments

Greeters	Wooj Byun, Frank Cardarelle & Joe Graca
Front Desk	Bob Solheim
Invocation	Buzz Bainbridge
Guest Introductions	Mark Jessen
Barker	Susan Johnson
Thank the Speaker	Ann Platt

Program: Edina Fire Chief Tom Schmitz and Police Chief Dave Nelson, "Edina's Public Safety Services"

Menu: Mexican trio or Southwestern chicken salad

Upcoming Events and Schedule

- Oct. 23 **Vocational Day**, Rotary Club of Edina meeting will be held at VEAP, 12:15 p.m., 9600 Aldrich Ave. S., Bloomington. Register online at www.EdinaRotary.org.
- Oct. 25 **Edina Day of Service**, part of national Make a Difference Day. For more info, go to www.edinadayofservice.org.
- Oct. 25 **Feed My Starving Children**, Rotary Club of Edina's part of Edina Day of Service and Make a Difference Day. More info in coming weeks.
- Oct. 30 **Prospective Member Day**, Edina Country Club, 12:15 to 1:30 p.m., Rotarians are encouraged to bring someone to the meeting who is interested in learning more about our Club.

Rendezvous in Paris—What a night!

Last Saturday night, the two of us stood in front of a record number of guests (315) at the Sheraton Bloomington and we felt nothing less than amazement. Our dream and plans had come true! A *Rendezvous in Paris* was really happening! The crowd strolled amongst the sounds and joys of the City of Lights, each having taken a trip to Paris—*sans avion* (without flying on an airplane!)—and bringing with them the enthusiasm and generosity that marks the Rotary Club of Edina. What a night!



As co-chairs of this wonderfully fun and purposeful event, we have said time and again that this whole experience reflects the energy of our Club and the international theme, "Light Up Rotary." An entire French army of 91 people, working on 20 committees, used their personal and professional strengths to bring *Rendezvous in Paris* from dream to reality. This amazing team is a true reflection of "Service Above Self." They are the reason this gala broke attendance records! From seeking auction items and sponsors, to collecting and arranging what would look like a sea of Eiffel Towers and amazing



The 2014 *Rendezvous in Paris* Gala Team in April 2014



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decorations, organizing the Silent Auction, Bistro Photo Booth, Wall of Wine and reservations, planning and creating marketing and public relations efforts, making plans for the food and venue and finally, cleaning up, this battalion delivered a joyous, memorable and successful evening. We are grateful to our army for their dedication, commitment, tireless perseverance and hard work. To them we say "Merci!"

The event's financial outcome will be available soon, and every one of us should be proud of what we do together as Edina Rotarians to support local and international efforts that change people's lives. This year, our event used a new technology—electronic fundraising. The mobile bid process was a big change for our fundraiser and guests. We learned a great deal this year as we moved to utilize the latest technology. Bidding began a week prior to the event, and we earned over half our Silent Auction revenue before the event even began!

It was humbling to be your co-chairs, and we are so grateful for having had the opportunity to be part of this wonderful night. Edina Rotarians truly do "Light Up Rotary" through their generous giving and service. We are reminded of a favorite line from the French novella, *Le Petit Prince*: "On ne voit bien qu'avec le cœur," or, "We see well only with the heart." So true.

In Rotary Service,
Jean Morrison
and
Mary Younggren



Magnifique!

For more photos from the Gala,
visit the Rotary Club of Edina
Facebook page at
www.Facebook.com/EdinaRotary



(Top) The Totterers table of the longest-serving Edina Rotarians takes a bow. (Middle) Presenting Sponsor Joel Jennings and his wife, Mary Lee, enjoy the Gala. (Above left) President Jeff Ohe and his wife, Alley, are all smiles. (Above right) One of the many Eiffel Towers on display at the event. (Far left, top) Gala Co-Chairs Mary Younggren and Jean Morrison light up the room. (Far left) Mike Kallas and his wife, Jullene, pose in the photo booth, along with the accordion player. (Left) John Buttolph and his wife, Jeannie, wait for the raffle ticket drawing at the end of the evening.

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