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ROTARY CLUB OF EDINA

Edina Rotary Foundation Fundraiser & Gala

GALA COUNTDOWN...

We are down to the final step on your Gala checklist...Gussy Up! The action starts this Saturday night, Sept. 26, at 6 p.m. at the Metropolitan Ballroom and Clubroom!

You might want to arrive early because we have two Silent Auction items only available to the first 24 people to sign up. And some Live Auction items are perfect for a group to go in on together—so do some planning. Watch your email this Thursday when the details of the Live and Silent Auction items will be revealed.

Before you get gussied up, you can come and help with set-up of the Gala. We will be meeting at 10:30 a.m. at the Metropolitan to get started. There will be donuts and fellowship for those hardy Rotarians who have time to help out.

Prepare yourself for a fun and memorable evening as we recognize "Rotary in Action." We look forward to seeing you!

There is no Rotary Club of Edina meeting this Thursday, Sept. 24. The Gala counts as the Rotary meeting this week.



THE ROSCARS!

Voting for the 2015 Roscars took place at the Sept. 17 meeting, but you'll have to be there Saturday night to find out who won. Here are the nominees in each category:

BEST FILM:

Animal House
Caddyshack
Driving Miss Daisy

Ferris Bueller's Day Off
Jerry Maguire
The Wizard of Oz

BEST SUPPORTING ACTOR

Paul Mooty, as the President of Delta Tau Chi, *Animal House*
Jeff Ohe, as the flying monkey in *The Wizard of Oz*

BEST ACTRESS

Audri Schwarz, as Miss Daisy in *Driving Miss Daisy*
Mary Younggren, as the Wicked Witch of the West in *The Wizard of Oz*

BEST ACTOR

Gerry Norton, as Jerry Maguire in *Jerry Maguire*
Royce Pavelka, as Ferris Bueller in *Ferris Bueller's Day Off*
Paul Peterson, as Carl Spackler in *Caddyshack*



Proposed for Membership

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

Renee Harberts

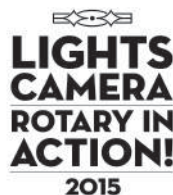
Classification: Financial Planning

Sponsor: Ann Platt

Written objections to the applications must be submitted before 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 7, to Rotary Club of Edina, 4801 W. 50th St., Edina, MN 55424.

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In review

Sept. 17, 2015

By Sutton McGraw

We were greeted by **Ann Platt**, **Marie Pribyl** and **Mike Sitek**. **Kaylin Eidsness** worked at the front desk.

Gary Pedersen introduced the guests at the meeting:

Visiting Rotarians:

- Sheila Carrington, Edina Morningside Rotary Club

Guests:

- Roberta McNellis, guest of **Tom McNellis**
- Renee Harberts, recently approved member, guest of **Ann Platt**
- Tom Cook, guest of **David Clynes**
- Chase Wietecha, guest of **Skip Thomas**
- David Aase, guest of **Josh Sprague**
- John Mazzara, guest of **Jim Roberts**
- Glenn Weidendorf, guest of **Sutton McGraw**

Past President Jeff Ohe gave the invocation and led us in the Pledge of Allegiance and Four-Way Test.

Our club's The Rotary Foundation Director Sue Spalding presented **Tom & Roberta McNellis** with a Major Donor Award at Level 3. Tom and Roberta were honored for making a substantial contribution that went specifically to PolioPlus. This contribution was made on behalf of Tom's brother, Jerry, who passed away this past August at age 71. Jerry was known to many past and present members of our club. Tom came up and spoke about his brother. Jerry was diagnosed with polio at two-and-a-half. Throughout his life, Jerry had 18 operations and received care at Gillette Children's Hospital. Jerry strongly felt Rotary's fight against polio was a great cause and it meant a great deal to him. Roberta and Tom received a crystal plaque and major donor pins.

Bob Solheim was recognized for his 10-plus years of service to Fairview Southdale Hospital. He has worn a variety of hats from being a past chair of the Fairview Hospital Board of Trustees to his current role as chair of the Fairview Southdale Hospital Patient Care and Experience Committee.

Bob introduced our guest speaker David Peters, co-founder of Operation 23 to Zero.

Operation 23 to Zero is an effort to curb military suicide and provide a support network for those who have served and those who are currently serving our country. David has served with the U.S. Marines for 10 years, currently serving in the reserves.



(Left to right) Sue Spalding presented Roberta and Tom McNellis as Major Donors to The Rotary Foundation at Level 3 at the Sept. 17 meeting. Tom and Roberta recently donated to TRF's PolioPlus in memory of Tom's brother, Jerry. Jerry had polio as a child and spoke to our club several years ago about his life experience.

David started by giving our group some history as to how Operation 23 to Zero started. Twenty-two men and women veterans, and one man or woman on active duty in the military, commit suicide every day, totaling over an astonishing 8,000 deaths per year. In the past five years, the national suicide rate has been 60 to 65 percent of Vietnam veterans.

Many of these individuals suffer from PTSD (Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder). After serving, individuals often cope by isolating themselves. A non-profit group called Ruck for Life was started to raise suicide awareness. They currently raise awareness in 28 different states by having current and past military men and women march/walk in full military gear for 23 miles. The 23-mile route was chosen because it represents the fact that someone commits suicide every 23 minutes. The thought behind these rucks was to get individuals out and in a social setting, meeting other military veterans and their families.

It was found that these walks helped individuals come together and focus on an event. Ultimately, the people participating were finding support and a network of people who were like extended family. As more people have participated and have become involved, they wanted to donate money. And Operation 23 to Zero was created. In January 2015, Operation 23 to Zero applied for their 501C3 and is currently waiting for final approval.

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For those individuals wanting to get involved and not participate in a 23-mile ruck, there are other events put on throughout the year that are more intimate. Currently, there are four social events people can get involved with:

- Cigar Night, held at Stogies on Grand in St. Paul
- Dinners, often held at Grumpy's in Roseville
- Free Family BBQ, first BBQ held this past year in Cottage Grove
- Volunteer opportunities for those who served

Recently, the non-profit group helped an Anoka resident paint and put up a fence for his home. The veteran was wounded while serving and was physically unable to do this task. In addition, Operation 23 to Zero gives financial assistance to veterans to help with mobility issues, rent and childcare.

David and other volunteers also reach out to surviving families who have had to deal with this tragedy. Grief counseling and mental health services are available through their network.

In the future, David is hoping that Operation 23 to Zero will expand to all 50 states by helping veterans and current individuals serving our country on a national level through their network. He is also hoping to have the organization's first fundraiser.

George Lancaster thanked the speaker.

Oct. 1, 2015 Meeting Assignments

Front Desk	Patti Ellingson-Solheim
Front Desk Admin	Jennifer Garske
Greeters	Chuck Rauenhorst & Erick Ries
Invocation, Pledge,	
Four-Way Test	Peter Hoffman
Introduce Guests	Bob Perkins
<i>The Barker</i> writer	Skip Thomas
Introduce the Speaker	Jody Kern
Thank the Speaker	Gordy Lewis

The Oct. 1 meeting is a joint meeting with the Edina Morningside Rotary Club. The speaker will be Dave Murphy, chair of the Fairview Board of Directors and interim CEO.

Meet one of our new members...

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 a former member who has joined the club again as an Honorary Member:



Name: Chrysanne Manoles

Classification: Marketing Consultant

What was your first job? Factory line worker at Miraq, age 13 (my dad's business)

Who was your first role model and why?

Mom. She was 100 percent devoted to her five kids, helping with homework, preparing gourmet meals and volunteering as my Girl Scout leader.

Why did you want to join Rotary? Rotary placed me in Brazil for a year as a Rotary Exchange Student when I was 16 years old. That experience shaped my life in ways my conservative Midwestern upbringing could not. My one-year Brazilian lifestyle included playing loud music on a daily basis, dancing in the street for four days and nights during Carnaval, staying awake until 6 a.m. without being in trouble, and dropping by friends' homes unannounced...I could never do any of these things under Mom's watch.

After completing college and beginning my career in 1979, I inquired about volunteering with the exchange program. Unfortunately, the only way to do that was to become a Rotarian. But at the time, women weren't allowed to do so. Eight years later, in 1987, I read a newspaper article about a change in the federal law that forced Rotary and other service organizations to consider membership applications from qualified women. I contacted my dear mentor and Edina Rotarian Jim Hogg for an application. As an attorney, he was excited to propose this idea, which, if approved, would make me the first female member of the club. I heard much later that there was a small yet vocal faction that didn't want this change to happen. Luckily for me, the quieter majority won and I became a member of the Edina Rotary Club in May 1988. Ever since then, I have held numerous leadership positions within our local North Star Rotary Youth Exchange Program, including the top position of chair for seven years. I've been sent around the world numerous times as a representative of Minnesota and Wisconsin, growing our list of exchange partners and solidifying these international relationships. It's been the most fulfilling volunteer work of my lifetime.

What do you like best about being part of the Rotary Club of Edina? Lifelong multi-generational friendships and volunteering with a team. Lots more gets done this way.

What one piece of advice do you offer other business leaders? Listen to your inner voice and learn to feel what your gut reaction is telling you because it's always guiding you in the right direction.

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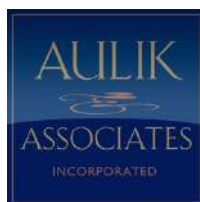


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