



THE BARKER

ROTARY CLUB OF EDINA

Sept. 10, 2015 Meeting Assignments

Front Desk	Mike Eckert
Front Desk Admin	Jennifer Garske
Greeters	Kip Peterson, Paul Peterson & Mike Sitek
Invocation, Pledge, Four-Way Test	Mark Hegman
Introduce Guests	Brad Pearson
<i>The Barker</i> writer	Mary Swendsen
Introduce the Speaker	Gary Aulik
Thank the Speaker	Deirdre Kvale

Program: Jason DeRusha, co-anchor of WCCO 4 News This Morning and Mid-Morning

Menu: Chicken Florentine or chef's salad

RSVP to Gala, turn in your raffle ticket stubs and money, and get ready to bid!

The 2015 Edina Rotary Foundation Fundraiser & Gala is right around the corner. "Lights! Camera! Rotary in Action!" is Saturday, Sept. 26, at the Metropolitan Ballroom & Clubroom in Golden Valley. Members are busy getting all the final details in place and you can help!

Please RSVP by this Friday, Sept. 11. You can register online by going to www.edinarotary.org, finding the Fundraiser in the calendar on the home page, and clicking on the link. Or there is still time to mail in your RSVP card. **If you are a sponsor of the Fundraiser, please make sure to register you and any guests.** If you have questions on registration, contact Club Administrator Jen Garske.

Turn in your raffle ticket stubs and money to Marty Kupper or Mike Opitz at this week's meeting. If you have questions on the raffle, contact Marty or Mike.

The deadline for Live and Silent Auction items is upon us. **In this week's *The Barker*, you will get a sneak preview of some of the exciting Live and Silent Auction items** that will be available for bid the night of the Fundraiser. Get your plan in place for what items you are interested in! If you have questions, contact Greg Yoch for Live Auction items and Royce Pavelka for Silent Auction items.

In review

Sept. 3, 2015

By Terry Stevens

We were greeted by **Mike Norman**, **Bob Perkins** and **Mike Sitek**.

Joe Hayes led us in the invocation, Pledge of Allegiance and Four-Way Test. **Royce Pavelka** introduced guests and visiting Rotarians.

Paul Peterson worked at the front desk and introduced the speaker—Jon Bream. And **David Kunz** thanked the speaker.

At exactly 12:40 p.m. **President Jennifer Bennerotte** called the meeting to order and thanked everyone for spending part of their day with Edina Noon Rotary. She told us that our club is expecting two new "little members." **Kaylin Eidsness** and her husband are expecting a little girl and **Royce Pavelka** and his wife are expecting as well. Congratulations! Who said our club is made up of just old people?

Jennifer also told us that a member of Rotary District 5950 has donated \$1 million to the district to match international grant projects. So if a project is approved by Rotary International, and the club and district offer funds to match, the donated money will be used to match the total dollars. So \$35,000 can become \$70,000.

Guests and visiting Rotarians attending the meeting were: Stan Brown, recently approved member and a guest of **Jennifer**

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Patti Ellingson-Solheim (above, left) hosted the Women in Rotary gathering Aug. 20 at her home, along with her husband Bob Solheim. (Above, center and right) Mary Swendsen and Sonja Tengdin were two of the Rotarians that attended the event featuring appetizers, salads and beverages. But the group also had work to do! (Below) Sutton McGraw and the other Rotarians in attendance assembled the invites for the 2015 Edina Rotary Foundation Fundraiser & Gala.



Proposed for Membership

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

Stan Brown

Classification: Career Coaching
Sponsor: Jennifer Bennerotte

Written objections to the applications must be submitted before 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 16, to Rotary Club of Edina, 4801 W. 50th St., Edina, MN 55424.

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Bennerotte; Mia Vacanti, guest of **Kaylin Eidsness;** Glenn Weidendorf, guest of **Paul Peterson;** Renee Harberts, guest of **Ann Platt;** Sam Carolus, guest of Michael Stanzak; John Mazzara, guest of **Jim Roberts;** Jim Nelson, our former District Governor and member of Minneapolis City of Lakes Rotary Club; Carol MacDonald of Burnsville Breakfast Rotary Club; and Liz Martin of Chanhassan Rotary Club.

John Flynn, co-chair of this year's Fundraiser, walked us through the Gala check list that was on our tables: be sure to RSVP, turn in your raffle ticket stubs and money, donate a Live or Silent Auction item, volunteer to help out, bring a guest and get gussied up. **SEE YOU THERE!!**

Paul Peterson introduced our guest speaker—Jon Bream columnist for the *Star Tribune* covering the music scene.

Jon began by complimenting **Paul** on his blue suit. He likes it much better than Paul's orange suit. Jon made a few opening quips about some of music's top stars. He said that Britney Spears is not very intelligent and Taylor Swift is much more intelligent than she looks or you think.

Jon had three stories for us about Bob Dylan, Alice Cooper and finally Prince. What Jon has learned is that showing up is half his job, you make your own breaks and "stars" have more than one accountant.

Jon went to Berkeley, California, to get an interview with Dylan. He had a backstage pass but it got him nowhere. It was knowing Hector, a tour manager for Dylan he had met previously, that got him outside Dylan's dressing room and eventually listening to Dylan's new album with Dylan. This was followed by a conversation with Jerry Garcia and later playing tennis with Dylan's "other accountant." Showing up!

In Washington, D.C., Alice Cooper put him in a concert performance. Jon was dressed in a red costume as a cardinal. Jon was so good Alice wanted him to play the role at the Twin Cities concert.

In 2015 Prince was promoting a new female group, 3rd Eye Girl. Jon wanted an interview and had to go to Denver to try and get it. After a lot of confusion, he was able to talk with Prince for more than two hours. Not an interview, but just two friends asking weird questions.

As a columnist Jon's motto is honesty for the readers. He always tells the truth but at times will leave some things out.

At 1:26 p.m. **Dave Kunz** thanked Jon for his presentation.

Jennifer closed the meeting and told us she will be gone next week and to welcome her replacement, **Ann Platt**, President-Elect.

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Private Dinner for Eight (8)

Professional Chef Denny Cowen of Le Cordon Bleu will prepare a fantastic dinner with wine and all the fix'ns.

Join Mayor Jim & LaRay Hovland at the beautiful home of hosts Ross and Gail Peterson.

Date: TBD by You & Host



Gopher Experience

Fantastic club level seating including food and beverages. Plus Gopher signed football and Gopher gear.

Date: Saturday, November 21, 2015
Two (2) people (vs. Illinois)

Meet two 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:

Name: Rob Gadtke

Classification: Divorce Attorney

What was your first job? Filling orders and packing boxes in the shipping and receiving department of a local business.

Who was your first role model and why? Abraham Lincoln. As a kid, I was fascinated by his ability to lead the nation during the Civil War.

Why did you want to join Rotary? Because I was amazed by the quality of the people I met when I visited Rotary. It seemed to be a club for serious people. Everyone I met was friendly and welcoming.

What do you like best about being part of the Rotary Club of Edina? The pride people take in making Edina Rotary the No. 1 Club in the universe.

What one piece of advice do you offer other business leaders? Never reinvent the wheel. Learn everything you can from those who have gone before you.



Name: Libby Schmit

Classification: Metal Recycling

What was your first job? I worked at a grocery store.

Who was your first role model and why? My second-grade teacher because she always went above and beyond for her students.

Why did you want to join Rotary? I wanted the opportunity to give back to the community.

What do you like best about being part of the Rotary Club of Edina? The positive attitude of everyone who has the same goal as I do.

What one piece of advice do you offer other business leaders? To always keep a positive attitude to keep moving forward towards the goal.



Upcoming Events and Schedule

Sept. 11

Edina Chamber of Commerce Golf Tournament, 38th annual golf tournament at Braemar Golf Course, 6364 John Harris Dr., 7 a.m. breakfast, 8 a.m. shotgun start, 1 p.m. lunch, awards and prize giveaways, \$150 per golfer, hole sponsorships available for \$400. To sign up or for more information, go to www.edinachamber.com or email erica@edina.org.

Sept. 24

No Rotary Club of Edina meeting

Sept. 25

District 5950 Fall Training, "Speed Dating Rotary Style," 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum, 3675 Arboretum Dr., Chaska, intended for Rotary club leaders, as well as any Rotarians interested in learning more, breakout sessions include: membership, public relations, The Rotary Foundation, and a special session for assistant governors. Deadline to register is Sept. 15. Go to www.rotary5950.org to register or for more information.

Sept. 26

Walk to End Alzheimer's, 9 a.m. to noon, Target Field, Minneapolis, join Rotarian Rick Carlson on the Rotary team he is putting together for this fundraising event for the Alzheimer's Association. The route length is 3 miles, or 1 mile if you take a shortcut around Target Field. Help raise awareness of Alzheimer's research by walking with the team, donating, or doing both of those things and collecting donations for taking part. For more information, contact Rick at Rick@sidekickinc.com or 612-220-7425 or visit the web page at <http://act.alz.org/goto/rotaryrallyforalz>.

Sept. 26

Lights! Camera! Rotary in Action!, Edina Rotary Foundation Fundraiser & Gala, 6 p.m., Metropolitan Ballroom & Clubroom, Golden Valley, reception and Silent Auction at 6, dinner, raffle and Live Auction at 7:45. RSVPs due Sept. 11.

Blue is for special Rotary Club of Edina events.
Purple is for District 5950 events.

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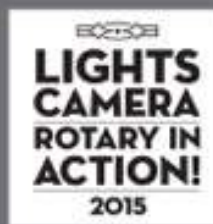






Twins Suite for 16


Party in the best seats at Target Field, 16 tickets and two (2) parking passes. Indoor and outdoor seating.

**Date: TBD with Ed Padilla
Saturday or Sunday
In April 2016.**




Silent Auction





Italian Feast



Sign Up Now!

Edina Rotary Bocce Championships and Italian Feast ...and cocktails.

Hosted by John Flynn
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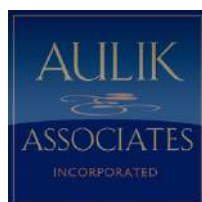


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