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ROTARY CLUB OF EDINA

Sept. 11, 2014 Meeting Assignments

Greeters	Matt Boockmeier, Don Hutchison, & Deirdre Kvale
Front Desk	Mitch Robinson
Invocation	San Asato
Guest Introductions	Mary Hustad
Barker	Gordy Lewis
Thank the Speaker	Bob Perkins

Program: Star Tribune outdoors editor Dennis Anderson, The Legacy Act

Deirdre Kvale will give her classification talk.

Menu: Chicken Olivia or chef salad

Upcoming Events and Schedule

Sept. 11	Fall Fireside Chat hosted by Ted Yoch , 6224 Braeburn Circle, Edina, 7 to 9 p.m.
Sept. 16	Fall Fireside Chat hosted by Sonja Tengdin , 2201 Girard Ave. S., Minneapolis, 7 to 9 p.m.
Sept. 18	Fall Fireside Chat hosted by Joel Jennings , 9501 Oxborough Curve, Bloomington, 7 to 9 p.m.
Sept. 23	Jeremiah House Cook for Kids , 1510 Laurel Ave., Minneapolis, 4 to 7 p.m.
Sept. 24	Fall Fireside Chat hosted by Gordy Lewis , 6824 Chapel Lane, Edina, 7 to 9 p.m.
Sept. 25	Fall Fireside Chat hosted by Josh Sprague , 4720 70 th St. W., Edina, 6 to 8 p.m.
Dec. 22	Edina Rotary Goes to Motown! , Orpheum Theater, Minneapolis, 7:30 p.m., Rotary members and guests can sign up to attend "Motown—The Musical," tickets are \$66.50 per person with limited seating available. Register online by logging into the Club website, www.edinarotary.org .

In Review

Sept. 4, 2014

By Kris Maser

Guests at the Sept. 4 Rotary meeting were as follows:

- Todd Bollig from the Eden Prairie Noon Rotary Club, who introduced the speaker
- Ron Kalich, introduced by **Ann Platt**
- Larry Doty, introduced by **Paul Peterson**

Some of the announcements that were made included:

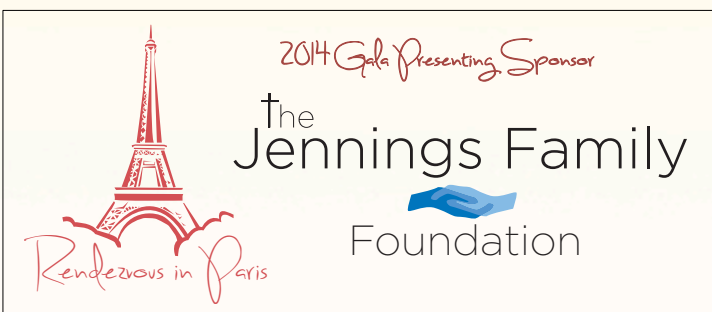
1. Please sign up for the Fall Fireside Chats. There are three new hosts this year and a total of five Fireside Chats. All are invited.
2. **John Flynn** is asking for volunteers for our Rotary Camp Enterprise, which will occur on Nov. 6, 7, and 8.
3. **Norberto Moran** made a request for the Gala silent auction for all of us to get our auction items in.

Todd Bollig introduced speaker Jim Nelson, district governor for Rotary District 5950. Jim's talk was centered around the things that Rotary does.

The direction of Rotary was established many years ago. The 2014 theme is to "Light Up Rotary." He quoted Confucius in saying that it is better to light a single candle than to sit and curse the darkness. He also stated that it's easy to look at the problems of the world and do nothing. The Rotary way is to light a single candle. In lighting that candle, the candle creates a glow. If each one of us would light a candle, we would create a large glow. There are 1.2 million Rotarians worldwide. If all of us lit that single candle, what a light it would make.

The Rotary strategic plan involves three tines:

- The first is to support and strengthen our clubs.



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- The second is to focus and increase humanitarian service.
- The third is whenever there is a chance, increase our public image and the awareness of Rotary.

Our light is hope around the world. The PolioPlus Program is now 30 years old, and 30 years ago there were 100,000 cases a day worldwide. Now there are 146, of which one half occur in Pakistan. Rotary has helped cooperatives in India to have women have a stake in their own business. It's provided safe water worldwide. But Jim particularly talked about his time in Haiti. Rotary has provided for secondary schools in Haiti.

Rotary's core values are service, diversity, integrity, leadership, and fellowship.

The Rotary Foundation is a four-star rated 501(c)(3). Please give to TRF. All of us need to contribute. Thanks to those who have given and for those who haven't yet given, please start.

Cook for Kids at Jeremiah House scheduled for Sept. 23

A few volunteers are needed to take part in the **Jeremiah House Cook for Kids Rotary event on Tuesday, Sept. 23**. Rotarian Mike Eckert is looking for four to five volunteers to help cook dinner for families from 4 to 7 p.m. at Jeremiah House, 1510 Laurel Ave., Minneapolis.

To volunteer or learn more about the opportunity, contact Mike at michaelpeckert@gmail.com, or log on to the Club website at www.edinarotary.org and sign up!

Are you a veteran?

Plans are being made for the 2014 Area 3 Veterans Luncheon. This year, organizers are putting together a tribute to Rotarians who are veterans. If you have served in the Armed Forces, please send your name, military branch and years of service as soon as possible to President Elect Jennifer Bennerotte, jbennerotte@EdinaMN.gov or 29455 Gaylord Ave., Cannon Falls, MN 55009. If you have a photo of your time in the service, please send that, too. (Physical photos will be returned.)

For more information, contact Bennerotte, 612-201-3467 or jbennerotte@EdinaMN.gov.

Youth Exchange students have arrived in Edina!

Many of you have already met or seen our Youth Exchange students, Miyuki from Japan and Patrik from the Czech Republic. Both have settled into their first host families and have three weeks of school under their belt! Their English is getting better and better!

This week is **Edina Homecoming** (everyone better be wearing Edina green on Thursday!). Both Miyuki and Patrik will be participating in the **Edina Homecoming Parade**. The entire week of Homecoming is definitely a new concept to our inbound students. After all, how does one translate "Homecoming???" *Let's think about that one...* "Who is coming home?" "What does that have to do with football, parades, ceremonies, and what is this 'spirit' thing?" *I mean really. "Girls are jumping up and down, people are dressing in funny clothes, the band plays music but walks and marches at the same time!"*

Conclusion: Homecoming = Only in America and especially in Edina!

Celebrating Homecoming is a slice of American life that Miyuki and Patrik get to experience for the first time....which leads me to the next request!

Wouldn't you and your family like to share a slice of your life with Miyuki and/or Patrik? It's super simple: invite Miyuki (or Patrik) to your house just for an evening or afternoon, go about your normal routine, have dinner, introduce Patrik (or Miyuki) to the kids, play some games, watch some TV...which is so perfect for improving their English. Or take Miyuki to Costco, or coffee with a friend, the simple yet very American way of life.

You don't have to have a special event, you don't even have to clean the house! Just do it...show either student how you live, what you do, or what you enjoy! **It's all about sharing your personal slice of American life!**

Both Patrik and Miyuki want to see and experience those slices of American life. That is why they left their home, parents, friends, and their slice of life to come to Edina. To experience the American life...**so won't you share your slice of the "good life" with them?!**

Please contact Sonja Tengdin at stengdin@comcast.net or 612-849-2727 to set up your "Slice of Life Time" with Miyuki and/or Patrik.

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