

## THE BARKER

ROTARY CLUB OF EDINA

SEPT. 18, 2013

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Sept. 19, 2013 Meeting Assignments

Greeters	Matt Mattis, Jack Kennefick & Kaylin Martin
Front Desk	Keith Benson
Invocation	Ed Padilla
Guest Introduction	Katie Bassett
Barker	Ken Anderson
Program Host	Jerry Potter
Thank the Speaker	Rick Carlson
Program: Thom Olson, Executive Director of FreedomWorks Reentry and Aftercare	
Menu: Edina Rotary Big Buffet	

In ReviewSept. 12, 2013**By Bob Solheim**

**Kris Maser, Susan Johnson** and **Doug Bailey** greeted us in friendship as we "signed in," and paved the way for the valuable fellowship that was just inside the door. There, the warmth of **Steve Slyce's** smile and friendly handshake welcomed fellow Edina Rotarians to another beautiful September day meeting.

**Mary Hustad** and **Marty Kupper** gratefully accepted cash payments from our senior active (excused) Rotarians and signed in **Jennifer Benerotte's** guest.

Steve opened the meeting with a reminder of our upcoming annual fundraiser scheduled for Oct. 12 at the Sofitel and extended his appreciation and compliments to the team who designed the invitations ... they are so unique.

**Dan Hallberg** delivered perhaps one of the most topical, meaningful and unique invocations we have experienced. Coming immediately after our nation's focus on remembering 9/11, his prayer was about the message NEVER FORGET FLIGHT 93, the passenger flight which was hijacked by al-Qaeda terrorists, and whose 40 passengers/attendants died as heroes in a field in Shanksville, Penn. Dan and his family visited the site of the crash and videotaped the surrounding area, playing it as part of his prayer, which focused on a memorial with our Minnesota native Tom Burnett's name on it. Dan

said the Bloomington Rotary Club gave a Service Above Self award to Tom's parents. It was a very moving invocation.

**Gerry Norton** offered the guest introduction today, a colleague and guest of Jennifer Benerotte's, Frank Petrovic.

President Steve's announcements included a plea for more members to attend **Gordy Lewis' Fireside Chat** this evening! **Jody Kern** reported that this year's fundraising event has already raised \$42,750 in sponsorship pledges -- a record breaking amount. She thanked **Kaylin Martin** for her work on the creative invitations. Next, a dynamic trio of **Gary Pedersen, Bob Harvey** and **Rick Carlson** presented a musical skit promoting the fundraiser's silent auction effort. Gary spoke as Bob sang the opening lines to about 20 songs, closing with "I Did It My Way." Rick clarified the confusion **Dave Hatzung** created last week over the box wine gifts. He said it all pours: keep all kinds of wine coming!

Next, **Doug Johnson**, our Club's Public Relations Director, was given a round of applause after stating he would not sing his message. He spoke of the efforts our Club is making in the form of outreach to attract more and diverse members. **Tim Murphy's** \$149.50 oil change got some press, along with Tim's offer of a 50 cent coupon toward the oil change to any of our members who bring a new member in. Doug spoke about our website, which is filled with activities our club is engaged in and the vast amounts of information available there, which is very current.

He spoke about Facebook and many other media outlets the club is engaging to promote what Rotary and our Club, specifically, is about. Doug said he wants us to inform him of important awards or other recognitions our club members have received so they can be included in the web site information.

PPMPT: Dr. **Lloyd Pearson** has put a smile on many of our Club members or their children or their children's children. A member since 1963, Lloyd said at 50 years of membership, (sharing the half-century mark with **Burt Cohen**), he is only behind **Don Erickson** (55 years), **Frank Cardarelle** (51 years) by a few years. He said he remembers fondly his early friendship with Don Erickson, going to his gravel mine and getting sand for son Brad's sandbox. He has fond memories of his years with

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Rotary, including the early ones with Career Day activities at the high school. And how Edina Rotary was involved with Traffic Safety for the schools, an effort resulting in eliminating the steel pipes on the back of the seats on school buses that kids would crack their teeth on (which elicited excitement from some of the business-minded among our membership).

Lloyd was the 15<sup>th</sup> president of our club in 1970-1971 (theme: Bridge the Gaps) and attended the International meeting in Atlanta. A memory about meeting in a small group there included describing your vocation to others, where one individual who couldn't speak English acted his vocation out: he was a proctologist!

Lloyd explained that the Edina Crime Prevention Fund was started by members of our club after one of our members was killed in his home by two intruders many years ago. Seventeen civic organizations got behind this important effort that continues to prevent crime in our community to this day. He shared other stories about early leaders in our club, including Mickey Lane and Don Gabbert. Lloyd's favorite Rotary memories center around the friendships he has developed and activities like the Christmas parties for the kids. Rotary has meant a lot to him. Lloyd was an examiner with the American Board of Orthodontics for 18 years, has written several chapters in professional books and is proud of his son, Brad and two daughters and wife, June. Lloyd, Edina Rotary is a better Club because of you and your many contributions!

Next, Steve Slyce graciously introduced our program host, **Skip Thomas**. A member since 1994, Skip has and perfect attendance ever since. He lives in Edina with wife, Debbie, and has three grown sons. Skip's classification is Real Estate Residential and Tom Ries sponsored him.

Skip introduced our speaker, Amanda Ottman, a Minnesota native who started with Rotary as a Youth Exchange Student to Argentina.

Amanda said she was "A proud graduate of the U of M." She has a double major in the Spanish/Portuguese languages and Global Studies. She spent two years after graduation working in the Dominican Republic at Doulos Discovery School, a K-12 bilingual school that educates children of all backgrounds. Her responsibilities included developing relationships with the children and helping them perform well in school. Amanda said her experience with Rotary began with a Rotarian from the Shakopee Club who asked her: "Do you want to change the world?" She

thought, "Yeah, who doesn't?" But that over time, the meaning has changed a bit for her. Amanda applied to be a Rotary World Peace Fellow and was accepted in 2009. But it wasn't until January of 2011 she nervously went to Argentina as a World Peace Fellow to study for her master's degree in International Relations in Buenos Aires. She said the program in Argentina has since closed/ been moved to Sweden. There were 10 students in her master's program: eight from America, one each from Columbia and Australia. While overseas, Amanda attended Rotary Club meetings and shared the mission of Rotary while speaking at other organizations. She graduated from the Universidad del Salvador Master's program in July of 2012. She subsequently worked with Save the Children, Spain, traveling to interesting places including Morocco, which she found colorful and the children so much like other children around the world. They only spoke French and Arabic, which presented a challenge for Amanda. Amanda returned at the beginning of this year from her Rotary sponsored internship with Save the Children, Spain. Back in Minnesota, Amanda most recently worked with CLUES as a community social worker with the Latino community. Currently she said she is looking for a new career opportunity. Amanda closed with a quote by Mother Teresa: "Alone I cannot change the world, but I can cast a stone across the waters to create many ripples!"

Several Rotarians asked thoughtful questions of our guest, concluding with Frank Cardarelle thanking Amanda for her presentation, informing her about Rotary's quest to eliminate polio from the face of the earth, with only three countries currently reporting new cases: Afghanistan, Nigeria and Pakistan.

Steve closed our meeting by thanking our speaker and the many participants in today's outstanding meeting.

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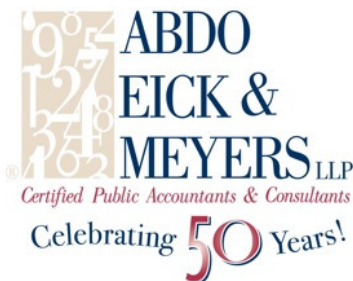
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