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# THE BARKER

## ROTARY CLUB OF EDINA

### Sept. 25, 2014 Meeting Assignments

Greeters	Val Burke, Don Hutchison & Axel Steuer
Front Desk	Steve Slyce
Invocation	Tom Bach
Guest Introductions	Dennis Hykes
Barker	Don Hutchison
Thank the Speaker	Paul Peterson

**Program:** Uwe Kortshagen, "Mechanical Engineering at the University of Minnesota"

**Menu:** Beef Bourguignon or wild rice walleye cake over a bed of greens with citrus vinaigrette

### ***In Memoriam...***

We are sad to announce the passing of fellow Rotarian **Robert "Mick" Flynn**. Mick joined the Rotary Club of Edina in 1978. He was very active in the Club, serving on many committees. He was Club president in 1992–1993. He was a major Paul Harris donor, and was currently an Honorary Member. Mick had a contagious enthusiasm for life as well as Rotary. His son, John Flynn, is also a member of the Rotary Club of Edina. A memorial service celebrating Mick's life will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 4, at Washburn-McReavy Edina Chapel, with visitation one hour before the service. A reception will follow the service. Please keep the Flynn family in your thoughts and prayers.

Our condolences also go out to Rotarian Sue Spalding on the loss of her mother, Sharon Parriott of Spirit Lake. Sharon passed away Sept. 18. A celebration of her life will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 4, at the Indian Hills Golf Club in Spirit Lake.

We also mourn the loss of Gail Hogg, wife of former Rotarian Jim Hogg (who passed away Jan. 8, 2013). Gail died Sept. 4, 2014. Services were held Sept. 18. Their son, Alan, was also a former member of the Rotary Club of Edina.

### ***In Review***

**Sept. 18, 2014**

**By Jodie Jennings**

**Jeff Ohe** opened up the meeting today.

**Gary Aulik** gave the invocation. It focused on appreciating life...having just enough rain to appreciate the sun.

**Melinda Inman** introduced the guests and visiting Rotarians. Visitors were Amir Gharbi, Dan Nye, Larry Doty, Michael Keck, Tom Gump, Jack Shotton and Luther Ranheim

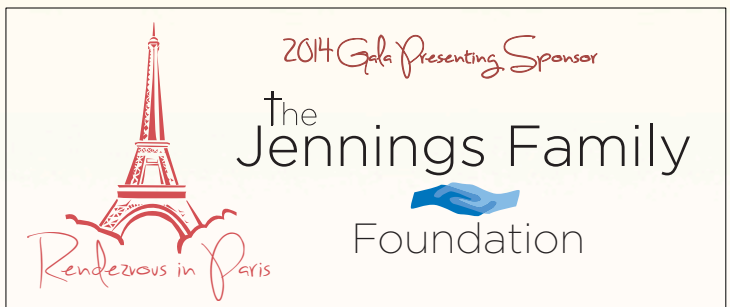
Visiting Rotarians were Sam Dalal (Burnsville a.m. Rotary Club and assistant governor for Area 2), and Mark and Corrine Lewis (Eden Prairie a.m. Rotary Club).

**Sandy Schley** introduced the couple that was visiting from Australia! This couple hosted the first visiting student from our district.

**David Clynes** was inducted into the Rotary Club of Edina today. David is co-sponsored by his father, **Bill Clynes**, and **Wooj Byun**. Please welcome David into the No. 1 club in the universe!

**Josh Sprague** announced that we have a membership goal of 175 this year, and we are currently at 163!

**Kip Peterson** announced a new once-a-month get together. A social/vocational happy hour will be from 5:30 to 7 p.m. the first Wednesday of every month, starting Oct. 1, at the Makers Cafe, 4920 77th St. W., Edina. The meeting counts as a make up if you are unable to go to the regular Rotary meeting on Thursday.



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**Jennifer Garske, Club Administrator**

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**Jody Kern** encouraged people to donate wine for the wine wall at the Fundraiser. Seventeen bottles were donated!

Fundraiser raffle ticket sales are down, reported **Mike Opitz**, and calls will be made soon to help pick up sales.

Today's program is brought to us by **Gerry Norton**. He introduced Tony Barranco of Ryan Companies. Tony talked about the exciting new project, the Downtown East Development in Minneapolis. The project will include parking, apartments, retail space, an urban park, and two Wells Fargo buildings near the new Vikings stadium. The project is scheduled to be completed in 2016.

## Proposed for Membership

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

**Name:** Amir Gharbi  
**Classification:** Public Service  
**Sponsor:** David Clynes

**Name:** Ron Kalich  
**Classification:** Business Consulting  
**Sponsor:** Ann Platt

**Name:** Leann Stessman  
**Classification:** Retail and Commercial Banking  
**Sponsor:** Josh Sprague

Written objections to the application must be submitted before 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 8, to Rotary Club of Edina, 4801 W. 50th St., Edina, MN 55424.

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:jbennerotte@EdinaMN.gov).

## Upcoming Events and Schedule

- 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<sup>th</sup> St. W., Edina, 6 to 8 p.m.
- Sept. 26 **Fall District Training**, Earle Brown Heritage Center, Brooklyn Center, 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., break-out sessions, lunch speaker will be Tom Thorfinnson, past Rotary International director. Registration deadline was Sept. 15. Go to District website, [www.clubrunner.ca/5950/](http://www.clubrunner.ca/5950/) for more info.
- Oct. 1 **Rotary Happy Hour**, Makers Café, 4920 W. 77<sup>th</sup> St., Edina, 5:30 to 7 p.m.
- Oct. 1 **Anniversary celebration of The Waters of Edina**, one-year anniversary party and tours of the Garden Level Art Gallery, will include hors d'oeuvres a champagne toast, and dessert, 6300 Colonial Way, Edina, 4 to 7 p.m. RSVP by emailing [DSexton@TheWatersSeniorLiving.com](mailto:DSexton@TheWatersSeniorLiving.com) or calling 952-322-7500.
- Oct. 3 **Tour of Dr. Rob Sweet's SIMPORTAL Lab at the U of M**, Mayo Memorial Building, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, 9:30 to 11 a.m. Dr. Sweet will give Rotarians an inside look at his lab, where cutting-edge research is done on products to improve training for surgeons and military personnel. Dr. Sweet was program speaker at our Aug. 7 meeting. Register by logging onto the Club website at [www.edinarotary.org](http://www.edinarotary.org). Contact Heather Hansen for more info.
- Oct. 25 **Edina Day of Service**, part of national Make a Difference Day. For more info, go to [www.edinadayofservice.org](http://www.edinadayofservice.org).

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

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## Checking in with... New Generations

**Student Guest Speakers:** If you know of a high school student that you feel would make a good candidate for student guest speaker at a Rotary meeting, please send info to Valerie Burke, [Valerie.Burke@edinaschools.org](mailto:Valerie.Burke@edinaschools.org). Include the student's name, phone number, and email so our Student Guest Speaker Committee can contact them and invite them to a meeting to be our guests.

**Interact:** Our Club, along with EMRC, are sponsoring a new Interact club at Edina High School this year. There has been a lot of interest so far! If you know of a high school student that might be interested, let Mark Jessen or Mary Lokowich (EMRC member) know so they can get information to the student about Interact. Mark Jessen can be emailed at [m\\_jessen@jessenpress.com](mailto:m_jessen@jessenpress.com), and Mary Lokowich's email is [Mary.Lokowich@ymcatwincities.org](mailto:Mary.Lokowich@ymcatwincities.org).

**Youth Exchange:** Our four outbound students are settled in their host countries and getting used to their new routines. Amy reports from Italy: "...We visited the coast on my SECOND day here, near Genova, which was literally incredible. It was my birthday on Sunday and so we drove to Lago Maggiore for the day which was also breath-taking..." Watch for more updates from our other three outbound students, Kat Fink, Sarah Aydinalp, and Pauline (Vivi) Pocha in future editions of the *Barker*.

Our inbound students, Patrik and Milky, are loving Minnesota. They both participated in the Edina Homecoming Parade (*shown at right*), riding in the Rotary car with Eugene Drozdov and Dave Hatzung. Wooj Byun and his family are taking good care of Milky, and are able to help her refine her language



skills. Patrik is staying with the Lokowich family, and has commented to Eugene that he loves Minnesota so much he does not want to go back to the Czech Republic! Watch for Patrik and Milky to visit at upcoming Rotary meetings and make sure to introduce yourself.

It is that time of year again! Time to encourage interested students to fill out their North Star Rotary Youth Exchange outbound application for exchange year 2015-2016. This year the application is online and this is where one begins: <http://yehub.net/NOR-obapp> or visit the North Star RYE website at [www.northstaryouthexchange.com](http://www.northstaryouthexchange.com) and go to the Prospective Students tab. Once the application is submitted, further instructions will be sent out to the applicant. Contact Terry Stevens with questions about the outbound program.

—Heather Hansen

### Board meeting notes

Sept. 18, 2014

By Doug Johnson, Public Relations Director

### Financial Report

The Club budget was reviewed, is in good order, and was approved.

### Committee Reports

#### Public Relations:

- Our Club and Rotary clubs from Bloomington, Eden Prairie, Richfield, and South Minneapolis are donating to the new Fairview Southdale Hospital emergency room construction. FSH and the club representatives are recommending that the triage area be recognized as

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**Board meeting notes continued**

sponsored by these Rotary clubs. Our Board approved this recommendation. We are also reviewing whether Rotary District 5950 match funds might be applied for.

- Facebook, news releases, and the Club website are all operating very smoothly and use is increasing.

**Membership (Recruitment):**

- The goal for 2014-2015 is 170 members. We began the year with 160 members and in spite of losing some members, we will be at 163 as of today.
- Amir Gharbi, Ron Kalich, and Leann Stessman were approved for membership.
- On the first Wednesday of every month, Kip Peterson will be leading a new initiative called "member social/vocational hour." It will be held from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at Makers Café. More information will be sent to all members.
- The next Prospective Member Day will be Oct. 30. The emphasis will be on potential women members.

**Community Service (Projects):**

- The next Jeremiah House event will be Sept. 23.
- Twenty-three members have expressed interest in participating in the VEAP food initiative.
- Feed My Starving Children will be Oct. 25 and will be the Club's event to participate in Edina Day of Service.
- Thanksgiving baskets will be assembled on Nov. 26 beginning at 11:45 a.m. at the Edina Country Club.

**Youth Service:**

- Camp RYLA needs a new chair with current chair, Mike Ogle, on a leave of absence.
- Interact is up and running at Edina High School. Sixty students signed up. Mark Jessen is coordinating for our Club.
- Youth Exchange is going well. Wooj Byun is the current host from our Club. We continue to seek new host families. Note that these can be non-Rotarian.

**International Service:**

- Dan Mott has joined the group.
- There is a request from the International Village Clinic for \$500 to \$1,000. Our Club has supported them in the past. This request will be presented to the Edina Rotary Foundation Board.
- A request will be coming from the San Felipe, Mexico, cataract surgery project.

**Club Service (Administration):**

- The front desk is going great. A plan is being developed to better process guests on the Prospective Member Days.

**Membership (Retention):**

- The first two Fireside Chats went well. There are three more scheduled. The committee will be discussing how to best do the chats and maximize attendance.
- A Club outing is scheduled for Dec. 22 to see *Motown—the Musical* at the Orpheum Theater. To date 37 have signed up. The committee would like a minimum of 40. Tickets are limited and are only \$65 if purchased now. Michael Stanzak is coordinating.
- The Club's bowling date is set for Saturday, Jan. 31, and will be held again at Tuttles in Hopkins.

**Officers' Report:**

- Steve Slyce heads up the recruitment for incoming directors. Committee chairs should contact him with recommendations.
- Jennifer Bennerotte noted that the groundbreaking ceremony for the new Veteran's Memorial at Utlley Park will be at 9 a.m. Sept. 19. Also, the Veteran's Recognition Program will be held at the Edina Country Club on Monday, Nov. 10, beginning at 11:30 a.m. Edina is requesting that our Club provide community feedback to the Vision Edina recommendations that a group of 110 city employees, Edina key organizations, and citizens created. Wooj Byun represented our Club in this process. Jennifer is recommending that Doug Johnson organize a meeting of our members to meet with a facilitator from the city to review and provide input to the four scenarios that the Vision Edina team is suggesting.
- Jeff Ohe presented a list of recommendations for directors on the Edina Rotary Foundation Board. The following members were approved: Joe Christensen (Local Grants), Tom McNellis, Paul Mooty, Sandy Schley, and Steve Slyce. In addition to these members, the five officers and past director of the international grants committee serve as directors.

*Note: This is a brief summary of the board meeting. The official minutes of this meeting will be posted on our Rotary Club of Edina website at [www.edinarotary.org](http://www.edinarotary.org) when approved by the Board. You can find minutes of past board meetings in the Club Documents section of the website.*

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