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ROTARY CLUB OF EDINA

Oct. 23, 2014 Meeting Assignments

Front Desk Jerry Potter
Invocation Charlie Barer
Barker Jack Kennefick

This week's meeting is Vocational Day, and will be held at VEAP, 9600 Aldrich Ave. S., Bloomington. The meeting will begin at 12:15 p.m. with a short presentation by the VEAP executive director. After, small group tours of the facility will be conducted for Rotarians. A box lunch will be served. If you plan to attend, please register online at www.edinarotary.org. Just log in and go to "Events."

Proposed for Membership

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

Name: Larry Doty
Classification: Higher Education
Sponsor: Paul Peterson

Written objections to the application must be submitted before 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 5, to Rotary Club of Edina, 4801 W. 50th St., Edina, MN 55424.

Tribute to female Rotarians at Prospective Member Day Oct. 30

Rotary Club of Edina will host another Prospective Member Day next Thursday, Oct. 30. There will be a special appreciation for our female Rotarians that day, and all are encouraged to attend. Please also bring a female friend or colleague to learn more about Rotary and our Club. Lunch is on the Club for all guests interested in Rotary on Prospective Member Days. Make sure your guests sign in at the guest table before the meeting.

The program speaker for next week's meeting is Amy Nelson, founder and CEO of Accurate Home Care. The meeting will start at 12:15 p.m. Bring a colleague or friend and help them discover what Rotary is all about!

If you have questions, contact Membership Director (Recruitment) Josh Sprague.

In Review

Oct. 16, 2014

By Susan Johnson

Today we were warmly greeted on this gorgeous fall day by **Wooj Byun, Frank Cardarelle, and Joe Graca.** The front desk was efficiently handled by **Bob Solheim and Audri Schwarz.**

Torger and Sander Ohe called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m. and proceeded to lead the members in reciting Rotary's 4-Way Test.

Buzz Bainbridge gave a thoughtful invocation expressing gratitude for our beautiful fall day.

Mark Jessen welcomed our guests today. **Jennifer Bennerotte** introduced City of Edina employees: Lindy Crawford, Chad Millner, Brian Olson and Lisa Schaefer. **Michael Stanzak** introduced Mark Beckfield; **Gary Pederson** introduced Greg Yoch (son of **Ted Yoch**); and **Wooj Byun** introduced exchange student Miyuki Sanko, who had the day off from school.

Jean Morrison (along with a **Mary Younggren** stand in) gave a "merci" to the members of the Club for the wonderful participation in the Gala. An all-time attendance record of 315 was set! Results of the event will be forthcoming.

Jeff Ohe reminded us of several upcoming events. **Josh Sprague** provided an update of the Board meeting held earlier today.

Congratulations to **Doug Johnson** on becoming a grandfather for the seventh time this morning!



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Our program today was brought to us by **Jennifer Bennerotte**. The City of Edina named a new chief of police and a new fire chief in 2014.

Dave Nelson was named chief of police earlier this year, but he has been an officer with the Edina Police Department since 1991, serving many roles during that time. He oversees a department that consists of 50 officers and 2 canine officers. The department has a SWAT team and provides crisis intervention, commercial crime services, civilian crime services, investigations, and community health services.

Dave informed us that Edina is a very safe city. According to 2013 Hennepin County crime rates, Edina had the 25th lowest (out of 28 cities) crime rate. The department focuses on traffic safety aggressively to keep the city safe by showing a police presence. He also indicated that the department issued the highest number of traffic citations in the county (a majority of these to non-Edina residents). Despite this, traffic remains the number one complaint in the city.

Dave discussed the challenges the department is facing. There have been numerous staffing changes due to seven retirements in the last year. The department faces significant maintenance and updates to technology in the squad cars and the communication with the station. Dave also indicated that cyber crime is an ever-increasing issue and the criminals are difficult for a local department to find as they may be out of state or out of the country.

Tom Schmitz was named fire chief in 2014. He started with the Edina Fire Department in 1993 and following a short stint as the Eden Prairie assistant fire chief, he returned home earlier this year. Tom is also in charge of Edina's Building Department.

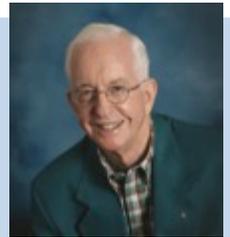
These combined departments have 31 full-time employees and 11 paid on-call fire fighters. They provide fire suppression, ambulance services, special operations, fire inspections and building inspections.

In 2013, the department had 4,697 responses most of which were emergency medical service calls. Tom was very proud of the department's average fire response time (4:19) and EMS response time (3:50), further evidence that Edina is a safe place to live.

Ann Platt thanked our speakers. **Jeff Ohe** thanked our guests and speakers and adjourned the meeting at 1:30 p.m.

In Memoriam...

Rotarian Bob Solheim delivered this tribute to long-time Rotarian Mick Flynn at last week's meeting:



Robert E. "Mick" Flynn joined Edina Rotary in 1978 with the classification of Manufacturing—Jewelry. In 1992 he became our Club's 38th and perhaps our Club's most enthusiastic president, with the Rotary theme: "Real Happiness is Helping Others." What a perfect theme for this extraordinary man who greeted everyone with a firm handshake and a smile that lit up the banquet room. His zeal for Edina Rotary and its members and our mission was palpable and contagious. He was instrumental in establishing the RARE committee, which has now been helping Edina Rotarians in various ways for more than 20 years. He also was known for his sartorial splendor, a model for the other men in our Club to learn from. Mick's favorite Rotary moment was when he proudly sponsored his son, John, to Edina Rotary in 1989.

Mick died on Sept. 18, 2014, with John at his side. He was 90 years old, having been born on June 15, 1924, in Fargo, ND. Somehow the delivery room nurses came up with the name "Mick," and it stuck for his entire life. Raised in Fargo and Detroit Lakes, Mick graduated from Fargo High School in 1942 and was an Eagle Scout. He enlisted in the Navy and flew as a radioman aboard an aircraft carrier in the Pacific during WWII. He was a proud patriot.

Mick was a political science major at the U of M and a member of Theta Chi fraternity where he met the love of his life, Dorothy Jean Hartle. Married on July 28, 1951, they celebrated 62 years of marriage last year. He and Dorothy were life-long Gopher football fans and active supporters of all aspects of the U of M, including membership in the U of M President's Club!

Mick was an entrepreneur, owning his own businesses in Brainerd and Detroit Lakes before moving to Edina in 1963, where he had a long association with Jostens. Mick was very active in our community: a Paul Harris Fellow, Rotary Foundation Major Donor, president of our Rotary Club, president of the West Suburban Shrine Club, a Mason, Elk, Forever Fit member, and more. Mick lived the motto of "Service Above Self," and was always grateful for the friends he met in each of these organizations.

His loving wife, Dorothy; father; and mother preceded Mick in death. His son, John; grandson, Ryan; and sister, Sally Metcalf, survive him. Mick was so proud of his family. We have been separated from a dear friend for a season, but know he is in good hands!

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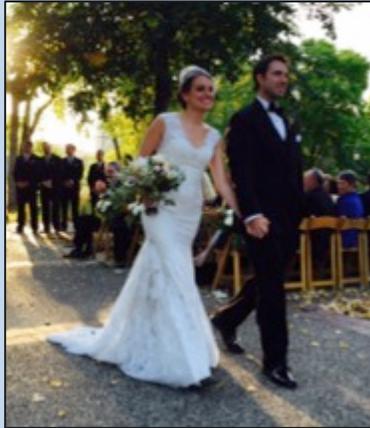
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Wedding bells!

Our own **Kaylin Martin** married Kyle Eidsness Friday, Sept. 26, at a beautiful ceremony at the Nicollet Island Pavilion. She wore a vintage-inspired lace dress. The bridesmaids wore gray satin dresses with black lace trim and black heels. All carried bouquets of peach and ivory flowers and greens. A festive reception followed inside the Pavilion. The theme was described as “elegant woodsy.” Thanks to guest Jennifer Bennerotte for her on-the-scene reporting.



And last weekend, Saturday, Oct. 18, Rotarian **Tim Palm** wed Alicia Ferrari! Tim says they “had an absolutely perfect day with great weather, plus a flawless ceremony and reception. It was a great time. Everyone enjoyed themselves and we had guests flying in from all over the country.” The ceremony was at St John's Lutheran Church in Belle Plaine, MN, and the reception was just a few miles away at a barn-themed venue on the scenic byway in the Minnesota River Valley!

Congratulations to both the happy couples!



Upcoming Events and Schedule

- Oct. 23 **Vocational Day**, Rotary Club of Edina meeting will be held at VEAP, 12:15 p.m., 9600 Aldrich Ave. S., Bloomington. Register online at www.edinarotary.org.
- Oct. 25 **Edina Day of Service**, part of national Make a Difference Day. For more info, go to www.edinadayofservice.org.
- Oct. 30 **Prospective Member Day**, Edina Country Club, 12:15 to 1:30 p.m., female members will be honored and Rotarians are encouraged to bring a female friend or colleague who is interested in learning more about our Club.
- Nov. 5 **Edina Rotary Vocational Development Group**, Maker's Cafe, 5:30 to 7 p.m., meets on the first Wednesday of each month to provide Club members the opportunity to share their profession, network, encourage professional development, and foster ethical business practices. Contact Kip Peterson for more information.
- Nov. 6 **City of Edina “Vision Edina” Focus Group**, Edina Country Club, 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m., the Rotary Club of Edina has been asked to participate in the “Vision Edina” process. Contact Doug Johnson for more information.
- Nov. 7 **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. Contact Heather Hansen for more info.

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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Board meeting notes

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By Doug Johnson, Public Relations Director**Financial Report**

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

Committee Reports**Public Relations:**

- The website will be reviewed and cleaned up over the next few months.
- Facebook postings have had good reach. The PR Committee will consider expanding Twitter.

Membership (Recruitment):

- Membership stands at 163.
- The Board approved the following:
 - Larry Doty as a new member
 - Leave of absences for Mike Ogle and Kurt Eckstrom
 - Resignations of Jim Gibson and Diane Solmonson
 - Ken Andersen's classification change to Residential Real Estate.
- Oct. 30 is the next Prospective Member Day. The Club is emphasizing inviting prospective female members.
- The next Edina Rotary Vocational Development Group is Wednesday, Nov. 5 from 5:30 to 7 pm at the Maker's Café in Edina.

Community Service (Projects):

- Thanksgiving baskets will be assembled on Nov. 26 beginning at 11:45 a.m. at the Edina Country Club.

Youth Service:

- The deadline for outbound Youth Exchange student applications is Nov. 9.
- Interact at Edina High School has 60 interested students.
- The "Do the Right Thing" ethics seminar for students is Monday, Nov. 17, and still needs four to six adult volunteers. Contact Jerry Potter or Joe Hayes.
- Camp Enterprise is the first week in November. Volunteers are still needed.

International Service:

- A number of grant requests are going to the Foundation Board for the following projects:
 - International Village Clinic for \$1,000
 - Common Hope for \$1,000.
 - San Felipe, Mexico, for \$3,000

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. 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. 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:

- Jennifer Bennerotte is heading up the Veterans Luncheon, which will be held at the Edina Country Club on Monday, Nov. 10, beginning at 11:30 a.m. Each member can bring up to two guests that are veterans.
- Jeff Ohe noted that the Gala drew approximately 315 people and was a huge success. Thanks to Jean Morrison and Mary Younggren and all who volunteered to make this a wonderful event and tremendous fundraiser.

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 when approved by the Board. You can find minutes of past board meetings in the Club Documents section of the website.

Are you a veteran?

The 2014 Area 3 Veterans Luncheon will be from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 10, at the Edina Country Club. 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.)

Sign up now to attend the Veterans Luncheon by going to www.edinarotary.org. You can register yourself and up to two veterans as guests at no charge. Each additional veteran guest is \$25. For more information, contact Bennerotte, 612-201-3467 or jbennerotte@EdinaMN.gov.

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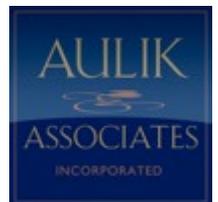
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