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Rotary in Bloomington

Bloomington Noon, February 22, 2024

Noon Meetings Two Weeks Per Month, Mondays at the Hilton, France Ave & 494 Social Events and Club Service - See Calendar

Mission

The Bloomington Noon Rotary Club unites leaders to improve our community and the world through service and philanthropy.

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Feb 26 Preview: "Birth With Dignity"

Guest: Sue Steen



The mission of Birth With Dignity is to educate, support, and equip nurses and midwives of Uganda to improve care for patients and families with high-risk perinatal needs with the goal of decreasing maternal and neonatal deaths, as well as caring for families with perinatal loss.

Sue's nursing and teaching career spans over 35 years. Sue has done research in the area of perinatal bereavement and works as a Perinatal Nurse Navigator at Maple Grove Hospital, with families who have suffered the early or late loss of a baby. She is also an adjunct nursing professor at Bethel University. Sue is currently serving on the board with the International Stillbirth Alliance, a global stillbirth organization. She resides in the Twin Cities of Minnesota with her husband and two grown children.

We invite you to join the meeting via zoom if you are unable to attend in person. **Zoom will now be available for all of our Hilton meetings.** Below is the zoom link. We will not be fully interactive, but you can communicate through chat and it can be shared.

Join Zoom Meeting Meeting ID: 243 737 0314 Passcode: 4waytest

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2437370314?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2437370314?pwd=azZHeENQd2poLzY2VzBDZi9RNldNQTO9&omn=81223847594)

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Mar 7 Preview: "VEAP Community Service"

Email Laura Schultz to Volunteer... laura@lauraschultzlaw.com

Our next VEAP volunteer opportunity is **Thursday, March 7th from 2:15-5:15**. Up to 8 Rotarians can volunteer their time at VEAP for the afternoon to help along side others from VEAP with food packing (sorting, breaking down items, repackaging) in the Pantry or helping clients with their shopping so clients are able to pick the variety of items that they need.

Time: 2:15 to 5:00 PM, Check in at the Volunteer Door, west side of building.

Who: As many as want to volunteer up to 8 folks. Please email **Laura Schultz** if you are interested in volunteering. laura@lauraschultzlaw.com

District 5950 is asking all Rotary Clubs to find ways that we can help food insecurity within our neighborhoods. This is one way that Bloomington Rotary is fulfilling this goal.

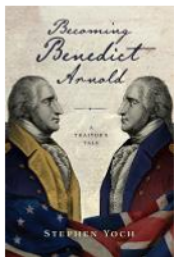


Recent Meetings...

Steve Yoch presented an interesting and educational program on **Becoming Benedict Arnold**. Yoch has presented to us before on *Becoming George Washington*. Today, Yoch gave us a comparison between the two men and how elements in their lives affected their leadership creating one Patriot and one Traitor.

Both men were great generals on the battlefield for the revolution, so the natural question is, "How did Arnold become a traitor?" Comparing their early lives, both men were not close to either of their parents. Both had basically an 8th grade education. Neither came from wealth, nor had access to much money. Both were industrious men. Washington started out as a surveyor and Arnold as a servant. Washington was Arnold's mentor.

The difference came as Washington made connections easily and learned from his mentors. Arnold lost most of his early relationships and made bad connections as he grew older. Washington took rejection and defeat in stride and looked forward setting new goals striving for success. Arnold was successful until he lost to Cromwell in battle. The defeat made him frustrated and mad which led him to make bad decisions about where he went next. Washington became an example for the new country and its leadership when he gave up his commission in 1783, not becoming a king by default.



Another factor affecting these men's choices was their wives. Martha was a calming constant in Washington's life while Peggy was a loyalist and friend of a British major. Families were divided in those days between being loyal to Great Britain or standing with the rebels seeking a new country. Arnold turned toward support for Great Britain.

For more information on these two gentlemen and Yoch's books see www.yoch.com.

Happy Bucks

Debbie Belfry shared that the city of Bloomington honored **Dr. Joyce Ester** as a local black leader in its Pioneers and Changemakers' Series for Black History Month. (see photo) **Don Stiles** has kept in touch with **Doodee Backstrom** and shared that she is doing well, but is unable to get out to attend our meetings. She would welcome visitors anytime. She is in Room 127 at Presbyterian Homes. **Becky Amble's** husband, Marshall has blood clots in his lungs and legs and is under medical care. Son Pasha is moving home.



It was good to see **John Swaney** at our meeting today. He shared that he has been extremely busy with branding and signage for Steak & Ale in Burnsville and many other locations around the country. **Don Stiles** also honored **Terry Stirewalt's** birthday while Terry honored his wife's birthday, both in the same week. **Dave Drummond** honored his oldest son's birthday. **Debbie Belfry** enjoyed being at the announcement of the Rotary International Convention coming to Minneapolis. **Jane Fenton** and **Sara Tan** thanked all who worked to make this honor happen. Plus, Sara shared that the Bloomington Symphony Orchestra's performance on the 25th has sold out!

Jim Waldvogel announced that after sixteen years here, he will now be spending most of his time at the newly branded luxury Hilton hotel in downtown Minneapolis. He will still have ultimate oversight for the Bloomington hotel, but will not be housed here. And, congratulations to Jim on his 4th grandchild! **Dwayne Lowman** announced that his youngest is now sleeping through the night, and that it was his anniversary. **Eldon Spencer** will be spending two plus weeks in Hawaii. **Deb Newman** will be with family in the Bahamas.

February Birthdays

- 01 Dwayne Lowman
- 01 Abul Sarah
- 02 Jane Fenton
- 09 Vanessa Kahn
- 14 Terry Stirewalt
- 19 Dave Drummond

February Anniversaries

- 01 Mary Kurth 22 yrs
- 01 Dwayne Lowman 8 yrs
- 11 Greg Worthen 5 yrs
- 12 Sharon Van Winkel 21 yrs
- 14 Sandhya Gupta 18 yrs
- 18 Dave Sennes 38 yrs

Recent Program Recordings...

01/22/24 – "Reach Out and Read MN" Kris Hoplin - <https://youtu.be/vVsQ6AbAqkw>

01/29/24 – "Bloomington Fire Department" Fire Chief Ulie Seal - <https://youtu.be/aXZ1ma97cEU>

02/12/24 - "Becoming Benedict Arnold" Stephen Yoch - <https://youtu.be/iSGeSFG8NAE>

02/26/24 - "Birth With Dignity" Sue Steen - <https://youtu.be/rbCNMOZJiNM>

These and other Rotary programs are also available to stream on the city website here: <https://reflect-bcit.cablecast.tv/CablecastPublicSite/search?channel=2&query=rotary>

Upcoming Meetings -

- Black Denotes In Person Meeting At the Hilton Hotel**
- Blue Denotes Club Service, Meet and Greet, or a Vocational Event**
- Red Denotes No Meeting at the Hilton**
- Green Denotes a planned Zoom Meeting**

- Feb 22: Thursday **“Meet and Greet”** Hilton Hotel, Chop House Bar area, 5:00 PM
- Feb 26: Monday **“Birth With Dignity”** Guest: Sue Steen **Zoom available**
- Mar 7: Thursday **“Club Service at VEAP”** 2:15 to 5:00 Email **Laura Schultz** to sign up
- Mar 11: Monday **“Mahendra Nath Rotary Foundation Challenge Kickoff”**
Guest: District Governor Elect Sharon Bloodworth Zoom available
- Mar 14: Thursday **“Meet and Greet”** Hilton Hotel, Chop House Bar area, 5:00 PM
- Mar 20: Wednesday **“State of the City”** Off site Luncheon. Location to be determined

Calendar of Events - SAVE the following DATES on your calendar!

- Feb 22: Thursday **“Meet and Greet”** Hilton Hotel, Chop House Bar area, 5:00 PM
- Mar 7: Thursday **“Club Service at VEAP”** 2:15 to 5:00 Email **Laura Schultz** to sign up
- Mar 9: Saturday **“Second Harvest Heartland”** District 5950 Project (See below)
- Mar 13: Wednesday **“STRIVE Understanding Costs”** Chris Aldrich & Terry Stirewalt
- Mar 20: Wednesday **“STRIVE Making Good Decisions”** Andrea Specht, 9:30AM
- Mar 20: Wednesday **“State of the City”** Luncheon, Location to be Determined
- Mar 26: Tuesday **“Joint Club and Foundation Board Meeting”** Zoom Noon
- Apr 20: Wednesday **“STRIVE Age 18 Legal Responsibilities”** Jim Casserly
- Apr 24: Wednesday **“STRIVE Ethical Challenges”** Terry Stirewalt
- Apr 29: **“Loaves and Fishes Community Service”** 4:30 PM to 7:00 PM Christ the King Lutheran
- May 8: Wednesday **“STRIVE Future Positive Mindset”** Don Stiles, Terry Stirewalt
- May 21: Tuesday **“STRIVE Recognition Event”** Kennedy HS, 8:00 AM
- Aug 24, 2024 Saturday **“Rotary on a Stick”** Rotary Day at the State Fair

Announcements...

District 5950 Events

District Conference: The **District 5950 Conference** "Elevating Impact Together" event was a smashing success! Lots of great information was shared with those attending. The District compiled documents from the breakout presenters and hall of friendship participants and have made them available for download on the website. [The handouts and slides of the sessions can be accessed here.](#) .

Second Harvest Heartland: On **March 9th** the district is planning to work with **Second Harvest Heartland**. If you want to participate, register by Friday February 23. The event will be held at 7101 Winnetka Avenue North, Brooklyn Park, MN starting at 9:00 AM. [More Information Here](#)

- The Four-Way Test*
1. *Is it the TRUTH?*
 2. *Is it FAIR to all concerned?*
 3. *Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?*
 4. *Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?*

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