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Week of April 27, 2009

A Publication of the **ROTARY CLUB OF ST. LOUIS PARK**

District 5950, Club 2133 – Since 1947

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS



6—Glenn & Nancy Krause

Seasons with Bears

13—RobinCaufman

Mgr Public Involvement

Light Rail—

Central Corridor

20—No Meeting

District Conference

27—Phillip Brunelle



4—Jay Barnes, President
Bethel University

11—Product Show Day
Marriott SLP

18—TBA

25— No Meeting

Memorial Day

APRIL

Sergeant at Arms

Amy Hennen

Nick Lampi

INTRODUCTIONS

6—Tammy Sullivan

13—Arnie Bloomquist

20—Harley Bergren

27—Walt Hanson

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"Staff"

Rod Shilkrot

Darlyne Erickson

Tammy Sullivan

THIS MONDAY!



Philip Brunelle

VocalEssence Founder and Artistic Director

Philip Brunelle, artistic director and founder of *VocalEssence*, is an internationally renowned conductor, choral scholar and performer.

Believing that listeners and musicians alike must experience music of many genres and styles, he has worked enthusiastically-and tirelessly-to expand audiences for rarely heard works of the past and unique new music. His conducting engagements have taken him across the United States, South America and Europe including the New York Philharmonic, Minnesota Orchestra, the Berkshire Choral Festival and Oregon Bach Festival.

BREAKING NEWS:

WHAT DO THESE NUMBERS MEAN TO YOU?

St. Louis Park	65%	\$15,200	\$7,970	\$109
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To learn more about the above numbers and dollars, scroll down to the article entitled: "MESSAGE FROM THE 5950 ANNUAL FUNDS CHAIR."

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR ANDREW BRIMEYER MAY 2ND

Andrew Brimeyer, age 37, of Breckenridge, Colorado, formerly of St. Louis Park, and the son of Rotarian Jim Brimeyer, died March 9, 2009. A **MEMORIAL SERVICE** will be held **Saturday, May 2**, at 3 p.m., with visitation one hour prior to the service all at: **Washburn-McReavy**, Edina Chapel, West 50th & Hwy. 100, 952-920-3996. Andrew is survived by his loving family: mother, Toni; father, Jim (Pam); sister, Angie (Paul); nephew, Ben; and many dear relatives and friends. He graduated from Benilde-St. Margaret's in 1990 and Loras College in Dubuque, Iowa in 1994. Andy was a gentle, sensitive man, who loved animals and the great outdoors. Memorials are preferred to *Helping Paws*, PO Box 634, Hopkins, MN 55343 or www.helpingpaws.org.

DO YOU HAVE A NEW E-MAIL ADDRESS OR PHONE #?

Send that information **IMMEDIATELY** to: Darlyne@Creatingorder.com AND JeremiahTanner@GMail.com



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PRODUCT SHOW DAY UPDATE FROM ACKERMAN

Our joint Product Trade Show and Luncheon on **May 11th**, being held at the Marriott Mpls. West on Hwy 394 and 169, is starting to fill up, and on its way to becoming a real success. Most of the members requesting the tables are from the St. Louis Park Noon club. We would very much like to have more of the other clubs' members participate and display their items as well. Once again, this is an opportunity for all of our Rotary members to be able to promote their own business and products with other club members **FOR FREE!** Normally, trade shows usually charge people from \$150 up to \$1,000 for an opportunity like this. Many of the members who have requested display tables or spaces, are also providing various prizes for drawings. This will create excitement, and will encourage everyone to stay for the entire meeting/show, because they will have to be present to win. There have been some great prizes donated already. Thanks for your support...

E-mail: aackerman@lupient.com

Fax: Allan Ackerman, (763) 546-5773

HELP NEEDED WITH HOSTING INDIAN GSE TEAM

A message from Club Administrator, Darlyne Erickson:

Thank you so much for your efforts in stepping up to help our club be a part of hosting this year's District 5950 Group Study Exchange with 5 professionals from India. We have secured host families, with the help of the Sunrise club. However, I still need help with two items: additional ideas for vocational outings on Monday and Tuesday, May 4th and 5th. Here is what each of these 5 professionals are specifically looking for on an individual basis:

1. Gopala Murthy - **Visit to offset printing presses, interaction with used printing machinery dealers, visit to publishers of books, calendars, diaries, and packaging units.**
2. Manasa Ananth - **Visit any HP branches (IT Biz Analyst for HP)**
3. Manjunath Sadashivaiah - **Visits to international airports, IT & ITES companies, pharmaceutical and FMCG companies.**
4. Priti Dugar - **Visit different jurisdictional courts, meet legal specialists in the field of Insurance.**
5. Harsha Shivram - **Radio and TV Stations.**

The second item I need help with is getting as much relief as possible for the Brimeyer family during our hosting period, specifically on Saturday, May 2nd. Jim and Pam are thus far committed to hosting one of these professionals, but would appreciate any relief our club can offer them, in light of their recent loss in the family and the new scheduling commitments involved with that. Any help is greatly appreciated. Please let me know your thoughts ASAP! Thank you so much.

DATES AND HOSTS NEEDED FOR PROGRESSIVE

REPEAT NOTICE: Fellow St. Louis Park Rotarians, it's time to start planning for our 2009 Progressive Dinner. As you know, last year was a smashing success, and this year is going to be even bigger



and more fun! We're looking at a June/July time frame. **Please respond to these two questions:**

1. If the date, time, and logistics work out (transportation, etc.), would you be interested in participating or not?

2. If you are interested in participating, are there dates you know for sure that will not work for you at this point?

Please email your quick answer to these two questions ASAP to Jay Rasmussen at jrasmus-sen@jobsmn.com. Please help me get this thing on the calendar. Thanks! Jay Rasmussen, Vice President and Social Director

FAST FORWARD: NEXT

WEEK'S MEETING – MONDAY, MAY 4, 2009



James (Jay) H. Barnes III

Rescheduled appearance: Jay Barnes, President, Bethel University

James (Jay) H. Barnes III became the fifth president of Bethel University on July 1, 2008. Barnes has been a leader in Christian higher education for more than 30 years. Most recently, he has served for 13 years as executive vice president and provost of the College of Arts & Sciences, College of Adult & Professional Studies, and Graduate School at Bethel University. Prior to his time at Bethel, Barnes was active in the area of student development, serving first as the dean for student development and then the vice president for student development for 15

years at Messiah College in Pennsylvania. He was a residence director at Wheaton College for four years, and served as teacher, vice principal, and then principal at Black Forest Academy in Kandern, Germany, in the early-mid 1970s.

FROM THE PODIUM

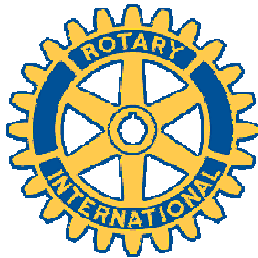
VOCATIONAL TALKERS STILL IN DEMAND: Allan "Vocational Service Director" Ackerman is seeking volunteers to go to the podium and tell their life stories in 3-5 minutes – better known as Vocational Talks. This is not just for newer members. We'd like to hear more from our tenured members as well.

PARKTACULAR BALLOON BOOTH AGAIN: SLP Rotary has agreed to again sponsor a Parktacular balloon give-away booth at Wolfe Park, Saturday, June 19th. Volunteer your participation in the booth to President Paul.

UPCOMING CLUB PROGRAMS OF INTEREST:
May 11 – Area 5 Product Show Day at Marriott West (see related article in "News").

THIS DAY IN HISTORY – APRIL 20TH
 1836 – Great day in history – Territory of Wisconsin established by Congress
 1889 – Adolf Hitler born on this day in Austria
 1939 – Ted Williams, future Hall of Famer, made his major league debut in Boston
 1940 – RCA publicly demonstrated new electron microscope
 1945 – Allied forces took control of Nuremberg and Stuttgart near end of WWII
 1999 – Columbine High School shootings in Denver area resulted in the killings of 12 students and one teacher
 2008 – Danica Patrick became the first female winner in IndyCar history, winning Japan 300 on her 50th start

"LAUGH" BREAK: Postponed due to a lack of interest.



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REWIND: MEETING of APRIL 13, 2009

Central LRT Corridor Community Outreach ROBIN CAUFMAN – Manager of Public In- volvement

With the Met Council for six years, Robin Caufman was a planning analyst/ sector representative before she became manager of public involvement for the Central Corridor LRT Project. Her previous Met Council job involved coordinating outreach and regional planning activities with cities in Hennepin County. She has a master's degree in urban and regional planning from the University of Minnesota's Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs.

Contact: 651-602-1457; robin.caufman@metc.state.mn.us

She began her presentation by showing a 2030 vision map of the metro area in terms of rail, light rail and bus route planning. Other highlights:



The North Star (hard) rail commuter train will open for service later this year.

The Central Corridor Light Rail Transit line (LRT), for which she represents, will extend from downtown Minneapolis, through the U of M campus area, Midway, down University Ave., through the State Capitol area and into downtown St. Paul.

The Met Council, her employer, is responsible for the development of this route – which will be the second LRT route (following the Hiawatha Line, from downtown to the airport and to Mall of America -- MOA).

The Southwest Corridor LRT is being developed by Hennepin County and could be open as soon as 2015-2016. It will stretch from downtown into St. Louis Park (with a station at Wooddale and Hwy. 7) and southwest into Eden Prairie.

Other possible LRT routes could wind from downtown to Hwy. 81 into Maple Grove; from St. Paul to Hastings; from St. Paul to Forest Lake.

The Hiawatha LRT, by the numbers, is a success. 20,000 riders per day were forecasted at the time of its opening; but the actual rider-ship is closer to 30,000 per day. In 2008, the rider-ship increase was 11%.

A new Park & Ride facility will be opening at the Bloomington Central Station development between the airport and MOA. This has been a component of the Hiawatha support strategy of redeveloping the bus service structure around this LRT line. Development, commercial and residential, around the line, has also been significant and encouraging. The Met Council is projecting 7,000 new housing units along the line by 2020; with new housing units built to date at 7,700.

Federal funding has helped with the three main current transit projects in the metro: Urban Partners (\$86 million for bus-ways



from downtown south to Lakeville); The North Star rail line (\$157 million for commuter rail from Big Lake to downtown); and the Central LRT Corridor (\$450 million). Only one other city in the U.S. has three transit projects underway at the same time – and that city is Seattle.

More about the North Star commuter rail line:

It will use 40 miles of existing heavy rail; There will be six stations; Total transit time between Big Lake and downtown will be 41 minutes, vs. 75-80 min. drive time; The downtown final stop station will be connected to the Twins' new Target Field complex; Projected weekly boarding in year one is 4,100 and 5,900 by 2030;

Web links: www.mn-getonboard.com; or www.metcouncil.org;

Phase two of the North Star rail will be from Monticello to St. Cloud.

More about the Central Corridor LRT line:

This line will open by 2012; Projected rider-ship will be 41,690 by 2030; most riders will be state office workers and students and employees from the U of M; Lots of reinforcement work will have to be done on the Washington Ave. Bridge connecting the two "banks" of the U of M campus, on which the LRT will cross; the bridge will feature a transit pedestrian mall on top; Tunneling became very expensive and will not be part of this line – especially at a cost of \$250 million for an 8-block tunnel; A Stadium Village station and development will be located adjacent to the new on-campus TCF Bank Stadium; Along historic University Ave., the line will run down the middle of the street on the actual old street car line or right-of-way – where old granite pavers have been found and many to be preserved in the redevelopment; The new Capitol East station will cater to an estimated 17,000 state capitol

area workers;

The downtown St. Paul portion of the route will wind its way to the current Union Depot facility – which, when feasibility studies are complete, will likely be home to high-speed rail trains from the Twin Cities to Madison, Milwaukee and Chicago;

Station designs will be consistent and five local artists have been hired to do murals, sculptures, etc.; with community input playing a major role in all key decisions affecting the Central Corridor;

Fares support bus routes at 25% the cost; 45% for LRT; with 98% compliance by riders on each paying "on their own;"

There will be 19 separate stations on this line between the two downtowns.

E-ROTATLER NEWS & NOTES

COMMITTEES FORMING FAST FOR 2009 GALA

Hello fellow Rotarians. As I mentioned at the meeting today the committees for this year's Gala are being formed and this is your opportunity to choose which committee you would like to work on. The event is being held on Thursday, October 8th at the Doubletree Hotel. Please see the list below and let me know which committee/committees you would like to be on as every member is expected to participate. If I have not received a response within two weeks you will be assigned to one. With the participation of the entire club this will be a fun, productive event and no doubt a tremendous success as well! Thanks ahead of time for your prompt response and your help with our main fundraiser for the entire year! **Overall chair, Nick Lampi**

Committees:

- Program Setup, Entertainment and Decor -
- Marketing - Rod Shilkrot, *Chair*
- Silent Auction -
- Sales and Sponsorship - Elmer Schindel, *Chair*
- Financial - Lynette Fagerberg, *member*
- Volunteer Coordination -



GOLDEN VALLEY CLUB GALA MAY 1ST

The Rotary Club of Golden Valley Spring 2009 Gala Fundraiser, featuring the high energy entertainment of **The Lovers Show!**

Friday, May 1, 5:45 - 10 p.m.
Golden Valley Country Club, 7001 Golden Valley Road
Tickets: 763.370.9387
Info: www.GoldenValleyRotary.com

The Rotary Club of Golden Valley is a leading area service organization donating thousands of dollars and volunteer hours annually to local charities, student scholarships and international humanitarian projects.



YOU CAN BE PART OF HISTORY IN EDINA ON MAY 17TH

How many of us get an opportunity to do something that has never been done before? Well now you have a chance! On May 17th a **World Record for the Largest Bike Parade** is going to be set at Lake Cornelia in Edina. We need 3,000 riders to cover the 2 mile route, single file without any large gaps between bikers. Here are some details about the record setting event:

- Date:** Sunday May 17th
- Time:** 10:00 am – 2:00 pm
- Cost:** Just \$5 to ride, raise \$25 and get a free World Record Setting T-Shirt
- Why:** Build community by promoting the healthy benefits of safe biking.
- Star Power:** **Greg LeMond**, 3-time Tour de France winner is going to lead the Bike Parade
- Proceeds:** Are going to local food shelves and purchase bike racks
- To register:** www.edinabikeparade.com

This promises to be a fun day for families to do something that you will talk about forever. Steve May; www.edinabikeparade.com; 612-850-5027

UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS

MAY 11, 2009 – AREA 5 PRODUCT SHOW

DAY: Noontime, Marriott West on 394 near Hopkins Crossroads; register with Allan Ackerman to exhibit your business at this fun event. Buffet luncheon served; \$21.

MAY 16, 2009 – DISTRICT ASSEMBLY: Gather at Normandale Community College for this annual assembly; located in Bloomington; meeting is targeted for all AGs/District Leadership, Club Presidents, Club Leaders, all Club Board members and all District 5950 Rotarians).

SEPT. 25, 2009 – FALL TRAINING DAY 2009:

Golden Valley Country Club; Golden Valley (Includes AGs/District Leadership, Club Presidents, Club Leaders, and all District 5950 Rotarians)

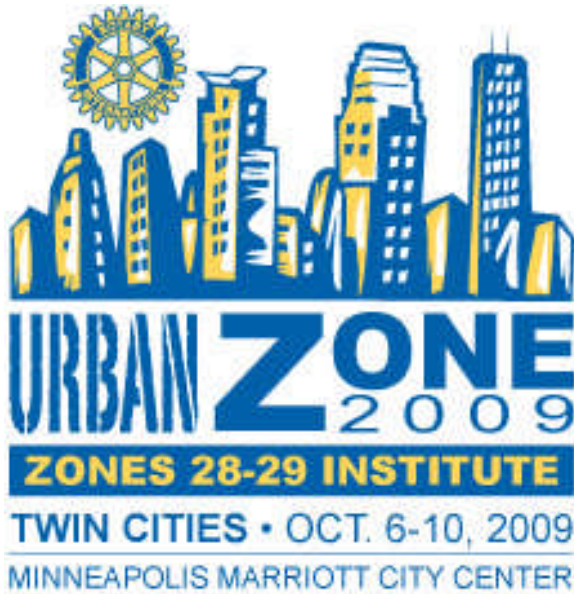
JAN. 23, 2010 – MID-TERM ASSEMBLY:

St. Cloud (Includes AGs/District Leadership, Club Presidents, Club Leaders, and all District 5950 Rotarians)

MAY 13-15, 2010 – DISTRICT CONFERENCE:

Westin Hotel; Edina (Includes AGs/District Leadership, Club Presidents, Club Leaders, and all District 5950 Rotarians)

CLUB OFF-SITE MEETING IDEAS? Allan Ackerman, Vocational Service Director, encourages more site visits as regular meetings, away from the Double Tree. Contact Ackerman at aackerman@lupient.com if you are interested in hosting the club off-site.



CELEBRATIONS!

BIRTHDAYS

- Bruce Hasselbring—3
- Elmer Schindel—4
- Walt Hanson—5
- Allan Ackerman—6
- Darlyne Erickson—16
- Paul Bierhaus—19
- Bill Kenney—20
- Mary Phelps—21

SLP ROTARY HAS A NEWLY- DESIGNED WEB SITE

Newly designed club Web Site:

www.RotarySLP.org

Designed by: Steve Solbrack, coordinated with Tim Dillon, Risdall Advertising

Modeled after: Hopkins Rotary site

Demonstration of new site: coming to a Monday meeting soon

Password for access to Member Only Section (currently under construction):

ParkRotary (all one word; no Login name required).

New Webmaster/administrator for the club:

Jeremiah Tanner (send all old SLP Rotary photos to Jeremiah for posting on the new site).

CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

- John Billman—55 Years
- Al Ynvge—48 Years
- Bill Davies—26 Years
- Jack Chaffee—25 Years
- Lynette Fagerberg—14 Years
- Nick Lampi—8 Years
- Sue Sanger—2 Years

STRETCH DRIVE UNDERWAY: TRF ANNUAL GIVING CAMPAIGN 2009

SEVENTH NOTICE: This is a reminder that if you have not made your donation to the St. Louis Park Foundation and the Rotary International Foundation, please consider doing so in the near future. Wasn't President Elect David Landt's talk today about the opportunity for our club to help get a mammography machine to a hospital in India great? The matching grants and the funds available at the club, district and international level he referenced to make this project achievable would not be possible without the tremendous generosity of individual Rotarians, like you. You can send your checks to me made out to "St. Louis Park Rotary Foundation" for our local club foundation and "Rotary International Foundation" for the international donation. If it is more convenient you may also use your credit card for BOTH foundations (new this year for our local foundation). The goal is for a \$200 donation to each foundation, but any amount that works for you and your family will be accepted. Please contact me with any questions or to make your contributions.

Nick Lampi; (952) 935-0782 Checks can be sent to: Edward Jones Investments Attn: Nick Lampi 8001 Highway 7; Ste 400 St. Louis Park, MN 55426

MESSAGE FROM 5950 ANNUAL FUNDS CHAIR

Hello Rotarians! We have 10 more weeks until the end of the Rotary year. Is your club going to make your goal? If you haven't started your final push to raise money for The Rotary Foundation, now is the time! We can not wait another day to ask all of our fellow Rotarians to contribute to Our Rotary Foundation. Here is where we stand so far: As a District, we have given **\$374,262** as of March 31st. The collective club goals set by club Presidents was approximately \$724,000, which means we are about **52% to goal**. I know that we tend to give a great deal of money towards the end of the year and this year will be no different. While we still have a long way to go to hit our goals, I have no doubt that we will do so if we ask **Every Rotarian** to give. The children of the world need us. Let's get out there and make it happen!

Here are the clubs who have reached their goals already. Great job!

<u>Club</u>	<u>% of goal</u>	<u>Club Goal</u>	<u>Amount given</u>	<u>\$ per member</u>
St. Michael-Albertville	199%	\$2,750	\$5,464	\$248
Richfield	194%	\$3,600	\$7,000	\$233
Redwood Falls	128%	\$4,400	\$5,625	\$140
Madelia	114%	\$1,000	\$1,140	\$54
Eden Prairie noon	110%	\$6,000	\$6,584	\$212
Edina	102%	\$47,400	\$48,529	\$332

<u>Where are we at?</u>				
St. Louis Park	65%	\$15,200	\$7,970	\$109

Keep in mind that we still have matching money available. Here are the programs:

1. Previous non-giving Rotarians can have their contribution matched dollar for dollar up to \$400.
2. New Paul Harris Society members (those who pledge to give \$1,000 each and every year to The Rotary Foundation) will have their 1st year's contribution matched.

These matching programs are first come, first served. Please email me with the names of those Rotarians who wish to take advantage of this match. Please let me know if you have any questions, need a speaker for a Foundation program, or have Rotarians who are taking advantage of the matching program. The time to act is now. Thank you for Making Dreams Real through your work in raising money for Our Rotary Foundation. Yours in Rotary,

*Jeff Ohe
Rotary Club of Edina
District 5950 Annual Funds Chair*

