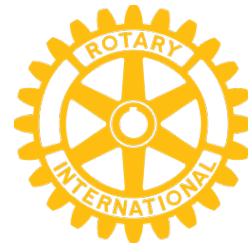


Rotary

Club of New Brighton/Mounds View



Club Meeting

New Brighton/Mounds View
Meets at First and Third Tuesdays
12:00 Noon - 1:00 PM
The Exchange Food and Drink
500 5th Ave. NW
New Brighton, MN 55112
Time: Tuesday at 12:00 PM

Meeting Recap - March 18, 2025

By Dana M. Rebelein on Tuesday, March 18, 2025

Calendar:

- April 1 –11 board meeting; noon Club Meeting [Charlie, Dave, Karen, & Jacobsens: speakers, set up/greeters, invocation and take down for March and April.]
- April 15 – noon Club meeting
- April 25 – Gold Plate Dinner at MOUNDS VIEW COMMUNITY CENTER
- April 30 – May 4 Feed My Starving Children Mobile Packing Event at Incarnation Lutheran in Shoreview [2504-023EA Shoreview, MN Incarnation Lutheran Church - Campaign](#)
- May 1-3 –D5960 Make Peace Visible Conference at Mystic Lake Casino & Resort Notes:

DISTRICT GOVERNOR - DG Ed Boeve, Stillwater Sunrise Rotary Club, was a very welcome surprise guest with a special invitation to participate in the initiative to fight food insecurity, including in our own area, at the Make Peace Visible Conference at Mystic Lake Casino & Resort May 1-3. [Make Peace Visible Conference](#)

GOLD PLATE DINNER

GOLD PLATE DINNER TIME – Time to sell tickets and sell tickets and sell more tickets. This is our ONLY fundraiser! Remember selling roasted turkey legs, corn on the cob, roses,... ? Tickets are \$175 for 2 dinners with 1 raffle number, or \$125 for 1 dinner with 1 raffle number.

- Identify potential sponsors. Cindy provided letters to use when approaching them.
- Collect or donate items for the silent auction.
- Collect restaurant gift cards to add to the "Dine Around Town" live auction

MAY JUNE MEETING HOSTS

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PROGRAM: ELEVATE HOPE HOUSE

Melinda McDermott shared information about Elevate Hope House, a 501c nonprofit she founded in partnership with Oak Haven Church in Anoka County. Together they renovated a Home to house 4 families of single moms with their children. It is a faith-based organization to provide safe housing and programs to teach self-sufficiency and restore feelings of self-worth, including classes on budget management, mental and spiritual health, parenting and building healthy relationships.

Last year, they started a partnership with Spring Lake Park High School to build Elevate's 2nd Home for moms and their kids experiencing homelessness. President Paul Jacobsen and Karen Collins are shown with Melinda, below.

Events

March 18th
[New Brighton/Mounds View Weekly Club Meeting](#)

April 1st
[New Brighton/Mounds View Weekly Club Meeting](#)

April 15th
[New Brighton/Mounds View Weekly Club Meeting](#)

Speakers



Meeting Recap - March 4, 2025

By Dana M. Rebelein on Tuesday, March 4, 2025

Calendar:

- March 18 – Noon Club Meeting [Charlie, Dave, Karen, & Jacobsens: speakers, set up/greeters, invocation and take down for March and April.]
- April 1 – 11AM board meeting; Noon Club meeting
- April 15 – noon Club meeting
- April 25 – 6PM, Gold Plate Dinner at New Brighton Community Center

Notes:

GOLD PLATE DINNER

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PRESIDENT JOHN J STEPS DOWN/VP PAUL JACOBSEN STEPS UP

After providing stellar leadership for 1 ½ years, President John Johnson has resigned to move to smoky, muddy, hot California. [Are you sure about this, John?] Seriously, we wish him and Dana the best as they move forward, and are grateful for his smart, funny, compassionate and effective leadership.

V.P. Paul Jacobsen is ready, willing, and absolutely capable to step up a few months early.

REMEMBER NIGER

Abdoul Aziz Aboubaca and Halimaten Suadia Abdou, our Niger scholarship children sent colorful illustrated messages in appreciation of our support.

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PROGRAM

Numaan (an Oromo word which means "By us")

Anne Atomssa introduced Numaan, a nonprofit started by her in Ethiopia to equip women and vulnerable youth with resources and support to thrive. Numaan operates on the understanding that the best solutions to the world's toughest problems come from those who live with those challenges every day.

Among Numaan's projects are the sustainable manufacturing of reusable menstrual pads so girls don't need to skip school, economically empowering women by giving them cows and employment, recruiting college students to mentor and tutor younger students, and supporting solar lantern and clean water projects. Numaan's clean water project benefits more than a thousand people. The community provides labor and maintains the well. They built a fence and hired guards to protect the water.

Anne and Cindy Carlson are shown below.



Meeting Recap - February 18, 2025

By Dana M. Rebelein on Tuesday, February 18, 2025

Calendar:

- February 28 – HARVEST PACK with Irondale students, 3:30- 4:30 in Irondale Cafeteria, PRE-REGISTER:

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- March 4 - 11 Board, 12 Club meeting
- April 25 – Gold Plate Dinner at New Brighton Community Center

Notes:

- SHARE THE LOVE! Donate to The Rotary Foundation Annual Fund this month and move toward your next Paul Harris Fellowship. Give in February and get matching points toward your next Paul Harris Fellow award. \$100-\$364 = 1 to 1 match; \$365 = 635 points match. Sign up for Rotary Direct with a minimum donation of \$30 per month and receive 500 points.

Almost half of this donation comes back to our District to support our initiatives. (Last year, more than \$227,000). Here is the link to donate through your My Rotary Account: <https://www.rotary.org/en/donate>.

- Flyers with menu, price, date and time for the GOLD PLATE DINNER fundraiser were emailed to all members by Cindy on February 19.
- The Crutches for Africa barrels were retrieved to be used in expanding the project to other communities. The amount collected here was amazing, and more is still coming in. Get any you have to John J and he will get them where they need to go.
- Charlie, Dave, Paul, Denise, John J & Karen are responsible for **greeting** members and guests, **setting up and taking down** the meeting site, and providing **the invocation** in March and April. John O, Cindy, Mary, Nils & Susie have May and June. Let John Johnson, Jason Miller and Paul Jacobsen know what the programs will be as soon as you can.
- President John J. shared tantalizing tidbits of his trip to Thailand. This is a potential program for us.

Program: Irondale MUN (Model United Nations)

Boyana Nikolova and Asmaa Hamimoune, IHS Juniors shared: MUN (Model United Nations) is an educational simulation in which students role-play as delegates representing countries in the UN. Delegates research global issues, engage in debates and work together to pass resolutions addressing problems like climate change, human

rights, and peacekeeping. The experience develops skills in public speaking, research, debate and negotiation, critical thinking and team work.

Delegates from more than 50 schools across the state are organized into teams and assigned countries to represent. They work together to draft resolutions and address global issues, negotiate and collaborate to reach consensus.

At the February Board meeting, NBMV Rotary committed \$400 toward tuition for 2 students to attend the conference.

Boyana and Asmaa are shown below.



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