

# 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 - April 1, 2025

By Dana M. Rebelein on Tuesday, April 1, 2025

Calendar:

- April 8 – CPY Spring Luncheon 11:45 a.m. at Christ the King. Speaker is the Hennepin County Sheriff. Dawanna Witt
- April 15 – 11 board meeting; noon Club Meeting [Charlie, Dave, Karen, & Jacobsen's get speakers, set up/greeters, invocation and take down for March and April.]
- 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](https://www.2504-023EA.Shoreview.MN.Incarnation.Lutheran.Church-Campaign)
- May 1-3 – D5960 Make Peace Visible Conference at Mystic Lake Casino & Resort <https://makepeacevisible.org>
- May 14 – 11:30-1 Northeast Youth and Family Services luncheon at Vadnais Heights Commons
- May 17 – Clean up day at the NBAHS depot museum 1-3pm
- June 1 – NBAHS Rhubarb Fest at the depot in Long Lake Park, 1-3pm

Notes:

GOLD PLATE DINNER TIME

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

### Events

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

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

### Speakers

## MAY JUNE MEETING HOSTS

John O, Cindy, Mary, Nils & Susie are responsible for **speakers, greeting** members and guests, **setting up and taking down** the meeting site, and providing **the invocation** in May and June. Let Jason Miller and Paul Jacobsen know what the programs will be as soon as possible.

## PROGRAM

New Brighton Area Historical Society (NBAHS)

Art Oglesby and Joyce Klonecz were guest speakers. Beginning in 1887, trains travelled twice daily between New Brighton and St. Paul from the Bulwer Junction railroad depot near the present location of Bell Lumber and Pole. In 1987, the depot was purchased for \$1 and moved with a caboos to the present location in Long Lake Park. The NBAHS was formed to restore and maintain the site and to discover, preserve and disseminate knowledge about the history of the area in and about New Brighton.

The Society collects photographs, printed materials and artifacts related to New Brighton, Arden Hills, and Mounds View. It published books on its collection in 1987, 2002 and 2005, and a virtual tour is available on the website. A Little Free Library, modeled after the depot museum, has been added to the grounds as an Eagle Scout project.

The depot museum is open without charge for 3 hours on Saturdays and Sundays during the summer. This year, it opens June 1 with its annual rhubarb fest featuring desserts, stalks, plants and recipes for rhubarb grown from plants derived from the original rhubarb grown on the Hipps farm which was on the shore of Long Lake. Volunteers are sought for the Spring clean up from 9 – noon on May 17.

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## Meeting Recap - March 18, 2025

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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
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- 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](#)

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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 2<sup>nd</sup> Home for moms and their kids experiencing homelessness. President Paul Jacobsen and Karen Collins are shown with Melinda, below.



## 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

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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.



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