



SERVICE Above Self

The Gimlet

Rotary Club of Duluth No. 25

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President Larry
Chairperson of the Day

We Meet **Thursday, June 12, 2008**
Spirit Mountain – Eagles Nest and Bear Paw
5:30 p.m. Fellowship; 7:00 p.m. Dinner

Fortner Supper Club & Larry's Piano Lounge
Annual President's Night
Cocktail Attire Recommended but NOT required
VALET PARKING!!!!

This meeting supplants the regular noon meeting.
A signup sheet will be in the Rotary Office on Thursday for those unable to attend the evening event.

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Dates to Remember

- Thurs., June 12th—President's Night—Spirit Mountain
- Fri., June 13th—Woodland Hills Fishing Trip
- Thurs., June 26th—Changing of the Guard—Noon
- Fri., June 27th—Fellowship Breakfast—7:30 a.m.—Northland C. C.
- Thurs., July 17th—An Evening at the Duluth Playhouse—"My Fair Lady" (replaces our noon meeting)

Committee Meetings

- Tues., June 10th—2008-09 Rotary Information—Noon—Forest Suite
- Tues., June 10th—2008-09 Rotary Foundation—Noon—Missabe Room
- Wed., June 11th—2008-09 Fellowship—Noon—Forest Suite
- Wed., June 11th—2008-09 Youth Exchange—Noon—Duluth
- Thurs., June 12th—2007-08 Past Presidents—Noon—Great Hall II
- Tues., June 17th—2008-09 Attendance—Noon—Missabe Room
- Tues., June 17th—2008-09 Commissary & House—Noon—Duluth Room
- Thurs., June 19th—2008-09 Calling—11:15 a.m.—Duluth Room
- Thurs., June 19th—2008-09 Sgt.-at-Arms—11:15—Great Hall
- Tues., June 24th—2008-09 Rotaract—Noon—5th Ave.
- Tues., June 24th—2008-09 Membership Development—Noon—Viking Room
- Wed., June 25th—2008-09 Grants—Noon—5th Ave.

Happy Birthday & Years of Service

- Seth Oliver—June 9th—4 yrs.
- Pat Burns—June 10th—14 yrs.
- Larry Goodwin—June 12th—8 yrs.

Last Week At Rotary

by *The Anonymous Gimleteer*

WHAT ARE WE BID – Got to love a Club 25 event that never ends. Take the Prime Rib Dinner & Auction, for example. This thing has become the Rotary version of the Perpetual Motion Machine. Like the EverReady Bunny, the Auction keeps going and going and ... But last week we might finally have seen the Final Act of this year's Auction as **Earl Rogers** and **Dave Holappa**, with an assist from (a suddenly buff) **Skeeter Moore** (he credits triathlon training), auctioned off an unclaimed item from the Auction – a generous package of Bulldog-related items from the UMD Athletic Department. Spirited bidding drove the final price to \$130, courtesy of a determined **Rebecca Butler**.



Earl Rogers, Skeeter Moore and Dave Holappa auctioned off an unclaimed item from the Prime Rib Dinner and Auction. Rebecca Butler was the high bidder of this UMD Sports Package.

RIGHT IN STYLE – **Dave Fulda** pulled one of his favorite retro sport coats out of his closet last week (he must have an infinite supply of this gaudy but nice stuff) to dress fittingly for his announcement of this year's President's Night Party. Wearing a Forever Plaid number, Dave told us that the party will have a supper club theme and that he'll be dressed in a manner based on something we might have worn in the '70s to go dancing and dining. (Not Dave, of course; he's too young to have gone dining and supper club dancing in the '70s.) This year's Special Events Committee has had a ton of fun planning this party. **Renee Mattson** is pulling out all the stops at Spirit Mountain, and a high-spirited, good-hearted evening – with some closely held secret surprises – is in store.

BUILDING A STRONG FOUNDATION – **PrezLarry**, standing in for **Tricia Bunten**,

reminded us that all it takes to be a Sustaining Member of the Rotary Foundation is a contribution of just 27 cents a day. Actually, he pointed out, the daily contribution for a 365-day year is 27.4 cents. That's what it takes to build up a \$100 annual contribution. But this year, PrezLarry said, is a Leap Year – so the daily contribution is just 27.3 cents per day. Take advantage of this low, low price, he said, by starting NOW to join your fellow Club 25ers as a sustaining member.

Our Club's Foundation giving is of critical interest this year, PrezLarry said, because in the past year we relinquished the spot as the No. 1-giving club in our District – and to a much smaller club. Making matters worse – that much smaller club is Harbortown, which takes keen delight in twisting our collective ear at every opportunity. He urged all of us who are not Sustaining Members of the Rotary International Foundation to let the Office know that we are ready to begin. All it takes is 27.3 cents a day.



President Larry presented a much deserved "Service Above Self" award to Past President Bob Bennett. He extended thanks to Bob for his past and present contributions to Club 25.

LEND ME AN OAR – **PastPrez John Moir** told us that we still need at least four boats for this year's fishing outing with the youngsters from Woodland Hills. Come on, Club 25, just because we don't have **Melissa Swor** urging us on this year (she's otherwise occupied getting married and all that stuff), we still need to muster up for this vitally important day of service. And we get to go fishing, too.

I'LL SEE YOUR 27.3 CENTS AND ... **Brett Kinney** and **Pat Burns** were front and center with their 50/50 station and raised a

Next Week's Program

Lyle Wildes, of Men as Peacemakers, will tell how his prison experiences led him to become a motivational speaker, educator and consultant.

Dan Bergeland will be Chair of the Day.

commendable pot – \$138. Holder of the winning ticket was the aforementioned Skeeter Moore, who was so excited that he could barely speak as he let us know that he wanted to give back the money to the R.I. Foundation and the Westmoreland Foundation. After consultation with the Office, Skeeter opted to allocate \$100 to the R.I. Foundation, becoming an on-the-spot Sustaining Member, and the balance to “the Wes.”

(Editor’s note: Skeeter has been hoping to have this giving opportunity since he joined Rotary, and his generous gesture was graciously accepted. This practice is not encouraged, however; instead, we urge our members and guests to keep their winnings without feeling obligated in any way to return them to the Club.)

OLD TYME RADIO – Ralph Doty – who once hosted a Duluth radio show as “Doty on Duty” – gave us a mini-lecture on the glory years of radio. Ralph drew from his memories, research and thousands of recordings to give us a primer on the history of local radio and closed his program with samples of theme songs and openings of shows that only made us hungry for more. (How can you ever get enough of ... “The Shadow knows ...”) After the meeting, and a brief consultation with The Gimlet, Ralph agreed that he would make available to Webmaster **Peter Bagley** 20-some themes and openings, which Peter can then post on our Club’s Web site. With his rich experience in politics and public service, higher education and radio on several levels, Ralph brings a lot to the table. His radio schtick is one of our favorites.

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Ambassadors Extraordinary

Natalie Zeleznikar–Detroit Lakes
John Hoff, Andy Thielen, Pat Burns, Merry Wallin–Skyline (5/30)
Roni Salo–Harbortown (5/28)
Sandy Hoff–Harbortown (6/4)
Jerry Pelofske–Cloquet (6/3)
Mark Eckman, Jerry Pelofske–eClub

President’s Night

Thursday, June 12th–Spirit Mountain–Valet Parking Available!

Social begins at 5:30 p.m. in Larry’s Piano Lounge with Dorothy Bouchard as she serenades us on the piano. Dance to the music of the Randy Lee Combo. There are a few surprises planned!

The menu includes: Chef Carved Baron of Beef, Chicken Chateau; Twice Baked Potatoes; Spring Vegetable Medley; Tossed Salad; Jell-O-Salad; Dinner Rolls; Relish Trays on the tables; Spirit Mountain Special Pate and

Crackers; and for dessert...Cheesecake Bars, Brownies and Lemon Bars.

This event is our traditional President’s Night. No speeches ... only dining, dancing and a good time. This is a good opportunity to send off **President Larry** after his year at the helm and to welcome **President-Elect Bonita** as our new leader. The “Changing of the Guard” will be performed at our regular meeting on Thursday, June 26.

Cost: \$20/Rotarians (in addition to the regular luncheon charge) and \$26 for guests. Reservations needed by Tuesday, June 10th – No cancellations accepted after Friday, June 6. Please call 722-0451 with your reservations. Guests are welcome!

Committee Meeting Notices

PLEASE, when you receive a notice for a committee meeting, respond as soon as possible whether or not you can attend. The Radisson kitchen staff needs to have a meal count early on the morning of the meeting.

If you respond that you will be attending, a lunch will be ordered for you and you will be charged unless you specify that you do not want lunch.

Thanks. We appreciate your help!

"Take a Kid Fishing Trip"

Let’s take some kids fishing! We’ll start at 8 a.m. on Friday, June 13, and end at 1 p.m., when our fishing partners will be picked up and returned to Woodland Hills. All the fish will be donated to them. There will be 40 students and 10 staff members (if we get enough boats).

Woodland Hills will provide lunch for their people only, so each boat captain should bring his/her own lunch. Soft drinks, snacks and bait will be provided for all the boats.

WE NEED BOATS – Please call **Tom McCabe** to let us know if you can provide a boat and/or would like to help.

Please mark your calendar and sign up today. Thanks!

Our Sympathies

We are sad to report the passing of one of our former members, Fred Wylie. Fred passed away Sunday, June 1, at the age of 87. He had been in a nursing home in the Twin Cities for the past four years. Fred served as president of Club 25 during the 1975-76 Rotary year. He was a true gentleman and a model of what a Rotarian should be. Our deepest sympathies to his family.

Fellowship Breakfasts

Our next Fellowship Breakfast will be at 7:30 a.m. on Friday, June 27, at Northland Country Club. Our Fellowship Breakfasts –

always on the last Friday of the month – are wonderful, low-key gatherings in a beautiful setting, and they qualify for attendance credit, too. Double your pleasure by bringing a guest.

A Note of Thanks

Dear Rotarians, Patty, Debby & Marlene,

A little message from my heart to bring a big “Thank you” to you all for the kindness shown to me while recuperating.

The candy and all the goodies all stacked up to make a pyramid is just so cute.

Again, thank you so much. See you in six weeks.

Peace,
Pat

(Pat, one of our excellent Radisson waitresses, recently underwent surgery. We look forward to her return. She takes such good care of all of us!)

Guiding Principles of Rotary

The Object of Rotary

The Object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

- **FIRST.** The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;
- **SECOND.** High ethical standards in business and professions, the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations, and the dignifying of each Rotarian’s occupation as an opportunity to serve society;
- **THIRD.** The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian’s personal, business and community life;
- **FOURTH.** The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.

Avenues of Service

Based on the Object of Rotary, the Avenues of Service are Rotary’s philosophical cornerstone and the foundation on which club activity is based:

- **Club Service** focuses on strengthening fellowship and ensuring the effective function of the club.
- **Vocational Service** encourages Rotarians to serve others through their vocations and to practice high ethical standards.
- **Community Service** covers the projects and activities the club undertakes to improve life in its community.
- **International Service** encompasses actions taken to expand Rotary’s humanitarian reach around the globe and to promote world understanding and peace.