

# THE HOPTARIAN



ROTARY CLUB OF HOPKINS, MINNESOTA

Raspberry Capital of the World



## Meeting of February 4, 2010

**Tim Dillon** Presiding.

**Tom Radermacher** was today's greeter. He started off with an Olympics hat story and welcomed our guests - **Gary Brown** from Brooklyn Park Rotary and **Ed Hanlon** - a realtor guest of **Ed Stiele**.

Today's Invocation was nothing short of your greatest expectation of **Jerre Miller**. There's a man with a flair for prayer.

► Announcements included **Gary Brown** putting the word out about the Brooklyn Park Rotary's 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Wild Game Dinner and Auctions. They raise over \$50,000 per year. It is on Thursday, February 25 at the Edinburgh USA Clubhouse in Brooklyn Park. Tickets are \$75 and the evening features a Buffet Dinner of Wild Game, Fish and Fowl. For further information or to order tickets, email: [info@therotaryclubofbrooklynpark.org](mailto:info@therotaryclubofbrooklynpark.org). Gary sold quite a few raffle tickets to our members for their choice of shotgun (or \$\$\$).

► **Dr. Block** spoke about our 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Empty Bowls Event. Our goal is to raise \$60,000 this year. We raised \$565 in donations last week at the State of the Community luncheon. Over 100 people attended and all the donations will go toward Empty Bowls. We are looking for volunteers to be on the board this year. As a reminder, Empty Bowls is on March 16 from 11 a.m.-7 p.m. at the Hopkins Center for the Arts. Contact Co-Chairs Doc Block or Ms. **Barb Westmoreland** if you want to help out by volunteering or sponsoring the event.

► **Judy Elling** got up to thank Tuttle's for their generous donation of catering and food for last week's luncheon and also the Hopkins and Minnetonka Rotary members for their support of ResourceWest and the ICA Foodshelf. She also told us about the upcoming Run For Your Life 5k Race. They are looking for volunteers.

► **Tim Dillon** reminded us that Rotary is dark next week due to Thursday's 11:30 a.m. HBCA Event. **Jerre Miller** is the speaker. Enough said. Be there.!

**John Anderson** led Recognition with Olympics-themed trivia. Happy Bucks came from **André LaTondresse** ... his daughter got engaged on Friday night. **Josh Kruse** invited us to an event next Thursday at his Chiropractic Shop on Mainstreet - no longer a franchise!! **Rick Getschow** encouraged us to sign up for Citizen's

### MEETINGS

Thursdays at 12 noon  
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**Judy Elling Feb. 15**

Academy. It is for five Thursdays beginning March 4. Get to know Hopkins. You'll be glad you did.

Today's speaker was Dale Specken, Fire Chief of the Hopkins Fire Department. Chief Specken's presentation focused on the TNT Fire that took place on May 26, 2009 at the intersection of Shady Oak Road and Mainstreet. It was a fascinating dissection of an extremely destructive fire. The Hopkins Fire Department successfully fought and controlled the fire with the help of numerous neighboring fire departments.

A few interesting takeaways: The call came in at 10:58. The first Fire Chief arrived at 10:59. The owner of TNT was in front of the building shooting off fireworks shortly before. He was testing out new ones that just arrived at the store. Interestingly enough, that was not the cause of the fire. The cause was ruled to be an accident or of an undeter-

mined origin. It started in the ceiling area of the TNT office space. 75 Firefighters worked on the fire that day. As the day wore on, the Chief realized he needed to get some nourishment to all the workers. They sent someone down to McDonald's and ordered 100 hamburgers and 100 cheeseburgers. Although the McDonald's cashier had a hard time believing the order was not a joke, they quickly provided the burgers. Not long after, they went back and ordered the same since the first batch of burgers was gone in an instant. All in all, it was a two million-dollar loss. 500,000-1 million gallons of water were used. All the city's departments worked together and it was a success thanks to the great team's skill, preparedness, and ability to cooperate.

Submitted by,

*Suzanne Abrams*

**Next Meeting: February 18, 2010**

**Program: Opportunity Partners: Jon Thompson and Julie Peters**

**February 18, 2010**

**Presiding:** Tim Dillon  
**Invocation:** Gunnar Carlson  
**Greeter:** Paul Slaton  
**Recognition:** **Open**  
**Hop. Reporter:** Angela Schatz  
**Back Table:** Jim Block

**February 11**  
**DARK**  
**Hopkins Business & Civic Association meeting**

**February 25, 2010**

**Presiding:** Tim Dillon  
**Invocation:** Nelson Berg  
**Greeter:** Gunnar Carlson  
**Recognition:** Rick Getschow  
**Hop. Reporter:** **Open**  
**Back Table:** Roger Struthers

Little Johnny and his family were having Sunday dinner at his grandmother's house. Everyone was seated around the table as the food was being served.

When little Johnny received his plate he started eating right away.

"Johnny, wait until we say our prayer."

"I don't have to," the boy replied.

"Of course you do," his mother insisted. "We say a prayer before eating at our house."

"That's at our house," Johnny explained, "but this is Grandma's house, and she knows how to cook."

During a visit to the mental asylum, a visitor asked the Director what the criterion was, which defined whether or not a patient should be institutionalized.

"Well," said the Director, "we fill up a bathtub, then we offer a teaspoon, a teacup and a bucket to the patient and ask him or her to empty the bathtub "

"Oh, I understand," said the visitor. "A normal person would use the bucket because it's bigger than the spoon or the teacup."

"No." said the Director, "A normal person would pull the plug. Do you want a bed near the window?"



**EMPTY BOWLS**

## 12th Annual Fundraiser for Local Foodshelves

**March 16, 2010 11 a.m. - 7 p.m.**  
**Hopkins Center for the Arts on Mainstreet**

**Please support our 12th annual community wide fundraiser to fill empty bowls.  
Our goal is to raise \$60,000!**

Everyone is invited to choose from over 1000 handmade bowls, share a simple meal of soup and bread, enjoy local entertainment, and make a free will donation to support the Intercongregation Communities Association (ICA Food Shelf) and ResourceWest (formerly Hopkins Minnetonka Family Resource Center).

\_\_\_\_ I want to be a "Challenge to the Community" Sponsor for \$\_\_\_\_.  
Checks payable to "Hopkins Public Schools/Empty Bowls." SUPERVALU provides a seed grant to help us raise at least \$40,000 before Empty Bowls Day. All sponsors will be acknowledged on the donation receipt given to our guests. Sponsors of \$250 and more will also have their logo and/or name on posters at the event.

\_\_\_\_ I would like to Volunteer at the event from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ p.m.  
My phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ I would like to be an In-Kind Sponsor and donate:

\_\_\_\_ Gallons of commercially prepared soup - variety: \_\_\_\_\_  
Pick-up: \_\_\_\_ Mon. 3/15 afternoon OR \_\_\_\_ Tues. 3/16 morning

\_\_\_\_ ground coffee ( \_\_\_\_ pounds)                      \_\_\_\_ 2000 napkins

\_\_\_\_ 2000 12 oz. disposable soup bowls                      \_\_\_\_ 2000 plastic spoons

\_\_\_\_ 2000 8 oz. coffee cups                      \_\_\_\_ other: \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ day phone \_\_\_\_\_  
(exactly as you wish to be listed in our acknowledgements)

Street \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Return this form to Barb Westmoreland, 1001 Hwy 7, Hopkins MN 55305 or FAX to 952-988-4147.

**Thank you for filling empty bowls in our community by supporting this event!**

Co-Chairs of Empty Bowls 2010

Dr. Jim Block

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Hopkins Public Schools