

THE ROTARY RAZZ



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Welcome new member



The Rotary Board on Sept. 21 approved Don Huber as a new member.

Don is the President of Huber Homes Chicago, a full-service general contractor specializing in new home construction and remodels, and a licensed realtor with Compass Realty.

He is a graduate of Southeast Missouri State University (B.S in Business Administration).

Don lives in River Forest and is a deacon at the First Presbyterian Church of River Forest. He has also volunteered with Habitat for Humanity, Crossroads Missions and Blessings in a Backpack.

He was sponsored by Dan Browne.



CALENDAR

September

28 — Happy Hour, Exit Strategy Brewing Company, 7700 Madison St., Forest Park, 5-6:30 p.m. **NO LUNCH MEETING.**

October

- 5 — Lunch Meeting at Cucina Paradiso, noon.
- 12 — Lunch Meeting at Cucina Paradiso, noon.
- 19 — Board Meeting, 10:30 a.m.
- 19 — Lunch Meeting at Cucina Paradiso, noon.
- 22 — Interact Fullerton Woods Forest Preserve Clean-up.

November

- 2 — Lunch Meeting at Cucina Paradiso, noon.
- 9 — Lunch Meeting at Cucina Paradiso, noon.
- 12 — Interact Fullerton Woods Forest Preserve Clean-up.
- 16 — Lunch Meeting at Cucina Paradiso, noon.



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Celebrating the International Day of Peace was the perfect day to meet and get to know our two Rotary Youth Exchange students: Smilla Winnemoeller and Sam Ala Naziri



Smilla, from Germany, began. She showed us some of the sightseeing interests in her home-town, family and her cats, her



passions, things she has done since coming here - including turning 16 on the 15th of September!!



Smilla has decided she "loves Taco Bell!" while Sam loves Portillo's. Both LOVE, LOVE, LOVE pizza!! So, if you're heading out for pizza -



or lasagna, or hotdogs, or Chick-Fil-A -with the family, give them a call. They would love to join you.



Sam, from Sweden, then shared photos of his family, his friends, and his passion - soccer.



We were able to meet their host families. In Smilla's case, she

introduced us to her second host family as well. [Smilla right with host sister-to-be Molly Fahey.] Pictured below...

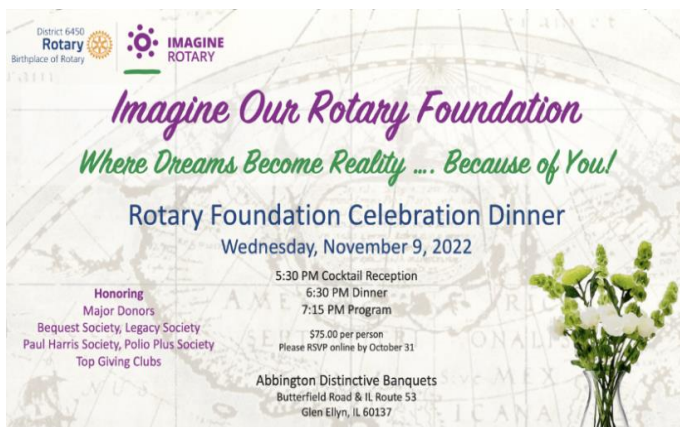


Current host mom Diane Ellsworth, Smilla, Molly, Terry, & Maureen "Mo" Fahey [2nd host family], and Liz Westrick, Sam's host mom.

Did you know that last year Rotary supported communities globally by awarding over \$350 million in program awards and grants? Locally, we awarded \$25,000 in grants to our community partners. One of our partners is PING! - Providing Instruments for the Next Generation. PING! loans instruments and provides music enrichment opportunities to students who otherwise would be unable to participate. Together, we're able to make a difference. #oprfr Rotary

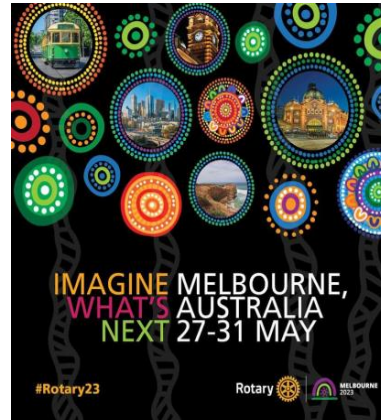


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Registration is NOW open. Any questions, reach out to planning Committee members Bob Giles, Karen Swinger, or Lesley Gottlinger. It should be an AMAZING event - one which every Rotarian will enjoy.

Keep in mind, it is through The Rotary Foundation that we could continue to support the good and charitable works of Rotary.



Next International Convention in Melbourne, Australia. Save the Date - What's even better - REGISTER NOW

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In case you missed seeing this request from Karen Swinger, please look now. If possible, donate to the best of your ability.

Good Day All,

As Rotarians, we are often so busy serving that we forget to take the time to celebrate how - because of you - we transform lives every day through the service projects we lead and support. To that end, we hope that you have registered for the November 9th Foundation Celebration Dinner that is really to celebrate you... and the work that we collectively do in the world. Here is a link to register if you haven't already: [Foundation Dinner Registration](#)

Next, and the reason for this note, as part of the planning committee for the Foundation Celebration Dinner we are reaching out to each club to ask if the club, or perhaps a business owner in your club, would support the dinner by donating a themed basket to raffle. All attendees will be able to purchase raffle tickets and place them in the container that coincides with the basket of their choice to win.

Some possible basket themes could be: sports fans, wine/craft liquor, pet lover, game night, gift cards, lottery tickets, food-based, 'As Seen On TV', spa, and winter survival... the possibilities are endless. We just ask, if possible, for the basket value to be around \$100. Any basket donation over \$50, though, will be gladly accepted.

Please let us know by October 7th if your club will be submitting a themed basket to raffle. You may contact Lesley Gottlinger at 708.751.2821 or bookgramma@gmail.com. Lesley will also work with you to arrange delivery of all donations by the November 1st deadline.

Ask Karen or Lesley for a copy of the flyer explaining what we are looking for. We are hoping for 100% participation from our District. All efforts are appreciated and will be a fun addition to our celebration dinner! Thank you, in advance, for your support. We look forward to hearing from you soon.

Kind Regards,
Karen