

# THE ROTARY RAZZ

## Rotary



Club of Oak Park-River Forest

**Meetings:** Noon Wednesday  
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## Oct. 5 PROGRAM

Blair Gifford: Global Health Connections



Blair Gifford is a member of the Castle Pines Rotary Club in Denver, Colorado. Many years ago, he was the Interact Club President at Lyons Township High School in La Grange. He was born in West Suburban Hospital in Oak Park. Blair is a Professor of Sustainability and Global Health in the Business School at

the University of Colorado Denver.

**Fun, Food & Fellowship – Cucina Paradiso**

**BRING A GUEST TO LUNCH**

**Mark your calendars NOW!**

### Buffet menu

#### October 5

- Beet salad with goat cheese.
- Penne with artichokes and vegetables.
- Grilled salmon with spinach, lemon butter.
- Apple cheesecake

#### October 12

- Caprese salad.
- Cavatelli with broccoli.
- Pork marsala
- Brussels sprouts
- Tiramisu

*(\$22 per person includes non-alcoholic beverages.)*

## CALENDAR

### October

5 — Lunch Meeting at Cucina Paradiso, noon. **Program:** “Global Health Connections”, Blair Gifford

12 — Lunch Meeting at Cucina Paradiso, noon. **Program:** “End of Life”, Roz Byrne

19 — Board Meeting, 10:30 a.m.

19 — Lunch Meeting at Cucina Paradiso, noon. **Program:** “Of Color Inc.”, Renita White

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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Dear Rotarians-

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Sarah's Inn was founded in 1980 by a group of concerned women in River Forest and Oak Park to address a lack of services for victims of domestic violence and their families. The agency has grown to become one of the largest and most comprehensive domestic violence agencies serving women in Chicago and western Cook County. Our club has supported their efforts for many years.

Sarah's Inn is holding their annual rally to raise awareness about domestic violence on **October 6<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 at Scoville Park**. The rally should last for an hour.

**Oak Park Bank at 151 N. Oak Park Ave. will be holding a meet and greet with drinks and appetizers following.** Rotarian, Chris Griffith has extended an invitation to all club members to attend the rally and the reception afterwards. It will be a great networking opportunity and chance to have discussions directly with the Sarah's Inn team.

Peace!

Sue

Membership Chair

Rotary Club of Oak Park - River Forest



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## CHICAGOLAND ROTARY VETERANS COAT DRIVE STAND DOWN DAY FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28

Our goal is to collect and distribute 700 winter coats to Homeless Veterans in the Chicago area. Stand Down Day is a special day for homeless veterans in which they receive support from many health, social service, and community support organizations. The Chicago event is organized and staffed by volunteers from veteran organizations, community and social service organizations, and Hines VA and Jesse Brown VA.

This will be Rotary's eleventh year participating in the event that has been held and organized for the past 29 years by the veterans. We expect to serve over 700 homeless veterans on October 28 as they gear up for the harsh winter months ahead. If you have not been to a Stand Down Day, we set up the coats along clothing racks organized by size and assist the veterans in selecting a coat and helping them try them on. The veterans then get winter clothing, medical and optical services, employment assistance, social service support for housing and food, haircuts, and a warm meal.

**WE NEED YOUR HELP!**  
**How Can YOU Help serve our veterans as they have served us during 2022 STAND DOWN DAY?**

Collect and donate New or Clean and Gently Used Men's Winter Coats in sizes L, XL, XXL, XXXL, XXXXL. The coats are needed in the larger sizes as the veterans layer their clothing for the winter.

**We cannot accept anything but Men's Winter Coats.**

Volunteer on Thursday, October 27 (Set Up) and Friday, October 28 (Stand Down Day) at Humboldt Park Armory in Chicago at 1551 N. Kedzie Avenue, Chicago, IL 60651

### October 27 - Set Up Day

We have one shift available on October 27 from 8:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Note that if you want to volunteer, the website address is [www.rotary6450.org](http://www.rotary6450.org) and the direct link to the registration is [Stand Down Day Volunteer Registration](#). We will contact you one week before the event with additional volunteer information.

### October 28 - Stand Down Day - We have two

shifts available - First Shift - 8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. OR Second Shift - 10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Note that if you want to volunteer, the website address is [www.rotary6450.org](http://www.rotary6450.org) and the direct link to the registration is [Stand Down Day Volunteer Registration](#). We will contact you one week before the event with additional volunteer information.

### **Coat Drop Off Locations**

Several Rotarians & Clubs in our District have volunteered to be coat drop off & area coordinators for Stand Down Day - please contact one of the Rotarians below for info on dropping off coats locally:

#### Brookfield Area -

Linda Sokol Francis Brookfield Library at 3541 Park Avenue, Brookfield, Illinois 60512 OR Brookfield Financial Plans 3439 Grand Boulevard in Brookfield - Contact Rev. Karl Sokol, Rotary Club of Brookfield Riverside, [umchurch@gmail.com](mailto:umchurch@gmail.com)

#### Chicago

Keller Williams One Chicago, 2211 N. Elston Avenue, Suite 104, Chicago, Illinois 60614 - Drop Off Only Monday-Friday; 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Contact Nate Thompson, Rotary Club of Chicago Citywide Service at [natethompson@kw.com](mailto:natethompson@kw.com) Bar Louie, Printers Row, 47 W. Polk Street, Chicago, Illinois - Drop Off Only Monday - Friday, 11:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. - Contact Jim Wales at [jim.wales1120@gmail.com](mailto:jim.wales1120@gmail.com)

**Far west area** - Mary Dougherty of Rotary Club of Aurora at [msd2050@aol.com](mailto:msd2050@aol.com)

**Naperville** - Stephanie Jones-Kastelic, Rotary Club of Naperville, at [skastelic@yahoo.com](mailto:skastelic@yahoo.com)

### **Drop off Days at Warehouse**

#### **Saturdays October 15, October 22**

with our Stand Down Day partner, Allied-Reebie Moving and Storage, 740 Frontenac Road, Naperville: Saturday,



October 15 and 22 are the coat drop off and packing days this year. Coats can be dropped off from 8:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. at Reebie. **ALSO - we will have one last drop off on Monday 10/24 from 3-4:30 at Reebie**

**Co-Chairs PDG Pat Merryweather-Arges and Mary Dougherty are available to pick up coats at your Club meetings.** Please contact Pat Merryweather-Arges, Rotary Club of Naperville at [dg6450pat@aol.com](mailto:dg6450pat@aol.com) or Mary Dougherty Rotary Club of Aurora at [msd2050@aol.com](mailto:msd2050@aol.com).

*Thank you for remembering our veterans who have selflessly served all of us!*

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Jim Lencioni's youngest grandson Ethan won his football game in beautiful fall football weather.

Celebrating Nigerian Independence Day at the OP Public Library, our own Ade Onayemi, and Chidi Enyia, the event's two special guests, along with Byron Gregory, guest of Ade.



October 11  
**INTERNATIONAL DAY OF THE GIRL**

SAY NO TO DRUG ABUSE.  
LET'S EMPOWER GIRLS.  
COME, JOIN HANDS TO CELEBRATE.

**I EMPOWER GIRLS**

Rotary Empowering Girls

## A Weekend of firsts for our exchange students . . .



Saturday, Sam went with his host family to ISU to visit during a cousin's family weekend, and Sunday, Sam and family



went apple picking, a definite first for Sam.



Host Mom Liz shared that Sam ate his first ever apple donut - and then he had six!! After eating all that, she also noted that when they got home, he polished off 4 stuffed peppers along with the rest of dinner!!



And Smilla prepared for her very first high school dance.

Saturday morning, she had her nails done . . . she was thrilled because they matched her dress!!!





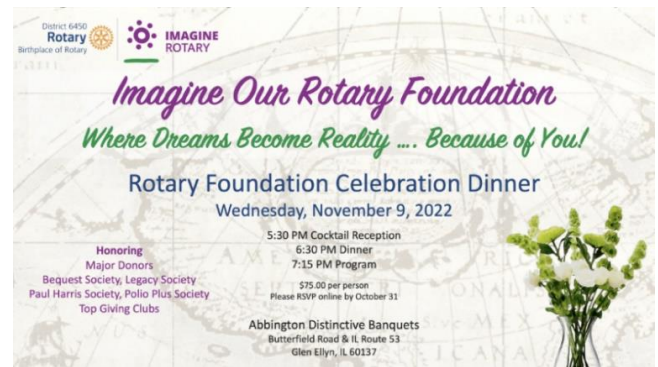


Hard to believe, two weeks ago, Smilla was 15, and this month, she is a young woman heading off

to Homecoming!! She and her soon-to-be host sister, Molly Fahey pictured to the left.



Current host brother, Patrick was just happy to go to Homecoming with some of his "buds."



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.

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](mailto: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