



THE ROTARY RAZZ

Rotary Club of Oak Park - River Forest, Illinois

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POTENTIAL NEW MEMBER

The following person has applied for membership to the Rotary Club of Oak Park - River Forest. Per Club rules his/her name must be published in three consecutive issues of the RAZZ before the Rotary Board may vote on the membership request. This is the second of three notices for this person.



NAME: Martha Murphy

BUSINESS: Beyond Properties Realty

SPONSOR: DG Scott McAdam

CLASSIFICATION: Real Estate

George Slenski writes: "I'd like to thank the kids, their parents, and the rest of the Rotary family for baking over 60 dozen cookies yesterday. The kids did great and I was also impressed that everything was cleaned up before everyone left. ... I'll be out of town this Wednesday so please thank everyone for their help and maybe we can do this again in the fall."



TODAY IN ROTARY March 28th, 2018

Elliot Richardson

**The Current State of Play in
Illinois:
Making the Case for the
Importance of Advocacy**



In 2010, frustrated with the uphill battle facing many small business owners in Illinois, Elliott Richardson, owner of a small Chicago-based law firm, felt his community had no voice and no representation in Springfield. He wanted to be part of the solution and launched The Small Business Advocacy Council to provide small Illinois businesses every opportunity to succeed.

Richardson's presentation will include the importance of advocacy as well as the keys to effective advocacy and a breakdown of the SBAC's state legislative initiatives for 2018.

Also, This Week in Rotary

3/28 - International Svcs. Comm. - 11:30 AM

3/31 Pre-registration deadline

RI Convention in Toronto

4/1 - Happy Easter to All



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MARCH 2018



APRIL 2018

- 4 - Centennial Committee Meets - 11:00AM
- 4 - Program: Nabil Saleh - Egypt Today Part 2
- 5 - Meal Makers - Sarah's Inn - **Date Change**
- 7 - Interact: "Litter Obliterators" Clean-Up Project - **Venue & [Minor] Time Change**
- 8 - Interact - OP Township Offices - 4PM
- 11 - Program: Dr. Tyra Manning - The Power of Storytelling & De-Stigmatizing Mental Illness
- 14 - Empower Leaders Conference/Luncheon
- 14 - A House in Austin - Service Project
- 18 - Board Meeting - 10:45
- 18 - Program: Amanda Young / Rick Hibbert
- 25 - Program: TBD
- 28 - "A House in Austen" Service Project
- 29 - OPRF Chamber Health Fair - W Cook YMCA

Meeting Notes: March 21st, 2018 . . .

President Robert opened the meeting by asking Mickey Baer to lead the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. Jimmy DeMay gave the Invocation, & Amanda Young introduced our guests: Dr. Ray McDonald, guest of speaker Nabil Saleh [with Susie



Goldschmidt;
prospective
member Martha
Murphy with
Matt Sullivan;

John Bokum

seated with John Hedges & Jimmy DeMay
[below];



Nice view of the screen and our banners

And Youth Exchange students Aurelie & Monse
at the buffet line with Matt Grote [below].



Membership Chair Amanda announced Sue Quin as the winner of the drawing for bringing guests to lunch during the month of February. Thanks to Lesley Gottlinger for providing the prize - a gift card from The Cheesecake Factory.

President Robert gave the following reminder: New member orientation scheduled at the Oak Park Country Club, Thursday, March 22, beginning at 5:30 PM. Courtesy of Dan Browne. All members are welcome! Thanks, Dan. Certainly Service Above Self! [Photos follow.]



Jennifer Lennon & guest at OPCC for the New Member Orientation

Gorgeous view from the OP CC.



Dr. Jaime Escobar aka General Patton the Short & AG Ade Onayemi looking dapper as the evening begins

Soon-to-be new member Martha Murphy getting to know Rotary & some OPRF Rotarians!



Jon Rusco & Cathy Hall entertaining Christine Baissec-Hayden & husband Kevin.



A job truly well done, Amanda & Dan!! Truly a successful evening



Sue & Charles Wells, Cathy Hall, Matt Sullivan & Nichole Hoppe appreciating time spent together away from the weekly lunch meeting venue.

Scott Yen & Sue Quinn enjoying the evening.





Charlie Williams presented Jim Lencioni with a PHF +2 pin.



President Robert then offered congratulations to our newest member Sam Youssef. He also noted that Martha Murphy's photo and information appeared in the RAZZ for the first of three notices.

We have received the assignment of our second Youth Exchange student for next year, a young man from Brazil - Rafael Batistella, who will attend OPRF as a junior.



Robert then reminded Rotarians that the Interactors' Kairos Cookie Bake was

coming up over the weekend, and that they were looking for Rotary volunteers. [See photos later in this RAZZ.]

Since PE Cathy Yen would not be able to attend District Conference, and her registration had already been paid, President Robert offered made the free ticket available to any interested member - preferably one who had not yet attended a District Conference. New Rotarian Christine Baissec-Hayden is looking forward to making good use of Cathy's ticket!

Three volunteers are still needed for Sarah's Inn on Thursday evening, April 5. Sign up on the website. Or let Cathy or Jon know.

A House in Austin is another service project the club will be working on in cooperation with Sugar Beet Schoolhouse. [Again, volunteers can sign up on the website.] Scheduled for April 14 from 2-4 PM at the Austin Public Library, it is a project in conjunction with the District 6450 Food and Water Initiative. Dr. Mary Ann Bender is in charge, and while the project is part of a matching district grant, the "hat was passed" to try to raise the \$400 needed as our club match. [As a side note, \$360 was collected. The hat will be passed once more at the March 28 meeting.]

Elliot Richardson will be the speaker on March 28. He is the founder of the Small Business Advocacy Council, and will be presenting "The Current State of Play in Illinois: Making the Case for the Importance of Advocacy."



The Interact Club of the Greater Oak Park - River Forest - Forest Park Area is needs volunteers:

April 7th, Forest Preserve Clean-Up. Information is already posted - **but venue and time changes will be updated by the end of the week** - on OPRF Rotary's Volunteer Web-site, and Sue and Mike Quinn have already signed up to help. Thanks, Quinns!!



A Few Really Important Reminders

- Eric Van Ness announced a scheduled visit to and tour of RI headquarters in Evanston on May 11, 2018, beginning at 1:30 PM. Please let Eric know by **April 18** if you will be going on the tour so he can work out transportation.
- **District Conference is May 5 and 6. Conference flyer at the end of this RAZZ.**
- The annual White Sox game is **August 1, 2018, and Rotarians can register on-line now.** See the Sox game flyer at the end of this RAZZ.



GROW WITH ROTARY!

District 6450 Spring Training - April 21, 2018

Chicago Marriott Southwest at Burr Ridge
8:00am - 5:00pm
www.rotary6450.org



Join us for D6450 Annual Spring Training

Sat., April 21,
8:00AM to Noon

Chicago Marriott SW at
Burr Ridge
1200 Burr Ridge Parkway
Burr Ridge, IL 60527

Robert also shared information about the empowerLEADERS multi-district event coming up on April 14th. First Lady of Rotary, Juliet Riseley will be one of the keynote speakers.

Christine Baissec-Hayden shared some information about some volunteer opportunities with Steinmetz geared to college students. She will have further information available in the next week or two.

At the end of the program, Rich Battaglia led the group in The Four-Way Test, and off we went to finish the day!



President's Installation

Sunday, June 10, 2018

Noon - 2 P.M.

Trattoria 225

Families are Invited & Welcome!!

2018 "Service Above Self" Awards Breakfast

Wednesday, May 16, 2018

7:45 - 10:00 A.M.

Oak Park Country Club



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These instructions also appear on page 36 in the
2017-2018 Members Directory

March 21 Program Notes



Dr. Nabil Saleh presented a compelling history of Egypt, focusing on the last two centuries. He opened the talk by wishing a Happy Mother's Day. Egyptians, he said, celebrate Mother's Day

on the first day of spring.

Dr. Saleh said that the first things he learned about Egypt when he was in kindergarten were: Egypt is the gift of the mind and Egypt is the mother of the world.

He said that Egypt as a mother went through so many births, giving birth to many gifts to the world, including architecture, paintings, arts, sculpture and medicine. He added protecting the environment was important as well, saying that when an Egyptian died centuries ago, they buried him with a document that said the person was a good citizen, followed the law, lived honorably and never polluted the River Nile.

Dr. Saleh said that Egypt has gone through many hundreds of difficulties through the centuries, whether it was through invasions by other countries or upheavals within the country.

He said that Egypt is the only country mentioned by name in the three holy books: The Old Testament, New Testament and Koran. He said that Egypt was visited by Abraham and Sarah, Joseph, Moses and was the destination of the Holy Family.

Flash forward to the Ottomans, who conquered Egypt in the 1500s.

That was followed by the Muhammad Ali Pasha dynasty, which began in 1805 after

expelling the French. The British eventually occupied Egypt in 1882 and ruled there until the Egyptian revolution.

1926 saw the formation of the Muslim Brotherhood, a secret society.

In 1948, Gamal Abdel Nasser led a revolution in Egypt and was eventually elected president. He nationalized the Suez Canal in 1956.

Nasser died and was succeeded by Anwar Sadat. In 1973, Egypt began a war to regain part of the Sinai territory Israel had captured six years earlier.

Henry Kissinger was able to broker a peace deal between Egypt and Israel. That did not sit well with the Muslim Brotherhood and radicals. They felt that Sadat insulted them and Egypt and assassinated Sadat in 1981.

Hosni Mubarak followed in power after the assassination of Sadat. He ruled for 30 years, before resigning and fleeing to Cairo in 2011 when protests to his regime began.

Dr. Saleh said that the Egyptian neighborhood has not been the most peaceful neighborhood. He said that Egypt lives in a very war tormented zone.

In that area there are conflicts between Israelis and

Palestinians; Turkey and Kurds; and Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and Yemen. Libya is occupied by ISIS and fighters who left Syria and Iraq, because the U.S. chased them to Libya, which is on Egypt's western border.

He said the challenge Egypt is facing now is the rise of the Muslim Brotherhood, which has a chokehold on Egypt.

What are the challenges today?

Dr. Saleh will finish his talk April 4.



**EVERY ONCE IN AWHILE, WE
GET CORRESPONDENCE . . .**

SOMETIMES, WE EVEN "SHARE"

Charles Wells shared mail he
exchanged with Sister Michelle
Germanson . . .



Dear Michelle,

We at Rotary send you greetings and are
praying for your return to health.

Also last week at Intensive Healing Prayer
Group at Grace Episcopal Church here in Oak Park
a group of 10 of us prayed for complete healing
from cancer and that you be restored to great
health.

We miss you at Rotary lunch and hope you
can come and be with us. You are missed.

Your friend in Rotary,
Charles

Thank you, Charles for your wonderful
message of care and support! One day at a time. I
know with all the love and prayers sustaining me I
am going to be fine...just a bump in the road for
now!

As much as I would like to go to Rotary, I
cannot because I have weekly chemo on Wednesdays
until May 2...then I have 2 more months of a
different kind of chemo on what day I am not sure.

I shall return...mystery date to be
determined!
Michelle

Ruth McLaren shares two pieces of correspondence . . .



**Ruth McLaren has
extended the
following invitation:
Our Rotarians have
been offered an
exclusive invite to a**

**brand-new event from the OPRF Community
Foundation. Ruth will bring more details to the
lunch meeting, and you do need to register if you
wish to attend. [See Bus Tour Invitation at end of
this Razz]**

The 2nd came into the Club mailbox . . .

In 1980, The Oak Park River Forest Rotary
awarded our daughter, Wendy Rietz, a twelve-
month Rotary scholarship to Deutschlandsberg,
Austria. The goal was to promote international
understanding between countries, Rotary members,
and the students involved. A lot of time has passed,
but the benefits of this scholarship did not end on
Wendy's return to America, and we wish you to
know how this looks played out.

John Edwards invited Richard (Wendy's
father) to a Rotary meeting when a Rotary
scholarship student presented her experience from
her time in South Africa. John suggested that
maybe our daughter would be interested in applying
for such a chance. Richard went home and the result
was that Wendy applied and was selected.

We believe the Lord played a part, as there
are so many connections that were not planned.
First was that Wendy spent each of three years
attending OPRFHS summer schools, as she felt it is
difficult to fit in 4 years of math, science, English,
and required courses in the regular school year. She
also enjoyed being in the summer musical(Sound of
Music) at the high school. This turned out to be
important as Wendy was allowed to graduate on time
without having to take an additional year of high
school upon her return from Austria. The Austrian
family she stayed with was the Koglers, who had
two daughters and a son, all close in age.

On the day Wendy left for Austria, the air
controllers were on strike and she missed her flight
connection in Frankfurt, and also missed her flight
in Vienna. This is a girl traveling with a year of
clothing in a huge bag. Neither we nor the Koglers
knew where our daughter was, so called information
but could not locate the Koglers. We decided to call
the Austrian police, and found out the Koglers
business was across the street from the police
station and problem was resolved.

Now some related benefits occurred. Helga
(Wendy's mother) was born in Cologne and came to
the USA with her parents as a teenager. Helga,
this made her first and only trip to Europe and came
home with Wendy in August. Richard also made a
trip to the Koglers, which included skiing with them
at St. Anton. The unbelievable part is that Helga
did not want Richard. To go to Austria as she felt
we needed the money for Wendy to attend Indiana
University. Needless to say, Richard was a little
upset so went and bought a lottery ticket (5,6,7),
and can you believe those numbers came up n that

exact order, and Richard won about half the cost of his plane fare! This also allowed Richard to have a guided tour of Vienna from his daughter. Interesting side note is Wendy had to go to Vienna to take her SAT test on the exact date it is given all over the world.

Christmas in Austria: The soloist for Christmas, midnight mass became sick, and the director was distraught, but 17-year-old Wendy told him, "I can do the solo." (In Latin). The director was ecstatic. Wendy had always been in chorus and taken voice lessons. One of Wendy's classmates recorded her. Solo, which she has on tape. People asked, "Who is the soloist?" Americana. The Austrian Rotary was fairly new, so they waived the men only meeting so Wendy could make a presentation about America.

This might have been the end of the story, but it is not. One of the Kogler girls (Katrina) came to America and we enrolled her for a semester with Wendy at Indiana U. In the school of music. The boy also came and visited us, and Richard and he golfed several times. We have lost track of him, but last contact was that he was living in California and may have become a citizen. Richard won the right to buy two tickets to the Rose Bowl behind the goal posts that year, and took Karina, first to ski at Lake Tahoe with his friends, and watch the Rose Bowl Parade in front row customer bank seats.

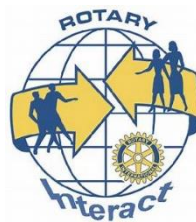
As a result of Wendy living in Austria for a year, Wendy was able to earn two degrees from Indiana U. (In German and Math) in four years. Speaking German also helped her meet up and make friends in America with people from Bauer (aspirin) company, and was invited to enjoy German pre-Lent celebrations in Cologne.

More benefits from the Rotary experience: Richard was a director of the Oak Park YMCA, when a flyer came through about a 2-3-week trip to China, Richard went and became good friends with the tour guide in Beijing, who several years later came to Chicago, and Richard was his tour guide. They still communicate. Because of this connection, it was arranged for one of our sons and Wendy to go to China where our tour guide met them and handled sightseeing, etc.

More: The Koglers came to Florida, purchased a condominium and visited there in the off season. Wendy has visited the Koglers and Austrian classmates, as well as Koglers in their Florida home.

This story has taken a long time to unfold, but a lot of people benefitted from the opportunities that developed from that Rotary scholarship. We ask you to distribute this, so all present Rotary members can actually hear what can develop from a Rotary scholarship.

Forever grateful,
Richard and Helga Rietz
91 North Country Gate Circle
The Woodlands, TX 77384-4664
Rrietz@outlook.com



Interactors are working with Rotarians on the "House in Austin/Sugar Beet Schoolhouse" project set for April 28th from 2:00 - 4:00 PM at the Austin Public Library.

This has already been posted soon on the Rotary Volunteer web-site. On April 29th, Interact will host a booth at the OP-RF Chamber's Health Fair to be held at the West Cook YMCA. Anyone interested in helping, let Lesley or Ade know ASAP.

Please invite any/all 12-18-year-old students you know to attend. We are a VERY active group and always seeking new members.

Rotarian Nabil Saleh
Continues his
Thorough
Discussion of
Egypt Today
- Part 2





Mary & George Slenski were both our hosts & our instructors.



This is what March 25th, at the Grace Episcopal Church kitchen, 924 Lake Street, Oak Park, IL, looked like from 2:00 - 6:00 PM, as our Interactors, their families, and other OPRF Rotarians worked to produce more than 60 dozen chocolate chip cookies.



Thanks to our many volunteers: Christine Baissec-



Hayden & her husband Kevin, Interactors Martha Petrovych & her Mom Irena, Exchange students Monse & Aurelie, Interactor Hank Roucka, Ade and Kathy Onayemi, and Ade's niece Layo, Don and Lesley Gottlinger, as well as Interact Pres. Magnus Shipinski, Dad Jay, and Interact VP Donell Yu



The entire group + 64 dozen cookies!!

A Few Meeting Photos . . .



And
Rotarians
About
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the World



. . .



The Bender-Coates family relaxing at the Ritz-Carlton in Orlando, [Grande Lakes] FL.



Norma and Lou
Fabbri are on a
South Caribbean
cruise!!

Tolu & Mom
[right]



Patty Eggerding with
son Peter [& entire
family] in Warsaw,
Poland

The Eggerding girls at
the Arc de Triomphe
[Paris, France]



Eggerding Family Cooking
class in Poland



Aurelie going after the piñata at the annual Gottlinger Family Easter Egg Hunt

Interact President Magnus Shipinski receives President's Volunteer Service Award – the 1st ever awarded to an Elm Middle School student



ROTARY COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS - 7/1/17 – 6/30/18

[Committees are noted in blue; Task Forces, noted in black.]

Program: **Charlie Williams** - Chair Phil Barry, Mickey Baer, Marc Stopeck, Tom Ewert, Rich Battaglia

Membership/Party Planners: **A. Young** - Chair: Ed Condon, Ade Onayemi, Dan Browne, Charles Wells, Pat Porter, Sue Quinn, Mary Ann Bender, Cathy Yen, Eric Van Ness, Jon Rusco

Attendance: **M. Sletten**-Lead, R. Battaglia, S. Goldschmidt, J. Kennelly, J. Lencioni, J. Rusco, C. Kelley, J. Pruitt-Adams, S. Quinn, BJ Krech, Amanda Young

International Services: **Iris Saavedra-Zaldivar** – Chair, Jaime Escobar, Nabil Saleh, L. Gottlinger, Ade Onayemi, Werner Huget, Bob Giles, Nancy Teclaw

Finance: **Ruth McLaren**/Chair: B. Giles, J. Hedges, L. Fabbri, A. Onayemi, S. McAdam, J. Williams, E. Condon, R. Stelletello

Long Range Planning – **Bob Giles** – Chair; Lou Fabbri, Ginie Cassin, Ed Condon, Lesley Gottlinger, Clarmarie Keenan, Don Offermann, Linda Sahagian, Bob Walsh, Jack Kennelly

Special Events/Fundraising: **Lou Fabbri**: Co-Chair, **Lesley Gottlinger** – Co-Chair; Linda Sahagian, Marie Olmos, Rich Battaglia, Robert Stelletello

Club Events: **Lesley Gottlinger** [lead], Pat Porter, Cathy Yen, Jan Arnold, Robert Stelletello, Mickey Baer

Golf Outing: **Bill Planek** (lead), Lesley Gottlinger, Clarmarie Keenan, Tony Ambrose, Nichole Hoppe, Jon Rusco

Rotary Day Food Truck Rally – **Linda Sahagian** (Lead), Robert Stelletello, Cathy Yen, Mike Sletten, John Williams, Ade Onayemi, Clarmarie Keenan, Scott McAdam, Rich Battaglia, Lou Fabbri, Ed Condon, Jim Lencioni

Rotarian of the Year: **Bob Giles** [lead], Ade Onayemi, Lesley Gottlinger, Lou Fabbri, Ruth McLaren, Bill Planek

Centennial Committee: **Charlie Williams (Co-lead), Cathy Yen – (Co-lead)**, Ginie Cassin, Clarmarie Keenan, Ed Condon, Scott McAdam, John Williams, Lou Fabbri, Ruth McLaren, Lesley Gottlinger, Bill Planek, Nichole Hoppe, Robert Stelletello, Phil Jimenez

Foundation: **Charlie Williams**- Chair: Matt Grote, Lesley Gottlinger, Bill Planek, Patty Eggerding, Jaime Escobar, Phil Jimenez

PR: Rick Hibbert- Chair: Marc Stopeck, John Hedges, Ade Onayemi, Bill Planek, Ed Condon, Tony Ambrose, Sr. Michelle Germanson, Ruth McLaren, John Williams

Community Service Grants: **Jim Lencioni**, Chair; Phil Barry, Ade Onayemi, Bill Planek, Ed Condon, Tony Ambrose, Sr. Michelle Germanson, Ruth McLaren, John Williams, MaryAnn Bender, Bob Giles, Bill Planek, L. Gottlinger, Susie Goldschmidt.

Voc. Svcs: **Phil Barry** - Chair: Nancy Teclaw, Mary Ann Bender, Lesley Gottlinger

Sgt.-At-Arms: E. Condon/**Chair**, A. Onayemi Charlie Williams, J. Williams

New Generations: **Lesley Gottlinger**- Chair // YEO: Ade Onayemi, Scott McAdam, John Williams, Nabil Saleh, Iris Saavedra-Zaldivar, Clarmarie Keenan, Patty Eggerding/YEC, Amanda Young, Matt Sullivan, Annemarie Valenti and Christine Baissac-Hayden, Mary Ann Bender

Nominating: **Cathy Yen** - Chair: L Gottlinger, A Onayemi, John Williams, Lou Fabbri, Ed Condon, Dan Browne, Charlie Williams

Grants: **Clarmarie Keenan-Chair:** Ruth McLaren, Werner Huget, Ade Onayemi, Lesley Gottlinger, John Williams, Iris Saavedra Zaldivar, Bob Giles, Marie Olmos

Glee Club: **Bob Giles** – Mgr., Robert Stelletello - Dir., Mickey Baer, Jaime Escobar, Tom Ewert, Rick Hibbert, Werner Huget, Ade Onayemi, L. Sahagian, N. Saleh, Nancy Teclaw, pianist



Get on the Bus!

Reserve your seat on the Impact Bus Tour!

Friday, April 6th - Agencies that focus on children

8:45 am-3:15 pm

RSVP: goo.gl/jGhDU6

Friday, April 20th - Agencies that focus on adults

9:30 am-4:00 pm

RSVP: goo.gl/sfN2ip

This event is by invitation only.

RSVP today! Space is limited to 22 people per date.



This event is sponsored by:



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Lives are being changed each and every day because of the community support of the Oak Park-River Forest Community Foundation.

Hop on the bus to see that work in action, talk to those on the front lines of community change, and meet the people whose lives have been positively affected by your support!

Engage in conversations with representatives of the agencies on your tour during lunch to further explore and discuss our community challenges.

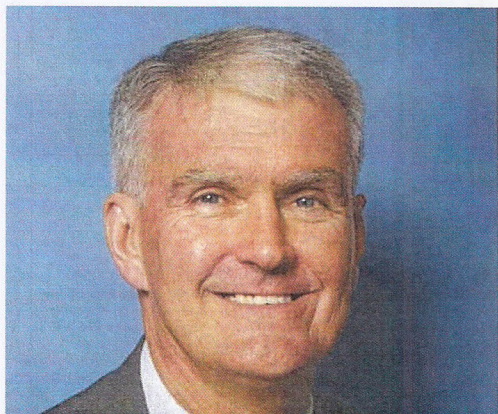
Join us for this **free** tour, including free parking and coffee kick-off as well as lunch at Wild Onion.

Questions? Contact Michelle Ptack mptack@oprfcf.org or 708-848-1560



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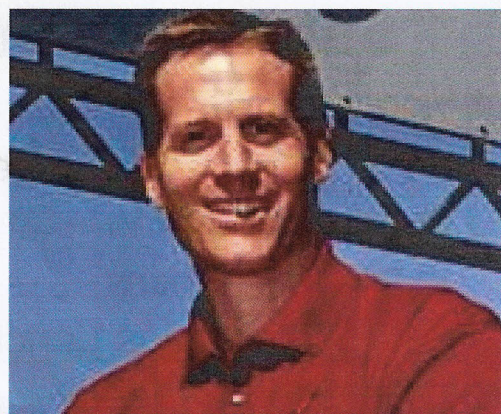
MAY 4-6, 2018
CHICAGO MARRIOTT SOUTHWEST AT BURR RIDGE



PAT SULLIVAN
Former Basketball Coach
University of Saint Francis



MARK BALLA
Sanitation Advocate
"The Toilet Warrior"



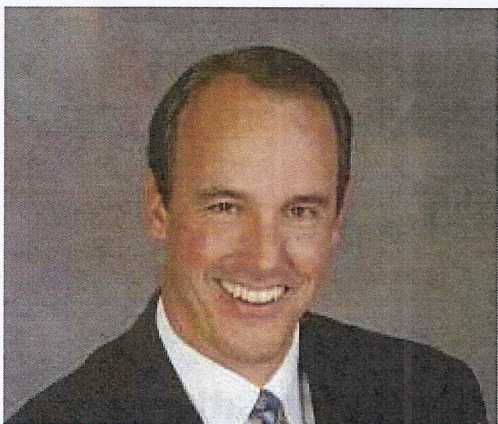
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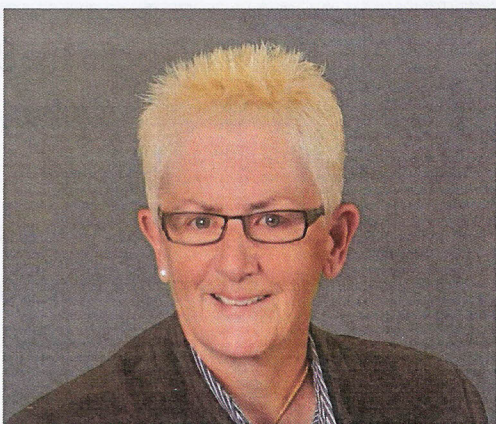
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Pastor, Saint Sabina Church
Peace Advocate



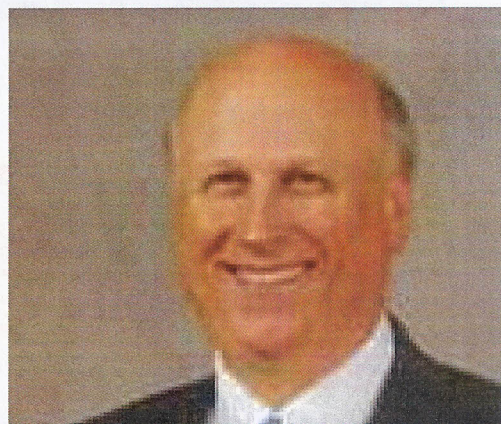
BRENDA MYERS-POWELL
Co-founder, The Dreamcatcher Foundation
Human Trafficking Advocate



BRAD HOWARD
RI Director 2015-17
Growing Membership



JOAN FIRKINS
Past District 5020 Governor, Canada
Foundation Luncheon



ROBB KNUEPFER
RI Director 2017-19
Growing Membership

Rotary International District 6450 2018 Conference

MAY 5-6, 2018
CHICAGO MARRIOTT SOUTHWEST AT BURR RIDGE

Saturday, May 5

7:30: Registration & Breakfast
9:00: Fr. Michael Pflieger
10:30: Pat Sullivan
12:00: Joan Firkins
Foundation Luncheon
1:45: Scott Paddock
3:00: Mark Balla
5:00: Cocktail Reception
Club Pride
6:00: Dinner
7:15: Keynote Speaker
Brenda Myers-Powell

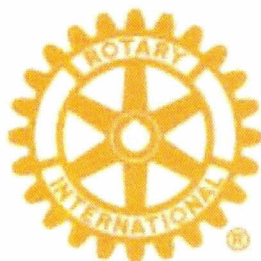
Sunday, May 6

7:30: Breakfast
8:00: In Memoriam
9:00: Annual Meeting
9:15: Brad Howard &
RI Director Robb Knuepfer
Growing Rotary Membership
10:15: Scott McAdam
District Governor Remarks
10:30: Pedro J. Cevallos-Candau
District Governor Elect Remarks

**Club
Pride!**

Celebrate another year of accomplishment
across the district with club displays
during Saturday night's cocktail party!

Rotary
District 6450



Registration is now open at
www.rotary6450.org

Full weekend and a la carte
registration options available

Early Bird Hotel Reservations
End April 13



Dear Fellow District 6450 Rotarian,

On Saturday, April 14th District 6450 and our neighboring districts are partnering to bring together people of action--Rotarians and their colleagues along with future leaders: high school seniors, college students and young professionals. We invite you to be part of **empowerLEADERS**, a morning of leadership, mentorship and scholarship.

Held on the grounds of Oakton Community College from 8AM until Noon, our Keynote Speaker will be the wife of our Rotary International President, Mrs. Juliet Riseley. Juliet will inspire us with her presentation of leadership through Rotary service.

Our District's support at the club level and as individual Rotarians, of this event is key to its success. **empowerLEADERS** gives us the opportunity to celebrate Rotary and introduce a new audience to the people and businesses that embody Service Above Self.

Visit <http://www.empowerleadersbynorthnilrotary.com/> where you will see opportunities to partner with us in this endeavor. Whether you chose a sponsorship at \$1,000.00 or an advertisement in the event ad book at \$110.00, you and/or your enterprise are provided an opportunity to make a commitment to **empowerLEADERS** and to Rotary's goal of inspiring and nurturing the next generation of leaders. Each level of sponsorship includes opportunities for recognition and participation and to connect your business to the values and mission of Rotary. Most importantly, with every sponsorship, you guarantee our ability to award scholarships to three young leaders in attendance. When you partner with Juliet and the **empowerLEADERS** team you will "empower" the next generation of leaders.

Join us! Thank you, in advance, for your consideration.

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SPEAKERS INCLUDE

Juliet Riseley

First Lady of Rotary International

Dorrit Bern

Former President & CEO of Charming Shoppes

Lt. Colonel Kristen Bakotic

US Air Force, Department of Defense, Pentagon



ROTARY INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 6450 FAMILY FUN DAY

WHITE SOX VS. KANSAS CITY ROYALS

Wednesday, August 1st, 2018 - 7:10PM

Guaranteed Rate Field -- Must be at Gate 1 by 6:00 for the Parade.

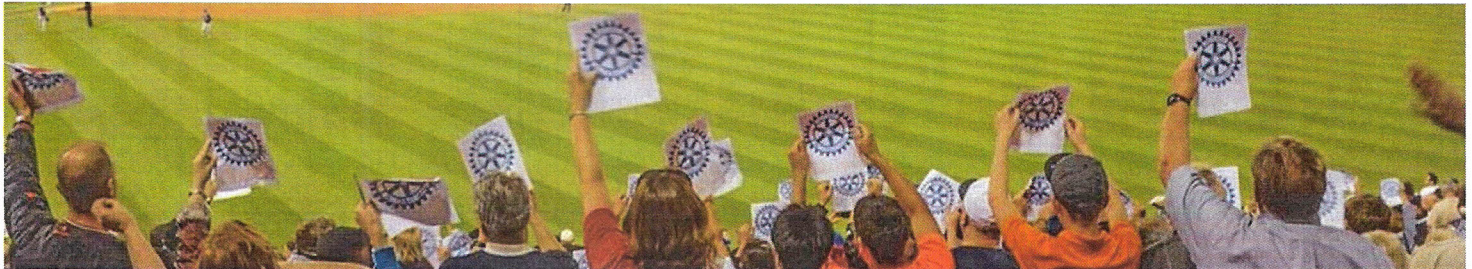
SPECIALY PRICED WHITE SOX TICKETS!

Attention all Rotary Clubs in District 6450! The Chicago White Sox have dedicated Wednesday, August 1st as "Family Fun Day at the Ballgame."

Order on line www.Rotary6450.org select "Calendar" Register by July 13th.

Over 10,000 Rotary Family Members, Friends and Supporters have attended in past years, so order your tickets early to ensure you receive the best seats available. The price of each ticket includes a contribution to our "END POLIO NOW" project. 100% of the ticket profits will go to "END POLIO NOW" we are just inches away from our final target of eradicating the polio virus in the entire world. Now is the time to order our tickets and fill the stadium with Rotary Family Pride! And insure we have a Parade on the Field.

Questions can be submitted by e-mail to office@rotary6450.org.



Orders will NOT be redeemed at the Guaranteed Rate Field ticket windows or the White Sox administrative offices.

ALL MAILED AND FAXED ORDERS MUST BE RECEIVED FRIDAY, JULY 13.

OPTIONS TO ORDER TICKETS	# OF TICKETS	TICKET PRICE	TOTAL
MAIL, RETURN OR FAX THIS FORM WITH PAYMENT TO: ROTARY INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 6450, INC. PO BOX 5290 RIVER FOREST, IL 60305-5290 FAX: 801-416-9622 White Sox Chair: IRV KAPLAN		Outfield Reserved - \$25	
		Donate Ticket & snack to a Veteran - \$34	
		Contribution to END POLIO NOW. Give Rotary Member No. if Rotary Foundation recognition desired. .	
		Parking (Lot F or L) @ \$20	
		Total Enclosed	

*PRICES ABOVE INCLUDE 9% CITY AND 3% STATE AMUSEMENT TAXES. ALL GAME TIMES AND PROMOTIONS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE.

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Please charge my: ☐ Visa ☐ Mastercard ☐ Amex ☐ Discover CVS Security Code _____

Credit Card # _____ Expiration Date _____

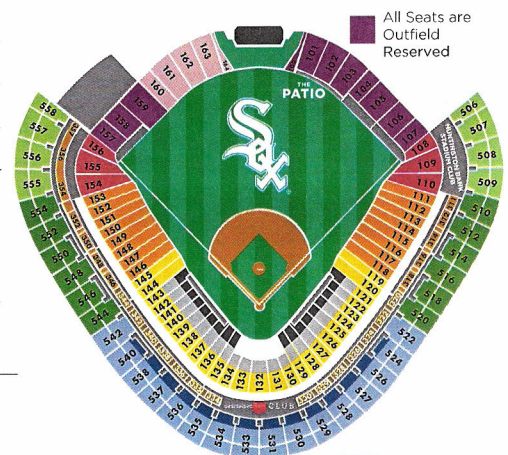
Signature _____

OR:

Enclosed is a check or money order payable to RI District 6450 Check # _____

(If check or money order is greater than total cost of the tickets, the difference will be posted as donation to The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International for End Polio Now campaign.)

Rotary Club _____



Tickets will be distributed to you via email for self printing.



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This is for your own tracking while taking ticket orders and collecting funds. When complete, run the totals and summarize on the front of the form.

Rotary Club of _____

Name	Number of \$25 Tickets	Number of \$34 Donations for Veteran Tickets	Contribution to Vets Program	Advance Parking Ticket	TOTAL PAID \$	Date Tickets to Game and Parade were Distributed

TOTALS to FILL IN THE FRONT SIDE	#	#	\$	#	\$	
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Duplicate if you need more form lines.

PROGRAM

Monday 21 May – Ancona

Participants' arrival at Ancona by 1 p.m.: check in at the **** Hotel.

2 p.m. - Welcome cocktail at the Hotel.



Following a brief presentation of the programme by the Club President Giovanni Venturi. The walking tour of Ancona begins at 3.30 p.m., guided by Prof. Antonio Luccarini: the Old Town, the Roman Amphitheatre, St Ciriaco's Cathedral (1000 A.D.), the Archaeological Museum, the Romanesque church of S. Maria della Piazza, Piazza Plebiscito, the church of St Domenico with paintings by Titian and Guercino, the Calamo Fountain, etc.

Return to the Hotel. 7.00 p.m. Musical show in Teatrodelle Muse.

9.00 p.m. – Dinner at a typical Restaurant, in the beautiful Plebiscito Square.

Return to the Hotel: overnight stay.

Tuesday 22 May – Ascoli Piceno - MarcheSud



After breakfast in the Hotel Roof Garden, departure at 8.30 in a large tourer coach for the beautiful, historic town of Ascoli Piceno.

On arrival, a walking tour of the old centre, guided by the architect Valerio Borzacchini (2090 District Governor) to see: the famous Piazza del Popolo (one of the most beautiful squares in Italy), the old Meletti Coffee House, Piazza Arringo, the Cathedral, the Ventidio Basso Theatre, the Roman Bridge (and its interior), etc.

Lunch at "Villa Picena", a typical restaurant where guests can enjoy the

local cuisine, such as traditional Ascoli olives.

In the afternoon, a visit to the Medieval Town of Offida, which is famous for its traditional production of lace and fine wines.

Return to Ancona.

Off evening. Overnight stay at the Hotel.

Wednesday 23May– Marche and Nature



Breakfast at the Hotel.

Departure at 8,30 for Fabriano, center of Art and History. Visit of historic centre and Museum of Carta and Filigrana. Lunch in typical restaurant "Old railway ".

3,00 p.m. Departure to Goladella Rossa and the splendid underground Frasassi Caves. The Caves, of karstic formation, are in area of the town of Genga. The complex consists of a series of caves of which the first, which can be visited using the current entrance, is the Abisso Ancona (Ancona Abyss). It

is 180 by 120 metres, reaching a height of 200 metres; in fact, it is over 2 million square metres and could easily contain Milan Cathedral.

Return to the Hotel.

Overnight stay.



"HIDDEN MASTERPIECES"
9TH EDITION OF THE
"DISCOVER THE MARCHE" TOUR ITALY
May 21-26 2018



BOOKING FORM

send to luigicafasi@gmail.com +
rotary.conero@libero.it
fax: +39 071 204394

Surname

Name

Place and date of birth

Rotary Club affiliation
(name of the Club)

Address

City

Country

e-mail

telephone

mobile phone

Additional visitor(s) (surname, name, place and date of birth):

Hotel**** – Ancona

Rate:

Double room 950,00 euros per person

Single room 1150,00 euros per person

Parking facility:

- Hotel 18 euros per day

Parking reservation

☐ NO

☐ YES:

Date:

Signature:

- REGISTRATION AND DOWN PAYMENT BY 25 MARCH 2018
TO BE SENT WITH THE PRESENT FORM TO luigicafasi@gmail.com + rotary.conero@libero.it
FAX +39 071204394
- FULL PAYMENT TO BE MADE BY 22 APRIL 2018

Down payment: 400 euros per person

Final payment: 550 euros per person (double room); 750 euros per person (single room)

Rotary Club Ancona Conero Capolavori Nascosti

BCC ANCONA E FALCONARA –Agenzia Via Rismondo –Ancona

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Thursday 24 may - Fermo and Macerata

Breakfast in Hotel.

Departure at 8,30 to Fermo, roman and medieval city. Visit of historical Centre, Roman cistern, the Cathedral, Theatre of Aquila. Free snack.

This will be followed, in early afternoon, by a visit to Romanic Abbeys of Santa Maria a Pie' di Chienti and San Claudio.

Return to Ancona . Free afternoon.

8 p.m. Rotary evening : Dinner at the " Fortino Napoleonico " at

Portonovo, beautiful place on the sea coast of Marche; there will be, with the district Governor, a presentation of the participants and pennants will be exchanged.

Return to the Hotel; overnight stay.

Friday 25 May -Urbino



Breakfast at the Hotel.

Departure at 8,30 for Urbino, one of the most important centres of Renaissance Italy, and which has preserved its unique architecture. The old town has been a UNESCO World Heritage Centre since 1998.

Visit to the Ducal Palace, the Picture Gallery with several paintings by Raphael Sanzio and Piero della Francesca, the painter's birthplace and the old town.

Lunch (with local, traditional cuisine).

In the afternoon : Outlet Piero Guidi Alta Moda . Back to Ancona. Visit to Umani Ronchi winery, belonging to the family of Mr. Massimo Bernetti, founding partner of our Club. Tasting of their fine wines.

Return to the Hotel; Off evening. Overnight stay

Saturday 27 May – Cruise and Panoramas



Breakfast at the Hotel.

Departure at 9 to the Port of Numana for a cruise along the coast to see the Conero Riviera, the small towns of Sirolo and Numana and Portonovo Bay; the splendid Romanesque Chapel of Holy Mary at Portonovo, directly overlooking the sea, will complete the excursion.

An aperitif will be served on board: the cruise ends by 1,00 p.m..

If the weather is unsuitable, the cruise will be replaced by a visit to the famous Marian Sanctuary of Loreto.

1,00 p.m. good memory cocktail in Hotel.

Farewells and departures.

Daily interpreter in English.



**IL ROTARY
FA LA DIFFERENZA**

KAIROS Prison Ministry Cookies

What would bring white and black gang leaders, Muslims, Atheists, the Lost, and Christians from many denominations together in a prison? Answer: A Kairos Weekend, which is where they will share food, cookies, and the Gospel message of love, forgiveness, and community. Kairos is an ecumenical Christian ministry in men's and women's correctional institutions. The ministry is conducted by teams of laity and clergy in cooperation with chaplains of correctional institutions. As part of a weekend program, we go into the institution and teach the residents the basic principles of Christianity and create a community that they can rely on for support. We also take over 2,000 dozen cookies into the institution and distribute to the entire population as a sign of God's endless love. You can learn more at: <http://www.kairosfillinois.org/> or watch this 3 min. video [Kairos Video](#)

I'll be a team member on the 33rd weekend at Stateville Correctional Institution near Joliet, IL and as a team member I hope to collect about 100 dozen home baked cookies. We have rigid requirements for cookies since they are taken into a prison, only home baked chocolate chip cookies please. Please use the recipe below, if you want to use your own, just make sure it's a sturdy cookie, best not to use butter or margarine since it makes a soft cookie. I will need the cookies before 18 April. If you make them before then please freeze them and I can pick them up or you can drop off to me. The weekend starts on 28 April. The recipe below makes 5 dozen cookies, please try and make cookies about 2 inches in diameter. I usually get a group together at a church and we can make about 10-20 dozen cookies in less than 2 hours. Please contact me if you have any questions. George Slenski cell 937-241-5556

BASIC COOKIE DOUGH (MAKES 5 DOZEN)

1 cup shortening (not butter)	2 $\frac{1}{2}$ cups flour
1 cup brown sugar	$\frac{1}{2}$ tsp. salt
1 cup granulated sugar	1 tsp. soda
2 eggs	1 tsp. baking powder
2 tsp. vanilla	2 $\frac{1}{2}$ cups chocolate chips

Cream shortening and sugar until fluffy. Add eggs one at a time. Sift dry ingredients and add to creamed mixture. Beat in vanilla. Add chocolate chips. Drop onto cookie sheets by spoonful's. Bake at 350 degrees until medium too dark brown (from 13 to 20 minutes). Cookies should be 2 inches in diameter (size of Pringles lid). Cool cookies completely and place six cookies in a quart sized zip lock bag with no plastic zipper (packaging required by the Corrections Dept.).