



THE ROTARY RAZZ

Rotary Club of Oak Park - River Forest, Illinois

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In coming weeks, look for these specific icons to identify specific committee news/activities in our Club.



TODAY IN ROTARY July 18th, 2018

No Formal Program

Board Meeting - 10:45

Committees Meet at Lunch

ALSO, THIS WEEK IN ROTARY

July 22 - Interact Meeting - 4PM

SAVE THE DATE

VOLUNTEER TO HELP

Sell Sponsorships, Work the Beer Tent
See Jim, Scott, Lou, or Linda



For example, you might see something like this . . .



For those who have an opportunity to help sell sponsorships, the benefits listing and the registration form are now online.

oprfrotary.org/sponsorships





*President's Corner:
Rotary Regards from
President Cathy*



Rotarians, this is Board Meeting week, always the third Wednesday of the month. We meet at 10:45am right up until luncheon. Did you know all members are welcome to attend?

I'll be posting agendas on our website on the Monday preceding the Board meeting in case you want to see what we're deciding and discussing. Let me know if there are specific items you want on the agenda. For example, Selma asked if we would consider reinstating plated meals instead of buffet. We'll talk about that on Wednesday.

We'll also discuss membership levels, including pricing for members on Leave of Absence. The Board also needs to give direction to the Membership Committee, which over the summer will be considering whether we are willing to take on District Governor Pedro's challenge to attain 100 members in our 100th year - and whether that kind of growth requires new, creative approaches to membership. If this is a hot topic for you, check in with Amanda Young and Matt Sullivan, Chair and Co-Chair of Membership, respectively, and ask to join the committee. They'd be glad to include you.

Other important items on our agenda include setting committee goals, deciding location for our February 2 Centennial Gala, using the expense reimbursement form and outlining how best to get information to Lesley for inclusion in the RAZZ.

Thanks to everyone who raised his/her hand to lead! Next, we will be looking to fill out the committees. What's your passion? Club Service? International? Youth? Vocational? Community? Membership? We've got it all at Rotary OPRF!

Wishing you
Peace and
Prosperity,
President Cathy



JULY 2018

25 - Lunch

- Marshall Family Scholarship Presentation
- Paul Shakeshaft - Global Scholar Update

AUGUST 2018

1 - BREAKFAST MEETING - OP Country Club

1 - NO LUNCH MEETING

1 - White Sox Game

2 - New Member Orientation

The annual White Sox game is **August 1, 2018**,
Rotarians register on-line at www.Rotary6450.org

8 - District Governor
Pedro Cevallos-Candau
Governor, 2018-2019
Wear Your Rotary BLING!!!



Donut Day
August 11, 2018

Go on-line or talk to
Rick Hibbert to sign up

Meeting Notes July 11, 2018 . . .

Mary Ann Bender lead the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. Amanda Young gave the Invocation. Robert Stelletello introduced guests Veronika McAdam and Sandra Sokol [below left w/ Ruth McLaren, Ginie Cassin, Monse & Scott McAdam.



Charlie Williams asked the group to keep Nancy Teclaw and her family in their prayers.



Husband Norb passed on July 9. Visitation scheduled for Saturday from 4 - 8 PM at Drechsler Brown & Williams, with funeral set for 2PM Sunday at Grace Episcopal Church.

Good news to share: Tony Ambrose got a liver and is recuperating at home. A card is being passed, please make sure to sign it.

Charlie then presented Paul Harris Fellow awards and



pins to Jerry Lordan [PHF +1] and Dan Browne [PHF +5].



President Cathy shared a Leadership Challenge by asking, "What's your 'Why?' in Rotary? Hers is professional development. She asked how we can meet each Rotarian's needs. She

chatted about trying to learn new skills, and 'playing around' with new things, even if mistakes are made - like those crazy dues receipt emails that some folks received - even though they had not yet paid! So, what if you hit a wrong button! You're still learning, trying, and taking on new challenges.

Cathy thanked Lesley for getting the RAZZ out on Tuesday's from now on after finding that's when Cathy could read it. She also thanked Clarmarie Keenan and John Williams for speaking on behalf of youth at a very difficult Village Board meeting earlier that week. Cathy also noted that Werner seems to be doing better.

Cathy also thanked those who came out for the July 4th parade. Bill Planek, Tom Ewert, Charlie Williams, Sue Quinn, and Amanda Young.

Thanks also went to Richie Battaglia for preparing and providing the food for the July 12 Mealmakers at Sarah's Inn. Cathy pointed out we need an additional 3-4 people.



Thanks to those who volunteered at Sarah's Inn:
Jerry Lordan, Nabil Saleh, Richie Battaglia, Iris Saavedra & Jack Kennelly

Announcements:

Jim Lencioni noted that this was the official kick-off for the Annual Sponsorship "drive." He had sent emails to previous sponsorship "getters." He also asked for folks to pass along any new leads, saying he would approach those potential sponsors if needed. "We have an aggressive budget this year," and need as many sponsors as possible.





Linda Sahagian shared that sponsors have a wonderful opportunity this year to share in the additional publicity and popularity of our ever-evolving Food Truck Rally.

Lou Fabbri

pointed out that, for

the most part, Rotarians would be needed in supervisory capacities for the inflatables and other assignments, since we will have the benefit of many young people - Scouts, Interactors, and other groups - to help on that day.

Scott McAdam indicated that the 3-5 PM shift in the beer tent is filled. Once again, all the beer vendors are donating all the beer; we just need pourers - especially from 5 - 9:30 PM and for breakdown. Scott also spotlighted that **RILEE** the Polio Plus Iron Lung display will be at the Rally! Scott also shared some District news: For the first time in more than seven years, D6450 contributions to The Foundation Annual Fund reached \$350,000+. Thanks to a \$100,000 bequest from a Channahon-Minooka Rotarian, the District's total Foundation contributions came in at over \$535,000. OPRF's Annual Fund contribution was \$18,700+ - with only 3 clubs giving more. OPRF was the second highest contributor to Polio Plus. "Thanks for an AWESOME job, OPRF."

Ade Onayemi reminded folks that August 1 is the White Sox game, and proceeds benefit Polio Plus. To guarantee sitting in the Rotarian section at the ballpark, reservations need to be made by July 13. Ade also shared the loss of one of the Maywood Club's long-time Rotarians - Don Williams, on July 9, 2018.



Bill Planek reminded folks the annual Golf Outing is set for September 12. **Save the date. More info coming.**

NOW . . . Let's CELEBRATE Congratulations to Rotarian



Ginie Cassin! The week of July 9 in Oak Park has been proclaimed **Ginie Cassin Week!** Ginie received a resolution from Mayor Anan Abu-Taleb and a proclamation from

Senator Don Harmon recognizing her long-term commitment and years of service to Oak Park. Ginie is a 30-year Rotarian - and the first woman in our Club!

Throughout her life, Ginie has had an attitude of positivity. "This can get better. I can do that!" was always Ginie's motto. And, said Cathy Yen, "That she did!" Ginie has been a mentor to many and a friend to all.

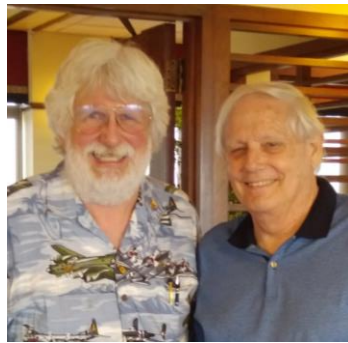
Ginie said, "There is no way I can tell you how dear you are to me." She shared a few anecdotes, and went on to say, "I can't imagine a group with more aspirations, and who are more active and caring...Pick up all my truisms...know wherever I am, you will be in my heart..."

Ginie, we love you and will miss you. Blessed are those who will share in your next new adventure!



Ginie closed the meeting with The Four-Way Test, and then there was cake!!

A Few Meeting Photos . . .



Some of "The Women of OPRF Rotary"
Ruth McLaren, Cathy Yen, Amanda Young, Ginie Cassin

OPRF Rotarians About Town . . .



Werner Update

Werner is now at Rush Oak Park in Room 420. Laurie says, "We will set up visits for a short time [1/2 hour] after next week. You can call me and we can set it up."



Happy July 14th Birthday to Rotarian Sr. Michelle Germanson



Our Youth Exchange "Kids"

At Grand Rapids, this past weekend with 400 other Central States Exchange students!



Below:
Central
States
Rotary
Youth
Exchange

conference for inbound, outbound & rebound students.
Starting young folks on their lifelong Rotary Journey



A few other notes of interest regarding our exchange students:

- Monse is on a plane returning to Chile on 17 July,
- Aurelie will be leaving us on 30 July to return to France,
- Miki will be coming in from Japan on August 15, and
- Rafael will be in sometime between 12 - 14 August.

Please keep in mind, we still need second and possibly third host families for Rafael and Miki. If you can help or know of anyone, please let Lesley know.



The Interact Club of the Greater Oak Park - River Forest - Forest Park Area meets next on Sunday, July 22 at 4PM at Oak Park Township Offices to begin planning the new year including Donut Day, 5th Annual Food Truck Rally, Outbound Interview Announcements, and RYLA. The agenda will include new membership activities and our proposed Interact Community Corps.