



# THE ROTARY RAZZ

Rotary Club of Oak Park - River Forest, Illinois

Meetings at  
12:15 p.m.  
Cucina Paradiso  
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Oak Park

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District 6450

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## TODAY IN ROTARY

July 17, 2019

Board Meeting - 10:45 AM

Jack Kornowske,  
Outbound Rotary Youth  
Exchange Student  
Heads off to Germany in  
August



+ up to 2 guests each  
are invited to join Jim Marshall & Family  
along with the OPRF Community Foundation for the  
**Brookdale Oak Park Scholarship Recognition  
and Awards Luncheon**

Thursday, July 25, 2019 - Noon  
Brookdale 13<sup>th</sup> Floor Dining Room

**RSVP to Lesley Gottlinger**  
By phone or text  
708.751.2821

By Friday, July 19 [6PM]

THE 4-WAY TEST



### Is it the truth?

If you are continuing your membership at either the senior active or entrepreneur level, please pay for your meal at the Attendance Desk when you come in for lunch [\$20]. The Attendance Desk does not know which membership you have chosen, so please ante up if you need to, or better yet, buy a meal card for five lunches for \$ 100. Please remember if you are paying for meals as you go, you are expected to pay each week. We can take credit card payments for dues and meals at our lunch meetings. Thanks!

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## A Note from President Charlie . . .

We all know that The Rotary Foundation [TRF] is one of my passions. I would like to share some of our club's accomplishments over the past Rotary year 2018-2019. Our goal for the year was \$11,250. We achieved 241% of our goal!! As a club, we contributed \$27,111.15 to the Annual Fund and \$9140.08 to Other Funds for a Total of \$36,251.23!! As of June 30, 2019, our Annual Fund Per Capita giving was \$398.69 and our average TRF per person was \$533.11. **We had a BANNER year, and as a result we were #2 in District 6450 for Per Capita Giving!!**

For Polio Plus, our goal was \$3750. We reached an amazing 241%, or a total of \$8,090.08.

We fell a bit short with Every Rotarian, Every Year program I keep talking about. We were at 78% of our membership participating. It is still my goal to work towards 100% this year. Let's see if we can make it!

I extend my gratitude to those who participated, and I encourage those who did not. It's never too late to give to The Rotary Foundation.

With Love and Affection,  
President Charlie

ROTARY CONTRIBUTES 45 MILLION VOLUNTEER HOURS IN THE WORLD PER YEAR WORTH.....\$850M

45 Million Volunteer Hours  
\$850,000,000

ACCORDING TO JOHN HOPKINS UNIVERSITY CENTER FOR CIVIL SOCIETY STUDIES, IF COMMUNITIES HAD TO PAY FOR THE SERVICES THAT ROTARY VOLUNTEERS PROVIDE, IT WOULD COST \$850M PER YEAR.

Rotary PEOPLE of ACTION

ROTARY CONNECTS THE WORLD

JULY IS  
NEW LEADERSHIP MONTH

True leaders don't create followers, they create new leaders.

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JULY 2019

24 - Summer Lunch & Fellowship - Cucina Paradiso  
30 - D6450 Ball Game - Buy Your Tickets NOW  
31 - Summer Lunch & Fellowship - Cucina Paradiso  
**BRING A GUEST TO LUNCH TO MEET OUR MEMBERS**



## Meeting Notes from July 10, 2019 . . .

Welcome to Rotary!!

"There's a new sheriff in town. Cathy Yen is our new sheriff, and I'm the nice guy!"

The nice guy with a few jokes for the day, that is . . . There was this plumber who, after completing a job, presented the bill: \$800!! The customer looked, cried out, "lawyers don't even get paid that much." The plumber responded, "I know. I used to be an attorney!" . . . Then there's the one: One flea said to another flea, "It's a nice day. Should we walk or take the dog?" The quips and stories continued throughout the meeting - even through introduction.





Opening his first meeting, President Charlie called on Jack Kennelly to led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance and George Slenski to give the Invocation. Julia Bach (that's the Polish version not the German) introduced our guests: Linda McVickers and Adriana Santana, [previous page with Iris Saavedra, Steve Saraceno, Dan Browne and Scott McAdam] from Connect Hearing in Forest Park and guests of Lesley Gottlinger; Jonathan Wells, a sophomore at Virginia Tech, and grandson and guest of



Charles Wells. [Both Charles and Jonathan left with George Slenski] When Gavin Morgan, [pictured with Ruth McLaren] Oak Park Township

Supervisor and new Corporate Member, was introduced, President Charlie shared that he had lost his mom when he was a teen. At that time, Youth Services in Oak Park Township had a program that was held in the basement of Pilgrim Church. Noting that, Charlie said he would always be grateful to OP Township Youth Services for being there for him then when he most needed the support.



Onayemi]; and Steven Saraceno, [pictured previous page] former OPRF Rotarian and owner of properties in Oak Park that Bill Planek didn't want(!) who "stopped in to say 'Hello!'" Should we mention the quip from President Charlie about wanting to open a wood fire pizza, donut and cremation business on that Marion Street corner where Steve owns a building? Or should we just let that fire burn out naturally?

President Charlie also asked Nicholas to compare the recent July 4th parade - America's 243rd birthday celebration - for which Nicholas had volunteered his help with those parades he experienced back home. Nicholas shared that at home the parades are mostly military whereas here, they seem to really be a celebration where freedom really rings true!



President Charlie once again shared that The Rotary Foundation, as everyone knows, is near and dear

to his heart! That said, he invited OPRF Rotarians to participate in Rotary Direct which is a way to give automatically to The Rotary Foundation. He noted that Rotary Direct saves:

- Time:** sign up to give continuous support
- Money:** lower administration costs mean more money to programs
- Lives:** give to The Rotary Foundation to do good in the world.



Iain and Ada Young, guests and kids of Amanda Young; Nicholas Yamaguchi, visiting



scholar from Japan, and neighbor



and guest of Amanda Young [pictured above with Laura Bezinovich and Julie Bach]; Carla Sloan, River Forest Township Supervisor and new Corporate Member [left with Ade

There are 4 ways to enroll, and forms are available at the front entrance. For less than 24 cents a day - not even 15 minutes at an OP parking meter! - we could accomplish the goal of having **Every** OPRF Rotarian become an "**Every Rotarian, Every Year**" donor to The Rotary Foundation!

Lesley shared the invitation from Jim Marshall's daughter Mary Blanc for Rotarians to attend the awarding of the annual Marshall Family Brookdale scholarships on Thursday, July 25. (See



invitation and **RSVP** details on page 1 of this RAZZ.) president Charlie told folks about visiting Jim last month to pick up a Foundation check, and how Jim's door on the 12th floor is ALWAYS open. "If you have the opportunity to sit and chat with Jim," said Charlie, "do it! Take advantage of the stories and wisdom Jim has to share. You won't regret it!"



Ewerts girl

Telling folks that in the past year and a half, he and wife Grace had lost their two pups and have been volunteer fostering through the Animal Care League, Tom Ewert put out a call for help. Currently, they are fostering a baby Beagle named Princess, who is about 5-10 years old, extremely well-behaved and a pleasure to have. However, Grace and Tom will be gone for two months and will not be able to continue to foster Princess on their return. They are looking for someone to foster or hopefully adopt Princess. It should be noted that Princess is a special needs pup who requires two insulin shots per day. All inquiries should be directed to Tom Ewert at 708-848-5274 or [tewert@outlook.com](mailto:tewert@outlook.com)

PDG Scott McAdam reminded everyone about the upcoming July 30th Sox game against the NY Mets. Keep in mind it is a Rotary benefit, where a contribution is made to Polio Plus for tickets purchased on behalf of each club. The year Scott was DG, our club accounted for 25% of the ticket sales!!



Lesley Gottlinger shared a note from former host mom Kim Fields whose son Nicholas is seeking a summer internship (paid or not). Nicholas, a senior in economics at U of Chicago, had a research assistant position, but the position lost funding. If anyone can help or has suggestions, let Lesley know.

Jon Rusco needs five volunteers for the Sarah's Inn Mealmakers scheduled for August 8th at 5:30. You can register on line or reach out to Jon.

Donut Day sign-up is available through Rick Hibbert. Emails requesting volunteers went out within the past week. If you haven't signed up yet, reach out to Rick 708-710-9483 or [rickhibbert@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rickhibbert@sbcglobal.net)



## Board Meeting

The next board meeting is scheduled for **July 17 at 10:30AM** at the lower level of

114 Oak Park Avenue. Thanks to Lewis Jones (Coldwell Banker) for offering the use of his offices. Remember, folks, Board Meetings are open to ALL members.



**Reminder:** Dues are due!! There is a new dues structure. Make your decision about your preferred membership type, and then Make Your Payment!! We do take credit cards at every lunch meeting!!

George Slenski shared that he and Mary will be moving back to Indianapolis in August, and the July 31st meeting will be his last. Both OPRF Rotary and Grace Episcopal Church will miss the Slenskis very much!!

**Reminder:** Food Truck Rally is coming up very quickly - August 24. Scott is working on volunteers for the Beer Tent. Ade is looking for Ambassadors to share the Rotary story - Ambassador training will take place 3



*Food Trucks*  
*Stage Entertainment*  
*Beer Tent*  
*Inflatables*  
*Family Activities*

weeks before the event! Bill Planek is putting together

the general volunteer list. Everyone is asked to reach out to Scott, Ade, and Bill with your time availabilities.

President Charlie reminded Rotarians to check out the website. Nancy Teclaw led the group in The Four-Way Test and sent us on our way.



September 27, 2019 . . . As we prepare to celebrate our own **Nancy Teclaw** as she is honored as this year's Ulyssean recipient!!!