



THE ROTARY RAZZ

Rotary Club of Oak Park - River Forest, Illinois

Meetings at
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TODAY IN ROTARY

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Lunch, Friendship & Camaraderie
At Cucina Paradiso

Also, This Week in Rotary

August 18 - Interact Meeting - 1PM
Oak Park Township Offices Boardroom
105 South Oak Park Avenue, OP

NO LUNCH MEETING AUGUST 21

7:45 AM BREAKFAST
Oak Park Country Club
RSVP's Requested

Please Let Attendance Desk Know by 8/14

REMINDERS



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!!

NO LUNCH MEETING SEPTEMBER 4

5:00 PM PICNIC GATHERING

Home of Charlie & Lynne Williams
539 Forest Avenue, River Forest
RSVP's Requested

Please Let Attendance Desk Know by 8/28

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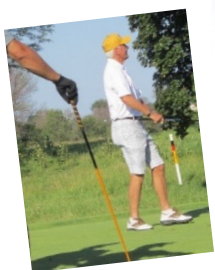
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Annual Golf

Outing
September 11, 2019

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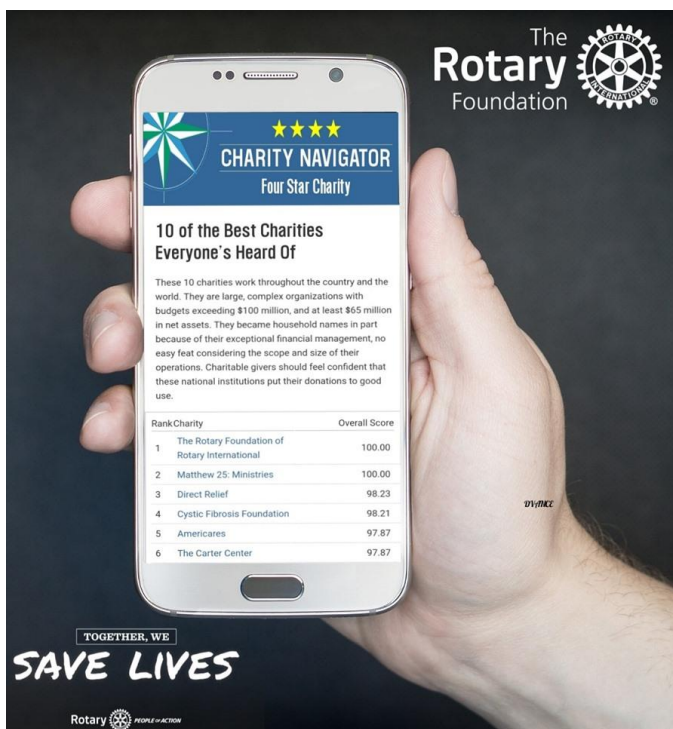
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A Note from President Charlie...

Did you know? The Rotary Foundation rose to #1 on Charity Navigator's list of the 10 Best Charities Everyone's Heard Of.

These 10 charities work throughout the country and the world. They are large, complex organizations with budgets exceeding \$100 million, and at least \$65 million in net assets. They became household names in part because of their exceptional financial management, no easy feat considering the scope and size of their operations. Charitable givers should feel confident that these national institutions put their donations to good use.



I'm proud to represent such an amazing organization, and you should be, too!

With Love & Affection,
President Charlie

P.S. This map represents our collective charitable strength.



Meeting Notes from August 7, 2019 . . .

The bell sounded twice. "Hey, I'm a nice guy," says President Charlie, "but Cathy Yen says if you're not quiet, hit the bell twice!"

Newest Rotarian Shalena Thomas led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance, and Sergeant-at-Arms Cathy Yen gave the Invocation. Eric Van Ness introduced our guests for the day:

Maria Jamroz, pictured with and guest of Dan Browne; Visiting Rotarians from the



Lahaina Sunrise Club of Hawaii former OPRF Rotarian David Ristau and Cheryl Iverson; and Iain and Ava Young, guests of their Mom Rotarian Amanda Young, and Nicholas Yamaguchi.



Martha Murray, "crew chief" for the **Sarah's Inn Meal Makers** on Thursday, August 8, reported they are all set for volunteers. Pictured

hard at work
are Martha,
Ruth McLaren,



Jimmy DeMay and Jerry Lordan.

President Charlie reminded folks that the **September 4th meeting** is from 5:00 - 8:00 PM at his home. The theme is Camaraderie! It is considered a regular meeting, so Rotarian meals are covered by your dues [if that was your dues structure choice]. If not, bring your \$20. Bring guests and spouses. [Cost is \$20.] Since we are close to Oktoberfest, the meal will be catered by Edelweiss, and Lynne reports there will be a BIG tent [since she's never had that many people in the house.]



President Charlie shared a note from Rick Hibbert about the upcoming [August 10th] **Donut Day**. Still need a few folks for clean-up and runner positions. Folks are reminded to bring their own head coverings - hats, nets, etc.



Rotarians, Rick Hibbert said: Thanks for all the Rotarians, family and friends who volunteered for Donut Day on Saturday. As usual, the people who



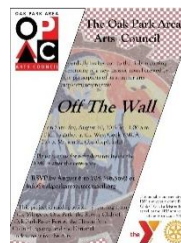
arrived before sunrise — Scott McAdam, Robert Stelletello, Ade Onayemi, Charlie Williams, Phil Barry and Jerry Lordan — got us off to a great start, making approximately 300 dozen donuts. We ended up making 375 dozen donuts for the day. That's been about the average for the summer this year at Pilgrim Church. Again, our partner on Donut Day was South East Oak Park Community Organization. Other Rotary volunteers, including family and friends



were:
Sue
Quinn;
Jack
Kennelly; Ruth McLaren;
Cathy Hall; Ed Condon;



husband Scott and three children; Peter, Jenna and Lily; and Marie Olmos.



President Charlie reminded folks about the **Rotary Centennial Mosaic unveiling and ribbon cutting ceremony**

on Saturday, August 10th at the YMCA at 11AM. He reminded folks to RSVP ASAP.





President Charlie shared a "Save the Date" for the upcoming **District Rotary Foundation Dinner** on Nov. 14th. He advised that our club's Global Grant Kidz Express story would be one of three being shared that evening. More details will be forthcoming.



Lesley shared the upcoming arrival of our **Rotary Youth Exchange students**: Noomi from Denmark on Sunday and Ian-Felix from Germany on Friday. To join the welcoming committee at the airport, reach out to Lesley. [See photos p. 5]

President Charlie gave the reminder that there will be **NO LUNCH MEETING AUG. 21.**

Instead we will be having breakfast at the Oak Park Country Club beginning at 7:45 AM. RSVP's are requested no later than next week's August 14th meeting. Board meeting will follow the breakfast meeting.

Ade Onayemi shared that he is looking for an outdoor putting green mat/game for the Rotary information tent. Let him know if you have one.



If you haven't signed up, please do. Look on the website for available open spots. We'll take a few hours, or even just one or two.

Also, if anyone needs a blue Rotarian Centennial shirt to wear for the Food Truck Rally, let Ade or Linda or Bill know. That is the official "uniform attire" for the day.

Remember, there are **TEN** Food Trucks for the **2019 OPRF Rotary Food Truck Rally**
Saturday, August 24, 2019 - 3:30 - 9:30 PM
401 Thatcher Avenue,

- **Aztec Dave's** - Full Mexican Taco creations
- **Bill Brick's Wood Fired Pizza**
- **Bob Cha Korean Fusion**
- **Carnivore** - O.P Ministry of Sandwiches
- **Cheesies** - Man & Cheese, Grilled Cheese, etc.
- **Chesa Gluten Free** - All GF veggie, rice, fruit, chicken, beef, shrimp
- **Decadent Flavors** - Mini donuts, Elephant Ears, Fried Oreos
- **Ms. Tittles Cupcakes**
- **My Funnel Truck** - Funnel Cakes & Ice Cream Creations
- **Tamale Spaceship** - Tamales

Scheduled for August 24, 100% club member involvement is anticipated. Plan to do your part. If you haven't signed up yet, just do it! Here's how:

To volunteer for the Aug. 24 Food Truck Rally, please sign in to our club's home page, then click on "volunteering" at the top of the home page. Select Food Truck Rally and then click on "Volunteer Yourself" just to the left of the Spots Left box.

Cathy Yen is looking for some help from OPRF Rotarians in November. Earlier this year, our club applied for and received a spot in the **Open World** program RI is sponsoring. During the first week in November, a group of six Russian social workers and one translator will be visiting the Greater Chicago area to see how we deal with domestic violence. They will be our November 6th program.

Cathy reminded us, we will need housing for our visitors. Anyone able to help with housing and or programming, please let Cathy know. There will be 40 hours of "fun stuff," and 40 hours of programming. Approximate dates are October 30 to November 9, 2019. Cathy also noted that Beat the Streets just got a 15-person van, so there is definitely transportation for our guests.

Pictured below in front of the Rotary garden area at OPRF, Ian & Noomi had just finished meeting with their counselors and were heading off for ice cream and to open bank accounts with YEO Lesley. Both



students are very excited to be here and are looking forward to a wonderful year. **REMEMBER, OPRF Rotarians, to include Noomi and Ian in some of the fun things you and your families do during the year.**

REMEMBER . . .

**DG debi's Visit
October 2, 2019**

**Be prepared!!
Wear your Rotary bling!!**



At the meeting's end, Visiting Rotarian David Ristau led the group in The Four-Way Test and sent us on our way.



Exchange student Ian-Felix Sebastian Hellmuth arrived on from Germany on Friday and was met at the airport by host mom Sandy Brisben. Ian will be a junior at OPRF.



Exchange student
Noomi Marie
Hoier Adamsen

arrived from Denmark on Sunday and was met by her host brothers Josh and Gabe along with host mom and dad Kim and Doug Katz.

 	
AUGUST 2019	
6 - Noomi Adamsen 6 - Jimmy DeMay 6 - Bob Giles 11 - Jim Lencioni 12 - Nancy Teclaw 21 - Pav Pavlovic 22 - Ian-Felix Hellmuth	Ruth McLaren - 21 yrs Rich Battaglia - 5 yrs Cathy Hall - 2 yrs Matt Sullivan - 2 yrs

