



THE ROTARY RAZZ

Rotary Club of Oak Park - River Forest, Illinois

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TODAY IN ROTARY

OCTOBER 16, 2019

Board Meeting - 10:45 AM
Drechsler Brown & Williams Funeral Home
203 South Marion Street, OP

Today's Program



Food Truck
Rally Update &
Changes

Sue Quinn &
Charlie Williams



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ALSO, THIS WEEK IN ROTARY



Feed My Starving Children
740 Wiley Farm Court
Schaumburg IL 60173
Friday evening
October 18, 2019
6:00 - 7:30 PM

October 20, 2019

Interact Meeting - 1:00 - 2:00 PM
OP Township Offices Boardroom

If you missed these celebrations . . .

Anniversaries	Birthdays
Charles Wells - 27 yrs	3 - Tom Ewert
Mike Sletten - 12 yrs	14 Rich Battaglia
Jim Lencioni - 6 yrs	17 - Mike Sletten
Robert Stelletello - 6 yrs	25 - Selma Belajec
Jack Kennelly - 5 yrs	26 - Tony Martinez
Jimmy DeMay - 4 yrs	28 - Carol Kelley
Lewis Jones - 1 yr	30 - Martha Murphy
Tony Martinez - 1 yr	

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Pres. Charlie Reports & Reminds . . .

In an Oct. 15th email from President Charlie, he says:

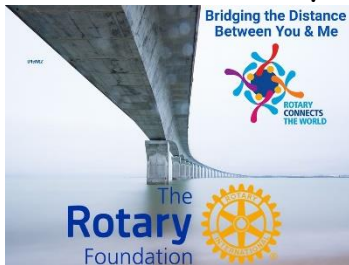
" . . . we are asking you to review the attached [to the email] document which describes the various opportunities in which to serve the club and enhance your membership experience.

Please look over the listings and choose three categories. We will try to match your first two choices. Also, if you are interested in leading in one of these areas, please let us know.

We will provide the completed list to Charles Wells so he can publish them in the new directory. **Our deadline for this task is Friday October 18, 2019.**"

Please email your response to:
dbwfh@comcast.net

D6450 Foundation Road Show
Elmhurst, O'Hare & OPRF Rotary Clubs
Join forces to meet and discuss
The Rotary Foundation
Thursday, October 31, 2019



We will meet at **The Great Escape** at **9540 Irving Park Road, Schiller Park, IL**. People are asked to arrive around 11:45. Lunch, which is buffet style, typically begins around 12:00 and the meeting starts at 12:30. RSVP to Pres. Charlie by Friday, Oct. 25th.

Chicagoland Lithuanian Rotary Club would like to invite you and your families to the most fun Halloween event **HAUNTED OAK 5K**. It is a run/walk event on the beautiful golf course! Every finisher gets a medal, a Rotarian must-have. Dress to impress and you win a prize! Our MOTTO - Let's run for those who can't! All proceeds will go to support people with disabilities! **Registration is open now at:**

<https://www.hauntedoak5k.com/>



Sunday, October 27
4:00 PM
Old Oak Country Club
Homer Glen, IL
Pre-registration \$45 pp
At-the-door \$50 pp

**With Love & Affection,
President Charlie**

OCTOBER 2019 - POLIO AWARENESS MONTH



- 18 - Interact: Feed My Starving Children 6-7:30PM
- 20 - Interact Meeting - OP Township Board - 1PM
- 23 - Program: Bill Tobin - ShelterBox USA
- 24 - World Polio Day
- 26 - District Fall Training
- 30 - Program - TBD
- 31 - Rotary Foundation Road Show - The Great Escape



Meeting & Speaker Notes from October 9th . . .

Welcome! Welcome! Welcome!
Once Again, It's Wednesday!

President Charlie asked Matt Grote to lead the group in the Pledge of Allegiance, while Lewis Jones gave the Invocation. Werner Huget introduced the



day's guests: Werner and Nancy Teclaw; Anne France, also a guest



seated with his host
of Werner, seated between guest Isabel Heve' and her hostess Christine Baissac;

Andrew France, another guest of Werner Huget, next page, seated with Phil Barry and Linda Sahagian; and



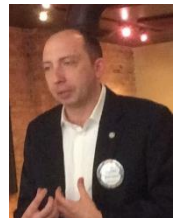
The Foundation Dinner is being held on November 14th. It is an excellent opportunity to meet with other District Rotarians to celebrate our Rotary Foundation. Registration is open on the District web-site. More information will be available at the Road C=Show on October 31st.

See President Charlie's column for information about the Foundation Road Show. It is an outstanding opportunity for new and long-time members as well to meet other local Rotarians from both the Elmhurst and O'Hare Rotary Clubs, as well as to enjoy an informative and fun make-up meeting.

See page 1 of this RAZZ for information about the Interact Club's service project this Friday evening. They would still take any OPRF Rotarian help that can be offered. **Feed My Starving Children, 740 Wiley Farm Court, Schaumburg IL 60173.** Event takes place **Friday evening October 18, 2019, 6:00 - 7:30 PM.** Thanks to Laura Bezinovich and friend for already volunteering.

President Charlie notes that the club needs the help of each of our members. He sent out an email on Tuesday asking that we each peruse the list of possibilities, choose 3, and then let him know. [See President Charlie's column on page 2.]

President Nominee/Program Chair Eric Van Ness then introduced our newest club members who sat in to share some thoughts with us: Liz Holt, Melissa Keshen, Carla Sloan, and Michelle Traficano.

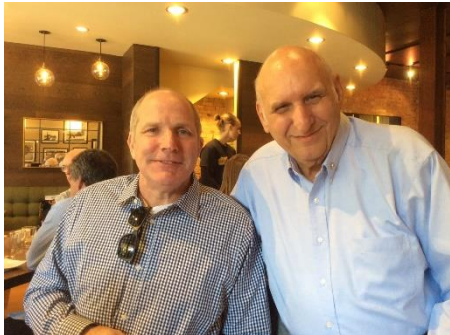


Here were some of the questions Eric asked:

How did you find out about Rotary?

Liz Holt: As Executive Director of the OPRF Chamber, I first heard about Rotary from Cathy Yen, and of course, all the other Chamber members who are Rotarians.

Melissa Keshen: Working at the Forest Agency, from Dan Browne, and of course, Nichole Hoppe and Cathy Hall.



long-time - but no longer - OPRF Rotarian Lou Fabbri seated with Bill Planeck. Steve and Anne are long-time educators, and Andrew works in artificial intelligence.

Amanda Young shared - and "paid dearly for doing so" - Julian Middle School Sales of candy and cookie dough. Anyone interested in purchasing product, or in donating, see Amanda. She also shared the upcoming "Membership Party" to be held the next evening at 1 Lake Street from 4-5:30PM.



President Charlie shared the Rock Star Award, including certificate and Rotary bag DG debi Ross had presented to Lesley Gottlinger [in absentia] the week prior.

President Charlie shared information on the upcoming annual District Coat Drive to be held in November. **More information appears on the last page of this RAZZ.**



New Rotarian Lewis Jones is finally "Official" as he received his membership badge, certificate and pin from Amanda Young! Welcome, Lewis!!

Carla Sloan: As part of the River Forest Township, I have many friends who enjoy Rotary and have lots of fun with Rotary. My contact would have to be Sue Quinn.

Michelle Traficano: Being part of the Township and replacing John Williams as head of Youth Services was my first contact with Rotary. And then Sue Quinn. Now, of course, the Township as a corporate membership.

What excites you about Rotary? What is your passion?

Liz: Being with a group of people who come from other places in the world and who know there is a world outside the United States.

Melissa: Meeting and being with a group involved in community and giving back. People who are service-oriented.

Carla: Human services - people who are active in the local community. What Rotary brings is also international services. I was out of the country a few weeks ago, and right there at the airport was a huge Rotary banner! It was nice to know I had made the right choice!

Michelle: I am a social worker by trade, so my passion is Youth!



Eric also asked each of the ladies if they had any questions for us? Their response was to give them some more time, and as they become more ingrained in Rotary, the questions would come.

Laura Bezinovich, a fairly new member herself, offered this n=bit of advice: **Be aggressive about what you want to do. Follow up! If there is something that ignites your passion, track down the person who shared the opportunity, and make it happen!**

Ade Onayemi, a past AG and current D6450 Board Member, noted that there are many opportunities at different levels. If youth is your passion, that is a spot that is missing volunteers on the District level. He also noted that the upcoming district Fall Training on October 26 would be an OUTSTANDING learning opportunity for new and long-time members alike.

There being no further questions, Jon Rusco led the group in The Four-Way Test and sent us on our way.

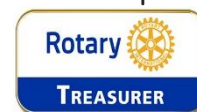
A Few More Meeting Photos



Announcements

"We're in the money!!"

Have you always wanted to practice your finance, management and leadership skills?



Consider becoming **CLUB TREASURER!** Cathy Yen currently is serving as interim Treasurer following Ruth McLaren's move to Florida and Cathy needs some help. Why not you?! :) The Board would like to make this a 2-person team permanently: Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer. You'll work together with Cathy in 2019-2020. In 2020-21 you'll take the reins as Treasurer along with a new Assistant Treasurer. The time commitment averages 8-10 hours per month. Give Cathy a call or email and find our more [708.205.4766 or cyen0910@gmail.com]

As the kids take off for their annual 4-day RYLA weekend . . .



Despite Friday's rain, they had a terrific time.



Mike and Becky Sletten's daughter Molly attended RYLA, and Mike and Becky volunteered to help on Saturday evening with the Reality Store!

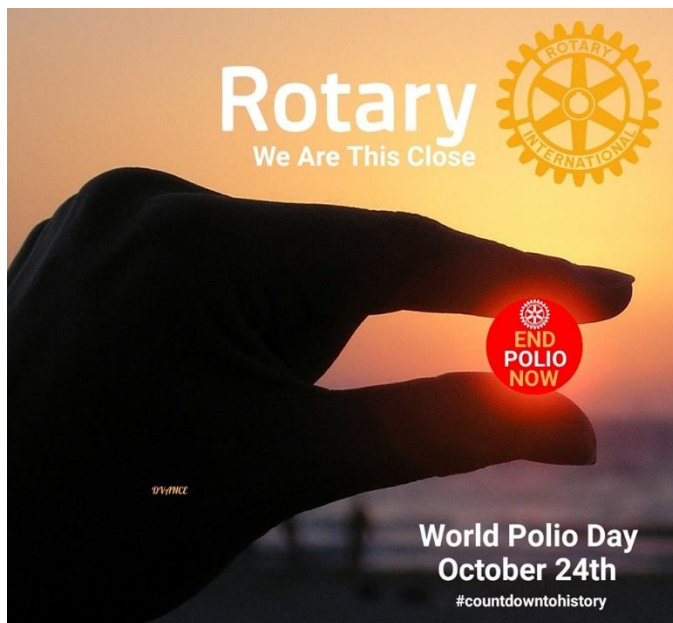
BELOW: The entire group



How's this for a random shot?

Eric Van Ness sent this last Saturday . . . Here is a picture of

Bob Giles and me in Bar Harbor Maine today. Both randomly here & met up.



CHICAGOLAND ROTARY VETERANS COAT DRIVE STAND DOWN DAY FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15

Our goal is to collect and distribute **900 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 eighth year participating in this event that has been held and organized for the past 25 years by the veterans. We expect to serve a little over 900 homeless veterans on November 15 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?

- 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 November 14 (Set Up) and 15 (Stand Down Day) at Humboldt Park Armory in Chicago, 1551 N. Kedzie Avenue, Chicago, IL 60651

We have two shifts available on November 15 from 7:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and one shift on November 14 from 9:00 a.m. to Noon. Sign up for volunteering by going to www.rotarydistrict6450.org and click on Calendar on the left side of the page and go to November 14 or 15. We will contact you one week before the event with additional volunteer information.

Coat Drop Off Locations:

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

Forest Park - Scott McAdam. Rotary Club of Oak Park-River Forest, at - drop off coats Monday through Friday at McAdam Landscaping, 2001 Des Plaines Ave., Forest Park, Illinois