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## TODAY IN ROTARY

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Today's Program



Bill Tobin, Rotary Relations Manager  
ShelterBox USA



A 15-year member of the El Dorado Hills CA Rotary Club, Bill has served in several club & district leadership roles & is a major donor to The Rotary Foundation. In 2016-2017 Rotary D5180 awarded Bill "Rotarian of the Year" for his dedicated service to Rotary, & his commitment to the support & growth of ShelterBox USA.

Since beginning with ShelterBox after the 2010 Haiti earthquake, Bill has shared the ShelterBox story with thousands of Rotarians & organized fundraisers & awareness events for ShelterBox USA. In 2017, he helped lead the USA Ambassadorial team in raising \$1.4+ million for ShelterBox. For his volunteer efforts with ShelterBox USA, Bill has received the United States Presidential Volunteer Service Award seven times. After 30 years as a nuclear power plant inspector, Bill earned certification in Non-Profit management & joined the staff at ShelterBox USA in January 2019.

## ALSO, THIS WEEK IN ROTARY

Oct. 24 - World Polio Day/Trivia Night - See p. 2  
Oct. 26 - District Fall Training - See p. 2  
Oct. 27 - Haunted Oak 5K Run - See p. 2

## NEW MEMBER APPLICATIONS

We are delighted to announce the following people have submitted membership applications to the Rotary Club of OP-RF. Per Club rules their names must be published in 3 consecutive issues of the RAZZ before the Rotary Board may vote on the membership request. This is the first of three notices. Any concerns, please contact Amanda Young or any current OPRF Board Member.



NAME: Marcia O'Brien Conway  
SPONSOR: Sue Quinn  
PROFESSION: Attorney

NAME: Anne France  
SPONSOR: Werner Huget  
PROFESSION: Educational Consultant



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## Pres. Charlie's Reminders for This Week in Rotary . . .

We're closer than ever to eradicating polio but we're not done yet. We still need funds to continue immunizations and surveillance efforts. You can get us closer to the finish line - It's your chance to be a part of history! Assemble your team (4-6 players) and test your collective knowledge this World Polio Day. Your \$30 ticket includes 2 drinks, buffet dinner, & a donation to The Rotary Foundation's PolioPlus Fund! **\*TIP: Bring some cash, because we'll be offering up to 2 mulligans per round [\$5 each]**



Thu, October 24, 2019 - 7:00 PM - 9:30 PM

Select Cut Steak House  
2808 North Halsted Street  
Chicago, IL 60657

## ANNOUNCING THE FALL TRAINING LINEUP!

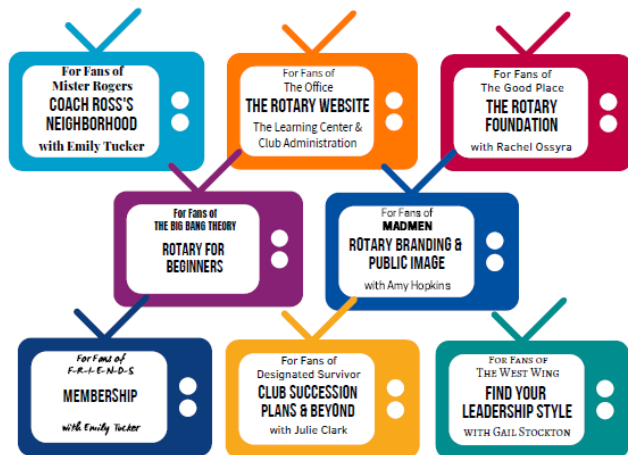
### KEYNOTE SPEAKERS:

**Valerie Mrak**

Breakthrough to Action

**Louie Sharp**

Motivating Team Members



## TUNE IN ON OCTOBER 26, 2019!

AT MORaine VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

BUILDING M

9000 W COLLEGE PKWY, PALOS HILLS, IL 60465

8:00-8:40: Registration & Commercials

8:40-10:30: Keynote Speakers

10:45-12:45pm: Rotarian Training Sessions

Continental Breakfast Included

REGISTER AT [WWW.ROTARY6450.ORG](http://WWW.ROTARY6450.ORG)



We've been asked to have 5 club members attend. To date, 3 are registered. Car pool with Sue Quinn, Ade Onayemi, or Lesley Gottlinger. But **REGISTER!**

Chicagoland Lithuanian Rotary Club invites you to attend a most fun Halloween event **HAUNTED OAK**



**5K.** It's a run/walk event on a beautiful golf course! Every finisher gets a medal! Dress to impress & win a prize! Our **MOTTO** - Let's run

for those who can't! Proceeds support people with disabilities! Registration now open at:

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

Sunday, October 27 - 4:00 PM

Old Oak CC - Homer Glen, IL

Pre-registration \$45 pp

At-the-door \$50 pp

**JUST A REMINDER . . .**



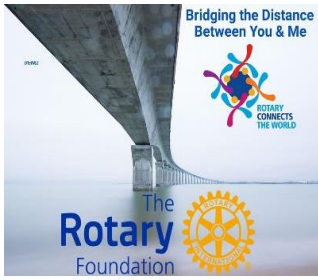
With Love & Affection,  
President Charlie

## OCTOBER 2019 - POLIO AWARENESS MONTH



30 - Program - TBD

31 - Rotary Foundation Road Show - The Great Escape  
See Next Page for Road Show Details



**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. 25<sup>th</sup>.



### Meeting Notes from October 16<sup>th</sup> . . .

**Aw right! Aw right! Aw right!**

**Ding! Ladies and Gentlemen, it's Wednesday!**

President Charlie opened the meeting by leading the group in the Pledge of Allegiance, while Cathy Yen gave the Invocation/Reflection. She asked us to each think of one good thing that happened to us this last week. The day's guests were introduced: Past President Ted Kucia,



seated with Bob Giles and Don Offermann; Jim



Rolf, nephew and guest of Bill Planek pictured with Amanda Young, & Karen, Selma Belajec's guest.

President Charlie announced that the day's scheduled program - an Update on the Annual Food Truck Rally was being postponed due to its being a work in progress. Instead, the day's discussion would include announcements and fellowship.

President Charlie reminded folks that "We're in the money!!" and we are seeking a Club Treasurer. This



person would work with Cathy Yen who is currently serving as interim Treasurer following Ruth McLaren's move to Florida. The Board would like to make this a 2-person team permanently: Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer. This new person would work together with Cathy in 2019-2020, and in 2020-21 would take the reins as Treasurer along with a new Assistant Treasurer. The time commitment averages 8-10 hours per month. President Charlie reminded interested folks to give Cathy a call or email and find out more [708.205.4766 or [cyen0910@gmail.com](mailto:cyen0910@gmail.com)]



Someone asked about replacing Ruth's Community Bank membership with someone from Byline Bank which prompted a job change announcement from Susie Goldschmidt who noted that after 33 years, she has moved on to Byline Bank. She has been with them for one week as Market President Retail Banking. [Susie's new email is: [sgoldschmidt@bylinebank.com](mailto:sgoldschmidt@bylinebank.com) ]

The Interact Club has scheduled a service project at Feed My Starving Children in Schaumburg,



Friday, Oct. 18, from 6-7:30 PM. Thanks to Laura





Bezinovich and friend Jordan for stepping up to volunteer. Others are also

welcome to join the Interactors. Photos appear above and right.



We ended up w/ 16 volunteers. Thanks to all who helped. Next Interact Feed My Starving Children Event is December 6<sup>th</sup>.



President Charlie wished all our October birthday folks a Happy Birthday: Tom Ewert, Rich Battaglia, Mike Sletten, Selma Belajec, Tony Martinez, Carol Kelley, Martha Murphy.

He also reminded members that Martha Murphy has taken over the attendance desk and needs our help. Please reach out to her if you can give even a day or two's help. It's a great way to get to know our members! Along that same vein, Charlie reminded members to please look over the listings of club service opportunities 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. **Even though the deadline for this task was Friday October 18, 2019, if you have not yet done this, please do. Please email your response to Charlie at: [dbwfh@comcast.net](mailto:dbwfh@comcast.net)**

Sue Quinn reminded OPRF Rotarians about Fall Training on October 26<sup>th</sup>. For details, see Pres. Charlie's column on page 2 of this RAZZ.

President Charlie shared information about the Veterans' Coat Drive, noting that money was allotted by the Board at its meeting earlier

that morning. Individual cash donations will also be collected over the next two weeks at lunch.

### **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 who 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](http://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

The Foundation Dinner is being held on November 14<sup>th</sup>. It is an excellent opportunity to meet with other District Rotarians to celebrate our Rotary Foundation. Registration is open on the District web-site. Our Kidz Express Reverse Global Grant is one of three projects being showcased. More information will be available at the Road Show on October 31<sup>st</sup>.

President Charlie spent a few minutes talking about this past year's District Conference as he reminded people of the high esteem with which our club is regarded. He pointed out we should make every effort to attend events like the Foundation Dinner and District Training events.

President Charlie also asked for an explanation of the "chance" photo of Eric Van Ness and Bob Giles in Maine. For those who missed the photo . . . For the explanation, however, you'll have to check with Bob Giles. It had something to do with decoy duck carvers and Acadia National Park!!



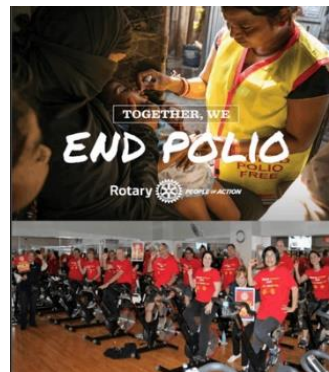
Amanda Young gave a shout-out to Robert Stelletello who helped avert a Humanitarian Crisis at an evening Chamber event. There was only one bartender, and Robert stepped up . . . not only did he save the evening, but he also saved Amanda from continuing to be an "embarrassing" wine pourer!

Rotary anniversaries were also celebrated: Charles Wells lead with 27 years!! He was followed Mike Sletten with 12 years, Jim Lencioni and Robert Stelletello each have 6 years of service, Jack Kennelly has 5 years, Jimmy DeMay celebrates 4 years with OPRF - not counting all his other Rotary clubs and activities!! - and finally, Lewis Jones and Tony Martinez each celebrated 1 year.

At the end of the meeting, Jimmy DeMay lead the group in The Four-Way Test and sent us on our way.



Just another day at the office for our very own Bill Planek!!



## Upcoming Important Event

### The Indoor Ride to End Polio

In this event riders do an indoor bike ride for 30 to 60 minutes in order to raise donations for polio eradication.

The event aligns with the Miles To End Polio bike ride during the El Tour de Tucson on Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup>: <https://www.endpolio.org/miles-to-end-polio>

Each rider donates and/or solicits donations for PolioPlus [usually \$1 per minute]. The minimum will be \$30/rider in donations.

All funds raised are matched 2 to 1 by the Gates Foundation in support of Rotary's global efforts to eradicate polio.

We will give credit to any members and your club toward your PolioPlus fund raising goals for donations they make for this event!

**WHEN:** Sunday, November 17, 2019

**WHAT and WHY:** The Indoor Ride To End Polio\* is a fun cycling event where riders do an indoor bike ride for 30 to 60 minutes in order to raise donations for polio eradication. Each rider donates and/or solicits donations for PolioPlus (usually \$1 per minute). All funds raised are matched 2 to 1 by the Gates Foundation in support of Rotary's global efforts to eradicate polio.

**WHERE:** 3 different locations (Evanston, Naperville & Barrington); See details below. Riders can bike up to 60 minutes.

#### EVANSTON:

McGaw YMCA  
1000 Grove Street  
Evanston, IL 60201

#### TIME:

11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

#### NAPERVILLE:

LA Fitness  
1836 Freedom Drive  
Naperville, IL 60563

#### TIME:

11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

#### BARRINGTON:

Good Shepherd Fitness  
1301 S. Barrington Rd  
Barrington, IL

#### TIME:

8:00 AM - 9:00 AM

Please Register For **EVANSTON** at:  
[Eventbrite.com/evanstonride](https://www.eventbrite.com/evanstonride)

Please Register For **NAPERVILLE** at:  
[Eventbrite.com/napervillerride](https://www.eventbrite.com/napervillerride)

Please Register For **BARRINGTON** at: [barringtonbreakfastrotary.org](https://www.barringtonbreakfastrotary.org)