



# THE ROTARY RAZZ

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## TODAY IN ROTARY

November 6, 2019

Today's Program

## HAPPY 100<sup>th</sup> B-DAY OPRF ROTARY

Includes CAKE!!



Wear Your Favorite Cardigan in  
Honor of World Kindness Day

world  
kindness day  
MR. ROGERS "CARDIGAN DAY"

Prizes Will Be  
Awarded

## ALSO, THIS WEEK IN ROTARY

Nov. 14 - Rotary Foundation Dinner

Nov. 15 - Chicagoland Rotary Veterans Coat Drive  
Stand Down

Nov. 16 - Memorial service for Tom Knowles 11 AM  
- St. Giles Church

Luncheon follows at Jimmy's Place,  
Madison St., Forest Park.

Nov. 17 - Interact Meeting - 1PM

Nov. 17 - Indoor Ride to End Polio

## 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 **third** of **three** notices for Stacey Watson. Have questions? Contact Amanda Young or any current OPRF Board Member.



NAME: Stacey G. Watson

SPONSOR: Ade Onayemi

PROFESSION: Dir., Community Relations

COMPANY: West Suburban Medical Ctr.

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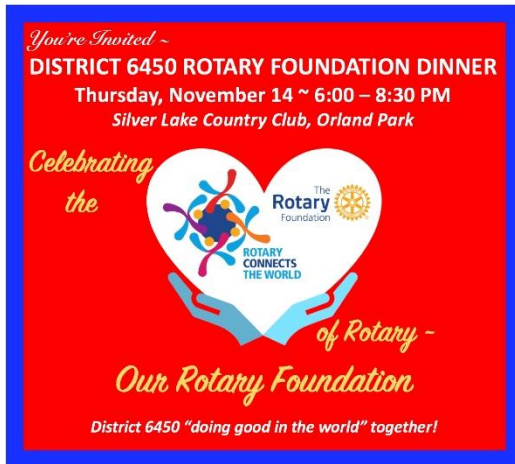
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## Pres. Charlie's Rotary Reminders...



### Special Guest RI General Secretary John Hewko

Recognizing Major Donors, Bequest Society, Paul Harris Society, Paul Harris Fellows, 100% Clubs, Top Giving Clubs, Largest Giving Increase Clubs

6:00 - 6:45 PM - Cocktail Reception, Cash Bar

6:45 - 7:45 PM - Welcome & Family-Style Dinner

7:45 - 8:30 PM Program

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

This is Rotary's eighth year participating in this 25-year-old event. We expect to serve a more than 900 homeless veterans on Nov. 15 as they gear up for the harsh winter months ahead. If you have not been to a Stand Down Day, coats are set up along clothing racks organized by size, and we assist the veterans in selecting a coat & helping them try them on. The veterans then get winter clothing, medical & optical services, employment assistance, social service support for housing & food, haircuts, & a warm meal.

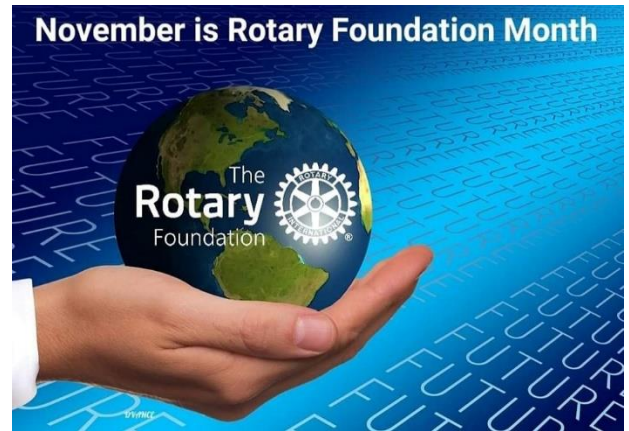
#### WE NEED YOUR HELP!

**How Can YOU Help serve our veterans who have served us?**

**Volunteer on November 14 [Set Up] & 15 [Stand Down Day] at Humboldt Park Armory, 1551 N. Kedzie Avenue, Chicago, IL 60651**

We have two shifts available on Nov. 15 from 7:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. & 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. & one shift on Nov. 14 from 9:00 a.m. to Noon. Sign up for volunteering by going to [www.rotarydistrict6450.org](http://www.rotarydistrict6450.org) & 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.

With Love & Affection,  
President Charlie



### NOVEMBER 2019 - ROTARY FOUNDATION MONTH

20 - Board Meeting - 10:45 AM

20 - Program: Foundation -

27 - NO MEETING - ENJOY THANKSGIVING WEEK



### Meeting Notes from Nov. 6<sup>th</sup>

Standing in for President Charlie, President-Elect Sue Quinn gave a 5-minute notice - get dessert, coffee, and we'll begin.

After the Pledge, Linda Sahagian provided the Invocation, Laura Bezinovich introduced our many

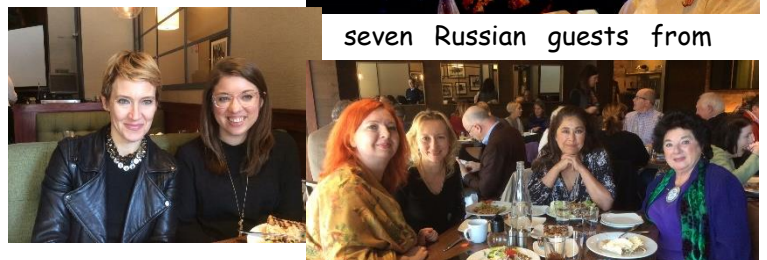
guests: District Governor debi Ross; Katie Planek and Mickey Brown, guests of Bill Planek [pictured with John Hedges]; Maria Jamroz [Forest



Agency], guest of Nichole Hoppe; perspective member, Marcia Conway; and our



seven Russian guests from







Open World: Svetlana, Tatiana, Daria, Olga, Olga, Anna, and Irina - all pictured with various Rotarians.



Sue then "invited" the group to join in singing Happy Birthday to Lesley Gottlinger who had celebrated her birthday the day before. Fun to note that Sue's daughter shares the same birthday!



Amanda Young, Membership Guru Extraordinaire, then presented new members Shalena Thomas and Laura Bezinovich with membership materials, badges, and pins.

Thanks to Robert Stelletello, a true man of honor and valor. Robert took the Russian contingent shopping the day before the meeting!!!

Eric Van Ness expressed our gratitude to those Rotarians among us who were Veterans and would be celebrating Veterans' Day the following Monday: Tom Ewert, John Hedges, Werner Huget, Pav Pavlovic, Bob Walsh, Charles Wells, Jim Marshall, and Eric Van Ness. Gentlemen, we thank you for your service!

Ade Onayemi was pleased to announce that through a cooperative effort with Operation Warmth and Rotary Clubs in D6440, we were able to purchase 54 new coats at \$20 each for the Veterans Coat Drive Stand Down Day.

Pressing business concluded, we were introduced to our Russian guests who each had the opportunity to share their personal backgrounds and impressions of their Oak Park/Chicago/US adventure to date - through a translator, of course! Ade Onayemi, PDG Scott McAdam and DG debi Ross presented each of our



visitors with gifts from our club and district. It was an amazing experience hearing what these bright, dedicated, passionate women shared!



Meanwhile, sitting on a table all by itself, this Russian nesting doll waited. He would eventually be explained at our Russian Thanksgiving Feast Friday evening.



At the meeting's end, DG debi led the group in The Four-Way Test of the Things Rotarians Think, Say and Do, and said she would see us at The Foundation Dinner on the 14<sup>th</sup>.



**A Holiday Invitation  
from Eric Van Ness...**

We have teamed up with  
Toys for Tots and Santa Claus for

**"Christmas at the Lodge"**

**A Waddell & Reed Appreciation Event for Clients & Friends**

As singers fill the air with holiday music,  
enjoy delicious refreshments,  
**donate an unwrapped new toy  
and bring your family to meet Santa.**



Join us at  
The Hyatt Lodge  
Open House: Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2-5pm  
2815 Jorie Blvd, Oak Brook, IL

Call **Eric Van Ness** at **630-954-4611** to  
**RSVP by November 25th.**

Free parking with complementary valet available.





From set-up to take-down, under the direction of Linda Sahagian, the room was filled with laughter & camaraderie. Everyone pitched in and made the evening a success.



Then it was time to say, "Thanks for a job WELL DONE!" to Cathy Yen who organized and oversaw the entire Open World 9-day visit.

There's Charlie with that Nesting Doll set we saw on Wednesday at lunch. Before giving the set [which came from a former student of



Jerry Lordan's], Cathy was required to identify the characters represented on each doll. Supposedly depending on only R.O.Y.s for help, Cathy did very well on her own!! Smart girl, that Cathy!!

Cathy then called on Amanda Young, Sue Quinn, and Christine Baissac-Hayden to gift them with "Sister Bracelets," and to thank them for their contributions to this Russian week full of adventure.



What a week it was!! Thanks to ALL who participated!!

That's a WRAP!

