



# THE ROTARY RAZZ

Rotary Club of Oak Park - River Forest, Illinois

No in-person meetings until further notice due to Governor J.B. Pritzker's stay-at-home order

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## TODAY IN OPRF ROTARY

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Sue Quinn Installation

5:30 PM - Via Zoom

Plan to wear your patriotic

Red, White & Blue

AND All Your Rotary Bling!!!



## ALSO, THIS WEEK

IN ROTARY

July 4<sup>th</sup> Holiday

Be Safe

## REMINDER

Each week, the If you have difficulty or need assistance with logging on to our Club's Zoom Video Conferencing system, reach out to:

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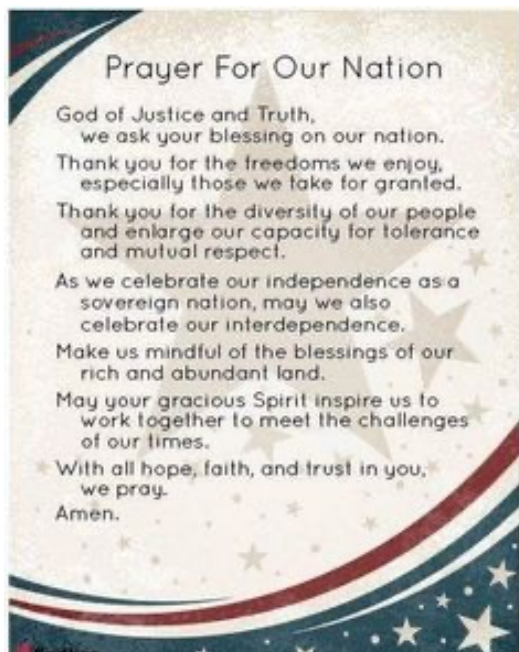
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## Prayer For Our Nation

God of Justice and Truth,  
we ask your blessing on our nation.  
Thank you for the freedoms we enjoy,  
especially those we take for granted.  
Thank you for the diversity of our people  
and enlarge our capacity for tolerance  
and mutual respect.  
As we celebrate our independence as a  
sovereign nation, may we also  
celebrate our interdependence.  
Make us mindful of the blessings of our  
rich and abundant land.  
May your gracious Spirit inspire us to  
work together to meet the challenges  
of our times.  
With all hope, faith, and trust in you,  
we pray.  
Amen.

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## SILVER



## BRONZE



## A Note from President Sue . . .

Dear Fellow OPRF Rotarian:



While this is a time of uncertainty and upheaval for many, we are still excited to continue the good works of the Rotary Club of Oak Park - River Forest. We have been meeting weekly via Zoom and we appreciate your membership, your fellowship and your financial commitment.

Club membership dues comprise your Rotary International and District 6450 dues, your subscription to the Rotarian Magazine, and the costs of operating the Club including insurance and supplies. Member dues have also funded approximately 30% of the total cost of our annual Community, International and Youth service grants and projects. The rest of our significant charitable service work is supported through fundraising and sponsorships. We know that these two sources of funds will be significantly reduced this year because of the pandemic. Your continued financial support of our Club is more important than ever.

Our club's ultimate purpose is to embrace and support communities in need. While we do not know when we will be able to meet in person and share a meal, your Board of Directors are committed to continue to fund worthy philanthropic objectives. Your Board affirmed the current membership structure and dues levels for 2020-21 annual dues to remain at \$1,200 for Regular Members, \$600 for Entrepreneur level, \$500 for Senior Active Members and \$1,500 for Corporate Members plus \$300 per each additional Rotarian added to a Corporate Membership. Please select the membership level that works best for you.

You should have received an email this week with an invoice for 2020-21 dues. If you have not received an emailed invoice, please let me know. As in the past, you may make your dues payment in one payment or quarterly. Please direct all payments to the Club's post office box in Oak Park indicated on the invoice.

Please know how much your timely dues payment is always appreciated, since it helps to ensure that our all-volunteer organization can provide an excellent Rotary experience for all members and to meet our obligations to the shared purposes we value. As always, thank you for your support, and for the many ways that you embrace Rotary's motto of "Service above Self".

Yours in Rotary,  
Sue Quinn  
President 2020-21



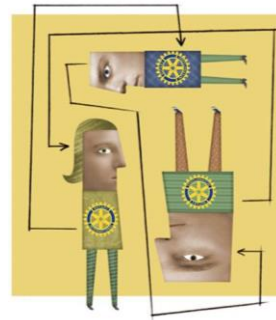
**JULY is  
New Leadership or  
"Changeover Month"**

**JULY 1 - Sue Quinn Installation 5:30 PM - Zoom**

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**JULY**

**12 - Interact -  
via Zoom - 1PM**

**15 - Board Meeting - 10:45 -  
Via Zoom**

**18 - D6450 Grants Sub-  
Committee - via Zoom - 9 AM**

**19 - Interact Social Justice  
Book Club Meets - via Zoom  
1 PM - 2:30 PM**

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**PLEASE . . . Keep  
those recipe favorites  
coming!**



**Your OPRF Interact Club**

**is keeping busy!** Don't be surprised when you get a phone call - from Ade or Lesley and the kids - just to say "Hi" and/or to ask you to share your favorite recipe. They are working on a fundraiser . . . and what better way than putting together a cookbook of AMAZING Rotary favorites!



**This Book Is Anti-Racist: 20  
Lessons on How to Wake Up, Take  
Action, and Do the Work**

Will be the book under discussion during Interact's first monthly Book Club on July 19 - via Zoom from 1:00 PM to 2:30 PM. Details to follow in next week's RAZZ. [Book by Tiffany Jewell]



**In the Local Rotary World aka  
Zoom Meeting Notes - June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

President Charlie opened our meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance as Eric Van Ness "posted the colors." Charlie then shared the day's Invocation:  
**Lord of the Universe, you have given most of mankind a strong desire to do good, to be honest, to serve Others, and to faithfully fulfill their obligations to their neighbors.**

**Help us, as Rotarians and humans, to do well.  
Help us, as Rotarians and humans, to be honest and ethical in all our dealings.**

**Help us, as Rotarians and humans, to serve others.  
And help us, as Rotarians and humans, to faithfully fulfill our obligations as neighbors to our community,**

**Our nation, and the world. Amen.**

**[Joseph D. Coons, Bellingham WA]**

Charlie went on to wish Werner Huget a Happy Birthday which was that day. He also shared other June Birthdays: Ruth McLaren [7<sup>th</sup>], Amanda Young [9<sup>th</sup>], Megan Traficano [12<sup>th</sup>], Jaime Escobar [16<sup>th</sup>], and Mickey Baer [27<sup>th</sup>]. President Charlie also noted Rotary Anniversaries - all of which were major: Bob Walsh [43 years], Werner Huget [34 years], Scott McAdam [25 years], and Cathy Yen [7 years].

As the day's program - **A Look at the Year: Presidential Re-Cap, President Charlie's Final Report 2019-2020 In Review**, Charlie chose to begin by sharing prepared remarks.



It goes without saying that this truly has been an odd year. Rotary is a 'fellowship' Club first and foremost, and this year has been a tremendous challenge for all clubs to remain relevant and meaningful.

Only due to our wonderful membership, have we survived and, I believe that we will continue to do so. We as members of Rotary know the needs are great and the opportunity to serve our community and world will only continue to grow. I am thankful to be

part of such an outstanding group. **There is Joy in service!**

**For the Rotary Year 2019-2020 I give thanks for:**

- **Awarding of Scholarships, Community Grants, Aid given to others during this Covid-19 Crisis, and Foundation Giving**
- **Rotary Manual of Procedure: Revisions and updates, Rotary Bylaws: Revisions and updates, Administration for Global Grants and for District International Scholars:** Thank you, Bob Giles for your leadership and perseverance
- **Community Grants: Preparing and Receiving Applications and Leading the process for awarding these grants.** Thank you, Jim Lencioni and team
- **Community Service: Sarah's Inn Meals.** Thank you, Jon Rusco
- **Food Truck Rally:** Thank you Linda, Mike, Scott, Jon, Bill and many others
- **The RAZZ** For your tireless efforts, Thank you, Lesley Gottlinger and Rick Hibbert
- **Outreach to serve our First Responders, Food Pantry, and other support organizations** Thank you, Jim Lencioni, Eric Van Ness, Jon Rusco, and Amanda Young
- **Scholarships** Thank you, Phil Barry, Lesley & team
- **The Golf Outing and many other quiet efforts**  
Thank you, Bill Planek
- **Finances: For your tireless efforts** Thank you, Cathy Hall and Cathy Yen. I am humbled by your beauty and your extraordinary efforts.
- **Mentor's and Teachers:** Lesley, Ade, Bob and Scott, Cathy Yen, Ed Condon and many other members for being available to listen and guide.
- **For the future I give thanks to Sue Quinn, Eric Van Ness and Laura Bezinovich.** These are the leaders of tomorrow who have already served with distinction, kindness and steady guidance. I am so optimistic for our club's future.
- **Club Administration:** Nancy Teclaw and all who have helped welcome our fellow Rotarians and guests during our lunch meetings.
- **Youth Services including Youth Exchange, RLA and Interact** and working with tomorrow's leaders. Thank you, Lesley and Ade and team
- **Our Club's Directory Aka Club Bible:** Thank you, Charles Wells for an outstanding job each year.
- **Arranging, Planning, and Hosting a Delegation from Russia, and all that entailed:** Thank you, Cathy Yen and all the wonderful folks who housed,



fed, transported, and even shopped with this amazing delegation of women. Thank you for planning a Thanksgiving dinner Oak Park style for our guests which also served as a model for a future **Interact-sponsored International Dinner**.

- **Rotarian of the Year and Leadership Awards:**  
For your efforts and enthusiasm and chairing this committee, thank you, Werner Huget.

At this point, before President Charlie asked Werner to present this year's Rotarian of the Year Award as well as an additional Leadership Award, we took a few moments for an almost-rousing, if not a bit off-key rendition of The Birthday Song sung by all for Werner, the "Birthday Boy."



### W Scott McAdam R.O.Y. 2020-21

As last year's Rotarian of the Year, Werner Huget [ROY 2019-20] Werner Huget chaired this year's selection committee which is comprised of previous ROY recipients: Bill Planeck, Lesley Gottlinger, Ade Onayemi, Bob Giles, and John Williams. In 2016-17, the 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our club's ROY awards, the Committee made the decision to re-name the award in honor of Dr. Wendell G. Rayburn, Sr.

Werner shared the criteria, noting that with so many qualified candidates among our club members, it is never an easy decision.

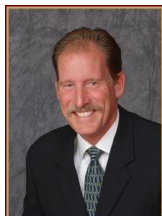
#### CRITERIA:

- Been a member of the Oak Park-River Forest Club for at least seven (7) years
- Served on the Board at least one term
- Chaired a Committee
- Have Perfect Attendance for at least one year
- Been awarded a Paul Harris Fellow
- Attended at least one District Conference or International Convention
- Has brought credit to the Club through community service
- In financial good standing with the Club

This year's recipient of the Wendell G. Rayburn, Sr. Rotarian of the Year award goes to **Scott**

**McAdam**. Scott's Rotary background includes the following:

- President, 2013-14
- Program & Sergeant-at-Arms Committees
- Serving on the Board
- 8 years Perfect Attendance



- Paul Harris +8
- Having attended International Conventions
- Past District governor - 2017-18
- Member in financial good standing
- OPRF Rotary member 25 years
- Member of both Bequest & Paul Harris Societies

In accepting the award, Scott shared, "It is truly an honor. I have been really moved by only a few times in my life, and this is one of those times. . . I [I look at the] friends to count on in my life . . . they are all here [in Rotary]. . . I am more than humbled . . . no one goes through life expecting this . . . it has moved me and changed my life."

### Clarmarie Keenan Distinguished Service Citation



Additionally, this year the Committee elected to award a Distinguished Service Citation for Outstanding Service and Contributions to the Rotary Club of Oak Park - River Forest and District 6450 to **Clarmarie Keenan** who has tirelessly service both the club and the district for almost 21 years.

Clarmarie's Rotary background includes:

- President 2009-10
- Chair of Sergeant-at-Arms, Grants, Program, Special Events, Scholarships, & Carl Winters Award Committees
- Serving on the Board
- 16 years Perfect Attendance
- Paul Harris +8
- Having attended International Conventions
- Having attended Multiple District Conferences
- Assistant District Governor - 2010-13
- Member in financial good standing
- OPRF Rotary member 20 years
- Member of both Bequest & Paul Harris Societies
- Recently honored at District Foundation Celebration for becoming Major Donor Level 1
- D6450 Annual Fund Chair 2013-17
- D6450 PR Chair - 2015-16
- D6450 Foundation & Empower Leaders Committees

Despite technical difficulties during the Zoom process, Clarmarie shared: "I am tremendously grateful and humbled. This reminded me how important being a Rotarian is. I am really deeply honored."

When President Charlie asked Werner what his own ROY Award had meant to him, Werner replied: It gave me emotional support and hope. It shows Rotary is a strong force for good in the World."



President Charlie thanked Rick Hibbert for his efforts each year in coordinating our Donut Day fundraiser and then asked him to share details about this year's upcoming Donut Day event.



## DONUT DAY - SATURDAY, AUG. 8<sup>th</sup>

Our Rotary Club is once again partnering with South East Oak Park Community Organization (SEOPCO) to make Donuts on Saturday, Aug. 8. This year will be a little different due to COVID-19. Pilgrim Congregational Church, which organizes Donut Day, is following the proper health guidelines for social distancing. Only 4 people — instead of 6 — will be allowed in the kitchen to make the donuts. That will result in reduced production. There will be more coatiers, baggers and boxers, however. Also, they will be accepting credit cards purchases this year, so anyone adept at using mobile credit card readers, please consider one of the cashier positions. As always, we can use clean-up people. Please begin signing up online

at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409084da9aa22a02-rotary>

Any questions, please contact Rick Hibbert at [rickhibbert@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rickhibbert@sbcglobal.net).

Reporting from the Board, Charlie shared that Bob Giles and Martha Murphy will fill two vacant Director's seats on the board. Their terms will run until June 30, 2022.

Charlie also asked Bob what might next year look like for International Scholars. Bob gave a complete run-down of where and how scholars would be coming and going.

Werner suggested that members please read the RAZZ on a weekly basis, so they come to meetings prepared with the knowledge of what the club is doing.

President Charlie reminded folks to wear red, white and blue and all their Rotary bling to next weeks - **July 1, 2020 - meeting which begins at 5:30 PM. This will be the**

**HOPE and CHANGE**

**Installation of Sue Quinn as the 102<sup>nd</sup> President of the Rotary Club of Oak Park - River Forest.**

Ade reminded folks of Chuck Corrigan's installation as DG that evening, saying people were being encouraged to buy a meal locally and eat together via Zoom prior to the event.

Together we recited The Four-Way Test of the Things we Think, Say and Do, and said Good-bye for another week.

## Rotary District 6450



Those who attended the D6450 Installation of

**Chuck  
Corrigan  
DG 2020-21**



Chuck Corrigan were thrilled to join 130+ of our fellow Rotarians, Rotaractors, and family members throughout Rotary International District 6450 to thank [almost] Past District Governor debi Ross for all that she accomplished during her term, and to welcome [almost] District Governor Chuck Corrigan into office. The evening was filled with song, laughter, and (of course) the Four Way Test!

The evening included a Zoom visit from PDG Nicki Scott [from across the pond] and the presentation of an original piece of artwork to outgoing DG debi Ross as well as closing and inspiring remarks from incoming DG Chuck.



**Artist Manon (Nonnie) Lyketsos recreated the image of this year's Rotary theme: Rotary Connects the World**

PDG Chris Reilly conducted the installation of both the District officers and the

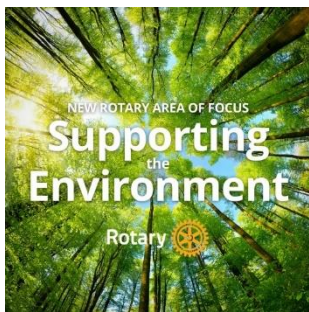
incoming officers of Chuck's home Club the RC of Naperville 4:44. DG Chuck shared that as one of 11 kids, you learned to "take care of each

other and always look out for one another." After thanking his club for the evening, he said, "I'm ready and eager to get started. Let's go!" on to an outstanding year. **OPRF's DG Visit is scheduled for August 26. Save the date!**





## The Greater World of Rotary . . .



### Rotary adopts Supporting the Environment as the 7th Area of Focus!

The Rotary Foundation Trustees and Rotary International Board of Directors have both unanimously approved adding a new area of focus: Supporting the Environment.

More than \$18 million in Foundation global grant funding has been allocated to environment-related projects over the past five years. Creating a distinct area of focus to support the environment will give Rotary members even more ways to bring about positive change in the world and increase our impact.

Supporting the environment becomes Rotary's seventh area of focus, which are categories of service activities supported by global grants. It joins peacebuilding and conflict prevention; disease prevention and treatment; water, sanitation, and hygiene; maternal and child health; basic education and literacy; and community economic development.

Grant applications for projects will be accepted beginning on 1 July 2021. Gifts and commitments from Rotarians and others will be sought to provide global grant support for the new area of focus. More information about this new cause will be announced soon.



Past RIP Ian Riseley reports . . . The Trustees and Directors have unanimously accepted our recommendation

to create a 7th Area of Focus of our Rotary Foundation, being the Environment. As Chair of the Task Force that put together and argued for this decision, I'm enormously proud today. This photo is of the 4 Trustees, 1 Director and 1 Rotaractor who comprised the Task Force plus the outstanding and dedicated staff who assisted us in arriving at our recommendation. We still have lots of work to do, including finalizing the Area of Focus statement and getting the fundraising going to support the grant applications that are sure to come flooding in after 1st July 2021. **Congratulations** team, we just made Rotary history!

## What Our Rotarians Are Doing Around the World . . .

### Dr. Jaime Escobar, reports on the project . . . Humanitarian Aid to Trinidad, Beni, Bolivia

Now our world is suffering with a pandemic due to the "Virus COVID-19". The impact of the virus has been very significant in terms of lives, sick people and economic impact. The First World Nations, made up of the most powerful countries, have been targeted in a significant scale, but they have more resources and medical manpower to overcome this crisis.

In the Third World or Developing Countries, where the resources and medical manpower is very limited, they have a large percentage of needy and very poor people. The medical crisis is alarming and very different.

Many Members of our Beloved Club, some of them were in a mission in 2007 to Santa Cruz, Bolivia, and others went to San Jose, Costa Rica in 2012, along with other members and friends of Rotary, accepted the project to help the ICU, intermediate and outpatient clinic patients at the GERMAN BUSH GENERAL HOSPITAL in Beni, Bolivia.

We collected \$9,575.00 to buy medication for admitted patients in the ICU, intermediate and clinic patients who cannot pay for their medical care.

We hope that many lives will be saved with our donation. Thank you to our President Charlie Williams, one of the donors, to Cathy Hall, our Treasurer, and a million thanks to all the first-class Rotarians that donated for this noble cause. We hope to mitigate the pain and suffering of our needy Bolivian brothers and sisters.

The working committee included Sylvia Jewgieniew, D6450 AG and President of the RC of Chicago O'Hare. Additional donations came from the Chicago First, Chicago Northwest and friends of the Illimani Rotary Club in La Paz, Bolivia - a Club of ladies only; Dr. Sharel Sadud, internist and medical advisor in Cochabamba, Bolivia and myself as General Coordinator. The Rotary Club Urbani [Santa Cruz, Bolivia] helped with bank transfers.

Thank you again to all. This project serves as additional proof of the Rotarian Humanitarian Spirit at the International Level.



## What's Happening in Our Neighborhood . . .

An update on Jim Marshall from his family . . . and his new address in case you missed it earlier!!

**Jim Marshall**  
**15W117 Concord Street**  
**Elmhurst, IL 60126-5323**

Bonjour Amanda, hope all's well by you !! We've permanently moved Pop's out of Brookdale and he'll be staying with my sister in Elmhurst. He had a week's stay in the hospital but is doing much better. Stay Safe and healthy !! I unearthed some Golden photos !!



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Amanda Young reports . . .

she's collecting a Hotel to Home kit for Housing

Forward with her 500/600 Belleforte Block. If anyone would like to contribute items or money for her to shop for needed items to round out the kit, please see this link...



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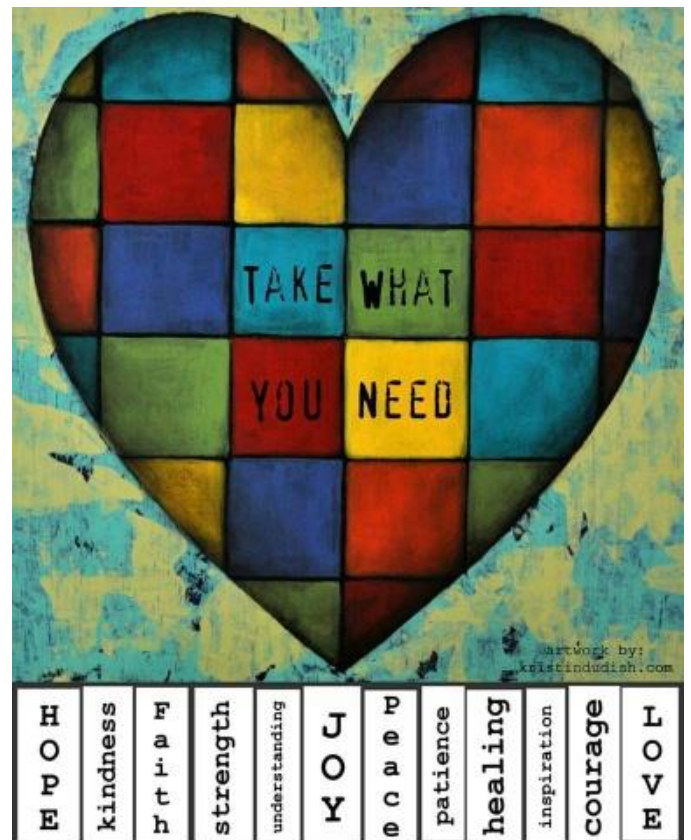
Or email Amanda at [Amandahyoung@gmail.com](mailto:Amandahyoung@gmail.com)



Ade Onayemi shares these three cuties are his grand-nieces and grand-nephew. They are his nephew's children, and they live in Lagos, Nigeria.

**July 2020**

Birthdays	Anniversaries
	
3 - Phillip Jimenez 5 - Joylynn Pruitt-Adams 9 - Genevieve Auld 13 - John Williams 22 - Robert Stelletello 26 - Bill Planek 31 - Dan Browne	Nancy Teclaw - 28 yrs. Phil Barry - 27 yrs. Tony Ambrose - 7 yrs. Phillip Jimenez- 6 yrs. Mary Ann Bender - 5 yrs. Eric Palm - 4 yrs. Sue Quinn - 4 yrs. Jon Rusco - 4 yrs. Amanda Young - 3 yrs. Liz Holt - 1 yr. Pamela Mahn - 1 yr. Gavin Morgan - 1 yr. Carla Sloan - 1 yr. Megan Traficano - 1 yr.



*Happy,  
 Healthy,  
 Safe  
 July 4<sup>th</sup>*