



THE ROTARY RAZZ

Rotary Club of Oak Park - River Forest, Illinois

No in-person meetings until further notice

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TODAY IN OPRF ROTARY

July 8th, 2020

Friendship & Fellowship

ALSO, THIS WEEK IN ROTARY

July 12 - Interact Meeting Via Zoom 1PM

Save the Date - July 15th, 2020

Replacing Our Regular Meeting

A Major Announcement:

Making Rotary Work For You!

Changing the way you see Rotary,
District 6450 Governor Chuck Corrigan &
District 6440 Governor Lyle Staab
will announce a pilot program to
help our clubs rediscover
their Rotary roots!



Wednesday, July 15th
at 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM
Via Zoom - Tickets
Available

To register go to

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1185323478497136/?ti=cl>

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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evanness@wradvisors.com

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A Note from President Sue . . .

ROTARY PRODUCE DRIVE FOR ENGLEWOOD July 17



On Friday, July 17 Chicago Community Partnering organizations including BIG Baseball Academy, Project HOOD, Social Change will be distributing food to the Englewood community with a major distribution at an empty lot [site to be named soon]. The partners will be joined by the Chicago Police Department's Chicago Alternative Policing Strategy [community policing and engagement]. The 'Mayor of Englewood', Charles McKenzie, will be joining the distribution event.



At each distribution they serve 1,000 families and distribute over 10,000 pounds of meat; hundreds of loaves of bread; dairy products; and some meals ready for

heating. The donor organizations include Tysons, Sara Lee, Nurture Life, BIG Academy, and Project HOOD. The families are working poor, unemployed, or in great need.

WHAT IS THE ASK OF ROTARY? We have been asked if we can provide fresh produce --- fruit and veggies. One alternative is to buy in bulk from local farmers through a distributor used by St. Sabina and Social Change who will ship right to the distribution site. \$10,000 buys:

- 720 pounds of carrots
- 2,800 pounds of bananas
- 3,500 pounds of potatoes
- 2,112 pounds of onions
- 2,160 pounds of apples
- 2,106 pounds of oranges
- 3,540 pounds of rice

Jason Dugan, President of the new Beverly, Morgan Park, Mount Greenwood Rotary Club is also looking into locations in the Chicago area where we may be able to buy local produce.

OUR ASK OF ROTARY CLUBS is to consider a donation of \$500 - \$1,000 - \$2,000. Please respond by Wed. Noon so we know what our options are.....

OUR ASK OF ROTARIANS is to consider volunteering for an hour or two at the event on July 17.

If you have questions, let us know --- Pat Merryweather, Jason Dugan, Rachel M. Ossyra.

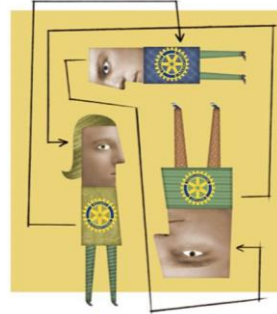
This is a very exciting opportunity to help a community and families in need --- and to partner with some leading Chicago community organizations!

Yours in Rotary,
Sue Quinn
President 2020-21



JULY is
New Leadership or
"Changeover Month"

JULY



15 - Board Meeting - 10:45 - Via Zoom
15 - Making Rotary Work for You! - D6450 Zoom Meeting - Noon - 1PM - See p. 1 of this RAZZ for details
19 - Interact Social Justice Book Club Meets - via Zoom 1 PM - 2:30 PM



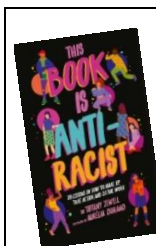
PLEASE . . . Keep those recipe favorites coming!



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!



The Greater OP-RF-FP Interact Club
Invites YOU to join us for Discussion & Activities
at our Social Justice Monthly Book Club
Sunday, July 19th, 2020
from 1:00 - 2:30 PM
as we discuss this month's book



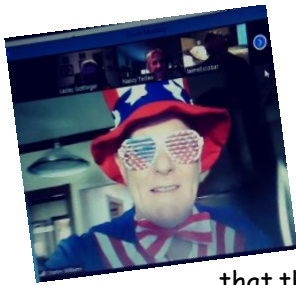
This Book Is Anti-Racist
20 Lessons on How to
Wake Up, Take Action,
and Do the Work

Written by Tiffany Jewell
Illustrated by Aurelia Durand

Join us via Zoom
Zoom ID# 891 2880 2013
Password will be provided when you RSVP to
arcabo@live.com



**In the Local Rotary World aka
Zoom Meeting Notes - July 1st, 2020**

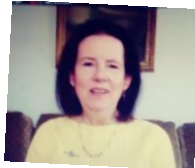


For the last time as presiding officer, President Charlie welcomed us to our Wednesday "meeting" and Changing of the Guard - as we have called it for the past ten years or so. With his usual humor, Charlie noted that those who show up first are the best looking!

Charlie noted that it has been "quite the year!" Now, he said, "is the time has come" to thank the outgoing officers and turn over the reins to the new officers.

President Charlie thanked outgoing officers and directors whose terms expired June 30, 2020 - Dan Browne and Amanda Young.

He also thanked and acknowledged officers Secretary - Mike Sletten and Treasurer - Cathy Hall as well as Directors Patty Eggerding, Nancy Teclaw, Matt Grote, and Lewis Jones whose terms continue through June 30, 2021. Directors Jim Lencioni and Jon Rusco will be joined by Bob Giles and Martha Murphy, whose terms continue through to June 30, 2022.



As the final act of his Presidential tenure, Charlie then installed Sue Quinn as the 102nd President of the Rotary Club of Oak Park - River Forest.

"Sue Quinn you have been elected to the office of president of the Rotary Club of Oak Park-River Forest by its members. It is an expression of their confidence in your leadership. Please repeat after me:

I, Sue Quinn, do solemnly pledge that I will faithfully execute the office of president of the Rotary Club of Oak Park and that I will to the best of my ability support the district governor and Rotary International and that I will uphold the constitution and bylaws of this club."

It was time for Sue to take over the reins. Her first order of business was to present Immediate Past President Charlie with the past president's pin. Charlie, right now, "I have no pin to give you, but I promise that 'it's on order.'"

Charlie then proceeded with the installation of incoming officers and directors

You have been selected by the members of this club to guide its affairs during the coming year. You have been entrusted with an important responsibility that will help shape our club's future. Please repeat after me:

I, [state your name], do solemnly pledge that I will fulfill the duties of my office in the Rotary Club of Oak Park River Forest to the best of my ability, that I will support President Sue Quinn and will abide by our club's constitution and bylaws.

The following officers and new Directors were installed during this ceremony:

- President Elect: Eric Van Ness
- President Nominee: Laura Bezinovich
- Treasurer: Cathy Hall
- Secretary: Mike Sletten
- Director: Martha Murphy
- Director: Bob Giles



At that point, President Sue introduced and thanked the upcoming year's committee chair-people:

- International Committee: Iris Saavedra-Zaldivar
- Vocational Services: Laura Bezinovich. President Nominee
- Youth Services: Lesley Gottlinger
- Membership: Lewis Jones
- Club Services: TBD

Sue continued by recognizing and thanking champions

- Foundation Champion and Sergeant-at-Arms: Charlie Williams



- End Polio Champion: Nabil Saleh
- Fun Champion: Bill Planek - who is quoted as saying, "I'm it!"





President Sue then offered the following remarks to club members:

I'd like to start out by thanking Charlie for helping me with this transition. He is a generous and

caring person who demonstrates Rotary values in all that he does. I'd also like to thank Eric and Laura for agreeing to be part of this leadership team. They have great enthusiasm and they will take us to good places. Cathy Hall is a rock star--stepping up to take over the Treasure role from Cathy Yen who swooped in to save the day when we lost our last Treasurer and move us to accrual accounting. (Finance major). I didn't even give Mike Sletten a chance to step out of his Secretary role, but he seems to be able to do this in his sleep. Thanks to everyone who agreed to terms on the Board of Directors and to chair our committees.

So, at 4:25 today, I sat down to take a stab at this President's Address. This is not my normal mode of operating. I usually like to be prepared--mostly because I like control or at least the illusion of control. I'm not power hungry--it just gives me a measure of comfort. However, COVID-19 has put me in a tailspin. I have spent most of May and June arranging for contact-free curbside pickup of library materials in a COVID-19 Environment and I have spent the last week trying to figure out how to safely reopen the River Forest Library to the public. While I am honored to be your incoming club President, I am also somewhat unprepared for being your club president under the current pandemic situation.

So, at 4:26, I picked up the June 2020 **Rotarian** magazine for some inspiration. I dogeared page 7 with a nice infographic and tips on what people value most in a leader. I will keep this short because the first item listed was "the ability to listen". I don't need you to hear from me--I need to hear from all of you. This is your club and my duty as President is to steward it for the year.

On page 1 of the June **Rotarian** Mark Daniel Maloney, our outgoing president of Rotary International wrote in his parting letter:

As COVID-19 reached around the globe, we found ourselves in a world transformed. We have been forced to connect in ways we could never have imagined, testing our ability to adapt.

Merriam Webster defines adapt as: to make fit (as for a specific or new use or situation) often by modification.

And my, how the Oak Park River Forest Rotary Club has modified in the past 16 weeks!

We have modified how we meet--holding our Wednesday meetings (sometimes with external presenters) online weekly since early April. We have held committee meetings, and Board meetings and even cocktail hours via Zoom.

We were quick to modify our budget--to vote to channel our unused meal money, our unused funds from the Scholarship Awards breakfast and the annual convention to support local organizations including Housing Forward and Beyond Hunger.

This is the first presidential installation that will be held via Zoom--a major modification. As much fun as this is, I hope it is the last and that Erik will hold his in a restaurant next year. The good news is that you don't need drink tickets--you can just go to your refrigerator to refill your glass.

Adapting is not always quick, & it is not always easy. We are going to have our challenges this year:

We don't know when we might be able to resume eating lunch together due to the social distancing requirements.

I know it is difficult to engage members when we cannot be in the same room and I admit to looking at my phone during Zoom meetings.

We have lost our fundraiser--the Food Truck Rally--and the current uncertainty of the virus makes planning for an alternate event difficult.

In short, we are going to have to keep adapting. And while we do, we need to remember that we are making things **fit**--we are not making them perfect.

So, let's keep connecting--to ourselves and to our community. There is great value to our friendships and there are a lot of unmet needs that our Rotary Club can help to address.

Please reach out to me with your comments and your concerns. I am here to listen. But I have a few things to ask and I pledge to follow in return:

- **First**, assume the best intentions of your fellow Rotarians,
- **Second**, be patient -- we are all under a time of stress,
- **Third**, try to problem solve a bit on your own--and come to me with solutions if you can, and
- **Finally**, always remember our motto: Service Above Self.

Thank you for the honor of serving as your President.

We still had time for a few questions and comments. Among the questions was, "What are we doing [for programs] this summer?" President Nominee/Program Chair Laura Bezinovich said she is reaching out to other clubs to see what programs and/or virtual events we might do together. She asks Rotarians to let her know of any ideas and/or suggestions you may have.

Nancy Teclaw asked what we are doing as a membership plan or strategy since we are currently not having lunches? Our new leadership team said they are currently working on that, and they are open to ideas.

Lesley shared dates for the Interact Club's Social Justice Monthly Book Club which begins on Sunday, July 19th. The first three dates are July 19, August 16, and September 13. Rotarians are more than welcome to join the Interactors for discussion and activities. See page 2 of this RAZZ for further details and to RSVP.

Jaime Escobar, not wanting to get emotional as a Past President, wishes his best to President Sue for her upcoming year. He also thanked OPRF Rotarians for their support of "his" Covid-19 project in Bolivia.



Charlie Williams shared that he had spoken with Mary Blanc, one of Jim Marshall's daughters. Jim has a new telephone device which allows him to hear better, so please reach out to Jim. Jim does not have access to Zoom but is retaining his OPRF Rotary membership and would love to hear from folks. If you missed his new address in the past few weeks, it is:



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

Charlie reminded us of two things:

1. Reach out to members to get them on Zoom, and
2. Friends are the family we get to choose.

Ade Onayemi, in responding to some of the questions posed about membership, share a Yoruba proverb about your father's farm being the biggest until you see someone else's. In his capacity as DG Nominee, Ade is our D6450 liaison for membership. He noted that Linda Kemp is the new



D6450 Membership chair, and both she and Hunter Byington are excellent resources. Lesley also mentioned PDG Irv Kaplan as another good membership resource.

Nancy Teclaw suggested Ade could "make a fortune" if he were to compile and publish a book of Yoruba sayings aka proverbs!!

Before leading the group in The Four-Way Test of the Things we Think, Say and Do, Charlie referred to long-time members Top [Harry] Peterson and Jim Bohenstengel who used to plan many social events. Charlie suggested perhaps an appropriately socially distanced cookout in one of the forest preserves, or something similar. It would be nice to get together again!! Thanks, Charlie, for the suggestion.

A few of the "chat" comments from last week's [June 24th] Zoom meeting:

- **THANK YOU, CHARLIE! And CONGRATULATIONS SUE!**
- **Thanks for a great year, Charlie, and congratulations to Sue!**
- **We have such wonderful people!!! Thank you guys every one of you!**
- **Thank you, Charlie, for everything you did: you certainly did not disappoint!**
- **Love you, Charlie - You are the last guy who will let me down!**
- **Charlie thank you for being funny!**
- **Charlie, your humor is killing us! Is that intentional to build business? LOL**



DONUT DAY - SATURDAY, AUG. 8th

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

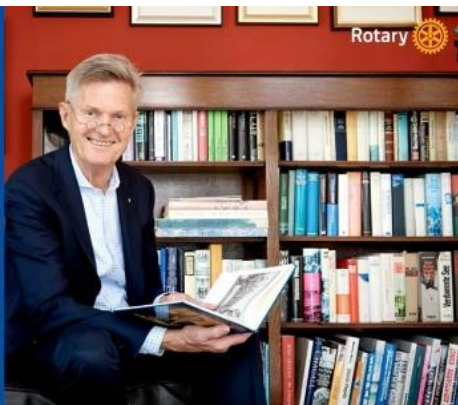
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409084da9aa22a02-rotary>

Any questions, please contact Rick Hibbert at rickhibbert@sbcglobal.net.

The Greater World of Rotary: Meet RI President Holger Knaack & Susanne

"We believe that our acts of service, large and small, generate opportunities for people who need our help, and that Rotary opens opportunities for us to live a richer, more meaningful life."

Holger Knaack



Welcome to President Holger Knaack and his partner Susanne. We look forward to embracing your vision of making Rotary stronger and more adaptable as we open

new opportunities for our members and those we serve in our communities.



RI President Holger Knaack and Susanne



1st meeting of the new Rotary year with RI President Holger Knaack's own Rotary Club of Herzogtum Lauenburg - Mölln: [left to right] District Governor; RI President & Club President



I'm looking forward to the year ahead and working together to create a stronger Rotary. I encourage

you to seize the many opportunities Rotary offers to enrich our lives and the communities we serve. Our acts of service, big and small, create opportunities for people who need our help. Together, Rotary Opens Opportunities.

How Our Rotarians Celebrated July 4th . . .



Scott & Veronika McAdam got to visit with the "kids" in New Hampshire

Laura Bezinovich & Jordan Burstein celebrated a few days early

Below: Patty & Scott Eggerding took the family fishing!!



with freedom comes responsibility.

Top 10

REASONS TO EMBRACE ONLINE MEETINGS WHILE WE HAVE TO

Invite past exchange students	Speakers from around the world	Comfort of your own home	Attend while travelling	Everyone heard No table talk
Can attend when "under the weather"	Time efficient No travel time	More affordable No meal cost	Fully Accessible	Easy to invite guests

Reasons to Embrace Online Meetings While We Have To