



# THE ROTARY RAZZ

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## TODAY IN OPRF ROTARY

July 29<sup>th</sup>, 2020 — MEETS AT 11 AM CST  
THIS REPLACES OUR REGULAR LUNCH MEETING

**Rotary INTERNATIONAL PRESENTS**

# POLIO VIRTUAL EVENT

JULY 29, 2020 | NOON-EST ON ZOOM.

## SPEAKERS

PRIP John Germ

PRIVP Anne Matthews

TRF Trustee Aziz Memon

Polio Chair for Nigeria Tunji Funsho

Dr. Matthew Varghese, Polio Surgeon

District 7730's upcoming Polio Event will be on July



29, 2020 at Noon EST. Our world renown speakers will be PRIP John Germ, PRIVP Anne Matthews, Trustee Aziz Memon, Polio Chair Tunji Funsho, and Dr. Matthew Varghese. Join us as these speakers

give us the latest information about Polio.

If you have not yet done so, please register for the event by going to the following link.

<https://www.IsMyRotaryClub.org/Register/index.cfm...>

Business Networking Forum



**ALSO, THIS WEEK IN ROTARY**  
**Rotary Means Business - Chicagoland Chapter**  
- Inaugural Virtual Meeting -  
6 PM - Thurs, July 30 - Details on p.5

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## A Note from President Sue . . .

Dear OPRF Rotarians,

Almost every aspect of our personal lives has been impacted by the current pandemic. How we live and interact with each other, how we communicate, how we move around and travel. It has been a disappointment that physical distancing has kept our Club members from meeting in person. Some members are struggling with working under uncertain conditions. We know that our local economy has taken a hit. These are not easy times. While it is natural to turn inward in times of turmoil, I want to encourage our club members to turn outward and to connect with each other and our community. As your Rotary Club President during this very challenging time, my primary aim is to ensure the continuity of the valuable friendships we have forged within our group. I recognize that in order to remain a strong and viable club, we must develop some practical strategies for operating in a new environment.

The Board expressed support at our July 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting to continue with the Club strategic planning I had undertaken in mid-May. Over 2 weekly meetings, I led our Club members through a brainstorming session to identify the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats [4 categories of a SWOT analysis] and then another session of voting to narrow down the list to our top 3 priorities in each category. Thank you to everyone who participated in those sessions and shared your opinions. Two things stood out from all that combined input: **a need to focus on member engagement and communication.**

We will be bringing in Gil Herman, a seasoned consultant in organizational effectiveness, to help us begin to identify some **tangible next steps** around member engagement and improving our internal and external communications in a COVID-19 world. Gil last worked with our Club in 2016, and he has a good understanding of our mission, our history and our capabilities.

Please plan to join us for this important **90-minute session on August 12th from 12pm-1:30pm**. Gil will have us work in breakout groups [of 4-5 people] to discuss sets of questions around member engagement and communication. Your input in this session will help the Board to determine what is an optimal meeting structure during COVID-19 and how we can better communicate our story to internal and external audiences.

Thank you for all the gifts that you bring to our Club.

**Yours in Rotary,  
Sue Quinn  
President 2020-21**



### AUGUST

- 5 - Tentative - Jon Blauvelt, District Alumni Assn & Wounded Warrior Programs [Jacksonville, FL] - Noon
- 6 - D6450 Foundation Chair Training - 6:30 PM
- 8 - **DONUT DAY - STILL NEED VOLUNTEERS**
- 8 - D6450 Club Secretary Training - 8:30 AM
- 12 - **Strategy Session w/ Gil Herman - 12 PM - 1:30 PM**
- 13 - D6450 Changes to Global Grants Policy - 7 PM
- 16 - **Interact Social Justice Book Club - 1 PM - 2:30 PM**
- 19 - **Board Meeting - 10:45 AM**
- 19 - **Report Out from Board - President Sue Quinn**
- 22 - D6450 Membership Training - 8:30 AM
- 25 - D6450 Public Image Training - 6:30 PM
- 26 - **DG Chuck Corrigan Visit - Wear your Rotary Bling!!!**
- 27 - D6450 District Grant Opp. - Early Childhood - 7 PM

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### 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. 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).



**Thank you to those of you who have already renewed your membership. If you haven't had the opportunity to renew yet, please take a moment now to do so. If you have any questions, please reach out to Sue Quinn or Cathy Hall.**



**In the Local Rotary World aka  
Zoom Meeting Notes - July 22, 2020**

Greeting every with, "Welcome! Happy Hump Day! I hope your businesses and families are well,; President Sue Quinn opened our meeting.

Sue called on Rick Hibbert to talk about upcoming Donut Day on August 8<sup>th</sup>. Rick noted we still need volunteers for some slots, saying he had sent out an email reminder to everyone. [See page 2 for details.]

President Sue shared strategic planning information coming from the day's board meeting, noting that the club would be bringing in an outside facilitator. She said Gil Herman, with whom we have previously worked, is willing to work with us again. Sue and Jim Lencioni would be meeting with Gil the following day to finalize dates and plans. She is figuring one or two meeting dates in August, but will keep us apprised.

Sue also noted that our July 29<sup>th</sup> meeting would be replaced by a Virtual Polio Meeting originating from District 7730. [See page 1 for details.] **We will meet at 11 AM rather than our regular noon start. As usual, there is no fee, but Registration is required.**

Sue went on to thank Bill Planek for representing our club at the Friday Food Give-Away. Bill also provided the photos that appeared in the RAZZ.

Sue also thanked the 16 OPRF Rotarians who attended The Rotary Network presentation the week prior, noting that The Network is returning to the "roots of Rotary." Sue shared the Social Justice Book Club that the Interact Club had sponsored the previous Sunday afternoon, saying that they are amazing! She thoroughly enjoyed the discussion, and she is looking forward to the next session - August 16 from 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM.

Lesley noted that Rotarians can use the RAZZ to access any and all registration links to register for any of the events mentioned during our meetings.

Jaime Escobar thanked everyone once again for helping out with the Covid-19 project for Bolivia. Thanks to Cathy Hall, the funds are finally on their way to Bolivia.

President Elect Eric Van Ness lead the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. Linda Sahagian shared that a very major piece of work came from the 2016 sessions with Gil Herman which she considered most helpful to/for our club.

Pediatrician Dr. Nabil Saleh shared information and thoughts from the American Pediatric Association about children returning to school, noting that:

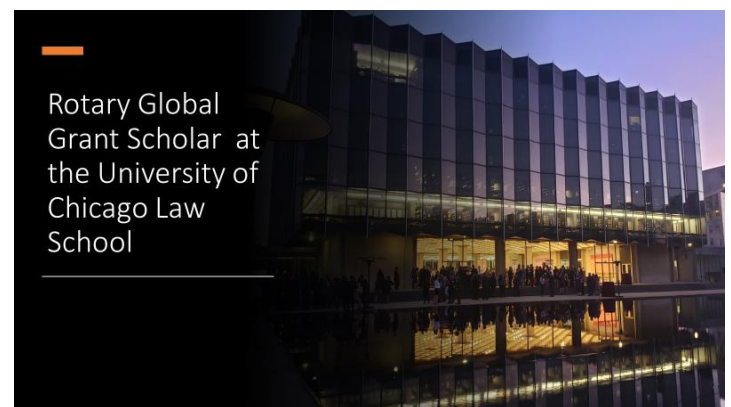


1. **Children learn more at school than at home; and**
2. **School provides more than just academics.**

He pointed out that concerns and questions typically come when family situations are multi-generational. He was asked his personal opinion, and he seemed to suggest a hybrid format especially for younger children. Anyone at home who is vulnerable should be isolated from children for few hours when they return from school.



Bob Giles, District Grants Committee Scholar/Scholarship Chair, introduced our day's speaker Rotary International Scholar **Genevieve Auld**, from Melbourne, Australia, who shared her experiences from this year



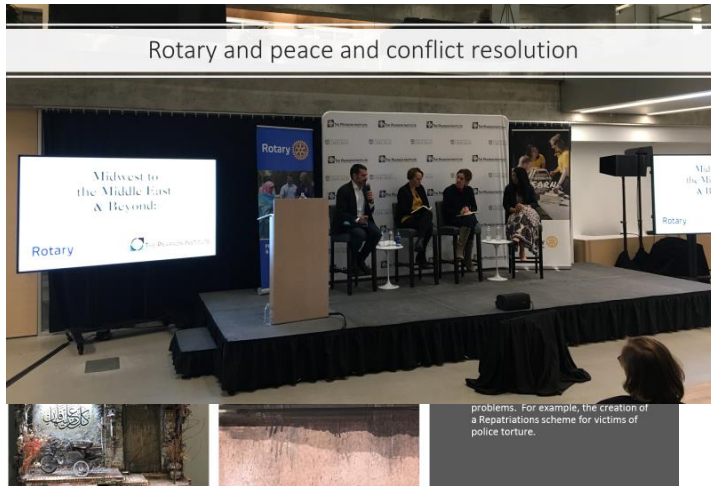
as a graduate student in Law at the University of Chicago prior to returning home to Melbourne at August's end.

Genevieve shared some background about herself and her sponsoring Australian club, remarking that the Melbourne club is the oldest club in Australia. Prior to coming to the US, Genevieve was a solicitor for the

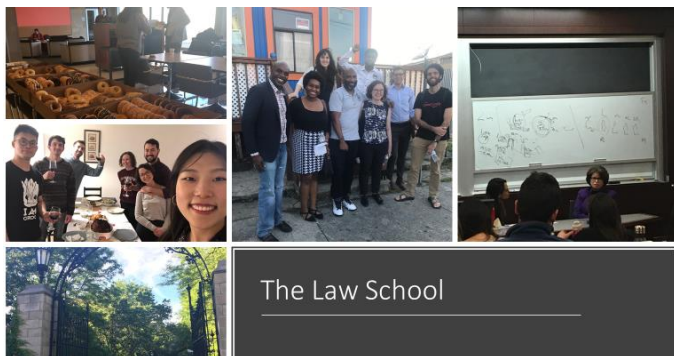


Melbourne government. Melbourne, the capital city of the state of Victoria is home to about 3 million people. She also shared a

map of Australia pointing out where she lived, where she was born, and where each of her parents live.



Genevieve went on to talk about some of what she had done this year some of which included working with a Syrian refugee artist. She pointed out a photo of his work which is in the Oriental Museum at the University of Chicago. She shared that her work focused not just on responding to problems but also creating solutions - more risk management. She also traveled to Los Angeles where



the group worked [at a working barbershop] with folks involved with wrongful convictions. She shared that her group would meet on Wednesday mornings for a working breakfast which was a pleasant change from their typical 9AM to 7PM work day. There were about 70 international students in her particular program

A summary of her year's accomplishments includes:

- **LLM [Master of Law] with courses taken in the Law School and School of Social Service Administration**
- **U.S. Refugee Policy and Resettlement Practice, Human Trafficking and the link to Public Corruption, Immigration Law, Law & Economic Development.**
- **2 practice focused courses: Law and Public Policy, and the International Human Rights Clinic.**
- **Worked with the American Civil Liberties Union on public report into prison labor.**

- **studied with the former chief counsel to the City of Chicago and looked at different approaches the city had taken to address legal and regulatory problems. For example, the creation of a Repatriations scheme for victims of police torture.**

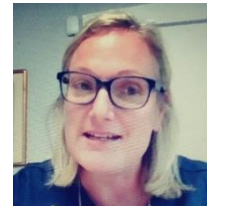
She then opened the floor to questions which included:

- **How will you apply your learnings here at home?**
- **Where are most refugees from in Australia?**
- **How do they arrive?**
- **What are the numbers of refugees allowed in each year in Australia compared to the US?**
- **What about Covid-19 quarantine on your return home?**
- **Had she been able to travel anywhere else during her stay?**
- **Share a bit about her family.**
- **Will you become involved in Rotary on your return and in the future?**



Everyone thanked Genevieve for her outstanding presentation and wished her safe travels home.

The Back-to-School conversation was then resurrected with club educators contributing what would be happening in their situations/towns. Iris expressed concern that in River Forest many the faculty/staff is over 50, sharing that she believed 75% of the teachers are uncomfortable [or terrified] of returning to school. Patty Eggerding, as a Montessori administrator, shared that her school will open in the fall with a very reduced enrollment - perhaps 100 students - and as much as possible the learning will take place outside - especially for lunch and other social type activities. Her school size is an advantage, and of course, Montessori embraces a hands-on learning experience. She noted that there really is no one answer that really works for everyone.



Sue Quinn shared the philosophy, "I'm happy for you. That was a difficult decision to make." Philosophy that seems to be at least a politically correct response to whatever decision a family makes. Bob Giles pointed out it should be an individual family decision; nowhere is it written, "Thou shalt learn algebra by age 14!"

After a few more comments, Werner Huget lead the group in The Four-Way Test, and we all either stayed to chat or headed on our way.



## Rotary Means Business Chicagoland

Introducing a new business networking forum for Rotarians. **Rotary Means Business**

**-Chicagoland chapter** encourages Rotarians to support the success of their fellow Rotarians by doing business with them, and by referring others to them. It is part of a worldwide Rotary International Fellowship\*

The inaugural virtual meeting (via Zoom) of the **Rotary Means Business-Chicagoland chapter** will be held at 6:00pm Central on Thursday July 30, 2020.

The event is free, but Registration is required.

<https://rotary6450.clubexpress.com/>

The ZOOM information is below.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81832997172?pwd=ZVdycDBUUDkvL0p5bVFTK2VRV3JvUT09>

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Hello, District 6450 Rotarians!

The **District Training** Team is happy to announce upcoming training opportunities for each of the leadership roles in your club.

**Part one** consists of completing the appropriate learning plan in the RI Learning Center. Most courses in the Learning Center typically take only 15 - 30 minutes to complete. To get the most from the overall training, these courses should be completed prior to attending the sessions in part two.

**Part two** of club leadership role training consists of Zoom sessions with our District Leaders and their team members. In these sessions, specific information for our District will be shared and Rotarians will have an opportunity to ask questions. These sessions have been scheduled throughout the month of August.

All Rotarians are welcome to participate in these trainings. Club leaders are especially encouraged to complete both parts one and two of these training

opportunities. These training opportunities are provided to help all of us to better serve our clubs and communities.

### PART ONE:

1. Click the Virtual Classroom link to go to the Learning Center: <https://bit.ly/Learn6450>
2. Next, you will need to login to the Rotary International website.  
If you do not have an account, you will need to set up an account.
3. Your screen should now display the Learning Center. Click on Filters on the upper left of your screen. Check the box for Learning Plan. Click the box for English language (or another language if preferred).
4. Scroll through to your Learning Plan, click Enroll and begin!

### PART TWO:

Visit the District Website Calendar to Register for your Zoom sessions. Registration is open and can be completed today.

#### Foundation:

Club Foundation Chair Training Session

Thursday, August 6th, 6:30pm

<https://bit.ly/ClubFdtnChair>

#### Important Changes to D6450 Global Grants Policy

Thursday, August 13th, 7:00pm

<https://bit.ly/D6450GlobalGrants>

#### District Grant Opportunity: Early Childhood Grants Program

Thursday, August 27th, 7:00pm

<https://bit.ly/EarlyChildhoodGrants>

#### Club Secretary Training:

Saturday, August 8th, 8:30am

<https://bit.ly/D6450ClubSecretary>

#### Membership Training:

Saturday, August 22nd, 8:30am

<https://bit.ly/D6450Membership>

#### Public Image Training:

Tuesday, August 25th, 6:30pm

<https://bit.ly/PublicImageTraining>

#### Club Treasurer Training is TBD.

We look forward to seeing everyone throughout August. Please feel free to reach out to us with any questions.

In Service,

**Theresa Sperling**, District Trainer

**Amy Hopkins**, Assistant District Trainer