



THE ROTARY RAZZ

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No in-person meetings until further notice

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TODAY IN OPRF ROTARY

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Prevention to Recovery in the Oak Park and River Forest Communities: Overview: Community response to bring awareness and advocacy to mental health and substance use disorders through prevention, treatment, and recovery



Speakers will be

[left to right] Anita Pindiur, Way Back Inn; Kelly O'Connor, Positive Youth Development; Vanessa Matheny, Community Mental Health Board; and [upper left] Vicki Scaman, Village Clerk and Committee Chair

ALSO, This Week in Rotary

September 30 - Opportunity Knocks/Wonder Works
In-Person Golf Outing

October 1 - Dr. Sylvia Whitlock: "Is It Fair to All Concerned: Striving for Equity Within Rotary"
[via Zoom] - 6:30 PM - Pacific Daylight Time
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REMINDER:

Each week, 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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Good News to Share . . .

PDG Patricia [Pat] Merryweather-

Arges has been selected as Rotary International Director nominee for 2022-2024. Please remember, RI rules allow for the selection to be challenged up to December 1, 2020.

Congratulations, Pat. We look forward to celebrating with you come December.



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The President's Corner . .

Dear Rotarians,

This week, there are a few announcements to be made prior to our Wednesday lunch meeting . . .

Laura Bezinovich is leaving our Rotary Club effective 9/30/2020. This leaves us in the difficult position of not having a President Nominee for 2022-23. We also need to start thinking about a President Nominee for 2023-24.

A Nominating Committee has been chosen. Members of that Committee will include: President Sue Quinn, President-Elect Eric Van Ness, Immediate Past President Charlie Williams, and Board members Bob Giles, Patty Eggerding, Lewis Jones, and Lesley Gottlinger. As DGN [District Governor Nominee] and DG for the 2022-23 Rotary year, Ade Onayemi will also sit on the committee.

This Committee will be taking nominations from the general membership at the September 30, 2020 meeting. The Committee will meet on October 7, 2020 prior to the regular lunch meeting.

As a follow-up to our member survey regarding meeting in person, most respondents said they are not comfortable meeting in person. As a result, we will not be pursuing face-to-face lunch meeting options at this time. However, if anyone has any ideas for possible after-hours get-togethers, please investigate the logistics, and then reach out to Membership Chair, Lewis Jones - PRLewisRF@gmail.com to confirm arrangements. [Perhaps we should consider limiting the event to the first 10 who sign up!] There should be some great ideas coming from our creative members!

As always, remember "Service Above Self," and thank you for everything you do for Rotary, our club and our community.

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



OCTOBER

- 7 - Nominating Committee Meets
- 7 - Penelope Tzougros [Wealthy Choices]: Learning how to make decisions in the present to help with retirement
- 11 - Greater OP-RF-FP Interact Club Social Justice Book Club - 1:00 - 2:30 PM
- 14 - Tentative - Update on Polio
- 17 - D6450 Grants Committee Meeting
- 17 - D6450 Global Grants Training
- 21 - Board Meeting - 10:45 AM - ALL ARE WELCOME
- 21 - Board Report-Out to Membership
- 24 - WORLD POLIO DAY
- 24 - D6450 Fall Training
- 25 - Greater OP-RF-FP Interact Club Mtg - 1PM
- 28 - TBD



President Sue opened the meeting at 12:20 and greeted all with "Happy Wednesday, everyone." She then asked PP Charlie Williams to lead the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Sue's first announcement was that she would be retiring as Director of the River Forest Public Library next month. Tongue-in-cheek, she noted that she was retiring to devote herself more wholeheartedly to her duties as OPRF Rotary President! She shared that she has spent 13 years at the RF Library and two years at the OP Public Library. She said that public libraries operated 68 hours each week, and she is tired of working evenings and weekends. The job as Director of a small library, she revealed, is not a 9-to-5 position. She is not

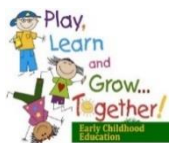
necessarily retiring from the working world; she is just retiring from working at public libraries.

Once again, Sue congratulated Marc Stopeck and the Wednesday Journal for winning 1st place in the Illinois Press Association's Best Marketing Campaign 2019, for the Rotary Club of OPRF Centennial Campaign!



Sue congratulated Bill Planek for a tremendous job on the **OPRF Rotary Club No-Golf Golf Outing**. The event raised over \$8,000. Not bad for an event where no one ended up with any bad backs or tripped-up ankles!!

Sue also reminded Rotarians that the Annual Ulyssean Awards event is scheduled virtually, for Friday evening, September 25th. Anyone interested in attending should contact Nancy Teclaw, Jack Kennelly or Bob Giles to contribute and receive the Zoom "joining instructions."



Sue gave an update on the Early Childhood Grant from the District. She shared that providing children from birth up to age seven with the necessary skills and materials to read and learn is "paid back" ten-fold over a lifetime. The Board had decided to work with A House in Austin. Last year, the club gave them a community grant to build an accessibility ramp and previously we, along with the Interact Club, worked with them and Sugar Beet on a food program at the Austin Library. The grant would provide collections of small musical instruments such as triangles, rhythm sticks, tambourines, shakers, etc., packed in Rotary and House in Austin-branded bags for families otherwise unable to afford such materials home. Zoom music classes would be held to introduce and teach the use of the materials which would then be utilized interactively at home with the parent and the child. As a service project, the bags could be assembled in someone's backyard giving us some safe interaction of our own!!

DGN Ade then shared **District 6450 News:**

GOVERNOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE
Seeking candidates for Governor
for Rotary Year 2023-2024

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It is time, once again, to begin the process of selection for our next District Governor. The candidate will serve our District, the Birthplace of Rotary, for the 2023-2024 Rotary calendar year. Information on the expectations and responsibilities of this role along with all necessary and applicable documents can be found by visiting the Governor Nominating page on the District website - www.district6450.org



Call for Nominations

A letter to all clubs and past presidents announcing the process for those interested in serving as governor for Rotary year 2023-2024.



Pre-requisites

Governor candidates must have served as president of a club for a full term or be a charter president of a club having served the full term from the date of charter to 30 June, provided that this period is at least six months. They need be a member-in-good-standing of our District.



Timeline

The deadline for proposals is November 6, 2020 5:00 PM, no exceptions. Interviews will be held on Saturday, November 21, 2020. Announcement will be made thereafter. Formal election at the Annual Meeting of the District will be during the 2021 District Conference, District Annual Meeting.



Commitment

Serve as governor designee from January 1 to June 30, 2021 which includes a director at large position on the District Board of Directors. Deliver on duties as governor nominee for July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022; governor elect for July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023, including attend the Rotary International Conventions in Melbourne, Australia & Singapore.

Q&A

Additional questions, please contact PDG debi Ross at insidelooksbydebiross@gmail.com.

Interviews will be conducted on Saturday, November 21st.

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The Impact & Importance of
EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION
A Panel Discussion Presented by Rotary International District 6450
Saturday, September 26, 2020 9:00am CST



Darrin Ulynek
CEO
Bernie's Book Bank



Kyle Zimmer
President CEO, Co-Founder
First Book



Dr. Richard Strauss
Pediatrician, Director
The Brain Game



Chuck Hanson
Rotarian, Co-Founder
The Brain Game



Dr. Laurie Klonhaus
Principal
West Aurora School District
Early Learning Academy

Moderated By
Amy Hopkins
Rotarian, Principal
L'Anse Charter Network

Presented By
Chuck Corrigan
District Governor
Rotary District 6450

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Rotary Rotary Opens Opportunities

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PEACE POETRY CHALLENGE

All Chicago area students are invited to participate in a Peace Poetry Challenge sponsored by Rotary International Clubs in Chicago (District 6450) and The Peace School. Students can put in poetry their thoughts on what "Peace Means to Me."

Participants: Elementary, Middle, High School Students

Poetry Theme: "What Does Peace Mean to Me" is the focus of the written or Spoken Word video poetry. Videos are limited to a maximum of two minutes.

Awards:

Elementary: 1st place \$250; 2nd Place \$150; 3rd Place \$100

Middle School for Written Poetry: 1st place \$250; 2nd Place \$150; 3rd Place \$100

Middle School for Spoken Word Poetry: 1st place \$250; 2nd Place \$150; 3rd Place \$100

High School for Written Poetry: 1st place \$250; 2nd Place \$150; 3rd Place \$100

High School for Spoken Word Poetry: 1st place \$250; 2nd Place \$150; 3rd Place \$100

Deadline: **Saturday, Oct. 31, 2020 at 11:59 p.m.** for written poetry and two-minute spoken word video.

Award Recipients: Awardees will be notified by December 1, 2020. Award winners can participate in a

live webinar, with parent or guardian permission, where they can recite their poem or show their spoken word video.

Reviewers: The reviewers of the submissions are Rotarians & members & partners of The Peace School.

Submission: Submit your written or spoken word poetry to patma@rotary6450service.org Download the submission forms www.rotary6450.org

Send no later than October 31, 2020. Please complete the Peace Poetry Challenge information form with your attached submission.

Ownership: All submitted written poetry or spoken word poetry will always be solely owned by the student.

Questions: Please submit to Pat Merryweather-Arges at patma@rotary6450service.org

President Sue reminded us that Jim Lencioni was investigating potential ways we could meet in person in addition to our regular Zoom meetings. Sue had sent an email earlier in the week members asking members to respond with a "yes" or "no" if they would consider meeting for a plated lunch at Cucina Paradiso once a month. In that email, she noted they would have their air venting issues resolved by mid-October, pre-payment and reservations would be required. Noting she had not heard back from everyone, the responses received to date were:

YES = 13

NO = 19

Sue also mentioned she was not sure of the logistics, and there would not be programs on those days. A few folks shared some comments. Sue said it would be discussed at the next board meeting.

Jaime reported that the Bolivian Covid-19 project to which we had contributed to help hospitals in Trinidad, Beni, and Cochabamba, Bolivia, treat Covid-19 patients was successfully completed September 26th when there was a grand opening ceremony at the Medical College at Cochabamba. The president of the Rotary Club of Illimani in La Paz spoke on behalf of our Rotary Club, emphasizing the help to people in need. Dr Sharel Sabud, niece of Dr. Jaime Escobar, general coordinator of the project, was the medical advisor and bought all the medications. Many of the laboratories sold meds at discount, enabling the project to help almost 1000 patients. 60% of 27 donors were non-Rotarians. The project helped patients in intensive care units as well as in the treatment of outpatients in both cities. We also bought medical equipment for intensive care units in both cities. [Photos follow on next page.]



Program Notes

Laura Bezinovich introduced our speakers for the day, Jill and Jordan Burstein. Our guests began by giving a bit of their backgrounds, explaining who they are and why they were here. Jill's background includes 35 years in special education, in both the high school and college settings. Additionally, she successfully raised two college graduates with learning disabilities.



She has a Masters' degree in Special Education and started her consulting firm in 2000. Jordan's background includes a BA in Psychology from Roosevelt

University and work in private therapy setting. He joined his mother's firm in 2013, and he claims to be the FAVORITE child!

They want to create awareness that 4-year college opportunities DO EXIST for students with learning differences. They are in this "business" because they want to help other students find their way. As Jill says, as parents, "you make plans, and God laughs at you." She began doing what she does because she initially found no central place to find information on what services and systems were available for her children. So, she went on college visits.

College planning is daunting! They both pointed out that students with learning difference have lower high school and college graduation rates. There are, however, support services available for these

students. On college campuses, however, these services vary dramatically.

They talked about how to prepare for college, and what you should know. Colleges are required by law to meet the needs of students with Learning Disabilities under the Americans with Disabilities Act [ADA]. Meet with the Disability Specialist; Get good grades. Choose an appropriate curriculum.

They spoke about three levels of support services in colleges: Accommodations [which are legally mandated and must be provided to students with documented disabilities; Services [which include subject matter tutoring and/or organizational help, and are the most common types of college support utilized]; and Comprehensive [typically provided to those who had resource classes in high school and are offered to college students one or more times weekly.]

They also addressed Higher Ed Updates during Covid-19 such as standardized testing, test optional, and college visits. They discussed those who are college able, but not college ready as well as vocational options, and then went on to discuss what it is they do. 100% of their clients are students with learning differences and their families. In addition to helping with 4-year program college placements, they offer the following services to their clients:

- 2-year college placements
- Post-secondary placements
- Executive Functioning Coaching
- Curriculum Planning
- Summer Options
- Gap Year

In closing and before opening the floor to questions, they offered three suggestions to parents:

1. Be an advocate for the students in your life.
2. Use online resources.
3. Work with professionals.

Two of the questions asked about scholarships for students with special needs and addressing the stigma of being different.

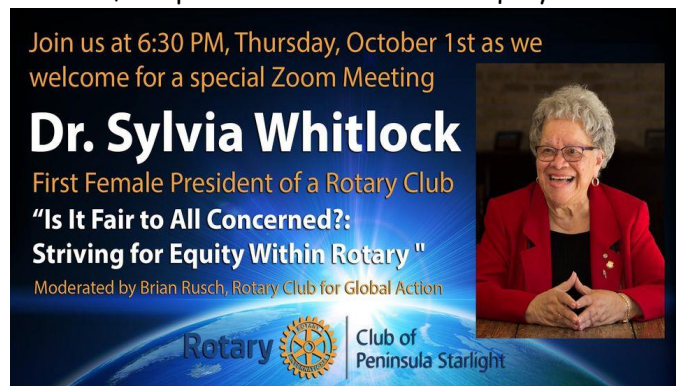
Both Jill and Jordan also reminded parents and students that students need to be good self-advocates. While schools offer the supports and resources, some insist that students take ownership for obtaining them.

Find out how you/we can take part in World Polio Day, October 24th host an event, and share your voice to support the fight to end polio.

<https://on.rotary.org/2Ruyz1d>



Dr. Sylvia Whitlock, the 1st female Rotary club president, to speak **October 1st** about equity issues.



The Rotary Club of Peninsula Starlight welcomes Dr. Sylvia Whitlock as part of our speaker series on Thursday, October 1st, 2020, at 6:30 pm, [Pacific Daylight Time]. Sylvia's talk is titled "Is It Fair to All Concerned: Striving for Equity Within Rotary".

PLEASE NOTE: This meeting will be conducted via Zoom. In order to attend you must register in advance: <https://zoom.us/j/9171234567>

At the end of the program, Eric Van Ness lead the group in The Four-Way Test of the Things We Think, Say and Do, and sent us on our way.

Dear Rotarians,

We are trying to draw more followers to our Facebook page. What could you do to help you ask?? Please go The Rotary Club of Oak Park River Forest Facebook page at



<https://www.facebook.com/oprfrotary>

and like it. Then be sure to like and share the posts to bring more traffic, which could lead to new members! The most important part is that we are sharing all that Rotary does in our community and the world.

Peace and Health to you all,
Patty Eggerding and Cathy Hall

Dr. Tunji Funsho Honored

Rotary member Dr. Tunji Funsho named one of TIME's 100 Most Influential People in the World.

Dr. Funsho, a former cardiologist based in Lagos and now the chairman of Rotary International's polio-eradication program in Nigeria is recognized for his essential role in



ensuring Africa's certification as wild polio-free in August 2020. He is the first Rotary member to receive this honour.

"I'm honored to be recognized by TIME for my part in ensuring that no child in Africa will ever again be paralyzed by wild polio, a disease that once disabled 75,000 African children every single year," said Dr. Funsho.

"Eradicating the wild poliovirus in Africa was a team effort that required the cooperation and dedication of governments, partners, Rotary members, hundreds of thousands of health workers, and countless parents who chose to have their children vaccinated against polio."

As the leader of Rotary's Nigeria National PolioPlus Committee, Funsho has worked alongside Rotary members throughout the country to raise awareness about the importance of polio immunization, encouraged governments and public figures to support polio eradication, and served as a vocal leader and advocate for Rotary's fight to end polio in Africa.

Dr. Funsho works closely with Rotary's partners in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI): The World Health Organization (WHO), UNICEF, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, and Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance.

As a member of Nigeria's Presidential Task Force



on Polio, he has coordinated immunization and advocacy campaigns with the Minister of State for Health and the Inter-Agency Coordination Committee for Polio

Eradication. He has also worked closely with the Sir Emeka Ofor Foundation, the Dangote Foundation, the Traditional Leaders Council and the Federation of Muslim Women's Association of Nigeria.

On 25 August, the African region was certified wild polio-free. This historic announcement means that five of the WHO's six regions, representing more than 90 percent of the world's population, are now free of the wild poliovirus. The virus is now endemic in just two countries, Afghanistan and Pakistan.

 October Birthdays		 October Anniversaries - [# years]
3 - Tom Ewert	Charles Wells [28]	Jimmy DeMay [5]
20 - Pamela Mahn	Mike Sletten - [13]	Lewis Jones [2]
25 - Selma Belajec	Robert Stelletello [7]	Tony Martinez [2]
26 - Tony Martinez	Jim Lencioni [7]	Anne France [1]
30 - Martha Murphy	Jack Kennelly [6]	Melissa Keshin [1]
		Alexis Marcotte [1]

Rotarians & Friends of Rotary Out & About Town



Friday, September 25th was National Daughter's Day, and some of our Rotarians celebrated with their daughters: the Eggerding family and Tony Ambrose, above, and Cate Daly [Stelletello] and Robert behind the camera with their daughters [below].



We all know the person on the left - Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, recently deceased. While some may NOT know the woman on the right, many OPRF Rotarians DO KNOW feisty Rose Meyer aka 'the Butterfly lady,' retired high school performing arts teacher, and politically active resident of Brookdale Oak Park. Rose is and always has been a Friend of OPRF Rotary. We thought it would be interesting to share her story and connection to RBG.



MY FRIEND IS DEAD! Just 3 days ago I re-posted a pic taken 2 years ago of the Amazing RBG and me at a Lyric Opera Event, and today I am shedding tears as I listen to what so many of the Humanitarian folks I have long admired tell what she meant to

them, to the world. I agree that RBG was an ICON . . . but want to add - to me she was more than one to be just honored and put on a pedestal to admire - she was a real Human Being you could talk to and know she heard what you had to say and felt your pain. I will always remember the afternoon we spoke about how we both loved the Opera, Shakespeare, and had to face many hurdles to climb up the ladder to be heard. We may have met as strangers, but after "Bumping Fists as Feisty Women" we said Good-Bye as friends.



This past Friday evening saw three of our OPRD Rotarians very much in the forefront of the Annual Ulyssean Awards Dinner event: Jack Kennelly, Nancy Teclaw, and Bob Giles. Jack welcomed everyone, Bob presented past Ulysseans, and Nancy shared names of both individual and corporate donors.

This year the event honored two very deserving Oak Parkers: Marge and Galen Gockel Stephanie Clemens. [Marge was honored posthumously, having died in July of 2020.]



After being introduced, each had the opportunity to share their stories. Galen paid tribute to his late wife Marge, saying she was an Oak Park treasure who will be sorely missed, before beginning to tell give his version of the 1970's Oak Park Renaissance.

As always, a most enjoyable evening, albeit in different format [virtual] and minus the dinner for most - except those few in actual attendance at Brookdale Oak Park.



The October 11th selection for the Greater OP-RF-FP Interact Club Social Justice Book Club is [Watch Us Rise](#) by [Renee Watson and Ellen Hagan](#). The book tells the story of Jasmine and Chelsea who are sick of the way women are treated, even at their progressive NYC high school.

They decide to start a Women's Rights Club. This book discusses feminism, racism, sizeism, fatphobia, ableism, and more. As always, the group meets from 1:00 - 2:30 PM. **YOU MUST RSVP TO RECEIVE PASSWORD** - Join us via Zoom - Zoom ID# 891 2880 2013 - Password will be provided when you RSVP to arcabo@live.com