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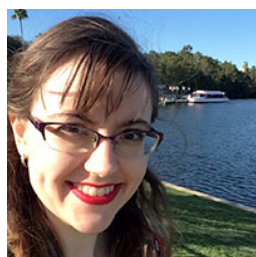
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TODAY IN OPRF ROTARY

December 3, 2020

10:30 - Nominating Committee
Meets Via Zoom



Finding Joy in Literacy:

Books and Beyond

Shelley Harris

Children's Librarian

Oak Park Public Library

Shelley is a children's librarian with a passion for early literacy, serving and celebrating the disability community, and exploring technology. She can often be found practicing story time songs with her black lab, Bingo.

Also, This Week in Rotary

Tuesday, December 1, 2020

Giving Tuesday



This is not the year to get everything you want.
This is the year to appreciate everything you have.

Keep in mind, we are **NOT** Meeting on Wednesdays, December 23 or December 30 in honor of the Christmas and New Year holidays. Enjoy the Holiday with your families.

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Trouble logging on to OPRF's Zoom,

For now, reach out to:

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The President's Corner . .

Just a REMINDER . . .

Giving Tuesday this year is **THIS**
Tuesday, December 1, 2020.



For those who may not know . . . Giving Tuesday is a global generosity movement unleashing the power of people and organizations to transform their communities and the world. First started in 2012, Giving Tuesday is a special day each year meant to unofficially "open the giving season."

Previously, this time of year had been linked to spending and shopping - some of the more materialistic endeavors that, for many, conflicts with the intended spirit of the holiday. Giving Tuesday started as a movement to fundamentally shift the sentiment around this time of year, from buying to giving - from selfish to selfless - from focusing on the economy to focusing on the community.

Giving Tuesday was created in 2012 as a simple idea: a day that encourages people to do good. Over the past seven years, it has grown into a global movement that inspires hundreds of millions of people to give, collaborate, and celebrate generosity.



A note from Rotary International . . .

Every act of kindness makes a difference, and no gift is too small. This Giving Tuesday, Rotary Foundation Chair KR

Ravindran asks that we all find opportunities to help communities both close to home and around the globe.
<https://on.rotary.org/3khrMVR>

So, whatever your passion, whatever your charity or organization, especially during this time of extreme difficulty and need for so many, please consider participating in Giving Tuesday.

Yours in Rotary,
Sue Quinn
President 2020-21



DECEMBER
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Month

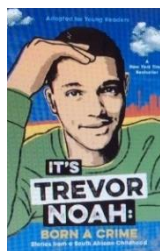
- 9 - OPRF Rotary Club - Annual Meeting
- 13 - Interact Zoom Meeting - 1:00 PM
- 16 - Board Meeting - 10:45 AM
- 16 - Holiday Meeting/Party
- 18 - International Services Committee - Noon
- 23 - NO MEETING
- 30 - NO MEETING

Just a Few Reminders:

Interactors still need your recipes. The dates have changed, and the kids are hoping to have the book available for Easter giving. Please keep sending them your favorites. Help them create a cookbook of **AMAZING** Rotary family favorites. There is even a **Rotary VIP** section planned.



Wanted: a few Rotarians who also like fruitcake, but who may be the only one in their family who does!! We've got the link to Collin Street Bakery - which looks pretty darn good! - <https://collinstreet.com/> - but fellow fruitcake lovers may have other suggestions. Rick and Lesley are seeking "fruitcake partners" and **we'd love to share some fruitcake with our friends!!!**



Sunday, January 24th from 1-2:30 PM
We will be discussing [Trevor Noah: Born a Crime \[Adapted for Young Readers\]](#). Anyone interested, should RSVP to arcabo@live.com to receive the meeting ID and password. We hope to see you there!

Dida [Adelaide Savary de Beauregard] our Youth Exchange student from France [2013-2014] says, "Hello!" and sends her love.



Happy December 1st Birthday to
Phil Barry, and Happy Rotary 26th
Anniversary to Charlie Williams & John Williams



Conor Gee, a member of the Rotary Club of Chicago (Rotary/One), has been nominated to serve as District Governor of Rotary International District 6450 for the 2023-24 Rotary Year.

Conor is an active member of Rotary/One, having completed his year as President for the 2017-2018 Rotary year. He was the youngest President in the history of the Club. Conor currently serves as District 6450 Secretary and as an Assistant Governor.

Conor manages the Product Portfolio team for Product Solutions at Health Care Service Corporation (which operates Blue Cross and Blue Shield plans in five states including Illinois).

Conor received a bachelor's degree in Integrated Communications from Spring Hill College, an MBA from Dominican University, a Certificate in Nonprofit Governance from North Park University, and has completed the Business Society and Impact Program at Loyola University. He resides in Elmhurst with his wife, Becky and their two children.



From DG Chuck Corrigan ...

Many people decide to become a member of Rotary because they see are seeking truly meaningful ways to give back to their

community. Rotary provides many such opportunities, specifically through five Avenues of Service: club service, vocational service, community service, international service and youth service.

Here are a few ways you can serve on the District level:

Join one of our newly formed committees - Environmental Awareness or Disaster Response Assistance.

For the Environmental committee, contact Chair Nonnie Lyketsos, email: nonnyketsos@gmail.com Nonnie is already planning two great projects to help our environment in the Spring, and she would love your help.

For the Disaster Response Assistance committee, contact Chris Olson, email: cjo1316@gmail.com We regularly receive please for assistance from around the world. Chris and his committee will facilitate communication about disasters, coordinate District response, and work with Clubs who want to help when a need arises.

Step up to offer to lead or serve on a Diversity, Equity and Inclusion committee for our District. We have approved moving forward with a District DEI committee, and will need Rotarians who want to help form the future of Rotary in our District to help define the purpose, goals and activities of the committee. Contact DG Chuck Corrigan if you are interested in helping.

Or join our Youth Services team to help coordinate Interact activities and club formation throughout the District. Contact DGN Ade Onayemi for more information. Email: arcabo@live.com



Fun at Thanksgiving 2020. Sue & Charles with grandkids Evelyn, Lillian and Ryan Wells. Smaller this year, but really great and the turkey turned out moist with apples and a stick of butter in the cavity.

From Joan Firkins [Brentwood Bay, British Columbia] re: **Polio** . . . [PDG Joan spoke at Scott's conference]

Good news: the Type 2 novel oral polio vaccine will soon be rolled out (hopefully by year-end) to vaccinate in areas where the circulating vaccine-derived polio virus Type 2 (cVDPV2) is prevalent - areas where the population is under-served in the immunization of children with the polio vaccine.

The not so Good news: 2 new wild polio virus cases this week in Afghanistan - total year-to-date between the remaining endemic countries of Afghanistan and Pakistan is 137.

The work carries on with the goal of eradicating the polio virus from the face of the earth - a goal that Rotary will continue to work towards until the job is done. Full stop.



Kidz Express

Teachers pivot in pandemic and ensure after school program still provides a safe-haven for Austin neighborhood - on WGN's Chicago's Very Own