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TODAY IN OPRF ROTARY

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Speaking this week:

Ed Condon

District 90 Superintendent
Addressing the social-emotional impact of COVID-19 on the students in our local community

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Ed Condon, RF SD90 Superintendent since 2011. Previously, previously principal of Oak Brook's Butler Junior High, has 30 years of educational experience at the administrative and classroom levels. As a

key administrator in several high performing school districts, Dr. Condon has shepherded several schools in winning the National Blue Ribbon School Award, including two schools in D90. More recently, Ed has facilitated D90's educational equity initiative. In January 2019, he was named by the Wednesday Journal as "River Forest Co-Villager of the Year" in response to the leadership he has provided in working to address equity issues throughout the D90 school community. Ed is actively engaged in numerous community organizations, including the Consortium for Educational Change [CEC], West Cook YMCA, the Positive Youth Dev. Committee, OPRF Rotary, the OP-RFCF "Success for All Youth" initiative, the IL Assn. of School Administrators & the W40 Intermediate Service Center [ISC].

Ed earned a Ph.D. in Admin & Supervision [Loyola/Chicago]; an Ed Specialist degree in Ed Admin [U Va.]; an MA in School Admin [College of William and Mary]; and a BA in History [U Richmond].

Ed & Virginia live with their dog Holly in La Grange and are proud parents of Ed & Emily who also live in the area, both of whom thankfully take after their mother in physical resemblance, intelligence, and sense of humor.



Did You Know ... ?

Kids remote learning during a polio outbreak in the 1940's. Teachers read lessons over the radio!

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Trouble logging on to OPRF's Zoom, call on:

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Also, this week in OPRF Rotary

Happy Birthday: 5/13 - Jerry Lordan

Happy Birthday: 5/14 - Ed Condon

5/15 - D6450 Grants Committee - 9AM Via Zoom

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Women in Rotary - May 4, 2021
Happy Anniversary to all WOMEN in Rotary

Thirty-four years ago ... on May 4, 1987, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled in the Duarte decision that Rotary International must admit women into Rotary clubs. Dr. Sylvia Whitlock of the Duarte Rotary Club became the first woman to serve as a club president in Rotary International, and Duarte Rotary became known as "The Mouse That Roared."



Women now comprise over 23% of our worldwide membership. A few years ago, there were zero women on RI's Board of Directors. Today six of the 17 Directors are women, with more rolling on for the new Rotary year!

Director Johrita Solari is serving as Holger Knaack's Vice President for 2020-2021, the fifth woman to serve in that role.

Two years ago, Brenda Worthley Cressey became the first woman to serve as Chair of the Board of Trustees of The Rotary Foundation.

Dr. Whitlock just turned 86 years old. How wonderful is it she can now enjoy the culmination of her advocacy for women in Rotary in the selection of Jennifer Jones as the first woman to serve as RI President for 2022-2023?! Congratulations to Jennifer Jones, and especially to Dr. Whitlock, on the ultimate achievement of this journey she started nearly 40 years ago.



Be sure to check out the Timeline of Women in Rotary later in this RAZZ - page 7. And keep in mind ... "All you need is love ... And a tiara ... And maybe a cupcake!"

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



May 2021

**Every day, you can make a difference.
Not just in May, but every day in the Rotary Year.**

- 19 - Jennifer Lennon - LINK Unlimited Scholars
- 21 - International Services Comm - Noon
- 22 - Interact Fullerton Woods Clean-Up - 9:30-11:30 AM
- 23 - Interact Meeting - 1:00 PM - Campaign Speeches
- 26 - Ed Amstutz: The Country Experience - A Farm in Elizabeth, IL
- 27 - D6450 Rotary Foundation Recognition Event



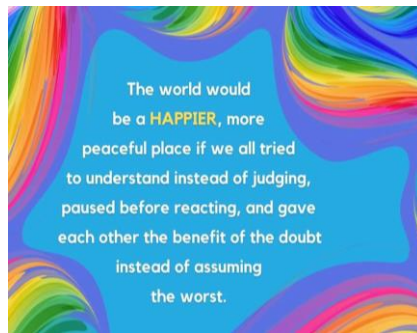
31 - Memorial Day

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ROTARY REMINDER . . .

OPRF Rotarians, if you have **Happy Dollars**, no need to wait to do it via Zoom or even face-to-face anymore. Just send Lesley your Happy Bucks recognition, and it will be printed in the next issue of the RAZZ. You will be on your honor to send your contributions to Treasurer Cathy Hall - on a quarterly basis, if you like, to the P. O. Box:

OPRF Rotary, P. O. Box 654, Oak Park, IL 60303



The world would be a **HAPPIER**, more peaceful place if we all tried to understand instead of judging, paused before reacting, and gave each other the benefit of the doubt instead of assuming the worst.



President Sue opened the meeting by having everyone join her in the Pledge of Allegiance. Dr. Nabil Saleh introduced guest Lobna Elwardani, member of the Rotary Club of Alexandria Marine [Egypt] and one of our Kidz Express partners.



"Happy Cinco de Mayo" to all," started President Sue, but then Jaime stole her thunder . . . "Cinco de Mayo is NOT Mexican Independence Day."

According to NPR, Cinco de Mayo is a time when Americans celebrate Mexico, and Mexicans grumble that Americans have no idea what they are celebrating.

Cinco de Mayo is not celebrated in honor of Mexico's independence. Cinco de Mayo commemorates a battle on the fifth of May that was an unexpected victory of the Mexican army over the French forces.

Mexico was attacked by foreign troops because President Benito Juárez defaulted on his payments to European nations after war had depleted the country's ability to pay. They endured three wars which put their country in debt. In 1821, they fought for their independence from Spain; from 1846-1848 they fought against America; and in 1857 they began their own civil war.

When Mexico decided to default on its loans, France, Britain, and Spain sent troops to demand repayment. But Napoleon III had other plans to take the country and install a French monarch. Britain and Spain would not get involved with this. Six thousand French troops went up against 2,000 Mexicans in the town of Puebla on the fifth of May 1862. Mexico was victorious.

In Mexico, Cinco de Mayo celebrates that battle, the first battle of Puebla. And there it is low key. Here in the U.S., it has become a time to enjoy Mexican culture with tequila, guacamole, and tortillas.

There were a couple of birthdays we missed. May 2 John Hedges, as well as the Quinns 34th Anniversary that same day, and Susie Goldschmidt's birthday is coming on the 9th. If you think of it, shout

out to Lou and Norma Fabbri. Today is their 59th anniversary.

Jimmy de May asked if anyone knew the significance of May 1st as May Day. Martha Murphy knew it was associated with the Haymarket Riots here in Chicago. Jimmy went on to share more historical details.

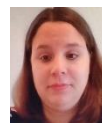


Cookbook recipe submission "hard deadline" is May 11. Plan to buy multiple copies. This is a fundraiser for our Interact kids, so please do not forget. It is important that we support them.



Before introducing our day's speakers, Patty shared that this week is Teacher Appreciate Week, and she is being very good about avoiding all the goodies being brought in each day to celebrate.

Patty then introduced OPRF Rotarian Megan Traficano, OP Township Youth Services Director, who introduced Dominique Hickman, Girls on the Rise Supervisor.



Program Notes:



Dominique noted that her presentation today would be colorful!! She began by asking . . . "What is the best compliment you have ever received? Sometimes, it is difficult for people to remember. That is one thing, however, that girls in the Girls on the Rise program WILL hear - and hear often!

After folks shared, Dominique went on to explain that Girls on the Rise was created in 2017 as an afterschool program. It is an ESSENTIAL and beneficial custom group curriculum program designed for black and brown girls, ages 11 - 15. The program focuses on social and emotional learning such as self-managements, relationship skills, decision-making, and social awareness. Girls on the Rise allows young girls to feel



empowered, gain self-understanding, improve self-esteem, and feel connected with other young ladies. Participants in the group share feelings, struggles, hopes, and similarities and serve as a sounding board and/or support system for one another while discussing and participating in a variety of activities geared towards young girls.

Group Logistics

The format is small groups of 7 to 15 girls. Small groups provide participants a safe place to share and work through issues. Typically, the group meets once weekly for 90 minutes, maintaining the same participants throughout the entire process/program. Prior to beginning any group, students are reminded of the group agreements:

1. Confidentiality
2. Sisterhood
3. Home Girl Check
4. Keep It Movin'
5. Trying on the Process
6. No Phones

Of those six, a few may need further explanation:

"Home Girl Check" is the agreement to not put down, make fun of, laugh at, minimize, or attack sisters in the group or themselves. Each girl also agrees to hold sisters accountable for their actions, and to call out other sisters when they are in the wrong.

"Keep It Movin'" refers to each girl doing her part to make the group work. It assures each girl she has the right to not talk in the group if she chooses not to, but if she chooses to not participate, she agrees to not disrupt the group for others.

"Trying on the Process" refers to the agreement that the process will not be easy, and there may be times when a girl disagrees with or accepts it, but she does agree to "try it on."

Girls on the Rise in NOT THERAPY! The curriculum and group process are more than therapy. Students are experiencing a complex of unlearning and re-education. They are healing, reclaiming their lives, practicing leadership, reflecting choices, and making better decisions. These girls are removing the labels placed on them and are "stepping into their glory aka their MAGIC."

Program Topics have included:

- Welcome to Middle School
- Self-Advocacy
- Melanin Magic
- Self-Esteem and Identity
- Emotional Regulation
- Bullying and Harassment
- Planning and Prioritization
- Healthy Relationship Building

Guest Speakers have included:

- Movement Soul African Dancing Company
- Riveredge Hospital - Art Therapist
- OP Police Department - Officer Love
- Faith Bailey - Artist
- Imani Blake - Natural Hair Stylist
- Alyma Michelle - Teen Model
- Nubia Henderson - Kids Jamm

Dominique also shared photos of some of the art and activities in which the girls engage:



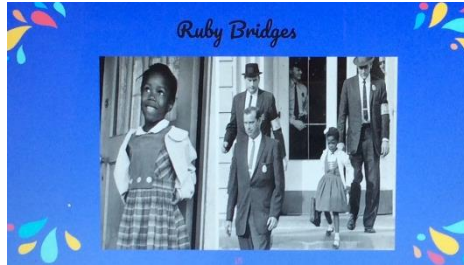
Dominique then shared some of the Participant's Responses:

- They taught me how to love myself. What I should be proud of and how to be you.
- They get you. When you raise your hand, they don't overlook you. I wish I could have this program for the rest of my years in school.
- It allows us to be honest and heard. I wish teachers allowed us to be heard.

To date, over 150 girls have participated in the program which is at both Gwendolyn Brooks and Percy Julian

Middle Schools. Despite the pandemic, 40 students participated during the 2020-2021 school year!

The program is based on the story of Ruby Bridges, the first African American child to desegregate the all-white William Frantz Elementary School in Louisiana during the New Orleans school desegregation crisis on November 14, 1960. Dominique then shared a closing poem. . . the girls are required to say this at the end of each meeting . . . that is based on Ruby Bridges.



What about us? For girls between worlds

By Cryslynn C. Billingsley

I matter
I am here
I have value
I'm sufficient
I am beautiful
My voice is powerful
I am good right now
I can go anywhere I choose
Black and Brown girls, yes you

At that point, Dominique opened the floor to questions and comments:

Can you explain how you recruit girls into the program? Do you go into classrooms to talk it up or does the school help with that? What is the source of your funding to expand to other locales? What is the level of articulation with the schools about some of the more private concepts the girls discuss? In a perfect world, what is your hope for reaching out to more girls in other neighborhoods? What would you like to see as the expected age range for working with the girls? What are the middle school needs? Are they currently being met? What else do you need to meet those needs?



And, of course, kudos and compliments came from our audience as well. Both new member Debbie Sawyer and Ade Onayemi, Township Trustee offered congratulations for the



program. Debbie said getting the girls to trust is amazing, "You are just an amazing woman!"

Patty shared that both women would be receiving a speaker certificate immunizing 50 children against polio.

Please note: This interesting, informative, and important program was recorded. Anyone interested in watching the program in its entirety should reach out to Lesley who will forward the link.

Rotary Reminders: District, RI, & Club . . .

District Conference is Thursday, June 3rd through Saturday, June 5th, for two hours each day. It is a virtual event, and it is FREE!

Schedule:

Thursday: June 3 - 6:30 to 8:30 pm

Friday: 6:30 to 8:30 pm

Saturday: June 5 - 8:15 to 11:00 am

Registration is NOW open for the 2021 Rotary International Virtual Convention.



The 2021 Virtual Convention will be better than ever, opening more innovative opportunities to learn and to engage with the family of Rotary, near and far. You'll be able to network in virtual lounges, meet new partners in service, and join fun activities with Rotary members from around the world.

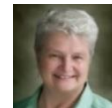
Open to all Rotary members and participants from 12-16 June 2021, registration fees are now **US\$65**.

Registration is also now open for the Rotaract, Youth Exchange Officer and Inter-Country Committee pre-conventions, which will be held 10-11 June 2021. The cost of each preconvention event is US\$20.

Both the convention and preconvention events include access to the virtual House of Friendship.

Please note: Cancellations and refunds for registrations or associated events will be accepted through 11:59:59 [Chicago time - CDT] 31 May 2021. The cancellation fee is 20% of the registrant's total fees paid. No refunds will be given after 31 May.

Work on the **Virginia Cassin-Sr. Michelle Germanson Fund** is moving along quite nicely. The goal of the fund



is to target girls ages 10-13 who may not have an opportunity to explore their passion or interest and who not have the economic wherewithal to do something like this unless they have outside financial support.



Checks should be made payable to **OPRF Community Foundation**. Indicate **Cassin Germanson fund** on the note line of the check. Mail to: **Oak Park River Forest Community Foundation, 1049 Lake St. #204, Oak Park IL 60301.**

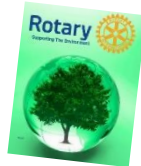
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 of the Rotary Club of Oak Park-River Forest
Fullerton Woods Clean-up Effort



MAY 22ND FROM 9:30AM-11:30AM

EMAIL US TO JOIN: OUTREACHOPRFROTARY@GMAIL.COM

Sign up with Lesley to reserve your spot!! President Sue will be providing coffee, hot cocoa, and pre-packed snacks Anyone wanting to join Sue and Mike for a pre-event walk through the woods, just let President Sue know.



Kidz Express Update: 5/7/21

The group discussed the following items:

- additional publicity & media blitz for vaccination site/food pantry drive-up. Douglas already TT Kareem Wells, Hip-Hop artist, who is very excited & could attract other performers.
- Who would/could be the medical advisor? Who could be the vaccine partner/provider? The discussion centered around connections I.e., Harmon, Welch, Lilly, OP mental health partners. Rush ICU nurse [part of neighborhood & grew up in the Kidz Express program] giving shots & answering questions.
- **What will be the new normal moving forward?** KE has a group of kids who will be even more behind academically than they were to begin. How do we structure our programs to work with the new normal once they are back in school? Raising self-esteem also has major impact on academic progress.
- During pandemic, KE has been recruiting volunteers willing to work/make a weekly commitment 1:1 after things "open up" - about 25 so far ready to go.

- What triggers a kid to make the right vs. wrong decision? LG to send *Girls on the Rise* program to Douglas.
- DL has D.C connection willing to help try to funnel federal funding into KE. Have great opportunity for KE to become major Community Development Center.

Next steps:

- All should reach out to medical/political and all connections we have ASAP. Target would be mid to late June to have this set up.
- Have connection w/ Bensenville Food Pantry. Household items just as important - Doug has connection there as well. **OPRF Rotary should begin collecting HH items as well.** Doug will formulate list and get it to us ASAP.
- Doug will meet w/ John Williams within next two weeks to be able to launch first week of July.
- Doug called office of Dept of Rev Because of pandemic things are taking longer than usual due to being understaffed. Goal is to have computer network in place by first week in July. Targeted summer opening = first week of July.
- ALL should reach out to any PR or media folks we know.

Next meeting: May 21 - 2:00 PM

Photos and Other Fun Things . . .



Dasha Yakovleva
Another of our Russian friends . . .

Below: **Cathy Yen** is 😊 feeling energized. It's official! Super excited to be a member of **Rotary Club of Fort Wayne** ! It's starting to feel like home here 😊

Rotary Club of OPRF you

will always have a place in my

heart!
 Thank you for getting me involved in this

amazing international force of good.





Timeline of Women in Rotary

1950: An enactment to delete the word "male" from the Standard Rotary Club Constitution is proposed by a Rotary club in India for the Council on Legislation meeting at the 1950 Rotary Convention.

1964: The Council on Legislation agenda contains an enactment proposed by a Rotary club in Ceylon [now Sri Lanka] to permit the admission of women into Rotary clubs. Delegates vote that it be withdrawn. Two other proposals to allow women to be eligible for honorary membership are also withdrawn.

1972: As more women begin reaching higher positions in their professions, more clubs begin lobbying for female members. A U.S. Rotary club proposes admitting women into Rotary at the 1972 Council on Legislation.

1977: Three separate proposals to admit women into membership are submitted to the Council on Legislation for consideration at the 1977 Rotary Convention. A Brazilian club makes a different proposal to admit women as honorary members.

The Rotary Club of Duarte, CA, USA, admits women as members in violation of the RI Constitution and Standard Rotary Club Constitution. Because of this violation, the club's membership in Rotary International is terminated in March 1978. [The club was reinstated in September 1986.]

1980: The RI Board of Directors and Rotary clubs in India, Sweden, Switzerland, & the US propose an enactment to remove from the RI & club constitutions & bylaws all references to members as "male persons."

1983-86: In a lawsuit filed by the Duarte club, the CA Superior Court in 1983 rules in favor of RI, upholding gender-based qualification for membership in CA Rotary clubs. In 1986, the CA Court of Appeals reverses the lower court's decision, preventing the enforcement of the provision in CA. The CA Supreme Court refuses to hear the case, and it is appealed to the U.S. Supreme Court.

1987: On 4 May, the U.S. Supreme Court rules Rotary clubs may not exclude women from membership due to gender. Rotary issues a policy statement that any

Rotary club in the US can admit qualified women into membership.

The Rotary Club of Marin Sunrise, CA [formerly Larkspur Landing], is chartered on 28 May. It becomes the first club after the U.S. Supreme Court ruling to have women as charter members.

Sylvia Whitlock, Rotary Club of Duarte, CA, becomes the first female Rotary club president.

1988: In November, the RI BOD issues a policy statement recognizing the right of Rotary clubs in Canada to admit female members based on a Canadian law like that upheld by the U.S. Supreme Court.

1989: At its first meeting after the 1987 U.S. Supreme Court decision, the Council on Legislation votes to eliminate the requirement in the RI Constitution that membership in Rotary clubs be limited to men. Women are welcomed into Rotary clubs around the world.

1990: By June, females number 20K+ Rotarians worldwide. The Rotarian runs a feature on women in Rotary.

1995: In July, 8 women become DGs, the 1ST elected to this role: Mimi Altman, Gilda Chirafisi, Janet Holland, Reba Lovrien, Virginia Nordby, Donna Rapp, Anne Robertson, & Olive Scott.

2005: Carolyn E. Jones begins her term as the first woman appointed as trustee of The Rotary Foundation.

2008: Catherine Noyer-Riveau begins her term as the first woman elected to the RI Board of Directors.

2012: Elizabeth S. Demaray begins her term as RI treasurer, the first woman to serve in this position.

2013: Anne L. Matthews begins her term as the first woman to serve as RI vice president.

2019: Brenda Marie Cressey begins her term as the first woman to serve as vice-chair of The Rotary Foundation. In April-June 2019 she serves as chair of the Foundation, the first woman appointed to this role.

2020: In Oct., Jennifer Jones becomes president-nominee, the first woman to be nominated to be RI President. Her term as president will begin 1 July 2022.