



THE ROTARY RAZZ

Rotary Club of Oak Park - River Forest, Illinois

Meetings: Noon at Cucina Paradiso, 814 North Blvd., Oak Park. Members must pre-register and pre-pay.

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TODAY IN OPRF ROTARY

July 21st, 2021

Board Meeting - 10:30 AM

Aria Group Architects, 830 North Blvd.

Please don't forget to register yourself and guests for our weekly in-person lunch meetings at Cucina Paradiso in July and August at 12:00 PM [aka NOON]. Registration is free. Entrepreneurial and Senior Active Members will pay or use their meal card at the door. **This week we are hosting special guests Mr. & Mrs. Livio Cesar Zozzoli from Bolivia. Mr. Zozzoli will be the '23-24 D4690 DG.**



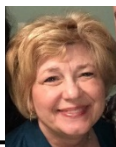
The deadline for registration is every Monday. **Registration is required** to attend the meeting as lunch will be individually plated & is prepared ahead of time.

Here is the link to the calendar to register: https://oprfrotary.clubexpress.com/content.aspx?page_id=4002&club_id=570042&item_id=1485911

NEW MEMBER

APPLICATION

We are delighted to announce that the following person has submitted membership an application to the Rotary Club of OP-RF. Per Club rules her name must be published in three consecutive issues of the RAZZ before the Rotary Board may vote on the membership request. This is the second of three notices. Any concerns, please contact Eric Van Ness or any current OPRF Board Member.



NAME: Suzanne Johnson-Jackson

BUSINESS: Retired

SPONSOR: Lesley Gottlinger

PROFESSION: Elementary School Teacher

For your perusal, Cucina Paradiso's July menus include:

Wednesday July 21st noon [outside]:

rustic salad -field greens, pears, strawberries, candied walnuts, gorgonzola,
balsamic pork marsala-thinly pounded tenderloin medallions, mushroom marsala sauce, garlic mashed potatoes, grilled asparagus
bread pudding, caramel sauce, whip cream

Wednesday July 28th noon [outside]:

roasted beet salad -field greens, red & golden beets, pickled, red onions, panko fried goat cheese, almonds, oranges, orange mint dressing
Beef tenderloin -served with port wine reduction, garlic mashed potatoes and sautéed spinach.
Weekly cheesecake

Also, This Week

in Rotary

July 23: Fullerton Woods Clean-Up - 4:00 - 6:00 PM

July 25: Interact Meeting - 1:00 PM via Zoom



Heads-Up

DG Jane Hopkins visits August 11, 2021

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The President's Corner



Hello, OPRF Rotarians . . .
Just a few reminders . . .

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 Eric Van Ness, Sue Quinn or Cathy Hall.



OPRF Rotarians, if you have **Happy Dollars**, no need to wait to do it 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 Interact kids could **really, really** use some volunteers for their monthly **Fullerton Woods Forest Preserve Clean-Up** event this **Friday evening, July 23 from 4:00PM-5:30PM**. This was rescheduled from July 10th. You can now register on-line by going to the event calendar, click on the event, and then follow the instructions. It's free; it's fun; and it's only 1 ½ hours!

Remember:

To sign up for an event on the Rotary Club website at <https://oprfr Rotary Club Express.com> - Click on "Events" - then click on the event date on the calendar, and then follow the instructions.

I look forward to seeing you all soon. Meanwhile, enjoy the summer weather and the opportunity to reach out and catch up with each other. See you at lunch soon.

*Yours in Rotary,
Eric Van Ness
President 2021-22*



Summer Fun, Food & Fellowship - Cucina Paradiso
BRING A GUEST TO LUNCH TO MEET OUR MEMBERS

July 2021

Mark your calendars NOW!

28 - Lunch Mtg - Cucina Paradiso

A few dates to save . . .

Monthly Fullerton Woods Forest Preserve Clean-Up event **August 7, September TBD, October 2, and November 13**. All will be from **9:30 to 11:30**. Coffee, lemonade, water, & pre-packaged treats are provided. To sign up for clean-up, please let Lesley know. More than 25 people, requires a permit.
REGISTER ON-LINE NOW For AUGUST



Annual Donut Day is August 14 at the Oak Park Farmers' Market. Remember to sign up for the last few spots. Sign up at to Rick Hibbert if you have any questions.



September 15, 2021



President Eric Van Ness welcomed everyone to Wednesday. He led the group in both the Pledge of Allegiance and the Invocation. After that, he introduced our two guests for the day: Chandeeep "Charlie" Kalra [whose grandfather had been a Rotarian in India], and Noel Ogden [both pictured below].



President Eric then shared a few announcements:

Please sign up **ON-LINE at the OPRF Rotary website** for the Interact Fullerton Woods Forest Preserve Clean-Up event scheduled for this **Friday, July 23rd from 4:00 PM to 5:30/6:00-ish PM**. Volunteers can also sign up for the August 7th event.

Annual Donut Day is **August 14** at the Oak Park Farmers' Market.



**Food Truck Rally Saturday,
August 28th, 3:30-9:30 PM at
The Depot
Keystone Park West**

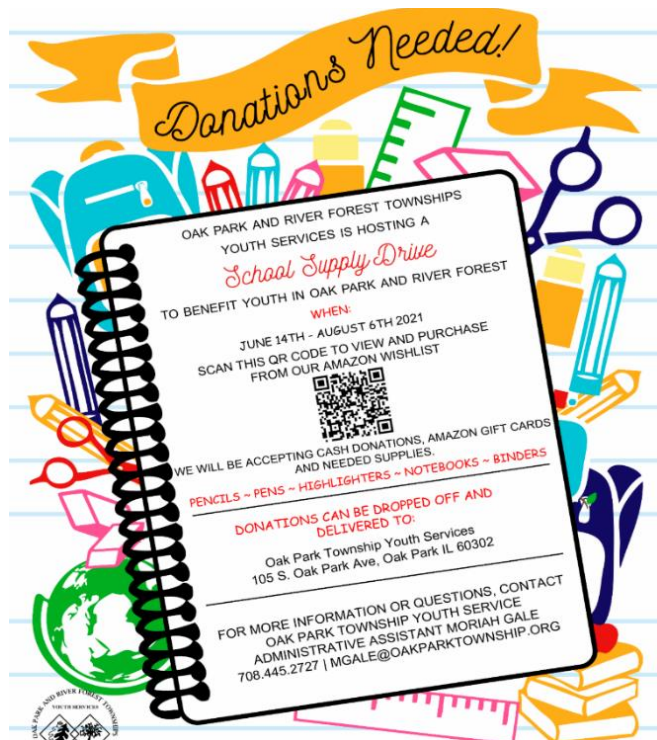
Remember to sign up on-line on the OPRF Rotary web-site for volunteer opportunities for the Rotary Food Truck Rally. It's all hands-on deck!! Trouble signing up, reach out to Bill Planek.

President Eric led us in The Four-Way [now for us Six-Way] Test of the Things we Think, Say and Do and sent us on our way.

Remember to send cards and good thoughts to:

**Bob and Marietta Walsh
325 N. Oak Park Ave. Apt. C
Oak Park, Ill. 60302**



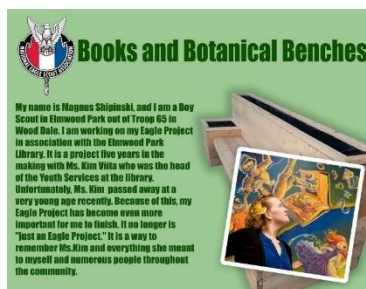


We're collecting school supplies to help students throughout Oak Park and River Forest be prepared for the 2021-2022 school year. Our goal is to fill 100+ backpacks and give them away free at a distribution event in August! New items may be ordered and shipped directly to the Township office by clicking Amazon wish-list link provided or by dropping off supplies at 105 S. Oak Park Avenue by Friday, August 6th. The list includes: ruled paper, notebooks, pens, pencils, markers, folders, and travel-sized hand sanitizer. We're also grateful for Amazon gift cards and cash donations. Will you be our backpack angel? New backpacks are needed as well. Thank you so much for helping us and the students!

Sponsored by:
Oak Park and River Forest Township Youth Services
Oak Park Township
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www.oakparktownship.org

- The Four-Way Test . . .**
of the things Rotarians Think, Say or Do:
1. Is it the **TRUTH**?
 2. Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
 3. Will it build **GOODWILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?
 4. Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?
 5. Optional: Will it be **FUN** and **JOYFUL**?
 6. Interact: Will it be **KIND**?

Magnus Shipinski, current Interact President,



has been working on an Eagle Project in association with the Elmwood Park Library. He was working with Ms. Kim Viita, head of Youth Services, until her recent untimely death.

Magnus is reaching out for donations to help fund the project of building planter benches for the library in her honor. For questions, reach out to Magnus at 708-545-3395. To contribute, go to the following **corrected link** . . .

<https://www.elmwoodparklibrary.org/how-do-i/additional-services/make-a-donation-or-memorial#kim>

Photos from the Shoe Give-Away



in conjunction with the Operation Warmth coat program, on Friday, July 9, from 10AM - 1PM, shoes were distributed to 75 children in Chicago [Racine and 13th].





Happy Monday, District 6450!

I am excited to share with you the initiatives put forward by Rotary International President Shekhar Mehta and those we will be working on here in The Birthplace District. I know that through the projects and passion each of you bring to our district, we will live up to this year's theme of "Serve To Change Lives".

President Shekhar has done incredible work and service in his home country of India, and has seen firsthand the impact educating and empowering girls can have on families, communities, and generations. This is his first challenge to members of Rotary around the world. He has stated many times, "When you educate a boy, you educate a man. When you educate a girl, you educate the family." Secondly, he has instituted Rotary Days of Service, allowing clubs to organize events locally and internationally to do good in the world. I am excited that immediate past president of the Rotary Club of Joliet, **Michelle Balog**, will be serving as the new RI President Initiatives Chair for the district. Michelle will bring wonderful passion and ideas to these new areas.

Other district initiatives I am excited to share with you:

- **District Literacy Committee:** PDG Chuck encouraged early childhood grants and awareness in his year, and Bolingbrook Rotarian **Jennie Mills** will be stepping into this newly created position to continue the work begun this past year in a vital area.
- **Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Committee:** As we all continue to learn, grow, and make change in our communities and clubs, Chicago Rotarian **Aleta Williams** will continue to chair the DEI committee, beginning with an exciting four-part speaker series in the coming months - keep an eye on district communications for details!
- **New Area of Focus - Environment:** This Rotary year also brings a brand new, seventh area of focus for Rotary International. Our district has once again been at the forefront under District Environmental Chair **Manon [Nonnie] Lyketsos** and her work on Operation Pollination over the past year. As Manon transitions from the Chicago Lakeview to the Naperville club, she will continue to do fantastic work in this new area to help protect and preserve our environment.

- **Disaster Assistance Response Team (DART) -** Aurora Sunrise Rotarian **Chris Olson** has been developing this committee with the intention of supporting disasters in other areas, but has already jumped in and gotten started with response locally to the tornado recovery in the Naperville, Woodridge, and Darien area in the last week. We are ready to respond to and support disasters locally, nationally, and around the world.
- **Mental Health Task Force -** As we return more to "normal" in the wake of COVID, the impact and need of awareness and support for mental health is more vital than ever. **Dr. Lisa Pinto** of the Naperville After Dark club will be spearheading this initiative in finding projects, inspiring ideas, and coordinating efforts across the district.

We will continue to support in the vital areas of the **Rotary International Foundation** (chaired by **Rachel Ossyra**), **PolioPlus** (chaired by **Mary Dankowski**), **Membership** (chaired by **DGN Conor Gee**), and **Public Image** (chaired by **Hunter Byington**). This team brings incredible knowledge and support for clubs and is happy to help!

I encourage you to reach out to any of these leadership members if you have ideas, questions, or want to get involved! Also, please check our district website regularly for [calendar updates](#) regarding upcoming district and club events.

I look forward to seeing many of you soon as I travel through the district meeting clubs and learning about how you are **Serving to Change Lives**.
Yours in Service,
Jane Hopkins, District Governor 2021-2022
Rotary District 6450, The Birthplace of Rotary



Лужкова Наталья Михайловна
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Sad Youth Exchange News to Share

July 15, 2021 [from Sandy Gbur]: We got some terrible news yesterday. **Natasha**, our Palatine Rotary exchange student from Russia that we hosted in 2001, passed away from COVID two days after she gave birth to her daughter.

Natasha went on to be an incredible enthusiast for ecology and earned her PhD in geography. She taught us about Lake Baikal in Siberia which she so loved. Such a tragic loss of a young woman who grew in wisdom and professional stature with each passing year. We are so saddened for her family and all of us who were positively impacted by **Natasha**. Please enjoy every day as you never know how many more you have.

Ever Wonder What Happens . . .

to the money for **International Service** projects? Here is just one example of our OPRF monies put to work on a valuable school building in Bolivia - The Bolivia-Holanda School - Kasa Huasa. Photos show various stages of construction.



At the end of 2012, we started helping the people of Kasa Huasa to build a school. We bought building materials in November 2012 and on February 1, 2013 there were three classrooms in which 80 students started. This was the beginning of the Bolivia-Holanda school in Kasa Huasa, just outside the city of Cochabamba [Bolivia].

After the first classrooms and a toilet building, a second floor has been realized. The playground is paved and a roof has been made to protect the children from the hot sun. A fence has been built around the school so that the children can play and learn safely.

In 2015 the roof will be installed on the second floor of the school. The schoolyard will be covered with a roof in 2016.

The school 'Bolivia Holanda' is currently asking for building materials for 2 extra classrooms, because they expect more children for next year and the government does not pay for the construction.



Suggestions for projects? International Services Committee is always open to new ideas. Reach out to Iris Saavedra, Committee Chair.

