



**THE  
ROTARY  
RAZZ**

*Rotary Club of Oak Park-River Forest, Illinois*  
**Club 3190** District 6450

Meetings: Noon  
at Cucina Paradiso,  
814 North Blvd.,  
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## Today in OPRF Rotary

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### Al Gini: 'Why We Need More Laughter In Our Lives'

Al Gini retired  
as Professor of  
Business Ethics  
in the Quinlan  
School of Business  
at Loyola  
University  
Chicago.

He is the  
co-founder and  
long-time Associate  
Editor of  
Business Ethics  
Quarterly, the  
journal of the  
Society for Business  
Ethics.

For more than  
27 years he was the Resident Philosopher on National Public  
Radio's Chicago affiliate, WBEZ-FM, and can currently be heard  
on WGN/Tribune Radio.

He also regularly lectures to community and professional organizations on cultural issues, business and ethics.

His books include: "My Job My Self: Work and the Creation  
of the Modern Individual"; "The Importance of Being Lazy:  
In Praise of Play, Leisure and Vacations"; "Why It's Hard to Be  
Good"; "Seeking The Truth of Things"; "The Ethics of Business  
with Alexei Marcoux"; "10 Virtues of Outstanding Leaders with  
Ronald M. Green"; and "The Importance of Being Funny: Why  
We Need More Jokes In Our Lives."



**Fun, Food & Fellowship – Cucina Paradiso**

**BRING A GUEST TO LUNCH**

**Mark your calendars NOW!**

### Buffet menus

#### December 1

**Salad:** Caesar salad; romaine, croutons, sun-dried tomatoes, shaved parmesan

**Entrees:** Pumpkin ravioli brown butter sage, pecorino romano, toasted pumpkin seeds. Chicken marsala with wild mushrooms

**Dessert:** Tiramisu

#### December 8

**Salad:** Roasted beet salad -field greens, red & golden beets, pickled, red onions, panko fried goat cheese, almonds, oranges, orange mint dressing

**Entrées:** Homemade lasagna with tomato cream sauce. Chicken Parmesan

**Dessert:** Weekly cheesecake

#### December 15

**Salad:** Rustic salad -field greens, pears, strawberries, candied walnuts, gorgonzola, balsamic

**Entrée:** Pork vesuvio with peas. Garlic mashed potatoes, grilled asparagus.

**Dessert:** Bread pudding ,caramel sauce, whip cream

\$22 per person includes non-alcoholic beverages

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## Announcements

- President **Eric Van Ness** opened the meeting with the pledge. **President Elect Patty Eggerding** gave the Invocation. At the meeting's end, Eric led the group in The Four-Way Test.
- No meetings are scheduled for the Wednesday before Thanksgiving, November 24th; the Wednesday prior to Christmas, December 22nd; or the Wednesday prior to New Year's Eve.
- The annual OPRF Rotary party is scheduled for Dec. 15 and will be held at Cucina Paradiso at our regular meeting time. That will be an event chock full of activities: an Ugly Sweater contest AND our club's annual meeting including election of officers — President-Designee — and 4 new board members.
- The Interact Club's next Social Justice Book Club will meet on Sunday, Jan. 23, to discuss the book "Dear Martin". Plan on joining the Interactors.
- Interact cookbooks are still available for sale for Christmas and/or hostess gifts. Cost is \$13 per book.
- Thank you to those who helped D6450 distribute turkeys – **Bill Planek, Sue Quinn, Steve Saraceno, and Ade Onayemi**.
- Thanks to those who volunteered for the 8th and last Forest Preserve clean-up event of the season: **Mikayla, Julian, and Ade Onayemi; Alec Ubogy; Ebube Nwafor; Werner Huget; Bill Planek; Sue Quinn; John Kearns; David Ubogy; Beth Dowell; and Don and Lesley Gottlinger**.

## CALENDAR

### December

- 1** — Lunch meeting - Cucina Paradiso. **Program:** Al Gini, "Why We Need More Laughter In Our Lives."
- 4** — District Interact Council meeting – via Zoom – for questions, reach out to DGE Ade Onayemi
- 8** — Lunch meeting - Cucina Paradiso. **Program:** Ed Redd will give us an update on YEMBA and how they are dealing with the pandemic.
- 12** — OP-RF-FP Interact meeting – 1PM – via Zoom – For details, reach out to Lesley Gottlinger or Ade Onayemi
- 15** — Holiday Party at Cucina Paradiso. Bring socks, wear ugly sweaters, and have fun.
- 17** — International Services meeting – via Zoom – For details, reach out to Iris Saavedra.
- 30** — Last Day to join/donate to the PolioPlus Society. Visit the District website <https://rotary6450.clubexpress.com/>

**REMINDER: NO LUNCH MEETINGS DEC. 22 or 29**

## PDG Cevallos-Candau hospitalized

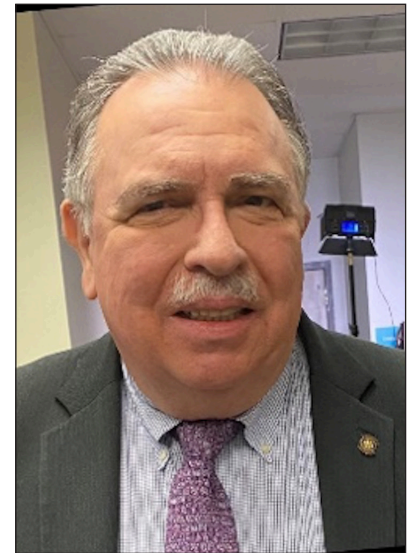
Please keep PDG Pedro Cevallos-Candau and his family in your thoughts and prayers. This past Tuesday morning, Pedro's wife Rotarian Pam Brockman sent the following email to D6450 leadership to be shared with our District Rotarians . . .

Dear All,

Pedro had a stroke this am. He is just recovering from surgery to remove a clot in his brain. Blood flow is now 100%. He is at Evanston Hospital & looks like we'll be here for maybe a week. They are doing more tests & hopefully there will be no damage.

Prayers are very welcome!

Love,  
Pam



For those of our OPRF Rotarians and friends who celebrate, we wish you a very Happy Chanukah. This eight-day celebration begins Sunday evening Nov. 28 and concludes with the lighting of the 8th candle of the menorah on Sunday evening Dec. 5. May the lights of Chanukah shine brightly on your families and homes.

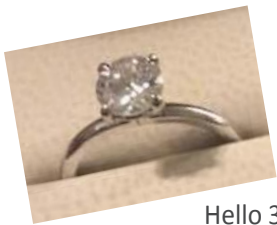
<p><b>Happy Birthday</b></p>	<p><b>HAPPY ANNIVERSARY</b></p>
<p><b>December</b> 1 – Phil Barry 16 – Shena Keith</p>	<p><b>December</b> Charlie Williams – 27 years John Williams – 27 years</p>



**"IT IS OFFICIAL!"** Looking forward to planning our wedding, and the rest of our lives together.



**BEST birthday EVER.**



Hello 37!"



**Laura Bezinovich** and **Jordan Burstein** are getting married!! What a way to celebrate Laura's birthday!! Congratulations to both!!!

Meet the newest **Gottlinger** great-granddaughter - Pearl Packett. . . born November 23<sup>rd</sup> around 5PM-ish – 8 pounds, 7 ounces. . . Mom and baby doing fine in Texas. She's great-grandbaby #14 along with our 2 great-grand angels. According to her Gramma Vicki who is visiting, Pearl has a GREAT set of lungs as "noted" in



one of the photos!!



## More Photos from D6450 Turkey Distribution Day



# Nov. 17 Program: Club's committee structure



**Club President Eric Van Ness talks about the club's committee structure.**

*Club President Eric Van Ness presented a program on the club's committee structure.*

Currently, the club is accepting nominations for club president for the 2024-25 year. The club is also accepting nominations for four 2-year director positions for the board starting in 2022.

He went on to describe the club's current setup with Standing Committee, a Task Force and Officers and Champions.

The Standing Committee meets regularly. The membership of each committee is set in advance. Each committee is led by a chair and vice chair. New members are assigned to these committees as they join. Each committee has specific responsibilities with goals set annually. The committee chair reports regularly to the board and presents at club assemblies.

Standing committees are:

**MEMBERSHIP:** Committee has responsibility for recruiting, management of online inquiries, managing the approval process with the board, onboarding/welcoming new members into the Club. Suggested meeting every other month, with two new member orientations per year.

**PR/COMMUNICATIONS:** To develop and implement plans to provide the local public with information about Rotary and to promote the club's service projects and activities. To promote and encourage members to be active, promoting the club on social media. To monitor the upkeep and effectiveness of the club's website and weekly

newsletter RAZZ.

**EVENTS & FUNDRAISING:** Ensure coordination across events. Organize Installation, District Governor's Lunch, Holiday Party and Awards Breakfast. Create additional social events as requested by members. Oversee sponsorship program. Establish subcommittees for the Food Truck Rally, golf outing, centennial activities, Donut Day, Day In Our Village and parades. Ensure consistent messaging, resources and support across subcommittees.

**CLUB SERVICE (Operations):** Manage club operations (excluding treasury and governance). Secretary serves on the committee as co-chair; manage attendance and service hours reporting; run luncheon check-in; oversee printed member directory and Club Express member directory; liaison with Cucina Paradiso; District 6450/Rotary International connections, including Club Pride; and others as needed (such as managing the banners)

**VOCATIONAL SERVICE & PROGRAMS:** Plan and manage programs for weekly luncheons. Incorporate vocational service into programs in form of professional development programs and classification talks. Promote training opportunities available through the District.

**COMMUNITY SERVICE & GRANTS:** Select and coordinate volunteer local service projects; manage projects by identifying a project lead for each; keep website updated with volunteer opportunities; email

membership once a week with opportunities; and manage the Community Grants process, including solicitation, evaluation, reporting and promotion.

**INTERNATIONAL SERVICE & GRANTS:** Oversee global grants; recommend disbursement of funds to various international service projects; and collect information and pictures from projects to communicate our impact.

**YOUTH SERVICE (New Generations & Grants):** Recognizes the importance of empowering youth and young professionals through leadership development programs. Our Club provides service to youth through our Youth Exchange program, our scholarships and our support of the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) program. We also sponsor and support an Interact Club for middle and high school students.

The Task Force meets on an as-needed basis. Membership may be set based on role, established in advance or assigned as needed. Task forces report to the board.

Task Forces are:

**BY-LAWS/MANUAL OF PROCEDURE:** This task force conducts periodic reviews of the Club's organizing documents either at the request of the board or in conjunction with Rotary International's Council on Legislation.

**CASSIN-GERMANSON FUND:** This task force works with the OPRF Community Foundation setting up the fund which was established in 2020 to honor the memory of two of its most dynamic female members.

**FINANCIAL REVIEW TEAM:** Review finance functions of the club on an annual basis. The task force works with the treasurer, but the treasurer is not a member of the review team. The task force serves as a "check and balance" to ensure sound financial operations and continuity. The task force stands ready to step in to assist with the financial oversight of the club at the request of the president and the board. The task force could be convened to review management of funds held outside the club.

**LITERACY:** Identify and carry out projects to promote literacy in our area.

**LONG-RANGE PLANNING:** Stay abreast of changes coming from RI's Council on Legislation. The task force meets only as required when assigned a project. Typical projects include: Visioning, Strategic



Plan Development; review of ByLaws and MOP; review potential changes to membership or other global issues as directed by the President and the Board.

**NOMINATING:** This task force convenes in late autumn to create next year's slate of officers and directors to be presented at the January Annual Meeting.

**ROTARIAN OF THE YEAR:** Led by the previous ROY, this task force comprises all past ROYs. The team convenes in the spring to name this year's ROY in time for the May Awards Breakfast.

**ADE ONAYEMI INDUCTION PLAN-NING:** Tentative date is June 22, 2022 for induction as District Governor.

**FOOD TRUCK RALLY 2022.**

### GOLF OUTING 2022.

The Officers and Champions is made up of individual Rotarians with assigned roles and responsibilities.

Officers and Champions include:

**Secretary:** Responsible for all member data in both MyRotary, ClubExpress and Board reports. Data include membership status, attendance (received from Club Operations Committee) and service hour reporting.

**Treasurer:** Responsible for all financial recordkeeping, deposits and payments for the Club. Works directly with president-elect and board to set and approve budget. No need for a standing committee. Special projects assigned to Finance Review

Task Force. Treasurer works with that team as required and provides records to them for annual review.

**Foundation Champion:** RI's recognized Foundation Chair — acts as the club's liaison, recording secretary and chief ambassador for the Rotary Foundation. Coordinate with Program Chair to do a Foundation program in November. Best practices is to assign a co-chair.

**Polio Champion:** New role is responsible for keeping End Polio Now campaign top of mind among Rotarians. Assists PR Committee with Polio-related media from RI. Coordinates a Polio awareness builder/fundraiser for the club to coincide with World Polio Day on Oct. 24.

