

THE ROTARY RAZZ

Rotary

Club of Oak Park-River Forest



Meetings: Noon Wednesday
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Today in OPRF Rotary

Annual Awards Breakfast



Our club will get together at the Oak Park Country Club on Wednesday, May 18 for its Annual Awards Breakfast. **There will be no lunch meeting.**

Ring a bell?

Does anyone have any recollection of where the Rotary bell went? Please contact Cathy Hall if you know of the bell's whereabouts. It went missing about a month ago.



CALENDAR



May

18 — Annual Rotary Awards Breakfast, Oak Park Country Club, 7:45-10 a.m. **NO LUNCH MEETING**

22 — Fullerton Woods Cleanup Day — Club service project to adopt the Fullerton Woods, 8413 West Fullerton Ave. River Grove, 1:30-3:30

25 — Lunch meeting, Cucina Paradiso. **Program:** Kim Morton of the Cook County Farm Bureau.

26 — Sarah's Inn Dinners — OPRF Rotary is back at Sarah's Inn to serve wonderful meals to their clients!

June

1 — Lunch meeting, Cucina Paradiso. **Program:** Sarah's Inn. Carol Gall and Katie Hickman will give us an update on the world of Sarah's Inn.

4-8 — Rotary International Convention

15 — President Eric Van Ness' recap of his term.

18 — Fullerton Woods Cleanup Day — Club service project to adopt the Fullerton Woods, 8413 West Fullerton Ave. River Grove.

22 — District Governor Ade Onayemi and Club President Patty Eggerding installation at Abbington Distinctive Banquets, 3 South 002 IL Route 53, Glen Ellyn.

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HAPPY BUCKS

- **Eric Van Ness** — He's happy the weather has turned to get outside again. "Having a toddler, being able to get outside is an incredibly powerful thing."
- **Nancy Teclaw** — Happy because she has a lot of graduations coming up this spring. The twins are graduating from high school. Her oldest granddaughter is graduating from the school of optometry in the city. She had graduated from the University of Iowa. Her major was art in anatomical drawing. She decided when she graduated she was going to go to grad school, but they closed that particular grad school. She worked at Kirk Eye Center for a while and she decided that's where she wanted to be, so she spent four years in the school of optometry.
- **Lesley Gottlinger** — Thankful that she doesn't have any graduations this year. They are expecting their first great-great-grandbaby in June. She is grateful to be at Rotary. She's thrilled to be at the awards breakfast. She is also extremely thrilled and pleased to be working on Ade's and Patty's installation dinner in June. She will be even more thrilled when the attendance of our club jumps into the 90 percent range.
- **Ade Onayemi** — One of his favorite sayings is "It's like the problems of a mosquito in a nudist colony." Where do you begin? He is very, very grateful for being in this club. And the continued support that he receives and he hopes our club continues to give to each other. He also has several graduations. But the one that really gets him is his sister passed several years ago at the age of 59. When she died, her first grandchild was about 3 months old. That boy graduated cum laude in finance this past weekend. "My sister couldn't be there, but we were there." When people pass in our culture, we pray for the family, but we pray that their legacy be a good one. Her legacy is just phenomenal. He's joyful, proud and very happy.
- **Bob Giles** — "Just happy to be here and happy to be a Rotarian."
- **Jim Lencioni** — "I'm just very thankful and happy that I get to play with my youngest granddaughter, who is 15 months old and a couple of months ago she took her first steps toward her grandfather."
- **Sue Quinn** — "I'm happy that my oldest daughter entered her third trimester and I'm going to be a grandmother this summer."
- **Marie Olmos** — "I'm happy that everyone who ordered chocolate, except one person, were here. I am much lighter to go home."
- **Cathy Hall** — "I am thrilled my only nephew came home from Japan and gave my mother a beautiful Mother's Day."
- **Dan Browne** — "I'm grateful that my oldest son's back in the area from downtown."

- **Patty Eggerding** — "I'm really excited our son Peter graduates on the 24th of May with honors in diplomacy from Seton Hall University. He is going to graduate School at George Washington, studying foreign policy and analysis with an emphasis in Russian. All that started with his Rotary experience."
- **Martha Murphy** — "I'm just happy that everyone is happy today. It's great to celebrated happiness. ... There is always something to be grateful for."
- Total amount collected for Happy Bucks was \$119.

SPONSORSHIPS

- **Jim Lencioni** talked about sponsorships and how important they are to our club. We are now looking for sponsors for the upcoming year, beginning July 1. Sponsors get several benefits. It allows us to do community grants and other things that we do. The focus is the community grants. You'll see that at the Awards Breakfast. Many of the organizations have spoken at our club this year. Sponsors also get a lot of exposure. We give a lot of exposure to our sponsors at our Food Truck Rally. It's on our website and it's in our RAZZ each week. In the past we have had a number of Rotarians as our sponsors. With the pandemic, we need to get outside of our club with donations. This year, we're making another plea to the businesses in our communities. He said he has packets to use to approach potential sponsors. In the packet there is a history of the club and its achievements. There is also a list of the community grants awarded from 2021 and International Service Grants. The packet also includes the various levels of sponsorship and the benefits of being a sponsor. The bulk of the proceeds we get from the Food Truck Rally is the sponsorships. Please see Jim if you would like to get a packet. Ade Onayemi, who will be the next district governor mentioned that at the 2023 Rotary District 6450 Conference will be held May 6. The conference will be an exposition of Rotary. Each club will have a booth to showcase what they do. They are going to invite people who sponsor us to set up booths as well. They can see and engage with other Rotary clubs.



Shena Keith (left) receives her first Paul Harris Fellow from Patty Eggerding, while President Eric Van Ness looks on. Shena said she was grateful to her father-in-law who shared points for award.

District Volunteer Opportunity
Bed Build - Sleep in Heavenly Peace
June 18, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.



The District 6450 Community Service Committee is pleased to announce that we are hosting a Bed Build for **Sleep in Heavenly Peace in Tinley Park on June 18th from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** What is a Bed Build you ask? Here is great information on Sleep in Heavenly Peace:

Sleep in heavenly peace or SHP as it is often abbreviated is a 501 C3 nonprofit organization made up 100% of volunteers. Every penny we raise goes directly towards the expenses needed to build more beds for children in need ages 3-17. We service victims of fire, flooding, domestic abuse relocation, financial struggles and many more. We always say there are so many reasons that can lead to the need for a bed and SHP is here to help. Child "Bedlessness" is not a real word, but it **IS** a real problem.

There is no experience needed to step in and help their core volunteers during a community Bed Build event. If you or your club are interested in volunteering, please contact Michelle Balog at 815-744-7737 or mbalog@numarkcu.org.

We are also looking for clubs to sponsor the event to help with the purchase of materials. You can donate online to Oak Forest SHP with the link below or with a check made payable to Sleep In Heavenly Peace with Oak Forest Chapter in the memo. Checks can be brought to the bed build event.

To Donate:

<http://weblink.donorperfect.com/il-oakforest>

Dave King from the Oak Forest Chapter has a wealth of knowledge on SHP, and he is happy to share or present to your club. We are also including a video from a recent event so that you can see a bed build in action.

Dave can be contacted at 708-921-8551 or Dave.King@shpbeds.org.

Video: <https://fb.watch/axifbP1WTw/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/OakForestSHP/>

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For my birthday this year, I'm asking for donations to Rotary International. I've chosen this charity because their mission means a lot to me, and I hope that you'll consider contributing as a way of celebrating with me. Every little bit will help me reach my goal. I've included information about Rotary International below.



Rotary International brings together leaders to exchange ideas and take action to help empower youth, enhance health, promote peace, and eradicate polio. We see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change - across the globe, in our communities and in ourselves.

The Rotary Foundation, the charitable arm of Rotary International, funds diverse, sustainable projects around the world. These projects have resettled refugees, helped entire communities after natural disasters, trained peace makers, strengthened local economies, and brought the world to the brink of polio eradication. When you support Rotary, your gifts will go where the need is greatest. You'll help make lives better in your community and around the world.

Rotary members who wish to receive contribution credit should give directly at www.rotary.org/donate.

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Twenty years ago, the first Rotary Peace Centers opened their doors

Since then, over 1500 fellows have become more effective catalysts for peace through the education, skills, and networks they gained through the fellowship programs. This investment in peace education will continue to support future generations of world leaders. The Rotary Peace Centers program plans to expand with the addition of a new certificate program in the Middle East or North Africa by 2025.

Rotary promotes peace. Learn more <https://on.rotary.org/3oQagxe>





Laura Bezinovich says: "I joined the Gardening Club of Oak Park & River Forest last month, and I won the best hat today at their annual lunch and hat parade at the Oak Park Country Club! Looking forward to their Annual Garden walk on Sunday, June 26th and continuing to meet new

gardeners and learn more about how to manage my own garden

If you enjoy walking around and meeting people who take pride in their gardens and sharing them with the community- buy a ticket!"

<https://gcopr.org/events/garden-walk/>

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Jan Arnold hanging out with her sister, niece, and great niece in New Jersey. Just by looking, you can certainly tell they are related!!!

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"Imagine a world that deserves our best, where we get up each day knowing that we can make a difference."

When President-elect Jennifer Jones revealed the 2022-23 presidential theme, Imagine Rotary, she urged Rotary members to dream big. Imagine... what dreams will you help realize?

Learn more: <https://on.rotary.org/3rCXK4r>

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Happy Hour at McGaffers [Forest Park] last Thursday, May 11th. Nancy Teclaw, Eric Van Ness, Sue Quinn, & Robert Stelletello enjoyed themselves, but would have loved a bit more company!!!

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Be sure to visit the Township at A Day In Our Village Sunday, June 5! A Day in Our Village will take place in Scoville Park on Sunday, June 5, from 11 am till 4 pm. Township Board and staff will be there to talk about all the services we provide and to answer any questions you may have. Please stop by!

<https://www.oak-park.us/our-community/special->