



THE ROTARY RAZZ

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TODAY IN ROTARY April 10th, 2019



Michael Carmody, co-founder of Opportunity Knocks [OK], has served as Executive Director for the past 9 years. Mike, who has a BS in Elementary Ed. from St. Josephs College and an MS in Special Ed. from Dominican University,

is an Illinois-certified Special Ed. teacher. Before starting Opportunity Knocks, Mike who is also Nonviolent Crisis Prevention Intervention (CPI) certified, spent 2 years as a teaching assistant & 2 years as a special ed teacher. He also logged 6 years as a basketball and soccer coach at OPRF and Fenwick High Schools.

Kim Meares, Director of OK's Life Shop program, has a BS degree in Kinesiology & M.Ed. in Youth Development from UIC College of Education. During her M.Ed. project, she began volunteering at OK, where she introduced programming incorporating OK's young people as activity planners and peer teachers. Soon she became a full-time program leader & was promoted to afternoon program Director. After five years, she led the charge to launch OK's Life Shop day program which began in August of 2014 under her directorship.



ALSO, TODAY IN ROTARY

Rally Team meets - 1:30 PM - Aria Architects

ALSO, THIS WEEK IN ROTARY Annual District Conference

This year's District Conference will be in downtown Chicago, **April 12-14, 2019** at the historic Union League Club. The conference coincides with the RI Council on Legislation meeting at the Hyatt Hotel, just a few blocks away.

To Register, go to the District Website



REMINDER . . . We now meet,
eat and greet at our new home
Cucina Paradiso
814 North Blvd in Oak Park.



There is a parking garage one block east of the restaurant as well as street parking.

HATS OFF TO ROTARY!

HAPPY 100th PARTY!

It's Coming - Mark Your Calendars



Save the Date

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*President's Corner:
Rotary Regards
from President Cathy*



How embarrassing!

In pulling together my family's 2018 tax information for our accountant, I realized I had not given to The Rotary Foundation in 2018! I **EVERY** 100% support The Rotary **ROTARIAN** Foundation goal of "Every **EVERY** Rotarian, Every Year" and **YEAR** goodness knows dear Charlie Williams, our Club's Foundation Chair assisted by Jaime Escobar and Mary Ann Bender, has done an excellent job reminding us. I can't believe I missed it.

Some president I am!

How did I find out? Log into "My Rotary" on rotary.org to pull up your private, personal statement of Foundation giving. Click on "My Rotary" at the top and then the "Sign In to My Rotary" red box on the right. Create an account if you haven't already, which will be linked to your Rotary Club membership.

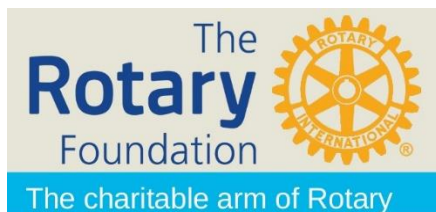
Once logged in, click on Profile and then "Donor Self Service." There, you'll see a "Donor History Report" which lets you know how much you contributed and when.

Ah-ha! That's where I solved the mystery. In fact, I **DID** meet the "Every Rotarian, Every Year" goal by giving in December 2017 for the 2017-18 year. **AND**, I used accumulated points to award my children Paul Harris Fellowships in June 2018, affirming that I had done some **SOMETHING** in 2018. **BUT**, I had not yet contributed financially for the 2018-19 year.

Easy to fix, if done by June 30. While online, click **DONATE**, then Annual Fund and fill out the rest of the form. Or simply give Charlie a check made out to The Rotary Foundation.

I might have missed an opportunity relative to my 2018 personal taxes, but I'm back on track with Rotary. Whew!!

Wishing you
Peace and
Prosperity,
President Cathy



APRIL 2019



Charlie & Lynne Williams's home - 6PM - 8PM

- 17 - Committee updates
- 20 - Huppert Woods Clean-Up Project - Interact
- 24 - Program: TBD
- 25 - New Member Orientation Party @

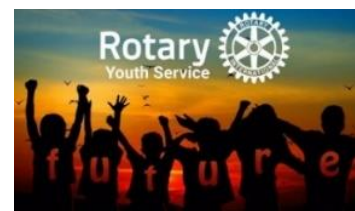
Our annual **Donut Day** will be **Aug. 10** at Pilgrim Church. We will, again, be partnering with South East Oak Park Community Organization. An online sign-up will be available soon. In the meantime, please email Rick Hibbert at rickhibbert@sbcglobal.net if you would like to participate in Donut Day.



It's that time of year when **Rotary Youth Exchange** is searching for host families for next school year to open their homes for students from around the world who will be arriving this August.

Our assigned students for this coming year are a boy from Germany and a girl from Denmark, both of whom will be OPRF juniors. Please contact me if you might be interested, and I'll be happy to answer your questions. We are looking for families living in Oak Park & River Forest.

You and your family will enjoy the experience of a lifetime by welcoming an international Rotary Youth Exchange student into your home for a 3-4-month period or an entire semester.



Host a Youth Exchange Student
Contact Lesley Gottlinger
bookgramma@gmail.com
708-751-2821



"BIG 5" PROJECT UPDATES



MOP/By-Laws

At the next meeting - date TBA - the Task Force will update the committee section of the Manual of Procedure. If you want to join the Task Force, email Chairperson Giles at gilesrw@aol.com.



Membership

The next New Member Orientation Event is set for April 25th at the home of Charlie and Lynne Williams. Party time from 6PM - 8PM. RSVP to Amanda Young or Matt Sullivan.



Kidz Express

Kidz Express team will be at District Conference April 13 with a display at the Club Pride Showcase where they will continue to reach out for international connections. They are still working towards the \$14,000 goal of International funding. Please let Lesley, Iris or Christine know if you can help by reaching out to international friends and contacts.



Rotary Rally - Call for HELP

The Rally Team meets on April 10 at 1:30 at Aria Architects [aka Jim Lencioni's office.] The team is ready for volunteers to sign up for committee work. Contact either Linda Sahagian at 708 557-7250 or Mike Sletten at 708 366-6660 x 101 or mbsletten@rfparks.com to let them know you're available.



HATS OFF TO ROTARY! HAPPY 100th PARTY!!

The **HATS OFF!** team needs your help! We are creating an invite mailing list to our event on June 29th. We want to invite people who might enjoy celebrating our 100th with us. This could be a former Rotarian, a friend of Rotary, a recipient of a grant from us. You get the idea - please send the name and address if you have it to ruthm@cboprf.com. If you don't have an address, send it anyhow; we'll try to find the person. We'd like names ASAP. Ruth is still accepting names. Let's get this party going!!



OPRF ROTARY ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Centennial Committee is working to update our Club's history through the current year as part of the Centennial festivities. Our current documented history goes through the year 2000. We need the following past presidents to provide me (Ruth) with a brief synopsis of the highlights of your year. If you need an example, email me. We need to hear from the following ASAP:

Doug Cahill, Linda Sahagian, Jim Boherstengel, Ken Fullerton, Carolyn Saxton, Werner Huget, Bill Planek, Clarmarie Keenan, Gerry Lordan, Jaime Escobar, Lesley Gottlinger, Ade Onayemi, John Williams, Robert Stelletto, & Cathy Yen.



Meeting Notes April 3rd, 2019

"Rotarians, grad baklava and coffee. Welcome to Wednesday. Welcome home!"

Jim Lencioni lead the group in the Pledge of Allegiance, and before giving the Invocation, Lesley Gottlinger also asked that everyone keep Marc Stopeck's family in their prayers. Marc's mother just went into Hospice. Cathy Hall introduced our visiting Japanese scholar Nicholas.



HATS OFF this week

goes to those unsung heroes and heroines of our club whose livelihood and Vocational Service involves giving their lives to government and/or public service of some kind. Because of their jobs, during times of elections, they must maintain their silence. **HATS OFF** for the amazing jobs they each do:

- Ed Condon, Joylynn Pruitt-Adams, Carol Kelley, Bob Giles, Don Offermann - current or past School Superintendents
- Sue Quinn, RF Librarian
- Mike Sletten, Jan Arnold, John Hedges - current or past Park Directors
- Eric Palm - Village Manager

President Cathy shared that Jon Rusco has the five folks who will be volunteering for the Sarah's Inn Meal Maker's event. Christine Baissec-Hayden will be providing the food. Cathy also announced that at the last Board meeting, the Board voted to continue over the next year our support of the Sarah's Inn Meal Maker's program.

Jim Lencioni announced that the Community Grants Committee would be meeting on Tuesday, April 9th, at 7:30 AM to review the 18 grant applications received for consideration. Anyone interested in helping with that process should reach out to Jim Lencioni.

PDG Scott shared information on this years **White Sox game** - to be held **Tuesday, July 30th**. Scott noted one difference this year in addition to the usual offerings of tickets, parking, and walk around the field, there would be an All You Can Eat meal provided in The Dugout for \$21 [rather than the regular price of \$42.] Scott reported that last year our club had sold 20% of all tickets purchased by D6450 clubs! Bill Planek brought all of the Oak Park Apartments employees! We'd like to maintain the tradition of being outstanding supporters of this D6450 fundraiser for Polio Plus.



Bill Planek announced the mural in the works [through the Oak Parks Area Arts Council] celebrating our Centennial, saying that one proposed site for the mural is at the YMCA. Bill is seeking other site location ideas. Sites must be - in Oak Park. Please let him know ASAP.

Christine Baissec-Hayden is leading the RF Memorial Day Parade. She would like as many kids as possible to participate - especially in the hot dog cookout following the parade. For the parade, she needs 5 adults and one "truck" driver. Time: 8:30AM til 12:30 PM. Let Christine know your availability to help.

President Cathy reported upcoming dates:

- Day in Our Village - June 2, 2019
- Annual Awards Breakfast - May 15, 2019

Since we have not had the opportunity as a club to discuss the new Membership structure, President Cathy shared a brief summary of what will go into effect on July 1.

- Traditional membership includes lunch - \$1200
- Entrepreneur membership - self-defined - pay \$20 as you go for lunch - \$600
- Senior Active membership - \$500
- Corporate membership includes one lunch [all others pay \$20]:
 - 1st member - \$1500
 - 2nd, 3rd, 4th members - \$300 each

Cathy also reminded Rotarians, Treasurer Ruth does take quarterly payments. Base dues include District and RI dues, The Rotarian magazine [about \$170]; monies to run the club [\$175]; parties, etc [\$80]; contributions for additional projects [\$125-\$175].

Tom Ewert happily shared that Werner Huget had called and asked that Tom pick him up for next week's [April 10th] meeting!! Can't wait to see him!!



The program for the day is "US!" President Cathy reported that Committees would be meeting: Membership, International and Marketing.

At the meeting's end, Matt Grote lead The Four-Way Test and sent us on our way.

Another photo from the day

President Cathy reported that this hat hails from daughter Erin's props used for many dance recitals.



Committee Notes April 3rd, 2019

Rotary Marketing Collateral Update / Action Items

We spoke at today's meeting about all things marketing, getting everyone on the same page, and making our marketing materials most effective and came up with a list of marketing pieces we'd like to have for the club overall.

1. A Tri-Fold Brochure describing the OPRF Rotary Club specifically.
2. A sponsorship insert for the tri-fold brochure that would be a tall thin card the size of a vertical panel of the tri-fold that talks about sponsorship.
3. A postcard design - like the ads Marc has put in the Wednesday Journal with a great image of people in our club doing great work.
4. Banners for the Parades - Christine oversees the parade banners - but she's not sure what we have currently, what we've used in the past, or what we need. Is there an inventory of this stuff? Could we create one?
5. New Membership packets

Please let us know how you can help with any of these projects, what info you have that would be helpful, ideas, thoughts, and Phil - What do you need from us to get these projects moving?

Thanks to you all for your commitment to Rotary and helping get communications moving a bit more smoothly going forward.

Once we have these items in place, I'd love to work on public relations to spread the word about our club and create a targeted list of 100 people to invite to join our club for lunch in our 100th year... and potentially to join us as new members. Let's think big and work smarter to create great results.

International Services

Committee members shared update on potential international contributions for the Kid Express Reverse Global Grant. Tentatively, we are waiting to confirm \$1,000 each from clubs in France and Italy and \$3,000-\$5,000 from a District in India. We know we have \$250 and \$500 from clubs in Bolivia and Egypt respectively. Waiting to hear and reaching out to clubs in France, India and Japan. We will be reaching out to other club contacts for the balance still needed for domestic monies and additional international funds.

Rotarians Out & About Recently. . .



4/5/19 - Forest Agency staff including Rotarians Nichole Hoppe & Matt Sullivan spent several hours volunteering at Feed My Starving Children - Schaumburg! The 1st shift helped a team of 30 volunteers pack 11,000 meals plus for little ones in Colombia! What a fantastic organization



Amanda and Rick Young along with the kids visiting Aurelie [above] in France over Spring Break! Right - under the Eiffel Tower in Paris.



The Bender-Coates family in Orlando, FL [left] Rafael and host brothers [below] in Florida - all enjoying Spring Break!!



Miki and her host family on a whirlwind tour of East Coast colleges from Ohio to NY to PA to Washington, DC over Spring Break.



**ANNUAL SERVICE ABOVE
SELF AWARDS BREAKFAST**

**May 15th, 2019
Oak Park Country Club**