



THE ROTARY RAZZ

Rotary Club of Oak Park - River Forest, Illinois

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TODAY IN ROTARY

May 15th, 2019

2019 SERVICE ABOVE SELF
AWARDS BREAKFAST



Oak Park Country Club
2001 North Thatcher Avenue
Elmwood Park, IL 60707

7:45 - 10:00 AM

Registration & Coffee from 7:45 AM

Breakfast will begin at 8:15 AM

Program will begin promptly at 8:35 AM

Followed by

10:30 AM - Board Meeting

Also, This Week in Rotary

May 19 - Interact Meeting 1:00 PM
OP Township Offices Board Room

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NEXT WEEK IN ROTARY

May 22nd, 2019

Meet Ryuhei Kondo, Global Grant Scholar from Japan.

Ryuhei Kondo is a Rotary Global Grant Scholar from Japan and class of 2020 at the University of Chicago Booth School of Business. His focus is on Disease Prevention and Treatment. At Booth, he learns management in the healthcare industry through Booth's classes as well as Graduate Program in Healthcare Administration Policy, an interdisciplinary program that draws faculty and students from professional schools in the University of Chicago. Prior to Booth, he managed various investments in the medical equipment and regenerative medicine at FUJIFILM Corporation in Tokyo. His sponsor club is Tokyo Setagaya South Rotary Club from RI District 2750



If you have not yet contributed to The Rotary Foundation, NOW is the time to do so - before the Rotary year ends.



HATS OFF TO ROTARY!
HAPPY 100th PARTY!
It's Coming - Save June 29



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



It was over a year ago (was it two?) when Lesley shared an epiphany. We were struggling to set the annual calendar and she suggested that we lock in the third Wednesday of May as the Annual Awards Breakfast date going forward. Previously, we had negotiated year to year whether it should be the second, third or fourth week, maintaining flexibility at the cost of uncertainty.

 Traditions, schedules, routines, habits: call it what you will. These form the skeleton of an organization. Hard to break and hard to change, but once you build your structure, you can put some real meat on the bones. Everything runs that much more smoothly when there is an established pattern. Even change demands new habits.

Reflection number seven of my last eight weeks of leadership calls to mind Sean Covey's quote, "(O)ur habits will either make us or break us. We become what we repeatedly do." 

Do you recall when you first were invited to join Rotary? Surely you questioned weekly luncheon. And yet, here we are, ONE HUNDRED YEARS LATER still meeting every Wednesday at 12:15. Wow.

That doesn't mean we cannot change. We have changed much recently - we ring the bell at 12:45 after lunch instead of before. We've subtly changed some governance structure. We've changed dues and location. We've changed our service model. Yet it still feels like Rotary. We will continue to change again and again.

 Routine and change are the yin and yang of a sustainable organization. The more structure we have in place, the more we can change. The more we change, the more our core structure adapts to the needs of today's Rotary.

Wishing you
Peace and
Prosperity,
President Cathy



MAY 2019

- 15 - Annual Service Above Self Awards **Breakfast** at OPCC - **RSVP REQUIRED**
- 15 - Board Meeting 10:30
- 19 - Interact Meeting - 1PM
- 22 - Japanese Global Grant Scholar: Ryuhei Kondo
- 27 - Memorial Day Parade - River Forest
- 29 - Race Conscious Dialogue: Dot Lamshead Roche



Meeting Notes May 8th, 2019

"Two-minute call. Welcome to Wednesday."

Dr Jaime Escobar lead the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. President Cathy asked for a moment of silence in memory of the three Oak Park folks who passed this week. Jessica McKinnon then introduced our guests: Nicholas Yamaguchi, visiting scholar and attorney from



Japan; Youth Exchange students Miki Takabayashi and Rafael Moraes Batistella; and speaker Isaac Stopeck



[pictured with his dad Rotarian Marc Stopeck and President Cathy Yen.]



Bill Planek announced a location has been "found" for the Centennial mural. It will be at the YMCA. Phil Jimenez explained it would be located on the wall at the building's south entrance on Marion Street.

President Cathy reminded folks of the **HATS OFF TO ROTARY! HAPPY 100th PARTY!** On June 29th. Noting that by now we all should have received our invitations, she asked that we begin to register for the event and please invite others. Registrations can be made on the club website, or in two weeks, we will begin taking reservations and payments [credit card, cash, check] at lunch.

 Hats off because attend mean engaged Thanks

To Phillip Jimenez for his work on alternative models to Rotary attendance. Just you may not be able to weekly lunches, does not you are not actively in the work of Rotary! to Phil for finding a perfect place for the Centennial mural.



Cathy Hall reminded everyone of our Annual Service Above Self Awards Breakfast at the Oak Park Country Club next week. Registration opens at 7:45 AM; program begins promptly at 8:35 AM. **Reminder:** Wear your Rotary pins - AND your Rotary BLING!!!

Charlie Williams announced he has a 3-piece entertainment center "up-for-grabs." Anyone interested, let him know. It's free to a good home. As Charlie ran out the door, to get back to work, President Cathy remarked about "his amazing sense of humor and ability to make us all smile [especially] in light of what he does."



Lesley reminded folks **Rotary Youth Exchange is still searching for host families** for next school year to open their homes for our 2 incoming students 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 juniors

at OPRF. Both students will turn 16 in August of 2019, & both are very excited about their upcoming exchange year.

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

Thanks to all who attended the YMCA Gala, not only in support of the Y, but also in support of our own Dr. Ed Condon, one of the recipients of the Annual Scott Gaalaas Award.

Dr. Nabil Saleh thanked the club for its support of the Westlake Hospital "issue," noting that is why he has not been at lunches as often as he would like. If anyone has any questions, please feel free to reach out to Nabil. He shared that the **major** concern is the medical service to those who are served by Westlake Hospital.

At the meeting's end, Eric Van Ness lead the group in The Four-Way test, and then he sent us on our way!



A FEW REMINDERS . . .



Christine Baissac-Hayden still needs people to sign up for the May 27th River Forest Memorial Day parade. She has 5,000 pieces of patriotic candy at her house for the parade!

- June 2 - Day In Our Village - See Bill Planek
- June 23 - D6450 Governor's Installation
- June 29 - **HATS OFF TO ROTARY! HAPPY 100th PARTY!**
- July 30 - D6450 Ball Game

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.



From your RAZZ Editors . . .

All Committee/Task Force updates for the RAZZ **MUST** be submitted by 5PM Sunday afternoons to make that week's RAZZ Newsletter.

Program Notes May 8th, 2019

Sue Quinn introduced our day's speaker Isaac Stopeck, a 2016 OPRFHS graduate and past Interact President. Isaac has attended Grinnell College in Iowa for three semesters, and decided to take time off to work with AmeriCorps NCCC [National Civilian Community Corps].

Isaac began by explaining what NCCC is, and that he worked with the Vicksburg, MS Southern Region. He explained the preparation necessary for participants, noting that the organization wants as many 18-24-year-olds as possible to participate.

He went on to share what he called the different "Rounds" in which he and his groups participated:

Round 1 lasted for 8 weeks, and included trail building in Norton, Virginia. He described the work as jumpstarting the economy.

Round 2 was divided into two segments
5 weeks in South Carolina doing disaster relief work, and
2 weeks doing park maintenance in Concord, Massachusetts.

Round 3, which Isaac really enjoyed, was 4 weeks in Wall Township, New Jersey, installing sheet rock!

Round 4 was a 10-week segment divided between doing odd jobs in Washington, D.C. and urban farming in Harts, West Virginia. Isaac pointed out that Round 4 he spent with an entirely new team.

At this point, Isaac mentioned that he was the "recruiter" for his team, doing program outreach at local high schools and colleges. [As an aside, Ade and Lesley remember when Isaac first began attending Interact meetings as an extremely shy, quiet young man who rarely spoke!]

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Isaac shared that the West Virginia location was very rural, with no cell or Wi-Fi connections. About 30% of the adults do not read above a 4th grade level, and children must travel 1 ½ hours to get to school. For Isaac, who always took reading for granted, this was a rude awakening.

Isaac spoke honestly about the pros and cons of working with the AmeriCorps program. Pros included helping people, social development, and travel. Cons, he noted, included a full-time, 40-hour work week, unpredictable quality of work, frustrating bureaucratic structure, few breaks, and always being with the same people 24/7.

Isaac then opened the floor for questions. He indicated he is thinking possibly about Industrial

psychology as a major because of his work with AmeriCorps.

A few meeting photos . . .



Jan Arnold and Linda Sahagian

Below:
Phillip Jimenez and Jim Lencioni

Below: Isaac receiving a speaker certificate and mug from Sue Quinn



This is what our group of 10 Interactors, family and friends helped accomplish this past Friday evening at Feed My Starving Children:

Boxes Packed: 171!!
Meals: 36,936
Kids Fed For A Year: 101
Cost: \$8,864.64



Thanks to Marth Petrovych & mom Irena, VP Peter Clarkson, President Magnus Shipinski & family mom Michela, dad Jay, sister Olivia, Rafael Batistella, and Don & Lesley Gottlinger

Job Well Done!!
Planning to make it an ongoing Interact project.

