



THE ROTARY RAZZ

Rotary Club of Oak Park - River Forest, Illinois

Meetings at
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TODAY IN ROTARY

SEPTEMBER 4

NO LUNCH MEETING

OKTOBERFEST PICNIC GATHERING



Home of Charlie & Lynne Williams
539 Forest Avenue, River Forest
5:00 - 8:00 PM

Also, This Week in Rotary

9/7 - Interact Svc. Project - 10AM - Noon

Jerome Huppert Woods [River Grove] Clean-Up

N. Thatcher Avenue, S. of W Fullerton Avenue

Any Rotarian wishing to help is more than welcome!

9/8 - Interact - OP Township Board Room

Saying a Temporary

Goodbye

Or as they say in German

. . .

vorübergehender Abschied

to our youth exchange student Ian-Felix Hellmuth as he heads home for emergency knee surgery. He fractured his tibia during cross country practice at OPRF, and the decision was made for him to have surgery at home. As of press time, he is out of surgery and reported doing well. He is already asking about school. He will return to us once he recuperates, which will take 6-8 weeks. Anyone wanting to email him to say, "Hello! Hope you're doing well! We miss you!" can reach him at

ifhellmuth@gmail.com



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PLATINUM

GOLD

SILVER

BRONZE





President Charlie Shares . . .
An email from PDG Scott McAdam

Thought I would send my thoughts to you. This week-end, it was hard to watch the weather channel and see the updates on Hurricane Dorian. Almost 35 years ago, my wife [Veronika] and I honeymooned on the island of Green Turtle Cay in the Abacos, Bahamas. We went for the next 10 years and developed many friendships with the people of the island. We celebrated and renewed our vows there on our 10th anniversary. It is with heavy heart I write this because of the mass devastation on the island. [The image below taken from an aerial video shows the vast destruction on



Great Abaco.] This island, along with many of those in the Abacos, are very small, and there is no way on or off

except by boat or helicopter. We have heard from some of those we knew, but many we have not. It is truly so sad to see that devastation. What follows is a link to a Rotary fund for global relief for the Bahamas through The Rotary Foundation with the assistance of District 7020.

<https://7020.org/stories/hurricane-dorian-update-and-relief-fund>

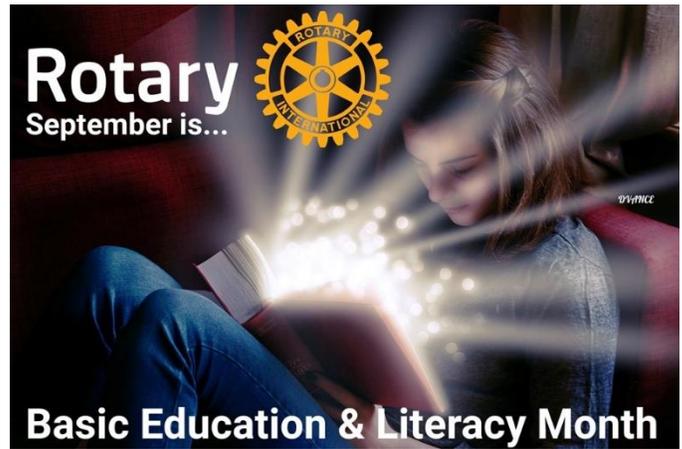
Please follow these instructions exactly!!

Scott went on to say. . .

". . . Charlie, you would probably know the best way to have these funds designated to the Bahamas. I would ask to see if there is money in the budget and, also, I would like to put a call out to our members as well to ask for some support for this cause. . . . I will try to get [more information] to you. . . I think having any monies go directly to Green Turtle would be best, I do not know where or how to manage that. I think The Foundation is the best route. See you all tomorrow. As always . . . Yours in Rotary Service

More news and information about Hurricane Dorian can be found on page 4 of this RAZZ.

With Love & Affection,
President Charlie



SEPTEMBER 2019

- 11 - Golf Outing - No Lunch
- 14 - One Rotary Summit - Details to Follow
- 18 - Board Meeting - 10:45 AM
- 18 - Program: Youth Exchange - Meet Noomi
- 21 - D6450 Grants Committee Meeting
- 22 - Interact Meeting - 1PM - OP Township Board Room
- 25 - Program: Kidz Express Update
- 26 - Rotary Cigar Fellowship - details to follow
- 28 - Outbound Youth Exchange Orientation

NOTE: Program Date Changes



Meeting Notes from August 28th, 2019 . . .

"Welcome to Wednesday. Today is the last informal lunch meeting of the summer." Next week is our Oktoberfest Picnic at the home of Lynne and Charlie Williams, 539 Forest Avenue, River Forest, from 5-8 PM. RSVP deadline is Thursday, August 29, 'cuz that's when the food is being ordered. If you chose the lunch-included dues option, it's already paid; otherwise, for you and/or guests, it's \$20 per person.

Jon Rusco led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance, and PDG Scott McAdam gave the Invocation. Dan Browne introduced our guests: Karen Migneault, guest of and "person" for Selma



Belajec [pictured left with Selma]; Melissa Keshem, guest of the folks from the Forest



Agency [pictured with Nichole Hoppe and Amanda Young]; and [pictured below] Betty Saavedra, mother and

guest of Rotarian Iris Saavedra-Zaldivar. Dan also noted last week's attendance count as 36, and for this week, 39 for lunch.



President Charlie thanked Dan Browne for arranging a lovely, well-attended breakfast meeting last week at the Oak Park Country Club.

President Charlie also gave special thanks to Linda Sahagian, Mike Sletten, Bill Planek, Scott McAdam, Jon Rusco, Jim Lencioni, and Ade Onayemi, as well as to all our members who contributed to an OUTSTANDING event that was our OPRF Rotary Food Truck Rally. "I'm humbled," said Charlie. "Thank you all."



Bill Planek and friend announced the upcoming Golf Outing, scheduled for September 11. There will be a 1:30PM shotgun start. **NO LUNCH MEETING!** If you are not a golfer, come for dinner. Register on our OPRF Rotary website.



The annual golf outing is set for September 11. On-line registration is open. Single golfer cost is \$175 and includes box lunch, dinner and two drink tickets. Cost for a foursome is \$700; cost for dinner alone is \$50.

Lesley Gottlinger reminded folks about RYLA. See her for applications for high-school age students, Lesley or have students reach out to her via cell 708-751-2821 or email ASAP: bookgramma@gmail.com



Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) is an intensive leadership experience organized by Rotary clubs and districts where high school-age students develop skills as a leader while having fun and making connections.

District 6450 RYLA is scheduled for Friday-Monday, October 11-14, 2019. Applications are due by the end of September.

President Charlie reminded Rotarians that 21 August 2019 marks three years that Nigeria is Polio free!!! Now we need to maintain the momentum so that Afghanistan and Pakistan can see that same level of progress!

As always, President Charlie reminds all OPRF Rotarians of his personal passion for The Rotary Foundation and encourages each of us to support The Foundation.



Bob Giles shared that on Sunday night, August 25, 2019, he and wife Marilyn picked up Genevieve Auld at O'Hare airport and took her to the University of Chicago Law School. She is a new Global Grant Scholar supported by the Rotary Foundation from Australia in a Masters' Degree program in immigration law. The Rotary Club of Carlton in Australia is her international sponsor and provides financial support. We are her host club and the members of her host committee are Bob Giles, Iris Saavedra-Zaldivar, and Mary Ann Bender. Genevieve will attend a club meeting later in the fall.

Amanda reports she is back from Alaska. It was a wonderful trip! Dr. Jaime Escobar mentioned a recent article in National Geographic magazine which included Alaska.

Cathy Yen reminded folks Friday evening, September 27 is the annual Ulyssean Dinner, and one of our own - Nancy Teclaw - is being honored. It would be lovely if we could support Nancy as she receives this very well-deserved honor. Cocktails at 6:30; dinner at 7:45. For reservations and/or information, call 708-849-5251.



Martha Murphy [pictured left w/ new member Megan Traficano & Werner Huget] led The Four-Way Test and sent us on our way.



Volunteers walk through the wind and rain on a flooded road after rescuing several families that arrived on small boats near the

Casuarina Bridge in Freeport, Grand Bahama, on Tuesday. The storm's punishing winds and muddy floodwaters devastated thousands of homes, crippled hospitals and trapped people in attics.



A Plea From Barry Rassin, Past RI President

Yesterday [9/2/19] at 11:07 AM

The Bahamas Rotary Disaster Committee has already had meetings and is ready as soon as possible to help our country. They have an account set up for donations. Rotary District 7020 has also met and have a disaster fund which can accept some donations. Zone 33/34 has also coordinated the use of DAF 574 for the use of all the districts within the zone. Wherever you would like to donate will be very gratefully accepted. Hurricane Dorian is the worst ever to hit land and is still creating devastation. We will need all hands on-deck to help us restore the islands.

REMEMBER

DG debi's Visit
October 2, 2019

Be prepared!!
Wear your Rotary bling!!



CBS NEWS Reports:
Last Updated Sep 3, 2019 7:23 PM EDT

The U.S. Coast Guard has been launching rescue trips to Abaco and surrounding islands, after Hurricane Dorian hit the Bahamas with 48 hours of hurricane force winds, 30 inches of rain and a storm surge of as much as 23 feet. The Red Cross reports thousands of homes are believed to be damaged or destroyed.

Now comes the desperate search for survivors. So far, the official death toll stands at five, [updated now to 7] but authorities expect that number to rise.

Much of the islands now resemble a wasteland. Homes torn inside out, cars destroyed, trees stripped and toppled, residential streets now rushing rivers.

Major infrastructure has been rendered useless. . . Operations are spotty, and some people are using jet skis and motor boats to rescue people. Families have turned to social media to connect with friends and relatives. Local rescue agencies said they won't be able to begin their work until Wednesday, but the U.S. Coast Guard said it has begun to fly in relief supplies.

In Nassau, the airport is acting as the staging area for the Coast Guard as they bring people in from the Abaco Islands. Conditions were poor on Tuesday, but they were able to bring back five people so far. The Coast Guard hopes conditions improve on Wednesday, so they can save more lives.