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THE ROTARY CLUB OF ELGIN - DISTRICT 6440

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## Newsletter for Week of July 25, 2011

### WEEKLY MEETING NOTES

Jul 25, 2011

**President Randy Brittain** opened leading the Pledge of Allegiance and The Four-Way Test. Thirty-three (33) of our seventy-four (74) members attended today's meeting, or 45%

For the meeting reflection, **Paris Donehoo** shared the quote, "[If the only prayer you ever say in your entire life is thank you, it will be enough.](#)" The quote is attributed to Meister Eckhart, a German theologian and Dominican preacher born about 1260.

**Brian Borkowicz** introduced **James Wallace** and **Jane Durko**, guests of Davey Trees. James is a member of the Rotary Club of Orlando. **President Randy** welcomed guest speaker, **Nick Sarillo**.

**President Randy** announced that **Brain Borkowicz** will lead next week's meeting.

### WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jul 25, 2011



**President Randy** reminded everyone that Random Rotary is Thursday, July 28 at 4:30 p.m. Random Rotary meets at the Elgin Public House located in downtown Elgin on Chicago Avenue and is a great opportunity to network with members from other local clubs.

District Directories are now available. If you would like a copy, see **Larry Zisman**.

If have not already done so, its time to pick up your quarterly dues statement. **Brian Borkowicz** announced that a short survey is on its way to solicit feedback on statements and billing. [Don't forget that you can always include a donation to the Rotary International Foundation with your dues payment.](#)

Save the date of Thursday, August 11 for the Rotary Club of Highland Park Golf Event. The event, now in its 11th year, funds youth scholarships. Recruit a 2-golfer team to compete for the Club Championship of Rotary Clubs. Cost is \$300 per team and includes lunch, dinner, and prizes. A \$500 donation to Polio Plus will be made in the name of the winning club.

**Karen Beyer** passed a "get well soon" card for **Peggy Muetterties**, former President of Jayne Shover Easter Seal Rehabilitation Center. Karen tells us that Peggy is doing well.

### HAPPY DOLLARS AND FINEMASTER

Jul 25, 2011



**Finemaster Carol Medal** collected happy dollars from several "happy Rotarians."

**Paris Donehoo** honored his father's life with happy dollars and recounted their last evening together filled with family, music with dad on the fiddle and Paris on the banjo, and banana pudding;

**John Cooper** is happy he knew Paris' dad;

**Mike McKay**, although down to his last dollar, is happy for a great Disney vacation with his wife, Kelly and four children;

**Dave Underwood** is happy that his granddaughter, Savannah arrived safely in Madrid, Spain for three weeks as part of the Rotary Young Exchange program;

**Jay Curtis** is happy for our finemaster, **Carol Medal** when she is doing her day job at the Gail Borden Library;

**Craig Lamp** is happy his daughter completed her run in "Annie Get Your Gun" and his son's successful swimming meet over the weekend;

**Brian Borkowicz** is happy that the rain held off over the weekend while he hosted guests;

Guest **James Wallace** is happy to attend a Rotary meeting; and

**Rhonda Huber** is happy for the safe return of the son of close friends after his yearlong tour in Afghanistan, and for the more than 80 friends and neighbors who welcomed him home to South Elgin with yellow balloons, handmade signs and cheers.

The basket was passed for July birthdays and anniversaries and missing pins and badges.

**Carol Medal** quizzed the members on "[Tell Me More About the Author!](#)"



#### NEWS FLASH

Jul 25, 2011

#### This Day in History

**Carol Gieske** provided *This Day in History*.

On July 30, 1965, President Lyndon B. Johnson signs Medicare, a health insurance program for elderly Americans, into law. At the bill signing ceremony, former President Harry S. Truman was enrolled as Medicare's first beneficiary and received the program's first Medicare card. Johnson wanted to recognize Truman, who in 1945, became the first president to propose national health insurance. Also on this day, Rotary started the group study exchange program.

On July 31, 1975, James Riddle Hoffa, one of the most influential American labor leaders of the 20th century, disappears in Detroit, Michigan, never to be heard from again. Though he is popularly believed to have been the victim of a Mafia hit, conclusive evidence was never found, and Hoffa's death remains shrouded in mystery to this day.

On July 27, 1974, the House Judiciary Committee recommended that America's 37th president, Richard M. Nixon, be impeached and removed from office. The impeachment proceedings resulted from a series of political scandals involving the Nixon administration that collectively became known as Watergate. President Nixon was a fellow Rotarian from Whittier, California.



#### GUEST SPEAKER AND PROGRAM

Jul 25, 2011

**Presentation by Nick Sarillo, Nick's Pizza and Pub**

**Mike McKay** introduced **Nick Sarillo**, owner of Nick's Pizza and Pub. Nick, a former construction worker who opened his first pizza restaurant about sixteen years ago in Crystal Lake told the group that the restaurant business is in his blood. He grew up working his father's beef stand in Chicago's Southside.

The secret recipe for his pizza sauce and sausage came from his father's friend, "Pizza Bill" who owned a pizza restaurant in Mundelein for more than 50 years, and Nick's beef recipe is the same recipe used by his father for decades. Nick started his restaurant for families with the purpose "[to provide an unforgettable place to connect with family and friends and to have fun and feel at home.](#)"

Nick may have the secret recipe for pizza sauce and Italian beef, but he also has the secret recipe for business success. Nick's Pizza and Pub, known for its great food and friendly atmosphere, is a \$6 million company that enjoys an employee turnover rate of less than 25% in an industry where 100 - 150% is common. Nick employs nearly 200 team members who serve about 10,000 guests every week. Nick attributes his success to running a purpose-driven company that prioritizes employee engagement and open communication.

According to Nick, the key is employee training and empowerment. All employees attend new employee orientation prior to actually beginning their job. Orientation begins with two days focused only on the company's purpose and twelve values statements. Later employees attend a series of 101 – 601 classes depending on their compensation level.

Nick also believes in open-book principles. Weekly, employees attend the “forecast huddle” to review the company's financial outlook. Nick uses the huddle discussion as a way to empower employees to find ideas to grow the company. The forecast huddle is open to all employees—not only managers. Nick suggests next time you are in one of his restaurants, to ask the sixteen-year old busboy to explain the company's profit margin.

Now more than restaurants, Nick's Pizza and Pub recently expanded to include Nick's University, a leadership program open to business leaders, catering services, and selling frozen pizza and product in local grocery stores, including Blue Goose, Woodman's and a few Jewels.

Nick believes in giving back. The company places a portion of its annual net profits in an employee compensation program and donates another 5% back to the community through fundraisers and nonprofit advertising.

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Did you know you can access the District's Web site at [www.rotary6440.org](http://www.rotary6440.org)?

Did you know our club's Facebook page had 3 new members last wee ? We now have 76 members. Let's go for 100 members by the end of summer! Visit us at <http://www.facebook.com/home.php#!/groups/104813166257>

Did you know Rotary is on Linked-In—and that there are two Rotary groups you may want to join? District 6440 has a group as well as Rotary International. Join at <http://www.linkedin.com/>



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uly 7  
Wendy Romero and Bob Turner

uly 14  
Larry Zisman

uly 10  
Jerry Hoover

uly 14  
Fatima Moore (Tim)

uly 2  
Terry Basmadjian (Hratch)

**July 30**  
Jim Bitter (Laurie)

**July 31**  
Ted Schnell

#### WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

**July 7**  
Shelly Martin and Martin Schell celebrate 21 years

**July 8**  
Terry and Hratch Basmadjian celebrate 27 years

**July 9**  
Maureen and Rick Floyd celebrate 23 years

**July 10**  
Sue and Bill Moylan celebrate 46 years

**July 12**  
Kirsten and David Considine celebrate 12 years

#### ROTARY ANNIVERSARIES

**July 7**  
Fred Ledebuhr serving 31 years

**July 8**  
Art Puotinen serving 6 years

**July 13**  
Dale Lonis serving 2 years

**July 18**  
Craig Lamp serving 18 years

**July 26**  
Jeff Swoboda serving 1 year

**July 28**  
Jay Curtis serving 15 years

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