

Editor Rhonda Huber

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## Speakers

Oct 03, 2011

**Leo Nelson, President**  
Elgin Area Chamber of Commerce  
Presents: Elgin Small Business Summit

Oct 10, 2011

**Jodi Weis, Exec. Director Chicago Crime Commission**  
A Career in Protecting the Public

Oct 17, 2011

**Brian Borkowicz, The Davey Tree Company**  
Emerald Ash Borer Update

Oct 24, 2011

**Club Vocational Scholarship Program**  
Join us as we celebrate and hear great stories from our Vocational Scholarship recipients!

Oct 31, 2011

**Katrina Hinsberg, Director of Community Relations**  
Chicago Express Hockey Team

Nov 07, 2011

**Dan Proft, Operation Homefront**  
Operation Homefront - supporting deployed American military personnel and their families.

Nov 14, 2011

**Tim Gomez, State of Illinois, Human Services Div.**  
Illinois Department of Human Services.

Nov 21, 2011

**Vocational Speakers**

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## Newsletter for Week of September 26, 2011

### WEEKLY MEETING LUNCH MENU

Posted by Rhonda Huber on Sep 26, 2011



When possible, email Hickory Sticks your lunch preference by Sunday.

Send your selection to Romaus Mesa at [romausjr@gmail.com](mailto:romausjr@gmail.com).

This will help the staff at Hickory Sticks have lunches ready on time.

### Monday, October 3 menu selection:

**Chicken Piccante with Rice and Vegetables or Cobb Salad. Dessert is cookies.**

### WELCOME

Posted by Rhonda Huber on Sep 26, 2011

**President Randy Brittain** opened the Monday, September 26 meeting and led the Pledge of Allegiance and The Four-Way Test. Forty (40) of the club's seventy-four members attended, or 54%.

**Sue Moylan** provided a quote attributed to Abraham Lincoln for the reflection. "In heaven it is always autumn, God's mercies are always in their maturities.

### VISITING ROTARIANS AND GUESTS

**Jim Nyuli** of the Saint Charles Noon Club was the only visiting Rotarian. **Amanda Bolivar** of Bartlett was the guest of **Mike Warren**. Amanda is considering membership.

### MAKEUPS

No make-ups.

### WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The Club will sponsor a Feeding Greater Elgin Mobile Food Pantry on Monday, October 3, 2011 from 3:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Distribution will take place at Washington Elementary School located on Chicago Street in downtown Elgin. If you can help distribute food, contact **President Randy**.
- The social event hosted by the Brittain's was a great success with 35 members and their guests attending. The only downside of the afternoon was the final Bears-Packers score.
- The Club will host a Chamber Business After Hours on October 20, 2011 at the Elgin Public House. Sponsorship opportunities are available for \$100 each. Members are needed to attend the event and network to recruit new members.
- President Randy** read thank you letters from a scholarship recipient, the YWCA and the Ecker Center.

- 1 **Brian Borkowicz** reminded everyone to consider who they might propose as a new Club member.
- 1 **John Cooper** asked for volunteers to help interview an exchange student candidate. **Dave Underwood** and **Frank Transue** stepped up to volunteer.
- 1 A sad announcement for the Club is **Milt Perlman** will be leaving the Club after 46 years. **Milt** and **Dorothy** sold their home and will be moving to Lakeworth, Florida and warmer weather. **John Cooper** stood and led the membership in singing, "Auld Lang Syne" to remind **Milt** that this old friend will never be forgotten.

### SURROUNDING CLUBS ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 1 The **Saint Charles Noon Rotary Club** will host an Evening of Chicago Bluegrass on October 21, 2011 at 7:30 p.m. and 10:00 p.m. at the Arcada Theatre at 105 Main Street in Saint Charles. Ticket cost is \$20 per person. The Henhouse Prowlers, a nationally recognized Bluegrass band will be in concert. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are available from the Saint Charles Noon Rotary Club. Contact Scott Piner at scottpiner@live.com for more information.
- 1 **South Elgin High School's InterAct Club** is having its first fundraiser of the year on Tuesday September 27, 2011. The event will be a get-together at Wendy's on Route 59 from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. Basically, whatever they increase in sales is how much money they raise.

### HAPPY DOLLARS AND FINEMASTER

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**Craig Lamp** was fine master and had the fine dollars flying so fast, **Hratch Basmadjian** could hardly keep up with the basket. And the editor, could hardly keep up with who gave what--so apologies in advance to anyone missed.

**Craig** started out by fining **Jerry Cain**, **Tim Moore** and **Larry Bethers** for being late. Next, he went on to fine for missing pins and badges.

**Rick Floyd** and **Jeff Swoboda** may have thought by missing Rotary on their birthdays today that **Craig** would overlook their fines--but a few IOUs may have gone into the basket in their name. **Brian Borkowicz** was fined for celebrating 9 years of marriage to Michelle and **Carl Lundstrum** fined for celebrating 51 great years with Kay.

**Milt Perlman** was fined for reaching his 46<sup>th</sup> year as a Rotarian, as was **Mike McKay** for his 10<sup>th</sup> year. And then, just to make sure he got **Mike's** last dollar, **Craig** fined him for the stock market being down. Cub fans were fined for having the worst record next to the Astros and Packer fans fined for having a winning team yesterday. Anyone associated with Elgin High School was fined--since they lost to Larkin High School.

Members who did not attend a recent Random Rotary or stop by **President Randy's** social event were fined. **John Shales** was fined just because Craig could do it.

**Jerry Cain** stepped forward and accepted a fine for Judson University being ranked as #20 by the *U.S. News 2012 America's Best Colleges*. Colleges are ranked in groups depending on degrees offered, research conducted, size, etc. If Judson moved over one group from Regional University to National University, #20 would place the university right between Notre Dame and University of California Berkley.

Happy dollars were collected for several members:

- 1 **Steve Laird** threw in a few dollars for "that little complaining manager they have on the southside;"
- 1 **Dave Underwood** honored **Milt Perlman** with happy dollars for 46 years with the club and his upcoming move to Florida;
- 1 **Hratch Basmadjian** followed by honoring Milt with happy dollars, as did several others including Harry Blizzard and Stu Howes;
- 1 **Larry Bethers** was happy that plans are for the next Rotary 5000;
- 1 **Earl Lamp** added a few happy dollars;
- 1 and **Brian Borkowicz** was happy for a successful camping weekend at McGraw Wildlife Foundation.

Next **Craig** quizzed on sports trivia.

#### NEWS FLASH

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#### THIS DAY IN HISTORY AND TODAY'S NEWS

**John Cooper** provided this *Day in History*.

For the first time in U.S. history, a debate between major party presidential candidates is shown on television. The presidential hopefuls, John F. Kennedy, a Democratic senator of Massachusetts, and Richard M. Nixon, the vice president of the United States, met in a Chicago studio to discuss U.S. domestic matters.

Kennedy emerged the apparent winner from this first of four televised debates, partly owing to his greater ease before the camera than Nixon, who, unlike Kennedy, seemed nervous and declined to wear makeup. Nixon fared better in the second and third debates, and on October 21, the candidates met to discuss foreign affairs in their fourth and final debate. Less than three weeks later, on November 8, Kennedy won 49.7 percent of the popular vote in one of the closest presidential elections in U.S. history, surpassing by a fraction the 49.6 percent received by his Republican opponent.

One year after leaving the vice presidency, Nixon returned to politics, winning the Republican nomination for governor of California. Although he lost the election, Nixon returned to the national stage in 1968 in a successful bid for presidency. However, he declined to debate his opponent in the 1968 campaign. Televised presidential debates returned in 1976, and have been held in every presidential campaign since.



#### GUEST SPEAKER AND PROGRAM

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Today's guest speaker was **Bruce Firchau**, Chair of the Illinois Basketball Hall of Fame Museum. **Bruce** is currently the Head Basketball coach at Westminster Christian and former Assistant Basketball coach at Judson University.

Plans are underway to open a new Illinois Basketball Hall of Fame Museum in 2013. The museum, which will be located in the David S. Palmer Area in Danville, Illinois, will combine video, exhibits, interactive presentations, photographs and memorabilia highlighting basketball greats in Illinois. A feature attraction of the museum will honor players, coaches, officials, teams, and others who have impacted the game.

With Elgin's rich history in great high school basketball, Bruce suggested that the community consider gathering enough memorabilia to have an exhibit at the museum highlighting Elgin. Items that could be donated include letter jackets, photographs, trophies, cheerleading uniforms, and scrapbooks. A meeting will also take place in December regarding the entire museum project and a representative from Elgin would be welcomed.

The museum is looking for donations for almost anything pertaining to basketball. If you can supply any items below, please call 217-442-DUNK or email **Bruce** at [firchau@sbcglobal.net](mailto:firchau@sbcglobal.net). For more information on the museum, visit the museum on the web at [Illinois Basketball Hall of Fame Museum](http://Illinois Basketball Hall of Fame Museum).

- 1 Basketball pictures - the older the better
- 1 Recordings of school songs
- 1 Old basketball programs, schedules, score books and media guides
- 1 Newspaper articles
- 1 Scrapbooks
- 1 Films, video tapes, audio tapes
- 1 Old basketballs, autographed basketballs
- 1 Letter jackets and letter sweaters
- 1 Team or coaching blazers
- 1 Old uniforms, warm-up jackets and pants
- 1 Cheerleading uniforms
- 1 Mascot uniforms
- 1 Megaphones and pom poms
- 1 Referee shirts, rule books, and whistles
- 1 Old basketball shoes

- 1 Pennants
- 1 Banners
- 1 Trophies
- 1 Patches, pins, buttons, school pencils, beanies, etc.
- 1 Old popcorn machine
- 1 Old pop dispenser
- 1 Score boards
- 1 Lockers
- 1 Players bench
- 1 Huge cut out of state with lights for town's (similar to what was used during tournaments at Huff Gym)

#### DID YOU KNOW?

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Did you know that past *Nairator* newsletters are archived on the Club's website? Visit [www.rotaryclubofelgin.org](http://www.rotaryclubofelgin.org) and scroll down the menu on the left hand side to Site Pages and click on Nairator Newsletter Archives.

Did you know the Club has a new Facebook page? Thirty friends have liked the Club's new Facebook page. The new page is different from our Facebook group and will allow greater communication between members and friends. To become a friend, enter Rotary Club of Elgin in the Facebook Friend search field and choose the page with the Rotary wheel. Next, click "like."

Did you know the Club still has its Facebook group as well, with 80 friends. Join the group 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/>

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



#### BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

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#### BIRTHDAYS

**September 2**  
Bruce Pullen

**September 3**  
Carol Gieske,  
Fred Ledebuhr

**September 7**  
Art Puotinen

**September 9**  
David Sam

**September 17**  
Carol Medal

**September 20**  
Marjorie Spellmeyer (Robert)

**September 25**  
Nancy Leitner (Robert)

**September 26**  
Rick Floyd  
Jeffrey Swoboda

#### WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

**September 6**

Catherine and Andrew Neuhalfen celebrate 24 years

**September 10**

Betty and John Juergensmeyer celebrate 48 years

**September 17**

Jan and Dave Underwood celebrate 51 years

**September 25**

Bella and Jay Curtis celebrate 18 years

**September 27**

Michelle and Brian Borkowicz celebrate 9 years

**ROTARY ANNIVERSARIES**

None

**Club Links**

» [Beach Party - Rotary 5000](#)

» [Our Club's Business Directory](#)

» [Our Club's Facebook](#)

» [District 6440 Website](#)

» [Interact Club - South Elgin High School](#)

» [Nicole's Blog - Ambassadorial Scholar in Bogota](#)

» [BocaJump Elgin](#)