

Editor Rhonda Huber

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## Speakers

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**

Nov 28, 2011

**Rick Reigner, Exec Director, Prairie Valley YMCA**  
Update on Healthy Living Initiative Across Illinois

Dec 05, 2011

**Ben Calhoun, Musician, Judson University Alum.**  
Holiday Performance

Dec 12, 2011

**Elgin Academy Upper School Chorus**  
Songs for the Holidays

Dec 19, 2011

TBD

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## Bulletin for the Weeks of October 24, 2011



### WELCOME

Posted by Rhonda Huber on Oct 24, 2011

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- 1 **President Randy Brittain** opened the October 24, 2011 meeting by leading the Pledge of Allegiance and The Four-Way Test. Thirty-three (33) of the club's sixty-nine (69) members attended, or 47%.

### REFLECTION

- 1 **Paris Donehoo** shared a Franciscan Benediction as the reflection.
- 1 *May God bless you with discomfort, at easy answers, half-truths, and superficial relationships, so that you may live deep within your heart. May God bless you with anger at injustice, oppression and exploitation of people, so that you may work for justice, freedom and peace. May God bless you with tears to shed for those who suffer from pain, rejection, starvation and war, so that you may reach out your hand to comfort them and turn their pain to joy. And may God bless you with enough foolishness to believe that you can make a difference in this world, so that you can do what others claim cannot be done. Amen.*

### VISITING ROTARIANS AND GUESTS

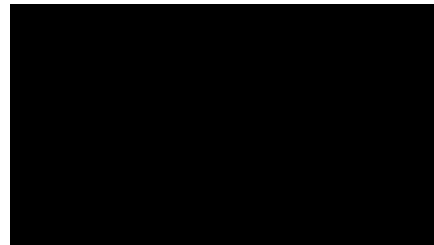
- 1 The club had no visiting Rotarians. **Jay Curtis** hosted **Paola Gomez, Robert Gearhart, Mike Hiller, Bre Johnson, Shaina Smith, Frank Smith** and **Alexandra Lopez.**

### MAKEUPS

- 1 There were no make-ups.

### WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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We are at an historic moment—less than 1% away from the end of polio forever. In honor of World Polio Day on October 24, 2011, online contributions of \$100 or more made to **PolioPlus** will be **recognized 2-for-1.**

Contributions must be made online at [Rotary International Contribute Now](#). The promotion begins October 24, 2011 at 6:00 a.m. Central Standard Time and will end October 28, 2011 at noon sharp Central Time. Contributors must be registered prior to making their online contribution with [Rotary's Member Access](#).

If you are not already a Paul Harris Fellow and contribute \$500 online during the promotion, you will receive a recognition amount of 1,000 for your \$500 contribution, which would make you a Paul Harris Fellow.

Contact the Rotary's Contact Center at [contact.center@rotary.org](mailto:contact.center@rotary.org) with questions.

### CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 1 The Club hosted a Chamber Business After Hours on October 20, 2011 at the Elgin Public House. Several members attended including **Laurie Bitter, Randy Brittain, David Considine, Jaime Garcia, Ted Heise, Craig Lamp, Mike McKay, Greg Mistak, Leo Nelson, Bob Turner** and **Mike Warren.**

### SURROUNDING CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS

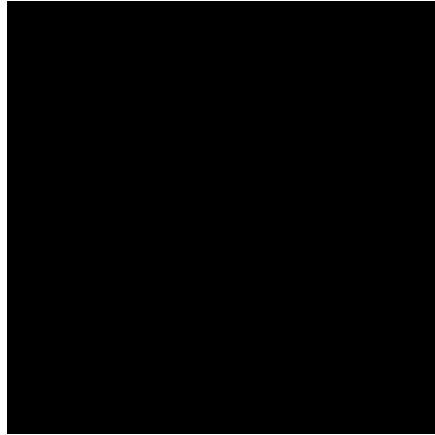
- 1 The **Dundee Township Rotary Club** Citrus Sale is underway. Full cases of oranges or grapefruits are \$32; half-cases of oranges or grapefruits are \$21; half-mixed cases are \$27. Fruit will be delivered to the Club. If you wish to place an order, e-mail **Sandy Morganstein** at [president@dundeerotary.com](mailto:president@dundeerotary.com).

## DISTRICT ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 1 You can still register for District 6440 Fall Seminar Day on Saturday, November 5, 2011. The event held at the Renaissance Hotel in Northbrook and registration is \$45. The Fall Seminar will be a combination of the ABCs of Rotary, the ABCs of the Rotary Foundation, Membership, and PR/Communication seminars. Come early for breakfast and wear your favorite sports team's color. Plenary sessions will focus on membership, starting with a keynote presentation by **Katie Ischkin**, founder of a Minneapolis Rotary Club focused on attracting Next Generation members.

## COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 1 Tickets are now available online for **Nightmare on Chicago Street**, the City of Elgin newest fall festival. The event, held October 29, 2011 on Chicago Street between Douglas and Villa will have bands, vendors, street performers, costume contest, and special appearances by **Svengoolie** and **Victoria Price**, daughter of Vincent Price. Discounted tickets may be purchased in advance through some area non-profits for \$5 per person. Tickets will be available at the gate for \$7.



### HAPPY DOLLARS AND FINEMASTER

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Fine master **Karen Beyer** took late-ins at their word that they really weren't late and opted not to fine for birthdays or anniversaries since anyone who celebrated during the month of October was most likely fined at least twice! Pins and badges were good as well. Next for happy dollars...

- 1 **Craig Lamp** was happy that daughter, Emily got the part she wanted in Westminster School's production of Alice in Wonderland;
- 1 A happy **John Cooper**, shared that his daughter just married in Sarasota, Florida with good friend **Paris Donehoo** officiating;
- 1 Unhappy dollars from the leaving for sunny Florida this week table;
- 1 **Brian Borkowicz** was unhappy for another unsuccessful Great Muskie Hunt and the fish that got away, again!

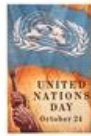
Next **Karen** quizzed on Who's Who in Who Got Caught in Illinois Politics but could have easily called the quiz, "The Land of the Greased Palms."

- 1 Who knew **George Ryan** was the second governor from Kankakee tied to corruption? During the 1920s, **Governor Len Small**, an associate of Al Capone embezzled more than a million dollars using a money-laundering scheme with a bank that did not exist. When he went to trial, Al Capone's gangsters bribed and intimidated jurors resulting in Small's acquittal. Later a civil lawsuit forced the governor to repay \$650,000 of the stolen funds, which he repaid by selling thousands of pardons and paroles to gangsters and murderers and trading bribes for lower tax assessments. If stealing one million dollars wasn't enough, when he left office in 1929, he stole the silverware and valuables from the governor's mansion.
- 1 Going a little farther back, **Joel Aldrich Matteson**, governor from 1853 – 1857 tried to cash \$200,000 in stolen government scrip that he "found" in an old shoebox. Shoe box scandals are popular in Illinois—following former secretary of state **Paul**

Powell's death in 1970, hundreds of thousands of dollars in checks made out to him were found in his home stored in shoeboxes. Unsuspecting Illinois residents thought they were paying license plate fees. And yes, the city of Matteson is named after the former governor!

- 1 And then there was **William "Big Bill" Thompson**, who served as Chicago mayor from 1915 to 1923 and then again in 1927 to 1931. He was elected to office with the support of Al Capone. Upon his defeat in 1931, the Chicago Tribune stated in an editorial, "For Chicago, Thompson has meant filth, corruption, obscenity, idiocy and bankruptcy. He has given the city an international reputation for moronic buffoonery, barbaric crime, triumphant hoodlumism, unchecked graft, and a dejected citizenship. He made Chicago a byword for the collapse of American civilization." Upon his death, two safe-deposit boxes in his name containing nearly \$1.5 million in cash reportedly were discovered.
- 1 **Dan Walker's** crimes were committed after he served as governor from 1973 to 1977. The Democrat and World War II and Korean War veteran was convicted of fraud related to his stewardship of the First American Savings & Loan Association of Oak Brook. News reports at the time indicated that he received more than \$1 million in fraudulent loans for his business and repairs on his yacht, the "Governor's Lady."
- 1 Criminal charges also have followed Illinois politicians to Washington. Former Illinois Rep. **Daniel Rostenkowski**, who long served as the Democratic chairman of the powerful House Ways and Means Committee, pleaded guilty in 1996 to mail fraud in connection with a scheme in which he traded postal stamps for cash, padded his payroll with nonexistent workers and used his account at the House stationery shop to buy gifts. He served 15 months in prison before being pardoned by former President Bill Clinton.

With this rich history, **Rod Blagojevich** selling a little Senate seat sounds like child play!



#### NEWS FLASH

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

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

- 1 On October 24, 1945, less than two months after the end of World War II, the United Nations is formally established with the ratification of the United Nations Charter.
- 1 Rotary's relationship with the United Nations dates back to 1945 when some 49 Rotary members acted as delegates, advisors and consultants at the United Nations Charter Conference. Today, Rotary holds the highest consultative status possible with the United Nations as a non-governmental organization.
- 1 In 1942, Rotary clubs from 21 nations organized a conference in London to develop a vision for advancing education, science, and culture after World War II. That event was a precursor to UNESCO. Rotary International issued, under the title of "Essentials for an Enduring World Order," two booklets with the objective to stimulate discussion on the newly proposed world organization.
- 1 Rotary and the UN have been close partners ever since, a relationship that's apparent through PolioPlus and work with UN agencies.
- 1 Even before the United Nations was firmly established, Rotary president T.A. Warren proclaimed a week in October of 1945 as United Nations Week for simultaneous observance by Rotary clubs everywhere to spread the word of the United Nations. In 1953, its designation was changed to World Fellowship Week in Rotary Service, which now included United Nations Day, October 24.
- 1 Rotary currently holds the highest consultative status offered to a nongovernmental organization by the UN's Economic and Social Council, which oversees many specialized UN agencies.

#### WEEKLY MEETING LUNCH MENU

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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 31 menu selection:**

**Fried Chicken with Mashed Potatoes and Green Beans or Chicken Caesar Salad**

**Fruit Cup** for dessert

**GUEST SPEAKER AND PROGRAM**

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Special thanks go out to Michael, a Rotary Vocational Scholarship recipient and Elgin Community College culinary arts student for the delicious cake!

**Jay Curtis** introduced today's guests, all current recipients of Rotary Vocational Scholarships. **Jay** has served the club's on the Scholarship Committee for more than 15 years. When he began, the club was awarding \$5,000 annually in scholarships. In 2012, the club will award \$25,000 in scholarships.

Six of the twelve students who received scholarships attended the meeting. Four shared their story.

- 1 **Robert (Rob) Gearhart** is a nursing student working towards his Associate Degree in Nursing at Elgin Community College. Rob, an entrepreneur at heart, plans to integrate innovation and technology into his future healthcare career. Rob received a district scholarship in addition to the club scholarship.
- 1 **Michael Hiller**, a culinary student at Elgin Community College came bearing gifts—a delicious cake that he baked for the membership. Michael is pursuing a degree in both pastry and culinary arts. Michael says, "many options have opened up for me since receiving the scholarship. I am now working as a stadium chef for the Bears." Giving back what has been given to him, Mike volunteers for **Share Our Strength, End World Hunger**.
- 1 **Paola Gomez** also a nursing student at Elgin Community College wants to focus her healthcare career on nutrition. An Associate Degree in Nursing will be Paola's second degree as she also has a Bachelor of Science in Business.
- 1 **Bre Johnson**, another district and club scholarship recipient, is a third semester nursing student at Elgin Community College. After graduation, Bre plans to pursue a Bachelor of Science in Nursing at Northern Illinois University.

**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-one friends have liked the Club's new Facebook page and now two are talking about it! The new page is different from our Facebook group and allows for 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." Or click [here, Elgin Rotary Club Facebook Page](#)

Did you know the Club's Facebook group has 80 friends? Join the group at <http://www.facebook.com/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**

**October 4**

Phyllis Blizzard (Harry)  
Dale Lonis  
Gregory Mistak

**October 11**

Vicki Wright

**October 22**

Robert Spellmeyer

**October 24**

Michael McKay

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES**

**October 1**

Kay and Carl Lundstrom celebrate 51 years

**October 6**

Ellen and Larry Bethers celebrate 16 years

**October 12**

Pat and Ted Schnell celebrate 54 years

**October 21**

Deanne and Steven Adams celebrate 33 years

**October 31**

Laurie and James Bitter celebrate 25 years

**ROTARY ANNIVERSARIES**

**October 1**

Michael McKay – 10 years

**October 3**

Larry Zisman – 4 years

**October 4**

Karen Beyer – 18 years

**October 11**

Robert Spellmeyer – 1 year

**October 15**

Sharon Jakle – 24 years

**October 21**

Paris Donehoo – 9 years

**October 22**

Catherine Neuhalfen – 21 years

**October 27**

Susan Moylan – 22 years

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