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Bulletin for the Week of January 9, 2012

THIS PAST WEEK AT ELGIN ROTARY

Posted by Rhonda Huber on Jan 09, 2012

After our holiday break, we had a great turnout for the first meeting of the year. **President Randy Brittain** welcomed the Club's forty (40) members and eight (8) guests in attendance and led our Pledge and Four-Way Test.

The invocation and day's quote, "**May your troubles last as long as your new year's resolutions,**" was delivered by **Paris Donehoo**.

MAKEUPS AND GUESTS

- **Vera Helm** was the guest of **Ralph Helm**;
- **Maureen Chovancek** was the guest of **Bob Turner**;
- **Rick Reigner** and **John Regan** were the guests of **Randy Brittain**;
- **Ed Huber, Carly Blomquist** and **Dominic Blomquist** were the guest of **Rhonda Huber**;
- **Larry Barnett** was visiting from the Barrington Club;
- **Jay Curtis** had a makeup at the Aurora Noon Club;
- and **Sharon** and **Rick Jakle** had a makeup in Las Vegas, Nevada.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Posted by Rhonda Huber on Jan 09, 2012



CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The **Rotary Community Challenge - Beach Party** is scheduled for March 2, 2012 at the Holiday Inn in Elgin. All proceeds will fund community needs including vocational scholarships, food pantries, literacy programs and many other charitable programs. For more information or to download a registration form, visit [Rotary Community Challenge](#). For event tickets, contact **Laurie Bitter** at (847) 888-2555. Call **Randy Brittain** at (847) 212-1528 or **Mike McKay** at (847) 812-8786 to purchase Rotary 5000 raffle tickets.
- **Mike McKay** is organizing a fellowship event at a Chicago Express Hockey Game on Friday, February 17, 2012 at 7:30 p.m. Discounted adult tickets are only \$15 and children (2-12) and seniors are only \$13. Plus, each ticket purchased provides lifetime immunization for six children against polio. The Sears Centre is also offering \$1 beers and \$1 hotdogs that night as well. Contact **Mike** for more information at (847) 841-1550 or michael.mckay@edwardjones.com.
- The Club will volunteer at the **Feeding Greater Elgin Food Pantry** on Wednesday, January 25 from 8 - 10 AM unloading food trucks and on Saturday, January 29 in the morning for food distribution. If you can help, call **Randy Brittain**. You are welcomed to bring your family to volunteer for this important project.
- Invoices for donations to the **2012 Annual Fund** were emailed in December. Members who have donated thus far should have a sticker on their badge. It is important that the Club has 100% participation for the appeal. For more information, call **Laurie Bitter**.

NEW MEMBER PROPOSALS

The Rotary Club of Elgin Board of Directors will be considering membership applications from the following individuals listed below. Any concerns about these proposed members should be made in writing to the Secretary of the Club.

John Regan

Classification: Attorney
Employer: Early, Tousey, Regan & Wlodek
Sponsor: Randy Brittain

Rick Reigner

Classification: Nonprofit
Employer: Prairie Valley YMCA
Sponsor: Randy Brittain

Jackie Hoonjan

Classification: Banking
Employer: Valley Bell Credit Union
Sponsor: Randy Brittain

Maureen Chovancek
Classification: Accounting
Employer: Mueller and Company
Sponsor: Bob Turner

SURROUNDING CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The **St. Charles Breakfast Rotary Club** is hosting its first fundraiser in 2012 by selling tickets to see the inaugural play *Moonlight and Magnolias* at Fox Valley Rep on Friday, February 10 at 8 PM. This play is a comedy about the making of *Gone with the Wind*. St. Charles is selling the tickets at a discount price of \$30 and will make a \$20 profit for each ticket sold. Regular price is \$42. Visit the Club's web site at [Moonlight and Magnolias](#) for more information.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Winter Harvest for the Homeless sponsored by PADS of Elgin** is January 28, 2012 at the Crystal Lake Holiday Inn. Two of our Club members will be dancing. **John Fahy** will dance with his wife, **Peggy** and **Dr. David Sam** is part of the Spartan Five team.
- The **Boys and Girls Club of Elgin** will host its 12th Annual Distinguished Citizens Dinner on January 20, 2012 at the Stonegate Conference and Banquet Center. The **Rotary Club of Elgin** was nominated in the Distinguished Business category.

HAPPY DOLLARS AND FINEMASTER

Posted by Rhonda Huber on Jan 09, 2012



- Fine Master **Sharon Jakle** began by swinging her fine sword at her own husband and fined **Rick** for their upcoming wedding anniversary. Congratulations **Sharon** and **Rick** on 32 years of wedded bliss on January 12!
- **Terry Dunning** did not wait to be fined and happily added a few dollars to the basket in honor of **Pat** and his 45th anniversary.
- Next was **Craig Lamp** with dollars for **Patty** and his 18th and **Ralph Helm** with dollars for his and **Vera's** 44th!
- **Stu Howes** was happy to complete his 31st ski trip.
- A happy **Laurie Bitter** enjoyed the holiday in Florida with her mother—and that the bike she rented while there is exactly the same model of her speedy bicycle. Adding to her happiness was her husband, who went finally went canoeing with her!
- **Hratch Basmadjian** was happy for his granddaughter's recent visit from Egypt and that construction has begun at the Holiday Inn.
- **Dr. David Sam** gave in honor of fellow Rotarians **Leo Nelson**, **Harry Blizzard** and **Jerry Cain** who will be honored at the **Elgin Community College Founder's Day Breakfast** and that the college's new library opened this month. **Dr. Sam** was also happy to be a dancer on team, The Spartan Five at the **Winter Harvest for the Homeless - Stars Dance for PADS of Elgin** on January 28, 2012.
- **Larry Bethers** gave an amazing dollar for a recent event he attended;
- **Carole Medal** was happy for a successful **Three Kings** event at the **Gail Borden Public Library**.
- **Rhonda Huber** gave a dollar for the **Rotary International** float at the **Rose Bowl Parade**. The 2012 float, "**Inching Towards the End of Polio**" was the winner of the Princess' Trophy for the most beautiful float under 35 feet.
- **Paris Donehoo** happy to spend a few days in Disney World with family and his 4 1/2 year old granddaughter. He was also happy for his nephew who plays bass for the **Will**



Hoge Band. The band made its late night debut on **Jimmy Kimmel Live** on January 10, 2012. If you missed the show, here's a clip:



PAUL HARRIS FELLOW RECOGNITION PROGRAM

Posted by Craig Stokely on Jan 09, 2012



Rotarians **Dave Considine** and **Rhonda Huber** were awarded their first-time Paul Harris Fellow pins and certificates by **President Randy Brittain** and Foundation Chair **Craig Stokely** on January 9, 2012. **Craig Stokely** also received his Four Sapphires pin for his ongoing support of Rotary International.

The **Rotary International Foundation** supports numerous programs throughout the world to further Rotary's mission. Anyone who contributes \$100 or more per year to the Rotary International Annual Programs Fund is automatically recognized as a Rotary Foundation Sustaining Member. The Rotary Club of Elgin is proud that our membership receives such recognition through our annual individual contributions, which are invoiced by our club and paid each year by each member. These individual annual contributions may be supplemented by each member's additional contributions to the Rotary International Foundation. The **PolioPlus** eradication program is such a supplemental effort.

In 1957, the **Paul Harris Fellow** recognition program was initiated as a way of honoring the founder of Rotary through significant individual contributions to the Rotary International Foundation. When a member's cumulative contributions to the Rotary International Foundation reach **\$1,000**, the member is recognized by induction as a **Paul Harris Fellow** at a club meeting. This honor includes a personalized certificate, a medallion and a Paul Harris Fellow pin, as well as placing the member's name on our 100% Paul Harris Club banner.

For each **additional cumulative contribution of \$1,000** the member receives a new Paul Harris Fellow pin with precious stones.

- \$2,000 One Sapphire
- \$3,000 Two Sapphires
- \$4,000 Three Sapphires
- \$5,000 Four Sapphires
- \$6,000 Five Sapphires
- \$7,000 One Ruby
- \$8,000 Two Rubies
- \$9,000 Three Rubies

There are over 1,250,000 Paul Harris Fellows throughout the world today!

Our club seeks to maintain its special recognition as a 100% Paul Harris Club.

If you have questions about your individual giving status, kindly contact the Club's Foundation Chair, **Craig Stokely** at (630) 584-0985 or crs@eStokely.com.

NEWS FLASH

Posted by Rhonda Huber on Jan 09, 2012



THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Rick Jakle provided this day in history:

January 9, 1776: Thomas Paine publishes his pamphlet "Common Sense," setting forth his arguments in favor of American independence. Credited with uniting average citizens and political leaders behind the idea of



independence, "Common Sense" played a remarkable role in transforming a colonial squabble into the American Revolution.

- **January 9, 1968:** NASA's Surveyor 7 space probe made a soft landing on the moon. It was the final mission of the Surveyor program, as series of unmanned explorations of the lunar surface. The 10-foot high, 638-pound probe had beaten unfavorable odds against landing undamaged on terrain of unknown ruggedness. The Surveyor program indicated that a manned landing was possible--and proved the moon's surface to be solid enough for an astronaut to walk on without sinking. Eighteen months after the final Surveyor probe, NASA put two men on the moon with the Apollo 11 mission.

Next, **Rick** shared points from a recent article from Rotary International on how to get more out of Rotary in 2012:

1. Be part of Rotary's efforts to End Polio Now by planning a fundraiser or having lighting up a landmark as part of Rotary's anniversary celebration on February 23
2. Think strategically and set club goals
3. Help the Rotary Foundation fulfill its mission and donate to the annual fund
4. Get inspired and attend the Rotary International Convention in Bangkok, Thailand
5. Celebrate 50 years of Interact
6. Publicize your goods works with the help of public relations grants
7. Connect with alumni by asking them to be speakers at meetings

To read the entire article, visit [Seven Ways to Get More Out of Rotary in 2012](#).

GUEST SPEAKER AND PROGRAM

Posted by Rhonda Huber on Jan 09, 2012



Larry Barnett from the **Rotary Club of Barrington Club** provided a slide presentation of his climb of Mt. Kilimanjaro with his son to raise money for the Kenya water project. The six-day adventure on the Machame Route started at an altitude of 16,000 feet and took the two through five climate zones as they climbed the mountain--ranging from the rain forest, heath, moorland to alpine desert to alpine. Porters were available to carry tents and gears but hikers still carried day packs weighing twenty-five pounds or more.

Following the climb, Larry and his son visited Kenya and were updated on the water project and a new medical facility built in Sumba. They are visited schools and orphanages.

To learn more about Larry's adventure, see his photos, or to donate to the Kenya Water Project, visit Larry's page at [For Kenya](#).

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Posted by Rhonda Huber on Jan 01, 2012



BIRTHDAYS

January 4
Stephen Laird

January 18
Carl Lundstrom

January 19
Roger Bear

January 30
Kelly Brown Lonis (Dale)

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

January 2
Kelly and Dale Lonis (2 years)

January 6
Vera and Ralph Helm (44 years)

January 8
Patty and Craig Lamp (18 years)

January 12
Sharon and Rick Jakle (32 years)

January 21
Pat and Terry Dunning (45 years)

ROTARY ANNIVERSARIES

January 3
Ted Heise (48 years)
Carole Medal (7 years)

January 7
David Sam (7 years)

January 10
Siddique Mumtaz (1 year)

January 18
Gregory Mistak (2 years)

January 23
John Juergensmeyer (45 years)
David Mengler (45 years)

January 24
James Johnston (39 years)

January 26
Steven Adams (18 years)

DID YOU KNOW?

Posted by Rhonda Huber on Nov 07, 2011

Did you know that past *Nairator* newsletters are archived on the Club's website? Visit 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-two 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 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?



Club Links

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