



THE NAIRATOR

THE ROTARY CLUB OF ELGIN - DISTRICT 6440

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If you have any comments or questions, please contact the editor.

Speakers

Aug 22, 2011

Ed Futa, Outgoing General Secretary, RI
Reflection on 11 years as Rotary International's General Secretary

Aug 29, 2011

Brian Borkowicz, The Davey Tree Company
Emerald Ash Borer Update

Sep 05, 2011

NO MEETING
LABOR DAY

Sep 12, 2011

Rotary Club at WORK in Elgin
Karen Oswald from the Literacy Connection and Julia McClendon from the YWCA

Sep 19, 2011

Chuck Gruber
Protecting Citizens Civil and Human Rights

Sep 26, 2011

Bruce Firschau, Chair
Illinois Basketball Hall of Fame

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

Vocational Speakers

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Newsletter for Week of August 1, 2011

WEEKLY MEETING NOTES

Aug 01, 2011

Brian Borkowicz opened leading the Pledge of Allegiance and The Four-Way Test. Thirty-seven (37) of our seventy-four (74) members attended today's meeting, or 50%

For the meeting reflection, **Paris Donehoo** shared the quote, "I've learned that you shouldn't go through life with a catcher's mitt on both hands; you need to throw something back." The quote is attributed to Maya Angelou.

Today's guests included **Kay Catlin** of Prairie Valley YMCA, **John Shales** of Shales McNutt, and **Peggy Moston** and **Molly McKay** of Rieke Office Interiors. Molly is Mike McKay's cousin. Visiting Rotarian today was Ross Spencer of the Rotary Club of Long Grove.



HAPPY DOLLARS AND FINEMASTER

Aug 01, 2011

The **Mini Unknown Rotarian** appeared today and acted as finemaster. Assisted by **Laurie Bitter**, he or she (it's hard to tell with brown paper bag hand puppets) collected happy dollars from many "happy Rotarians." **Laurie** reminded the group that with the prepaid fine card, paying fines has never been easier.

Assistant Finemaster, Laurie Bitter was the first to throw a dollar in the basket. A very happy Laurie rode over 440 miles last week across Iowa in RAGBRAI, the oldest, largest and longest bicycle touring event in the world. Lance Armstrong who also rode in the event, had trouble keeping up with Laurie and her shiny new bike!

Frank Transue is happy for the Rotary's continued support of the Prairie Valley Family YMCA's summer resident camp program at Camp Edwards.

Sue Moylan is happy for a successful Third Annual Art & Soul on the Fox. The two-day downtown Elgin festival featured juried art, music, children's activities, and great food. A highlight of the festival was the Adirondacks: Thrones of Summer public auction, where attendees had the chance to place live or silent bids on 55 hand-painted Adirondack chairs.

Hratch Basmadjian is happy his wife Terry celebrated a very happy birthday on the golf course with girlfriends.

Stu Howes is finally happy after a weekend of no technology to now have telephone and Internet again.

Brian Borkowicz is happy for the new *Nairator* editor. Speaking of the new editor, she needs someone to take newsletter notes on August 29. The editor will still add the notes to Club Runner.

The basket was passed for August birthdays and anniversaries.

Anyone who has yet to attend a Random Rotary was hit with a fine!



WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Aug 01, 2011

Brian Borkowicz thanked members who attended Random Rotary last Thursday. Two members from the Rotary Club of Dundee also attended.

All members received a copy of the 2011-12 proposed budget. **President Randy Brittain** will be asking for approval of the budget at next week's meeting.

If have not already done so, its time to pick up your quarterly dues statement. Don't forget that you can always include a donation to the Rotary International Foundation with your dues payment.

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

The Elgin Breakfast Rotary Club released its new Thursday schedule and meeting format. The new schedule, coupled with the Club's changed location at the Elgin Public House began in July. The second and fourth meetings of the month will continue as traditional meetings scheduled at 7:15 a.m. The first meeting of the month, scheduled from 4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. with the "Mix It Up" format will focus on fellowship, while the third meeting of each month will not be an actual meeting, but a service project where club members will volunteer throughout the community.

The [Gail Borden Library Foundation](#) fall fundraiser is around the corner. Marlene and Jack Shales will be honored. See Sue Moylan for more information.

Join **District Governor Carlos Frum** at the [Rotary Institute Dinner Gala](#) on Saturday, September 10 at the Westin Hotel in Lombard. This is an unique opportunity for District 6440 Rotarians as the keynote speaker is **Rotary International President-Elect Sakuji Tanaka**. Reservations are \$90 per person. Black tie optional. See <http://www.crsadmin.com/gen/Accounts/50032/Eml/0fc2eff8-81d7-41db-988f-441233cab26d.pdf> for more information.

Ross Spencer of the [Rotary Club of Long Grove](#) updated the group on Rotary International's work with ShelterBox. Rotarian support currently contributes an estimated 50% of ShelterBox donations. Most recently, aid helped with droughts and famines in Somalia, Kenya and Ethiopia. See <http://www.shelterboxusa.org/> for more information.

Support the [Rotary Club of Long Grove](#) Annual Heritage Run and Walk by buying a chance to win a pair of business class tickets from Chicago to London or a 3-day Napa Valley wine-tour. Raffle tickets are \$25 each or 4 for \$100.

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.



NEWS FLASH

Aug 01, 2011

This Day in History

Paris Donehoo provided *This Day in History* using his "strong revival" voice.

On August 1, 1498, Christopher Columbus sets foot on the American mainland for the first time. Landing near Venezuela and thinking it an island, Columbus christened the land Isla Santa and claimed it for Spain.

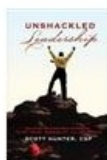
On August 1, 1774, dissenting British minister Joseph Priestly author of Observations on Civil Liberty and the Nature of Justice of the War with America, discovers oxygen while serving as a tutor in Wiltshire, England.

On August 1, 1914, Germany and Russia declare war against each other and "The Great War" ensued. World War I had unprecedented destruction and loss of life, resulting in the deaths of 20 million people.

On August 1, 1961, Six Flags Over Texas, the first park of the Six Flags chain, opens. During its opening year, admission for a day cost \$2.75 for an adult and \$2.25 for a child. Hamburgers were 50 cents and a cold soda set the buyer back a dime.

On August 1, 1972, future President George Walker Bush, is suspended from flying with the Texas Air National Guard for missing an annual medical examination.

On this date, in some year, Russian entrepreneur Ivan Youlose discovered a small friendly animal which fed exclusively on Clorox bottles and had a gestation period of only three days. Recognizing the potential, Youlose immigrated to the United States and began breeding these little creatures. Naming them "Naugha," an old Russian word meaning, "overpriced," the famous Naughahyde industry was born...as was this urban legend!



GUEST SPEAKER AND PROGRAM

Aug 01, 2011

Rotarian of the Day, Mike Warren introduced **Amanda Bolivar**. Amanda is Senior Coach with the Hunter Partnership Alliance, leading a program entitled Unshackled Leadership. Amanda spoke on the benefits of effective listening and what stands in the way of good listening.

Listening is an integral part of effective communications, yet few ever learn how to listen effectively. The first step in learning effective listening skills is to accept that all unrelated thoughts must be suspended; in other words, stop listening to that little programmed voice always talking inside your head. More difficult than it sounds as 85% of this voice was programmed by age eighteen and 50% of this voice is programmed by age five. The next step in learning effective listening skills is to understand we listen in many different ways.

The **Get to the Point** listener, a listening trait of many CEOs, needs the conversation to move on quickly and doesn't take time to truly listen; their programmed voice is saying "hurry up, I don't have much time."

The **Agree/Disagree** listener never really listens as their programmed voice is either looking to avoid conflict and will say yes to anything, or loves conflict and is waiting for an opening to disagree.

The programmed voice of the **What Am I Going to Say Next** listener doesn't listen because they are too busy coming up with what they will say next.

The **Let Me Tell You What You Are Going to Say** listener is so preoccupied with

watching for an opening to jump into the conversation, they cannot listen. These listeners may see themselves of knowing people very well, especially since they think they can finish others' sentences.

The **I'm Always Right** listener doesn't see the need to listen because they are always right.

The **Attack** listener listens only long enough to develop a plan of attack. An example of this type of listener is someone who won't take feedback.

The voice of the **Find the Flaw** listener, listens long enough to find what's wrong with the conversation and will often respond, "it will never work" or "we've done that before".

Everyone with teenagers has experienced the **I Know, I Know** listener. They don't listen because they have already decided they know the topic.

Finally, the **Are You Approving of Me** listener can't listen because they're too busy worrying about what the speaker thinks of them.

Listening can be empowering if one will listen for possibilities, for commitment, for the gold, with compassion and for the win/win.

If you want to learn more about Amanda Bolivar and the concept of unshackled leadership, visit the Hunter Partnership website at www.unshackledleadership.com.

DID YOU KNOW?

Aug 01, 2011

Did you know you can access the District's Web site at www.rotary6440.org?

Are you a member of the Club's Facebook page? We now have 76 members. 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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BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Aug 01, 2011

BIRTHDAYS

August 1

Seema Siddique (Mumtaz)

August 3

Laurie Bitter

August 5

Ralph Helm II

August 6

James Johnston

August 7

Richard Jakle

David Mengler

August 14

Paris Donehoo

August 18

Ted Heise

August 22

Craig Lamp

August 23

Craig Rueckert

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

August 1

Fatima and Tim Moore celebrate 30 years

August 4

Sue and Tom Hannula celebrate 32 years

Rhonda and Ed Huber celebrate 32 years

August 8

Donna and Jaime Garcia celebrate 40 years

Seema and Mumtaz Siddique celebrate 1 year

August 10

Evelyn and Fred Ledebuhr celebrate 50 years

August 12

Carol and Randy Brittain celebrate 33 years

August 14

Carol and Pat Gieske celebrate 29 years
Marge and Robert Turner celebrate 40 years

August 15

Judith and Bruce Pullen celebrate 52 years

August 16

Kelly and Michael McKay celebrate 14 years

August 18

Melinda and Stu Howes celebrate 49 years

August 22

Luann and Earl Lamp celebrate 52 years

August 23

Claire and Tom Johannesen celebrate 42 years

August 24

Barb and Roger Bear celebrate 26 years

August 29

Laurel and Mike Warren celebrate 19 years

ROTARY ANNIVERSARIES**August 8**

Frank Transue serving 39 years

August 14

Mike Warren serving 5 years

August 24

Brian Borkowicz serving 8 years

August 30

Craig Stokely serving 18 years
Vicki Wright serving 1 year

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