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THE ROTARY CLUB OF ELGIN - DISTRICT 6440

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## Speakers

Aug 22, 2011

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

Aug 29, 2011

Kevin Lehan, Executive Director IESA  
Illinois Electronic Security Association stance on potential Elgin legislation

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 Firchau, 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

Brian Borkowicz, The Davey Tree Company  
Emerald Ash Borer Update

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## Newsletter for Week of August 8 and August 15, 2011

### WEEKLY MEETING NOTES

Aug 15, 2011

*This edition of the newsletter includes the weeks of August 8 and August 15, 2011.*

**President Randy Brittain** opened both weeks leading the Pledge of Allegiance and The Four-Way Test. On August 8, 2011 thirty-five (35) of our seventy-four (74) members attended, or 47%. Thirty-eight (38) members attended on August 15, 2011 or 51%.

**Paris Donehoo** shared the quote, "Be with those who help your being" as the reflection on August 8. The quote is the first line of a poem written by Sufi poet, Rumi. The entire poem may be found at <http://www.poemhunter.com/poem/be-with-those-who-help-your-being/>.

For the August 15 reflection, **Larry Bethers** quoted George Washington. "Be courteous to all, but intimate with few, and let those few be well tried before you give them your confidence. True friendship is a plant of slow growth, and must undergo and withstand the shocks of adversity before it is entitled to the appellation."

### Visiting Rotarians and Guests

August 8, 2011: **Vera Helm**, Ralph's better half and guest, came bearing gifts—a tray of delicious desserts! Vera and her desserts have an open invitation to attend the meeting anytime. **John Shales**, proposed new member attended as a guest of **Dave Considine**. There were no visiting Rotarians.

August 15, 2011: **Jim Johnston** had several guests, including **Betty Cline**, **Bruce Anderson** and **Patty Anderson**. We finally met **Hratch Basmadjian's** wife and guest, **Terry**. **John Hurlbut** was the guest of **Dr. Mumtaz Siddique** and **John Shales**, proposed new member was **Dave Considine's** guest. Visiting Rotarians included **Mike Hollander** from the Woodstock Noon Club and **Larry Barnett** from the Barrington Noon Club.



### HAPPY DOLLARS AND FINEMASTER

Aug 15, 2011

August 8, 2011:

**Brian Borkowicz** was enthusiastic in his role as finemaster—fines and happy dollars flowed freely.

**Hratch Basmadjian** was happy he signed up for the Elgin Area Chamber golf outing held at The Highlands.

**Roger Bear** threw in a few happy dollars for the Rotary "Adopt a Highway" he saw recently.

**Karen Beyer** was a very happy grandmother for seeing her grandchildren in Florida last week.

**John Cooper** was happy and proud of the number of Elgin Academy alumni who volunteer regularly for the PADS shelter.

**Dale Lonis** was happy that his son is first chair trumpet and is visiting for the week.

**Ralph Helm** was happy to have good Rotary information.

**Fred Ledebuhr** was happy to be celebrating 50 years of marriage with his Polish Princess wife, Evelyn.

**President Randy** was happy for his 33 years of marriage to Carol.

**Craig Lamp** was happy for the opportunity to spend the day with his son at Lollapalooza and for his upcoming vacation to the Cayman Islands with wife, Patty.

**Karen Beyer** and **Mike Warren** were fined for being late and fines collected for birthdays and anniversaries.

Brian completed his fine collection with a quiz on land conservation.

August 15, 2011:

Finemaster **Mike McKay** collected an overflowing basket of happy dollars and fines, throwing in the first dollar for not wearing his Rotary pin.

**Bob Turner** was happy to celebrate 40 years of marriage to **Marge**. Family and friends joined Marge and Bob for an anniversary party.

**Paris Donehoo** just celebrated a birthday and was happy for his four-year old granddaughter and her sprint down the church aisle singing out, "Happy Birthday, Grandpa!"

**Carl Lundstrom** was happy to celebrate his mother's 105<sup>th</sup> birthday the past weekend with sixty friends and family.

**Firechief John Fahy** was extremely happy his three beautiful daughters are now out of the nest and Peggy and he have the house to themselves.

**Dr. Jose Torres** was happy for his recent marriage and excited that school starts in the U46 School District in just a few weeks.

**Dr. David Sam** was just happy!

**Dale Lonis** was happy for a successful Elgin Symphony Orchestra concert this weekend sponsored by Feeding Elgin—and happy for this Rotary club, because through Rotary is how he met Susan Erikson of Feeding Elgin.

**Mike McKay** is a happy to celebrate his 14<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary with Kelly this week.

Mike tried very hard to educate the members on the stock market index and gave a brief history lesson on market's volatility.

He then proceeded to inflict more financial pain on the members by collecting fines for wrong answers to his trivia questions.



#### WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Aug 15, 2011

##### Club Announcements

Members passed the 2011-12 budget on August 8, 2011.

The Board meets on Thursday, August 18, 2011 at Rieke Furniture. Everyone is welcome. Call President Randy for more information.

**John Shales** is proposed as a new member. His sponsor is **Dave Considine**.

**On Monday, August 22, 2011 the guest speaker will be Ed Futa, Outgoing General Secretary of Rotary International. Ed joined the Rotary International staff in 1998 and has been a Rotarian since 1979. He is a member of the Rotary Club of East Honolulu and is a key note speaker at many district conferences, assemblies and other district and club venues.**

**If you plan to bring a guest to hear Ed Futa speak, please call Randy Brittain so he can assure that the restaurant has enough tables set.**

##### District 6440 Announcements

The District is sponsoring matching points for the **Paul Harris Award**: \$500 for 500 points.

For members attending the Rotary International Convention, airline discounts are available.

**President Randy** read a note from District Governor Carlos Frum congratulating the membership on its Random Rotary events.

##### Surrounding Clubs Announcements

On Saturday, September 10, 2011, the Rotary Club of Carpentersville will host its 2nd Annual Rotary Belly Busters Pub Crawl. Entry fee is \$10 for presales and \$15 at the door. Proceeds to benefit Operation Warm and the Boys & Girls Club of Dundee. For more information, visit the Pub Crawl's web site at <http://www.rotarypubcrawl.org/>.

Larry Burnett of the Barrington Noon Club shared that his club received two matching grants for the Kenya Water Project. The project will provide clean water to 18,000 people, build ecosound toilets, install solar panels on a school and provide 20,000 used textbooks and library books to 12 Kenya schools. Larry and his son will climb Mount Kilimanjaro as a fundraiser in the attempt to raise \$50,000 for the project.



#### NEWS FLASH

Aug 15, 2011

##### Noon Time News

**Rick Jakle** shared with the membership that the Rotary Presidential Citation Award requires Clubs add two new members and keep 85% of its membership. **President Randy** set the bar much higher with a goal to increase membership by 10% increase.

##### This Day in History

On August 8, 1945, the Soviet Union officially declares war on Japan, pouring more than 1 million Soviet soldiers into Japanese occupied Manchuria and northeastern China to take on the 700,000 strong Japanese army. The Soviets surprised Japan who thought they would not engage in war with the Soviet Union until 1946 because



though they would not engage in war with the Soviet Union until 1946 because of Soviet's war with Germany.

Also on August 8, 1945, President Harry S. Truman signs the United Nations Charter and the United States becomes the first nation to join the new international organization. The charter came full force when China, Soviet Union, Great Britain, France and a majority of other nations completed the ratification.

On August 8, 1974, in an evening televised address, President Richard M. Nixon announces his intention to become the first American president in history to resign. With the impeachment process underway and against him for the Watergate affair, Nixon bowed to pressure from the public and Congress to leave the White House.

**Dale Lonis** provided this day in history on August 15.

On August 15, 1969, Woodstock Music & Art Fair was held at Max Yasgur's 600-acre dairy farm in the Catskills, near Bethel, New York. During the sometimes rainy three-day event, thirty-two acts performed outdoors in front of 500,000 concert goers.

On August 15, 1899, Henry Ford left the Edison Company to start the Ford Motor Company and compete for the new automobile business against sixty other aspiring auto manufacturers.

On August 15, 1914, the Panama Canal opened.

On August 16, 1961, the Berlin Wall was constructed by the German Democratic Republic and completely cut off West Berlin from surrounding East Germany and from East Berlin. The wall did not open until 1990.

Other this week tidbits: Elvis Presley died on August 16, 1977, Babe Ruth died on August 16, 1948 and Genghis Khan died on August 27, 1227. In 1950, Nat King Cole's *Mona Lisa* topped the charts this week and won the Academy Award for Best Original Song in the same year.



#### GUEST SPEAKER AND PROGRAM

Aug 15, 2011

On August 8, 2011, the speaker was **Sharon** from the Illinois State Treasurer Office. Sharon told the membership not even to try to say her last name because of its pronunciation—but did she really not give her name because she works for the Treasurer's Office?

Sharon's specialty is financial literacy. She shared that the State holds \$1.5 billion in unclaimed property and cash and holds the assets indefinitely until claimed. The State receives the unclaimed funds from businesses and financial institutions for unclaimed payroll checks, abandoned property, unclaimed savings/checking accounts, etc.

Sharon entertained questions on financial education, 529 Plans, the history of the Treasurer Office and Cash Dash.

On August 15, Rotarian of the Day, **Jim Johnston** introduced **Patty Anderson** of the Renz Center. The Renz Center serves 4,400 individuals in Kane County annually for addiction. Addiction touches almost every individual personally or through a family member or friend.

Patty spoke on the topic of gambling addiction, which is called the "hidden addiction" because it is hard to detect and secretive. Many people with a gambling addiction can live in the same house with a spouse who never suspects anything until the addict has accumulated tens of thousands of dollars in debt.

Eight out of ten Americans have gambled and four to five percent of the population have a gambling addiction. Gambling addicts have the highest suicide attempt rate of all addicts and two-thirds of gambling addicts will attempt suicide at some time.

Gambling addicts are normally of above average intelligence and have a good financial head. The addiction includes all gambling activities not just casino gambling. Surprisingly, so called innocent gambling like bingo, the weekly lottery and scratch-offs can trigger addiction. Like any addiction, the gambling addict reaches euphoria, similar to a cocaine addict. The euphoria is the thrill of the bet—not even the win.

There are four stages to gambling addiction. In the Beginning Stage, addicts believe they are lucky because they have had the thrill of the "Big Win." In the next stage, or Losing Stage, the addict begins to chase their losses and place everything they win back into gambling. In the Desperation Stage, bailouts from family and friends stop and although the addict no longer wants to gamble, they cannot stop. This is the stage when some addicts resort to illegal acts like forgery, embezzlement and check floating.

There are six types of gamblers and not all are addicted. The six types are the Compulsive/Addicted Gambler, the Professional Gambler, the Social Gambler, the Anti-Social Gambler, the Serious Social Gambler and the Problem Gambler.

#### DID YOU KNOW?

Aug 15, 2011

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

Are you a member of the Club's Facebook page? We now have 77 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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