

Editor Rhonda Huber

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Speakers

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

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 Proff, 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 19, 2011

WEEKLY MEETING LUNCH MENU

Posted by Rhonda Huber on Sep 19, 2011



When possible, please email Hickory Sticks your lunch selection by Sunday, Send your selection to Romaus Mesa at romausjr@gmail.com.

Menu selection for Monday, September 26 is **Beef Stroganoff Over Noodles with Broccoli** or **Garden Salad**. Dessert is **Chocolate Mousse**.

WELCOME

Posted by Rhonda Huber on Sep 19, 2011

President Randy Brittain opened the meeting and led the Pledge of Allegiance and The Four-Way Test. Forty-three of the club's seventy-four members attended, or 58%.

Bruce Pullen provided the reflection. Bruce shared the quote, "A Light for Future Generations" attributed to Sir Harry Lauder, Rotarian and Scottish Entertainer.

In 1916, Lauder said to the Harrisburg Rotary Club, "Go on in the way you are going. Leave your lights burning behind you, so that others coming after you may benefit thereby. Perchance, your boy or girl, passing that way some day, may point to a lamp you left and say, gratefully and with pride, "My Dad left that light burning."

VISITING ROTARIANS AND GUESTS

There were not visiting Rotarians. Guest today was speaker, **Chuck Gruber**.

MAKEUPS

Dave Underwood had one make-up in Richland County, Wisconsin.

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Random Rotary event on Thursday, September 15 was a great success.

From our club, **Randy Brittain, Mike McKay, Greg Mistak, Brian Borkowicz, Larry Bethers, Bob Turner, Laurie Bitter, Ted and Geogean Heise, Dale Lonis, Jerry Cain and Rhonda Huber** attended.

Tina Curtis from the Carpentersville Club and **Dave Waring** from the Barrington Club also stopped by. Friends from the community included **Joe Follrath, Lynn Bosley, Mike Lichfuss and Libby Hoeft**.

The Club will sponsor a mobile food pantry for *Feeding Elgin* on October 3.

President Randy Brittain will host a Fall Social Event at his house on September 25 from 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM. Enjoy a great time with fellow Club

members while watching the Bears play the Packers!

The Club will host a *Business After Hours* on Thursday, October 20 at the Elgin Public House. Support the networking event by attending or by purchasing a \$100 sponsorship to help defray the costs of the event. Seven (7) \$100 sponsorships are available.

Planning for the 2012 Rotary 5000 is underway. Contact **Brian Borkowicz** or **Randy Brittain** for more information or to join the committee. A committee meeting is scheduled for this week.

SURROUNDING CLUBS ANNOUNCEMENTS

The South Elgin High School InterAct Club is having its first fundraiser of the year on Tuesday, September 27. The event is a get-together at Wendy's on Route 59. The students will receive a portion of the sales for the evening.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

The *United Way of Elgin* needs volunteers for its Reading Buddy Program. Individuals or teams spend thirty minutes a week reading to an individual child or to a small group of preschool and kindergarten children. Volunteers are trained and asked to donate a minimum of 30 minutes per week for a seven-month period working under the supervision of a classroom teacher. Visit the attached link for an application: [Reading Buddy Volunteer Form](#)

HAPPY DOLLARS AND FINEMASTER

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Today's fine master, **Tom Hannula** first collected for upcoming birthdays and anniversaries. **Bob Spellmeyer's** wife, Marjorie and **Bob Leitner's** wife, Nancy both celebrate birthdays this week. **Jay Curtis** was fined for Bella and his 18th wedding anniversary. Next Tom collected happy dollars.

Rick Jakle gave a few happy dollars to honor of **John Juergensmeyer** who was recently honored at the Elgin Township Republican Salute Dinner. John turned around returned and gave happy dollars in honor of Rick.

Mike Warren was happy that Feeding Elgin signed a lease on its new home on Big Timber. If anyone is looking for banquet room chairs, Rieke has 300 ready to sell at \$25 a piece.

Larry Bethers was happy for a successful Random Rotary.

Before being fined for being in the news, **Dale Lonis** stepped up and gave happy dollars for the Elgin Symphony Orchestra. The orchestra's new season starts this weekend with *Love & War*. Ignat Solzhenitsyn, principal guest conductor for the Moscow Symphony will conduct.

Jaime Garcia was happy that so many Rotarians are supporting Centro de Informacion's annual gala.

Jose Torres was happy for the new stadium at South Elgin High School.

Leo Nelson was happy that with its Saturday win, the Fighting Illini football team is 3-0.

Fine master Tom next grilled the members with trivia from the [World's Greatest Book of Useless Information](#).

Today's total happy dollars and fines collected was \$98!

NEWS FLASH

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THIS DAY IN HISTORY AND TODAY'S NEWS

John Cooper provided this *Day in History*.

- September 19, 1957, Nevada is the site of the first-ever underground nuclear explosion.
- September 19, 1995, the Unabomber Manifesto is published in the newspaper
- September 19, 1985, an 8.1 scale earthquake shakes Mexico City, killing 10,000 people
- September 19, 1881, President Garfield succumbs to shooting wounds, eighty days after a failed office seeker shot him
- September 19, 1893, New Zealand becomes first country to allow women the right to vote
- September 19, 1994, U.S. forces land in Haiti and restore Jean-Bertrand Aristide, who had been overthrown by the military, to power
- September 19, 1955, Juan Domingo Peron deposed in a military coup in Argentina
- September 19, 1959, Khrushchev barred from visiting Disneyland

Rick Jakle provided *Today's News*.

If members need a positive story after the stock market dropped 228 points this morning, **Rick** suggested reading the article, "Frontier Spirit" published in this month's Rotarian magazine. The article found on page 44, tells the story of photojournalist, Cathleen Calkins' road trip through the Alaskan Interior, and her visits with Rotarians along the way. Click on this link to read article online: [Frontier Spirit](#)

GUEST SPEAKER AND PROGRAM

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Mike Warren, Rotarian of the Day introduced today's speaker, **Chuck Gruber**.

Chuck Gruber was Chief of Police for the City of Elgin from 1990 - 2000. He is Past President of the International Association of Chiefs of Police and Past President of the Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police. After retiring from the Elgin Police Department, Chuck became an expert witness for the U.S. Federal Courts, testifying on behalf of police officers in cases pertaining to "use of force."

Chuck now serves as Federal Monitor and Police Practices Coordinator for the Justice Department Independent Monitoring Team. In his role, he is appointed by U.S. District Courts and the U.S. Justice Department to investigate the policies, procedures and practices of police agencies to identify strengths and weaknesses of policing practices and offer recommendations for systemic and/or procedural changes.

His investigations include claims filed against the Oakland Police Department (California) pertaining to pattern and practice claims; use of force and civil rights violations by the Cincinnati Police Division (Ohio) stemming from the 2001 riots; the Miami Police Department (Florida); Providence Police Department (Rhode Island) and the Schenectady Police Department (New York). He recently completed an investigation of the Puerto Rico Police Department that led to the arrest of numerous police officers.

Chuck has also authored several publications, including, "A Chief's Role in Prioritizing Civil Rights," published in Police Chief magazine, November 2004 and "The Death Penalty: One Chief's Thoughts," published in the Law Enforcement Executive Forum by the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board's Executive Institute in October 2004. He also appeared on two occasions on the Phil Donahue Show to address questions concerning law enforcement.

DID YOU KNOW?

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

Did you know that the Club has a Facebook page and a Facebook group? 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."

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/>





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](#)