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WELCOME

Posted by Rhonda Huber on Oct 03, 2011

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President Randy Brittain opened the Monday, October 3 meeting and led the Pledge of Allegiance and The Four-Way Test. Forty-six (46) of the club's sixty-nine (69) members attended, or 67%.

REFLECTION

Mumtaz Siddique quoted John Pierpont Morgan, the 19th century industrial who founded America's first billion-dollar corporation, U.S. Steel for the reflection. J.P. Morgan once said, "Go as far as you can see, when you get there, you will be able to see farther."

VISITING ROTARIANS AND GUESTS

There were no visiting Rotarians. Dale Lonis' guest today was **Mike Lichtfuss**. **Mike** attended the recent Random Rotary held at the Elgin Public House. **Leo Nelson** had two guests, **Michael O'Kelly** and **Bob Malm**.

MAKEUPS

Bob Turner had a make-up in Kona, Hawaii.

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Club will host a Chamber Business After Hours on October 20, 2011 at the Elgin Public House. Members are needed to attend and network the event.

Sponsorship opportunities are available for \$100 each. If you purchase a sponsorship, you are encouraged to market your company by bringing give-away items. Call **President Randy** if you plan to attend or will sponsor the event.

President Randy read a thank you note from residents at the Ecker group home. Several Club members volunteered to help the resident do yard cleanup last month during the United Way Day of Caring.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

The City of Elgin is recruiting volunteers for its **Elgin Volunteers Make a Difference** program. To sign up or learn more, visit [City of Elgin: Volunteers](#).

The **Boy Scouts Northwest Suburban Council** will honor our own **Rick Jakle** at its Distinguished Citizens Banquet. **Tim Schneider** will also be honored. The event will be held on Tuesday, October 18, 2011 at The Cotillion in Palentine. For registration information, click on the attached link at [Boy Scouts Distinguished Citizen Banquet Registration](#).

SURROUNDING CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS

The **Saint Charles Noon Rotary Club** will host an Evening of Chicago Bluegrass on October 21, 2011 at 7:30 p.m. and 10:00 p.m. at the Arcada Theatre at 105 Main Street in Saint Charles. Ticket cost is \$20 per person. The Henhouse Prowlers, a nationally recognized Bluegrass band will be in concert.

Doors open at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are available from the Saint Charles Noon Rotary Club. Contact Scott Piner at scottpiner@live.com for more information.

DISTRICT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Registration is underway for District 6440 Fall Seminar Day on Saturday, November 5, 2011. The event held at the Renaissance Hotel in Northbrook has an Early Bird rate of \$35 until Monday, October 10. After October 10, the 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. Here's a preview of what you can expect:

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.

This will help the staff at Hickory Sticks have lunches ready on time.

Monday, October 10 menu selection:

Hamburgers with Fries with Fruit Cup or Chicken Caesar Salad



HAPPY DOLLARS AND FINEMASTER

Posted by Rhonda Huber on Oct 03, 2011

Hratch Basmadjian was fine master.

Hratch forgave **Jerry Cain** and several others for being late, but he fined **Jerry** anyway for not listening.

Several members stepped up and gave happy dollars:

Bob Turner stepped up before he could be fined by **Hratch**, and gave a few happy dollars for his make-up meeting in Kona, Hawaii.

Leo Nelson was next with happy dollars in celebration of the Illini win over Northwestern.

Rick Jakle recognized Jaime Garcia and the Centro de Información for a successful fundraiser.

Jaime Garcia used the opportunity to donate twenty happy dollars (\$20) in honor of the twenty Rotarians who supported the event. **President Randy** agreed that **Karen Beyer, Brian Borkowicz, Randy Brittain, Jerry Cain, Terry Dunning, Rick Floyd, Ralph Helm, Rhonda Huber, Rick Jakle, Sharon Jakle, John Juergensmeyer, Dale Lonis, Mike McKay, Carol Medal, Greg Mistak, Tim Moore, Leo Nelson, David Sam, Jeff Swoboda,** and **Jose Torres** will all get a "make-up" for helping out.

With mixed emotions, **Ben Brown** gave a few dollars in honor of **Milt Perlman** and his recent retirement from the Club.

Jerry Cain gave a few dollars and shared that Tata Motor's Nano car, touted the "world's cheapest car" in the October 2011 edition of the Rotarian, debuted in three American cities in 2010, one was Detroit and another was Elgin. Tata displayed the car on the Judson University campus during its debut tour.

John Cooper recognized **Dave Underwood** and **Frank Transue** for helping out with the interviews for the Outbound Exchange Program. **John, Dave** and

Frank interviewed two applicants whose countries of choice are Germany and Italy. The Club will co-sponsor the exchange program with the St. Charles Noon Club and the Algonquin Club.

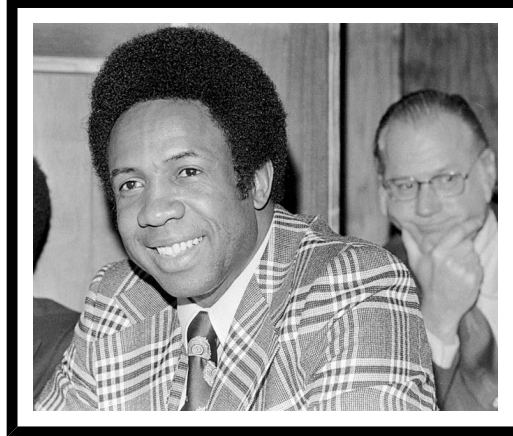
Larry Bethers remembered the late, **Steve Munson's** life with happy dollars. The Club's prayers go out to Ruth and the family.

Although **Hratch** warned everyone last week that there would be a World Geography quiz, everyone was fined for wrong answers because Monday morning is way to early for World Geography.

All in all, \$126 was collected in happy dollars. Great job, **Hratch!**

NEWS FLASH

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THIS DAY IN HISTORY AND TODAY'S NEWS

Rick Jakle provided this *Day in History*.

- 1 On October 3, 1955, both **Captain Kangaroo** and the **Mickey Mouse Club** debuted on CBS and ABC;
- 1 On October 3, 1995, at the end of a sensational trial, former football star **O.J. Simpson** was acquitted of the brutal 1994 double murder of his estranged wife, **Nicole Brown Simpson**, and her friend, **Ronald Goldman**;
- 1 On October 3, 1990, less than one year after the destruction of the Berlin Wall, **East** and **West Germany reunite** after 45 years on what is known as "Unity Day;"
- 1 On October 3, 1974, **Frank Robinson** becomes the first black manager in major league history. The former Reds and Oriole superstar signs a \$175,000 contract to manage and play for the Indians:
- 1 On this day in 1863, expressing gratitude for a pivotal Union Army victory at Gettysburg, **President Abraham Lincoln** announces that the nation will celebrate an official Thanksgiving holiday on November 26, 1863.

Rick next shared the story of Bubba, a roofer with shingles.

GUEST SPEAKER AND PROGRAM

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Guest speaker and Rotarian of the Day was **Leo Nelson**, President of the Elgin Area Chamber of Commerce. With **Leo** for the presentation were **Mike O'Kelly**, **Bob Malm** and **Carol Gieske**. The four updated the Club on several recent Chamber initiatives.

Elgin Area Chamber of Commerce now has 724 members.

The Chamber spearheaded the Elgin Development Group (EDG), an economic development partnership between the City of Elgin and the Downtown Neighborhood Association with the mission to improve the quality of life in the Elgin Area by creating a more vibrant and diverse economy.

The group has a goal to personally visit at least ten Elgin companies annually. Last year, visits were made to the ten largest employers--current focus is technology companies.

Over the past several years, the Chamber has assisted the City of Elgin in

recruiting new businesses to the area, many of which are European companies looking for North America headquarters locations.

Eighteen German companies now have North America headquarters or manufacturing plants based in Elgin, including Siemens Wind Energy.

Most recently, Chamber staff attended a Korean trade show and shared what Elgin can offer businesses.

Strategy focus is to bring higher paying jobs to Elgin. **John Cooper** shared that it must be working because this year there are 70 new families at Elgin Academy.

Elgin businesses and job seekers now have the opportunity to post job openings or search for jobs on the eacWorks, the Chamber's job board. Visit [eacWorks Job Board](#) for more information.

Team You: Elgin Small Business Summit is set for Friday, October 21 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Elgin Community College's Business Center, 1700 Spartan Drive in Elgin.

Two workshop tracks are planned, "Find Your Focus" for aspiring and new business owners and "Refine Your Focus" for owner's who have been in business for more than one year.

The keynote speaker is Nick Sarillo, owner of Nick's Pizza and Pub. A former construction, Nick built his pizza business around culture. Nick spoke at a Rotary meeting a few months ago.

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 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?

Linked in.



BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Posted by Rhonda Huber on Oct 01, 2011



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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