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Speakers

Dec 12, 2011
Elgin Academy Upper School Chorus
Songs for the Holidays

Dec 19, 2011
Holiday message from President Randy

Dec 26, 2011
NO MEETING

Jan 02, 2012
NO MEETING

Jan 09, 2012
Larry Barnett
Climbing Mt. Kilimanjaro

Jan 16, 2012
Katrina Hinsberg, Director of Community Relations
Chicago Express Hockey Team

Jan 23, 2012
Steve Townsend
Rotary Action Group on Microcredit Lending

Jan 30, 2012
John Kosiba, Executive Director of the IMRF
Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund

Feb 06, 2012
Jerry Turnquist
Elgin - Days Gone By

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Bulletin for the Week of November 28, 2011

WELCOME

Posted by Rhonda Huber on Nov 28, 2011

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- 1 **President Randy Brittain** opened the November 28, 2011 meetings by leading the Pledge of Allegiance and The Four-Way Test. Thirty-six (36) members attended or 50%.

REFLECTION

- 1 **Craig Stokely** shared a Chinese proverb for the reflection. *"If you want 1 year of prosperity, grow grain. If you want 10 years of prosperity, grow trees. If you want 100 years of prosperity, grow people."*

VISITING ROTARIANS AND GUESTS

- 1 There were no visiting Rotarians.
- 1 **Rick Reigner** was the guest of **Mike McKay**. **Craig Stokely** brought his sister, **Joan Smith** and her husband **David** who were visiting from Oregon.

MAKEUPS

- 1 **Jay Curtis** had a make-up at the Aurora Noon Club.

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 1 It's time to sign up as a **Salvation Army** bell ringer. Sixteen Rotarians are needed to cover two shifts (4:00 - 6:00 p.m. and 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.) on Monday, December 12 and Tuesday, December 13, 2011. Locations are the Jewel-Osco stores located at 1040 Summit Avenue and 1660 Larkin Avenue in Elgin. Santa may surprise volunteers with hot chocolate and cookies. For more information or to sign up for a shift, contact **Dave Underwood** at (847) 931-1937 or rdavidu@aol.com.
- 1 **Fatima** and **Tim Moore** will host a holiday gathering at their home on Sunday, December 18, 2011 in the late afternoon. Tim will provide additional information as the date is closer. Thanks **Fatima** and **Tim** for hosting!
- 1 If you made a gift to the **PolioPlus** during the 2 for 1 promotion, please let **President Randy** know.
- 1 The **Rotary 5000** is scheduled for March 2, 2012 at the Holiday Inn in Elgin.
- 1 Rotary holiday ornaments are for sale for \$12 each or 2 for \$20. See **Laurie Bitter** or **Brian Borkowicz**.

SURROUNDING CLUBS ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 1 **Craig Lamp** shared the St. Lawrence Interact Club is conducting its Hope Ornament Program again this year. Interact members deliver ornaments over the Christmas holidays to hospital patients. If you have gently used or new ornaments you would like to donate to the Interact Club, let **Craig** know.

HAPPY DOLLARS AND FINEMASTER

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Fine master **Craig Rueckert** started with fines of \$2 for missing pins or badges and fined himself for a missing pin.

Next he fined **Larry Bethers**, **Tim Moore** and **Mike McKay** for being late.

Craig led the club in singing "Happy Birthday" to **Jay Curtis** and **Cathy Neuhalfen** and fined any member who had yet to sing the "Happy Birthday" song at Rotary.

The fine master came prepared with newsclips and fined **John Shales** for being in the news for helping with a local food pantry and **Tom Johannesen** for his wife **Claire** being quoted regarding the **Elgin Donor Club**.

Happy Dollars:

- 1 **Leo Nelson** began the happy dollar collection with a few dollars in thanks to everyone who attended the community Thanksgiving luncheon sponsored by **Elgin Area Chamber of Commerce** a few days before Thanksgiving. More than 200 people attended the luncheon. Leo reminded everyone that Chamber is hosting **Mayor David Kaptain** at the Mayor's Breakfast on December 6 at 7:30 a.m.
 - 1 **Jose Torres** gave a few dollars in thanks of the annual community Thanksgiving dinner for the underserved in Elgin.
 - 1 **Chief John Fahy** was happy that Illini finally unloaded Ron Zook on November 27, 2011. More than a few Illini fans must be happy right now--under Zook, Illinois became the first team in NCAA Division I history to start a season at 6-0 and end it at 6-6!
 - 1 **Larry Zismam** was happy today, and rightly so--his granddaughter was born today.
 - 1 **Frank Transue** gave a dollar because Michigan finally beat Ohio State--first time since 2003.
 - 1 **Laurie Bitter** was happy for a great visit with her mother over the Thanksgiving holiday.
 - 1 **Jay Curtis** helped out with a Thanksgiving dinner and gave a few dollars in its honor.
 - 1 **Jaime Garcia** was happy that Centro had the resources to box Thanksgiving dinners for 150 people.
 - 1 **Craig Lamp** gave a few dollars in honor of his daughter, Emily and her lead in the Alice in Wonderland production at **Westminister Junior High School**
- Craig Rueckert** finished the collection with a Thanksgiving quiz.

NEWS FLASH

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THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Stu Howes provided this day in history.

- 1 1863 - Abraham Lincoln proclaims national day of thanksgiving to be celebrated on the 4th Thursday in November.
- 1 1895 - The first automobile race in America began, as six cars traveled from Jackson Park in Chicago to Waukegan, Illinois. J. Frank Duryea was the winner, traveling at a blazing speed of 7 and 1/2 miles per hour! It took him 7 hrs. 53 minutes to make the trek (bathroom stops not included). He won \$2,000 for the effort.
- 1 1922 - The first skywriting display happened on this day. The words "Hello USA" were written in the sky over New York City. It was a short time later that the invention of Captain Cyril Turner was applied for commercial use.
- 1 1932 - Groucho Marx performed on radio for the first time. Using his fast-paced, ingenious patter, he invented a new form of comedy that delighted audiences from coast to coast.
- 1 1942 - Coffee rationing began in the United States, lasting through the end of World War II.
- 1 1963 - U.S. President Lyndon B. Johnson announced in a televised address that Cape Canaveral would be renamed Cape Kennedy in memory of President John F. Kennedy, who had been assassinated six days earlier. President Johnson said the name change had been sanctioned by the U.S. Board of Geographic Names. Johnson also ordered the space facility to be renamed John F. Kennedy Space Center, NASA. On May 18, 1973 Florida Governor Rueben Askew signed a Florida statute requiring that Cape Kennedy be renamed Cape Canaveral. The name John F. Kennedy Space Center, NASA was not changed.

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GUEST SPEAKER AND PROGRAM

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Today's guest speaker was Rick Reigner, Executive Director of Prairie Valley Family YMCA. Rick provided the club an update on the YMCA.

The YMCA currently has 3,600 members and 1,424 units. Membership fees amounting to \$132,000 for those members are provided at no cost by the YMCA, and \$93,000 of that is funded through donations.

- 1 62% of members are Caucasian
- 1 24% Hispanic
- 1 7% African American
- 1 6% Asian
- 1 1% other

YMCA serves all ages--very active senior group and more than 2,000 children attended local Y summer camps last summer.

YMCA leads the county on several youth issues, include programs to combat obesity. It was the YMCA that created Activate Elgin and found more than \$100,000 in grant monies to fund

the project.

To learn more about the YMCA, visit pvry.org.

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, December 5 menu selection:

Chicken Marcela with Rice or Garden Salad

Chocolate Mousse for dessert

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

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BIRTHDAYS

December 2

Catherine Neuhalfen

December 4

Hratch Basmadjian

Jay Curtis

December 14

Terry Dunning

December 17

Earl Lamp

December 31

William Moylan (Sue)

JOIN DATE

December 1

Ted Schell (31 years)

December 4

John Cooper (11 years)

Leo Nelson (11 years)

December 5

Jerry Levine (23 years)

December 21

Jerry Cain

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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» [Interact Club - South Elgin High School](#)

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