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Speakers

Feb 06, 2012
Jerry Turnquist
 Elgin - Days Gone By

Feb 13, 2012
Ellen Miller
 Rotary's Foreign Exchange Program

Feb 20, 2012
State Senator Chris Lauzen
 25th District
 State of the State

Feb 27, 2012
Jan Ramming, Program and Outreach Coordinator
 Speak up in court for abused and neglected children who are in foster care

Mar 05, 2012
Cherie Murphy, City of Elgin
 City of Elgin's New Vounteer Program

Mar 12, 2012
Melissa Ziel-Gail Bordon Public Library District
 Download eBooks from Gail Borden

Mar 19, 2012
OPEN

Mar 26, 2012
Theresa Forthofer, President & CEO- Easter Seals
 Easter Seals DuPage and the Fox Valley Region

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Bulletin for the Week of January 30, 2012

THIS PAST WEEK AT ELGIN ROTARY

Posted by Rhonda Huber on Jan 30, 2012

The meeting opened with the leading of the Pledge and Four-Way Test by **President Randy**. Thirty-two of the clubs seventy-two members attended. Hey snowbirds--this is a shout out to you--we miss you!

The invocation and day's quote was delivered by **Larry Bethers**.

President Randy thanked everyone who helped out with the **Feeding Greater Elgin** on Wednesday and Saturday. **Randy Brittain, Laurie Bitter, Karen Beyer, Larry Bethers, Larry Zisman, Karen Frazier, Greg Mistak, Rick Reigner, Brian Borkowicz, Dave Considine, John Shales** and **Mike Warren** all get to count the event as a make-up!

MAKEUPS AND GUESTS

- **Sara Johnson** was the guest of **Dave Considine**;
- Guests of the Club and today's speakers were **John Krupa, Linda Horrell and Louis Kosiba**;
- **Sue Moylan** had a makeup in Sanibel Island;
- and **Craig Lamp** had a makeup at St. Lawrence Interact Club.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The **Rotary Community Challenge - Beach Party** is scheduled for March 2, 2012 at the Holiday Inn in Elgin. All proceeds will fund community needs including vocational scholarships, food pantries, literacy programs and many other charitable programs. For more information or to download a registration form, visit [Rotary Community Challenge](#). Laurie Bitter asked all members to sell a minimum of four tickets. For event tickets, contact **Laurie Bitter** at (847) 888-2555. For Rotary 5000 Raffle tickets, call **Randy Brittain** at (847) 212-1528 or **Mike Warren** at (847) 812-8786. To donate a silent auction item, contact **Tim Moore** at (630) 965-9355,
- **Mike McKay** is organizing a fellowship event at a Chicago Express Hockey Game on Friday, February 17, 2012 at 7:30 p.m. Discounted adult tickets are only \$15 and children (2 -12) and seniors are only \$13. Plus, each ticket purchased provides lifetime immunization for six children against polio. The Sears Centre is also offering \$1 beers and \$1 hotdogs that night as well. Contact **Mike** for more information at (847) 841-1550 or michael.mckay@edwardjones.com.
- Invoices for donations to the **2012 Annual Fund** were emailed in December. Members who have donated thus far should have a sticker on their badge. It is important that the Club has 100% participation for the appeal. For more information, call **Laurie Bitter**.

SURROUNDING CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The **St. Laurence Interact Club** is collecting items to send to the 82nd Airborne for one of their International Projects. If you would like to help with this project, please bring the items to the next Rotary meeting and **Craig Lamp** will deliver to the school. The Club is collecting the following items:
 - Personal Items: Hand Lotion, Deodorant, Foot Powder, Toothbrush, Toothpaste, Lip Balm, Baby Wipes, Eyeglass Cleaner, Eye Drops, Q-Tips, Female Items, Liquid Hand Sanitizers and Sunblock
 - Food Items: Slim Jim, Hard Candy, Beef Jerky, Pudding, Snack Mixes, Jelly Beans, Sunflower Seeds, Nuts, Chewing Gum, Snack Cakes, Gatorade, Crystal Light, Licorice, Ceral Bars, Soup Mix, Granola Bars, Canned Fruit
 - Miscellaneous Items: Pens, Shoe Laces, Stress Balls, Playing Cards, Hacky Sacks, Foam Footballs, Frisbees.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Judson University** to present its second World Leader's Forum, featuring **President**

Mikhail Gorbachev on Saturday, April 21, 2012. This annual event brings groups of World Leaders to campus to inspire leadership. Proceeds donated to the Entrepreneurship Program Fund and the Judson Student Scholarship Fund. For more information, visit the event's webpage: World Leaders Forum or contact **John Shales**.

- **Prarie Valley Family YMCA** Annual Dinner is scheduled for Thursday, February 16, 2012 at Villa Olivia Country Club. Featured speaker is Doug McConnell. Call **Rick Reigner** for details.

BEACH PARTY - COMMUNITY CHALLENGE

Posted by Laurie Bitter on Jan 31, 2012

Aloha! Come to the Beach Party!



You may use the following link to register and purchase raffle and event tickets

<http://www.rotary5000.org/registration.htm>

HAPPY DOLLARS AND FINEMASTER

Posted by Rhonda Huber on Jan 30, 2012

We may have run out of time for happy dollars last week, but **Fine Master Dr. Jose Torres** made up for it today! Since no one had a birthday or anniversary this week--everyone was fined.

- **Mike McKay** was first to step up...he was so happy and with a \$10 bill. Mike was happy for many things--his hockey team won, the **Public Action to Deliver Shelter (PADS)** Dance with the Stars event on Saturday night was a huge success--thanks to fellow **Rotarians Chief John Fahy** and **Dr. David Sam** dancing the night away and **Rotarian Art Puotinen** opening the evening with the reflection. Adding to his happiness was the Elgin Community College Founder's Day Brunch on Sunday and the college's recognition of **Rotarian Leo Nelson**. What a visible weekend for our Club! Did everyone wear their pins?
- **Mike Warren** was happy that **Feeding Greater Elgin** is doing so well--**Mike** was one of the Rotarians that helped upload the Northern Illinois Food Pantry truck on Wednesday. **Mike** reminded the Club that the pantry is run with volunteers and over 600 families depend on the pantry for food security.
- **Carol Meda** recognized the **Pillars of Honor** program held on January 22 at the **Gail Borden Library**. The program provided the community the opportunity to reflect on the contributions of Elgin citizens during World War II.
- **Craig Stokely** had a \$20 happy dollar given to him by his friend, **Robert Graham**. **Robert** attended last week's meeting and was impressed with the Club service work and wanted to help by giving back.
- **Fine Master Jose Torres** was happy that we have sunshine today--he reminded the members that last year on this day we had the major blizzard that closed schools and parts of the city!
- **Dr. Torres** happy weather dollar was echoed by **Sue Moylan**--who was very happy to return from Sanibel Island and not be greeted by snow! **Sue** also reminded the Club that she believes that a **Rotary Club of Elgin** member has danced in every PADS event so far

Dr. Torres completed his fine collection by challenging the members with the quiz "**Are You Smarter than a 5th Grader**" -- and we weren't!



GUEST SPEAKER AND PROGRAM

Posted by Rhonda Huber on Jan 30, 2012

Guest speaker today was Louis Kosiba, Executive Director from the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF)..

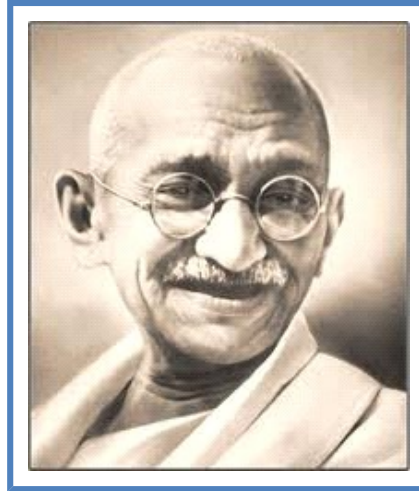
The Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (or IMRF) is a pension fund created in 1939 by the Illinois General Assembly for municipal employees in the state of Illinois. IMRF began operating in 1941 with 5 original employers and \$5,000 in assets. Presently, IMRF serves approximately 2,900 employers (Illinois units of government) and has more than \$19 billion in assets.

Since 1941, IMRF has provided employees of local governments and school districts in Illinois (with the exception of the City of Chicago and Cook County, Illinois) with a sound and efficient system for the payment of retirement, disability, and death benefits.

At the end of 2010, IMRF had \$25 billion in assets and was 86.3% funded on a market basis. It administers benefits for approximately 176,000 actively participating local government workers and provides monthly retirement benefits to approximately 97,000 retired local government workers.

NEWS FLASH

Posted by Rhonda Huber on Jan 30, 2012



THIS DAY IN HISTORY

John Cooper provided this day in history:

January 30, 1948: On this day in 1948, Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi, the political and spiritual leader of the Indian Independence movement is assassinated in New Delhi by a Hindu fanatic.



Born the son of an Indian official in 1869, Gandhi's Vaishnava mother was deeply religious and early on exposed her son to Jainism, a morally rigorous Indian religion that advocated

nonviolence. Gandhi was an unremarkable student but in 1888 was given an opportunity to study law in England. In 1891, he returned to India, but failing to find regular legal work he accepted in 1893 a one-year contract in South Africa.

- Settling in Natal, he was subjected to racism and South African laws that restricted the rights of Indian laborers. Gandhi later recalled one such incident, in which he was removed from a first-class railway compartment and thrown off a train, as his moment of truth. From thereon, he decided to fight injustice and defend his rights as an Indian and a man. When his contract expired, he spontaneously decided to remain in South Africa and launched a campaign against legislation that would deprive Indians of the right to vote. He formed the Natal Indian Congress and drew international attention to the plight of Indians in South Africa. In 1906, the Transvaal government sought to further restrict the rights of Indians, and Gandhi organized his first campaign of satyagraha, or mass civil disobedience. After seven years of protest, he negotiated a compromise agreement with the South African government.
- In 1914, Gandhi returned to India and lived a life of abstinence and spirituality on the periphery of Indian politics. He supported Britain in the First World War but in 1919 launched a new satyagraha in protest of Britain's mandatory military draft of Indians. Hundreds of thousands answered his call to protest, and by 1920 he was leader of the Indian movement for independence. He reorganized the Indian National Congress as a political force and launched a massive boycott of British goods, services, and institutions in India. Then, in 1922, he abruptly called off the satyagraha when violence erupted. One month later, he was arrested by the British authorities for sedition, found guilty, and imprisoned.
- After his release in 1924, he led an extended fast in protest of Hindu-Muslim violence. In 1928, he returned to national politics when he demanded dominion status for India and in 1930 launched a mass protest against the British salt tax, which hurt India's poor. In his most famous campaign of civil disobedience, Gandhi and his followers marched to the Arabian Sea, where they made their own salt by evaporating sea water. The march, which resulted in the arrest of Gandhi and 60,000 others, earned new international respect and support for the leader and his movement.

- In 1931, Gandhi was released to attend the Round Table Conference on India in London as the sole representative of the Indian National Congress. The meeting was a great disappointment, and after his return to India he was again imprisoned. While in jail, he led another fast in protest of the British government's treatment of the "untouchables"—the impoverished and degraded Indians who occupied the lowest tiers of the caste system. In 1934, he left the Indian Congress Party to work for the economic development of India's many poor. His protege, Jawaharlal Nehru, was named leader of the party in his place.
- **Also in that year, Gandhi addressed the Rotary Club of Calcutta, the home of the first Rotary Club in the mainland of Asia.**
- With the outbreak of World War II, Gandhi returned to politics and called for Indian cooperation with the British war effort in exchange for independence. Britain refused and sought to divide India by supporting conservative Hindu and Muslim groups. In response, Gandhi launched the "Quit India" movement in 1942, which called for a total British withdrawal. Gandhi and other nationalist leaders were imprisoned until 1944.
- In 1945, a new government came to power in Britain, and negotiations for India's independence began. Gandhi sought a unified India, but the Muslim League, which had grown in influence during the war, disagreed. After protracted talks, Britain agreed to create the two new independent states of India and Pakistan on August 15, 1947. Gandhi was greatly distressed by the partition, and bloody violence soon broke out between Hindus and Muslims in India.
- In an effort to end India's religious strife, he resorted to fasts and visits to the troubled areas. He was on one such vigil in New Delhi when Nathuram Godse, a Hindu extremist who objected to Gandhi's tolerance for the Muslims, fatally shot him. Known as Mahatma, or "the great soul," during his lifetime, Gandhi's persuasive methods of civil disobedience influenced leaders of civil rights movements around the world, especially Martin Luther King Jr. in the United States.

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

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BIRTHDAYS

January 4
Stephen Laird

January 18
Carl Lundstrom

January 19
Roger Bear

January 28
Randy Brittain

January 30
Karen Beyer
Kelly Brown Lonis (Dale)

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

January 2
Kelly and Dale Lonis (2 years)

January 6
Vera and Ralph Helm (44 years)

January 8
Patty and Craig Lamp (18 years)

January 12
Sharon and Rick Jakle (32 years)

January 21
Pat and Terry Dunning (45 years)

ROTARY ANNIVERSARIES

January 3

Ted Heise (48 years)
Carole Medal (7 years)

January 7
David Sam (7 years)

January 10
Siddique Mumtaz (1 year)

January 18
Gregory Mistak (2 years)

January 23
John Juergensmeyer (45 years)
David Mengler (45 years)

January 24
James Johnston (39 years)

January 26
Steven Adams (18 years)

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?



Important Links

- » [Beach Party - Rotary 5000](#)
- » [Our Club's Business Directory](#)
- » [Our Club's Facebook](#)
- » [District 6440 Website](#)
- » [Interact Club - South Elgin High School](#)
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