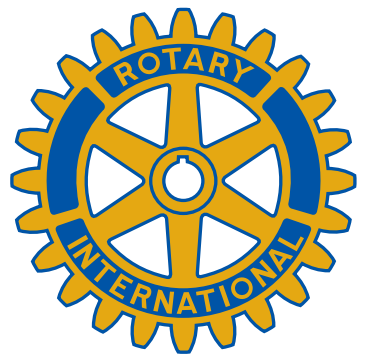


# ROTARY ROUND UP



THE FRIENDLIEST CLUB IN ROTARY

## HOLIDAY GIVING DRIVE

Every year for the past 10 years, the Rotary Club of Glen Ellyn has worked with the **Humanitarian Service Project** to provide gifts to children in need. Organizations participating in holiday giving is not very unique, but what makes Rotary giving special is that we don't just drop off the gifts, we come together and wrap all of the presents during a morning of fellowship. It's neat to see Rotarians take a morning to wrap together and focus on the children they are each individually helping. This year the club provided gifts to 44 children in the community. Thank you to all of the Rotarians and friends who organized and participated in this program! A special thank you to **Glen Ellyn Bank and Trust** and **Wintrust** for providing the space and wonderful breakfast during the wrapping event.



## WE ARE HAPPY!

**Assistant Governor Paul Keenon** presented Rotary Club President **Scott Park** and the Rotary Club of Glen Ellyn with a certificate of appreciation for its financial support of "End Polio Now: Make History Today Campaign."

Thank you to Rotarian **Paul Keenon** for sharing important heart health information and for providing free blood pressure test kits to all members! We are happy to have this important equipment at home to help us monitor our health.

Rotarian **Sue Martin** is happy that we had high quality wrapping supplies at the Holiday Giving wrapping event this year. Kudos to the shoppers!

All Rotarians were happy to hear Anthony Gregorio's report that our friend and fellow Rotarian **Ed Coleman** is doing better. We hope to start seeing him at meetings again soon! We miss you, Ed.



## MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT SCOTT PARK - REFLECTIONS OF SERVICE

This week we will conclude our largest annual fundraiser, the Citrus Sale. Delivery is this Friday and it is always a fun event! This year we sold over 1,000 cases of oranges and grapefruit! Thank you to all who have sold and to those who purchased from us this year. A special thank you to Rotarian Kurt Buchholz and the citrus team for leading the sale.

Rotary Clubs are traditionally known for each of their annual fundraisers. The sale of citrus for us is so much more than sales and enjoying delicious fruit. The Citrus Sale affords us the opportunity to provide scholarships to local students and grants to area organizations in need of our support. We review applications, interview students and look for the special opportunities to make a difference.

As I reflect on this year serving as club president, it is these moments of giving and service that make me most proud to be a part of Rotary International and specifically

a part of the Glen Ellyn club. Every year our Glen Ellyn Club provides approx. \$15,000 to local charities and around \$16,000 in need-based scholarships to Glenbard South and Glenbard West students, along with a variety of other projects including Shelter Boxes, End Polio Now, Salvation Army Christmas Food baskets and more. We also send high school students to the Rotary World Youth Conference and Rotary Youth Leadership Camp each year. If you sold citrus or purchased some, thank you again for helping us serve the community in this way.

If you are not yet a Rotarian and are interested in learning more about us and our mission, please connect with us by checking out our website at [www.glenellynrotary.org](http://www.glenellynrotary.org) or find us on Facebook.

Rotary Serving Humanity,  
Scott Park  
President

## UPCOMING MEETINGS

All meetings are held at 12:10 p.m.

Note: Starting in January, meetings will be held at Barone's Pizza during the winter months.

**December 15** - Glenbard South Madrigals  
*Glen Oaks Country Club*

**December 22** - Holiday Program  
*Glen Oaks Country Club*

**January 5** - Steve Beck "How to have a great day, everyday!"  
*Barone's Pizza*

**January 12** - Ann Marie Andexler, Update on Northwestern Medicine (CDH)  
*Barone's Pizza*

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## ROTARY MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

This month's member is Peter Zeuthen. Peter is a fascinating person to speak with, widely traveled and has a great sense of humor.

### When did you become a Rotarian?

I first was exposed to Rotary in the mid-50s when my father became a charter member of Odense Øster Rotary Klub, D-1460. It was a group of very distinguished, cigar-smoking and at my young age, very old business men in my hometown of Odense, Denmark. After I was transferred to Chicago in 1973, I was approached by a Glen Ellyn Rotarian, **John Rosch**, to consider joining Glen Ellyn Rotary Club. On June 30, 1979, during the final days of the reign of Club President **Bob Williamson**, the pharmacist at the Glen Ellyn Clinic, I was inducted.

### Why did you join Rotary?

My upbringing was somewhat internationally-influenced. My father was known to occasionally bring home a hungry foreign hitchhiker for a home-cooked meal and without warning, much to my mother's surprise; this plus hosting a Rotary GSE member from Bureau County, Illinois in 1968 coupled with my European travels as a teenager, and later my fantastic experience as a foreign exchange student in Ohio all widened my horizon and whetted my appetite to be a Rotarian. I wanted other youths to experience being a foreign exchange student, and the hosts to experience hosting. (President **Les Sommers** asked me to be his Youth Exchange committee chair in '80-'81, it was the kick to get involved), and our Club had many exciting years hosting foreign students and raising funds for it. Our years of fun Cheese & Wine parties in Rotarians' homes are still remembered by some of us, with Les Sommers the fantastic raffle ticket salesman. Simultaneously, we sent local high students abroad; one of those students has been a big citrus customer of mine for a good number of years as a Wheaton Rotarian.

### What is your best Rotary memory?

Rotary has brought me many unforgettable memories and friendships, both here in Glen Ellyn and elsewhere as it has others. Rotary's international conventions that Beth and I attended were all highlights. Being told by District 6440 to find a host family to a foreign exchange student in 1988 presented a challenge. I finally pushed this young girl from Brazil on my neighbors down the street, the Fondas, and a beautiful



exchange experience followed for all involved. The student had a wonderful year, partially warmed by a winter coat from **Don Fischer**, and we became friends with the Fondas and with other Rotarians through this. In November 1999 we all attended the wedding of our exchange student daughter in Brasilia, Brazil. In 2006 I proposed **Roy Fonda** as a potential member, he was accepted and the rest is history. Roy's induction and Beth's introduction of him in song (with revolvers present) was an unforgettable Rotary event.

### What are some of your hobbies/interests outside Rotary?

Outside our 7 grandchildren and their parents scattered throughout the Midwest, I am interested in travels with my wife, **Beth**, in good foods and good wines, in history and in genealogy.

### What is one fact about you that no one might know?

When traveling to Brazil for the wedding of a former Glen Ellyn Rotary Club foreign exchange student, don't let a future Glen Ellyn Rotarian talk you into diving into a Sheraton swimming pool with an elevated bottom.....you will immediately incur a blemish on your forehead.

## ROTARY APPROVES SUPPORT OF THREE MAJOR COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS

"Service Above Self" is coming alive this year through several significant projects recently approved by the Rotary Board of Directors. Rotarian Don Fisher researched needs in the community and presented a number of projects to the club for consideration. *"I am proud to announce that as a club, we are going to be able to support three major projects through some financial support and hands-on resources,"* said President Scott Park.

### B.R. RYALL YMCA SUMMER CAMP PAVILION PROJECT

The YMCA has been a provider of Summer Camp programming for children kindergarten through 9th grade for many years. The program provides youth with supervised activities that nurture their spirits, challenge their minds and strengthens their bodies while teaching them values, teamwork, conflict resolution, and leadership skills. Currently, the YMCA serves over 250 campers. Since the camps are outside, they are in need of a pavilion to provide shelter to the kids. The YMCA has proposed building an additional summer camp Pavilion.

The Rotary Club of Glen Ellyn has approved matching funds up to \$15,000 to support the project. In addition, Rotarians are interested in volunteering to support the project through any needed hands-on support. We look forward to partnering with the YMCA to make this pavilion happen for our community!

### STORY WALK - GLEN ELLYN PUBLIC LIBRARY AND GLEN ELLYN PARK DISTRICT

A joint community project of the library, village and park district, will bring enhancements to **Prairie Path Park**. This park is the same park the Rotary Club of Glen Ellyn built a gazebo at several years ago. The Rotary Club is again supporting this park by providing \$10,000 for a "Story Walk" as a way make this park a destination for families. A Story Walk is a series of outdoor signage that will hold a page from a children's picture book. Each post is separated by a number of paces to encourage children and their caregivers time to experience the story by walking around the park. Through the year, the books will be changed. Two other enhancements will be added to the park including an outdoor pingpong table and an outdoor chess board. In addition to helping support this project financially, Rotarians will be needed to plant new vegetation and assemble/install the double sided message boards holding the story pages. The Rotary Club of Glen Ellyn is again happy to provide funds and some hands-on work to enhance this neighborhood park for the families of Glen Ellyn and beyond.

### VOLUNTEERING WITH THE GLEN ELLYN CHILDREN'S RESOURCE CENTER

The **Glen Ellyn Children's Resource Center (GECRC)** provides one-to-one afterschool tutoring in three Glen Ellyn School District 41 schools, Hadley Junior High, Abraham Lincoln Elementary School and, new this year, Churchill Elementary School. Rotarians will be volunteering to tutor students after school as part of the GECRC program. Volunteers are critical to this program's success. With the new program starting at Churchill, they need to increase volunteers. Rotarians will tutor children one-hour per week. Rotarians are also invited to provide enrichment opportunities for the children in this program.

#### Activities could include:

- Teaching chess
- Leading an information session about a specific career
- Teaching the basics of saving money and financial literacy
- Teaching various essential lifestyle habits such as dental hygiene, nutrition, exercise.
- Organize clubs such as running club, book club, robotics
- Provide musical training
- Coach soccer

Rotarians and friends who would like to volunteer, go to [www.gecrc.com](http://www.gecrc.com) to sign up! Thank you in advance for your service to the children in our community.

## LEARNING ABOUT ROTARY IS AS EASY AS A-B-C!

Rotarians are invited to the **ABC's of Rotary**, a Northern Illinois Rotary event at **One Rotary Center** in Evanston on January 23.

Learn more about Rotary - our history, our customs and traditions, and the current status of our global programs. You'll better understand The Object of Rotary, our Four Way Test of the Things We Think, Say, or Do, and of course Service Above self. In fact, all Rotarians, new and "experienced," will gain greater insight into what it means to be part of the world's first service organization.

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