MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF GLEN ELLYN - NOVEMBER 2018

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# Message from the President

#### Rotary is Family

It has been a great start to the fall season for Rotary! We have had a number of events, service programs and amazing speakers over the past couple of months. One of the more notable is the 75th anniversary celebration of our club. A group of Rotarians formed a committee and planned a special event to honor our history and to welcome back Rotarians of the past. In addition, we welcomed back the spouses and family members of Rotarians who have passed away. These moments remind me that Rotary is a family and we are at our best when we include our families in our service.

Most of you know that I am a family man above all and I really appreciate that our club embraces family. I want all Rotarians to know that family is number one and that family members are always welcome at Rotary meetings, events and programs. I have always enjoyed listening to a couple of our members speak of attending Rotary meetings as children



PHIL NORTON

with their parents or grandparents. We have members now who enjoy bringing their children/ grandchildren and including them in service. Some adult children accompany their parents to help provide transportation or just for an opportunity to have lunch and spend time together through Rotary. Personally, I enjoy bringing my wife to events and sharing stories about my children during our "happy fines." One of my favorite Rotary moments include my son singing at a Rotary meeting when he was a student at Glenbard South, now in college. This is what I find so special about this club. We are an extension of our families. We care about the lives of our fellow Rotarians and we support each other in good times and in challenging times.

The Rotary Club of Glen Ellyn is a welcoming place for members as well as our families. We are a family and I hope we continue the tradition of involving our loved ones in serving our community and those in need. Thank you for continuing to be an inspiration to each other, our families and the community we serve.

Be the inspiration.

Phil Norton President



# Annual Pumpkin

The Rotary Club of Glen Ellyn again partnered with the Glen Ellyn Park District to support the annual Pumpkin Flotilla event at Lake Ellyn. Rotarians sold concessions and the interact students from Glenbard West High School helped by baking and selling treats to raise money for scholarships and grants. Thank you to all Rotarians and Interact students who volunteered time to support this event and Rotary! Great fellowship, service and fun!



Thank you, Glenbard West Interact students Emily Muchmore, Amanda Muchmore, Meg Farley, and Anna Burrus!



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The Rotary Club of Glen Ellyn

# ROTARIAN CONTINUES

# TOM VAN WINKLE

In every issue of Rotary Round Up, we feature a Rotarian who makes a difference in our communities. These are people that fill many roles in their day-to-day lives and apply Rotary values in everything they do.

Tom Van Winkle joined Rotary this year and has already contributed so much to the club. Thank you, Tom, for volunteering your time and talents to the Rotary Club of Glen Ellyn!



#### When did you become a Rotarian?

I actually belonged to the Wheaton Rotary Noon Club back in the mid-90's. I started my business in Wheaton in 1991 and was asked to join a few years later. I was with the club about a year when I had a heart attack. After about 6 weeks of physical therapy, I started back to work on a limited schedule. During that time, we lost

a lot of business and I needed to get back to basics to rebuild sales and establish business relationships that had disappeared. I missed many meetings with the club and had to resign to rebuild my business. I also had to move from my original

location in Rice Lake to Glen Ellyn, which was the best decision we made.

Sue Martin approached me about the Glen Ellyn club when I was serving my last year as president of the Glen Ellyn Chamber. I agreed to join late in 2017 and I am glad to be back in Rotary.

## Why did you join Rotary?

Ijoined Rotary because it is an organization of local business and community leaders who want to give back and help people in need whether it is a local or an international project. It is also a great way to meet other individuals who enjoy giving back.

#### What is your best Rotary memory?

I am still new to the Glen Ellyn club, but

I am sure that as time goes by I will have many great memories to share.

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

I have always enjoyed building things and have tackled many home projects like remodeling a kitchen, building a twostory masonry chimney for a new fireplace

> with my father inlaw, and finishing a basement. I still enjoy volunteering with the Chamber on various events. Now, my time is occupied with two grandchildren that love to go with their "Pa" on adventures that's the best! I know the window of time

with their grandpa will shrink as they get older, so I take advantage while I can.

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

During my career change from corporate life to a small business owner, I sold cars (new and used) for about a year and half for a good friend who owned a GM dealership. It was quite enlightening to be on the other side of the deal and experience what the sales person goes thru to complete the sale. I have many interesting and funny stories about that time in my work career. Thanks for the opportunity to share!



# UPCOMING MEETINGS

Meetings are held every Thursday starting at 12:10 pm

### NOVEMBER 8

All Club Meeting
MEETING AT
Glen Oak Country Club

# **NOVEMBER 15**

Dr. Parres Wright Low Vision Trends in Optometry MEETING AT Glen Oak Country Club

## **NOVEMBER 22**

Happy Thanksgiving
No Meeting

## **NOVEMBER 29**

Citrus Wrap Up and Holiday Gift Wrapping MEETING AT **TBD** 

## **DECEMBER 6**

Glenbard South Madrigal Singers Holiday Music MEETING AT Glen Oak Country Club

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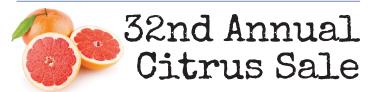
# ROTARY CLUB OF GLEN ELLYN CELEBRATES 75 YEARS

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Rotarians, families and friends gathered for dinner and entertainment at the Glen Oak Country Club to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the Rotary Club of Glen Ellyn. Thank you to the planning committee for coordinating the 75th Anniversary Celebration and everyone who attended!







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