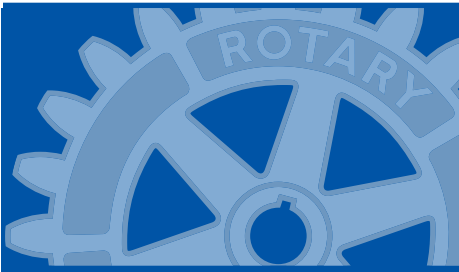




ROTARY ROUND UP

THE FRIENDLIEST CLUB IN ROTARY



2017-2018 CLUB EXECUTIVES AND DIRECTORS

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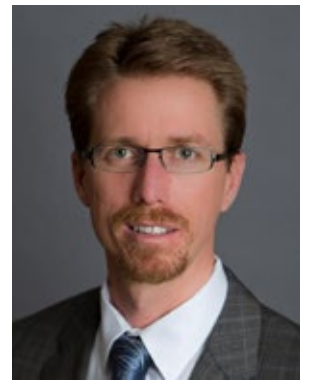
**John Mulherin &
Peter Zeuthen**
International Service

Jeff Waters
Rotary Foundation President

Don Fischer
Local Project Chair

Message from the President

Making a difference is what our club is all about. We want to make sure we help as many people as possible each year. One of the ways we do this is through raising money selling citrus to support student scholarships and community grants. This is our 31st year selling citrus as a club and it is our largest fundraiser every year. Without this fundraiser, the club would struggle to help as many people as we have in the past. We need all hands on deck this year!!! I can't stress enough how important it is that all members of the club work together to sell citrus. If your contacts are not interested in citrus, but would like to support the club, donations toward scholarships and grants are very welcome!



ED SCHEER

Case of grapefruits or oranges are \$39/each.

**Pick up at The Village Links in Glen Ellyn on December 8 and 9
(unless delivery of large orders are made in advance)**

Thank you to all Rotarians for your extra push this year to sell citrus. We do make a difference in our community when we are able to provide extra support to students going to college and to our local community organizations who are helping those in need.

Service Above Self,
Ed Scheer
President

Pumpkin Flotilla Sunday, October 22 4-7pm

For the second year, the Rotary Club of Glen Ellyn is partnering with the Glen Ellyn Park District to organize the very popular **Pumpkin Flotilla** event at Lake Ellyn. Come support Rotary and purchase concessions at the Boathouse during the event! All proceeds go to supporting student scholarships.



We Are Happy

☀️ We are happy to have so many wonderful international connections through Rotarians such as **Paul Keenon**. Our special guests from Pakistan last month have visited the Keenon family and the Rotary Club of Glen Ellyn several times. Paul and their entire family have become good friends. All three recent visitors are doctors of some prominence and own a hospital and clinic outside of Lahore, Pakistan. Dr. Mohammad Sohail Qureshi founded his Rotary Club in Sahiwal, Pakistan. Their son, Aamer, founded the Rotaract club in Sahiwal. Thank you, Paul, for making these wonderful connections and providing the opportunity for us to visit with other Rotarians from around the world right here in Glen Ellyn.



☀️ Rotarian Dawn Bussey is happy that The Jungle Book Ball for the Glen Ellyn Public Library is around the corner and that they are doing very well on attendance numbers. It will be a fun night of community and connections in support of the library.

☀️ We are happy that Glen Ellyn Rotarians wear many hats in the community. Congratulations to Rotarian **Kathy Borello** on a successful Glen Ellyn Chamber of Commerce and Village of Glen Ellyn Golf Outing. Kathy has chaired several of the golf outing committees and this was the most successful event to date! We are also happy many Rotarians came out to golf and support the event.

☀️ We are happy to have a volunteer fireman as a Rotarian in our club. Thank you for your service to the community, **Jeff Waters**. This is among the many other things he does for the community! Also, thank you to Glen Ellyn Volunteer Fire Company Administrator **John Chereskin** for speaking to the Rotary Club last month and reminding us of the sacrifices of the first responders on the fateful day of September 11, 2001. John also shared information about the day to day workings of the Fire Company and the outstanding work done on behalf of the community. We now have a better understanding of the company and Jeff's work as a fireman!

ROTARIAN SPOTLIGHT

AL LEWEK and MERRILL RAJECK

This month we feature two amazing Glen Ellyn Rotarians who make such a difference in our communities. These are people who fill many roles in their day to day lives and apply Rotary values in everything they do.

First is **Al Lewek**. Al is a long-serving member of the club and a trusted Glen Ellyn business owner. He coordinates our guest speakers and is responsible for all of the wonderful knowledge we gain every week. Thank you to Al for these amazing opportunities. We are a stronger community because of your work



bringing in inspirational guests to the club.

When did you become a Rotarian?

The Fall of 1988 in Glen Ellyn.

Why did you join Rotary?

Over the years, I was fortunate to get to know many long-time business owners and community leaders who were members of Kiwanis, Lions or Rotary. They took great pride in serving the community. When I was looking for a way to give back to the community that had accepted and supported me and my business for many years, longtime friend Ken Moreen said Rotary was the only way to go and got me involved.

What is your best Rotary memory?

The best memories are of the many great people I got to know and work on projects with, many who are unfortunately not with us anymore.

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

Travel, searching for antiques (1930's radios and interesting books & magazines) Ham Radio and gardening.

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

I used to be quite involved with gymkhana auto racing, having run a 1961 Mini & a 1969 Camaro. Also, I've been riding motorcycles since high school.

Next, is **Merrill Rajeck**.

Merrill greets us at meetings with a big smile and handshake. He challenges us with interesting trivia and makes our meetings fun! Make sure you say hello to Merrill when you see him walking around town!



When did you become a Rotarian?

I joined GE Rotary in 1984.

Why did you join Rotary?

After commuting to LaSalle St. for some 20 years, in 1982, I located my new business venture in Glen Ellyn, and I felt it was time to become more involved in my community. Rotary seemed the best way to achieve that goal.

What is your best Rotary memory?

There have been many good Rotary memories. One was the inauguration dinner with my family present when I became president for 1989-90. Another vivid memory was the following regular club meeting when I presented my serious plan for the year. As soon as I finished, all those present stood up and threw their dinner napkins at me. It was the defining moment for a great year.

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

In addition to family activities, I like playing mediocre golf, swimming, bicycling, and walking about our beautiful town.

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

A few know I'm an uber-townie, a fourth generation Glen Ellyn-ite.

Service Above Self Live the Love on November 4

The Rotary Club and families of Rotarians are invited to participate in a service opportunity with the organization Feed My Starving Children (FMSC) on November 4, 9 to 11 a.m. Odeum, 1033 North Villa Ave. in Villa Park. Please wear your Rotary Gear!!!

The Rotary Club volunteers will help pack **400,000 meals for starving kids with FMSC at the Odeum Expo Center**. They are calling the event "Live the Love" and hope to bring together individuals, businesses, and organizations like churches, schools, civic groups and others in the Western Suburbs to help.

Glen Ellyn Rotary will man a 2-hour MobilePack™ shift in which teams of 8-10 people will work together to measure, mix and seal ingredients for each meal in a plastic bag. After filling a shipping box with meals, the team cheers loudly to have an FMSC worker remove the box so they can start on another. It's a fast-moving, fun event with a lot of enthusiasm, competition and motivating music!

About the Organization

Founded in 1987, FMSC is a Christian non-profit that provides nutritionally complete meals for starving, malnourished kids in 70 nations. Pre-packaged dry meals cost just 22¢ each and are funded and assembled by donor-volunteers ages five to 100+. More than 99% of FMSC meals have safely reached their intended destination. FMSC consistently receives the highest awards for accountability and transparency from Charity Navigator.

We can make a difference through this service opportunity! We hope you will join us.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Meetings are held every
Thursday starting at 12:10 pm

OCTOBER 19

West Suburban Wellness

MEETING AT

Glen Oak Country Club

OCTOBER 26

TBD

MEETING AT

Glen Oak Country Club

NOVEMBER 2

Mentor Day

MEETING AT

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