

Rotary Round Up

The Friendliest Club in Rotary



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Pictured Above: United States Military Academy at West Point student Second Lieutenant Mike Westrom

West Point Student to Study in England Thanks to a Connection with the Rotary Club of Glen Ellyn

United States Military Academy at West Point student Second Lieutenant **Mike Westrom** will study in England next year under the Rotary International Scholarship thanks to a connection made with Glen Ellyn Rotarian Jeff Waters.

Lieutenant Westrom heard about the scholarship from one of his instructors at West Point and the instructor connected him with Jeff. Jeff mentored Westrom through the application process for the scholarship. "Prior to applying, I didn't know much about Rotary. After reading about its mission and some of the projects in which it participates, I have come to really admire its mission and its can-do attitude that allows it to achieve great results," said Westrom.

"I am studying in England because I fell in love with the particular program that I am joining," said Westrom. He is in the process of earning a master's degree in Energy and Society in the Department of Anthropology at Durham University. "This program allows me to explore energy resource related conflict through a human-centric perspective, something that I can bring back to the Army as an officer. Modern conflict is not solely a function of technical and material mastery, but also requires leaders to understand and work peacefully with human beings," shared Westrom.

We look forward to meeting Lieutenant Westrom at a future club meeting.

Dear Rotarians,

This month the Rotary theme is "Basic Education and Literacy." It's a fitting theme as the first day of school for many children has come and gone. The school year has started! Also, a number of Rotarians said farewell for now as their college age children headed back to school. It's always a bittersweet time of year.

The Rotary Club of Glen Ellyn supports education and we are fortunate to be able to provide scholarships and mentor opportunities to over a hundred students each year. In this issue of Rotary Round Up you will learn more about how we support education and also how we ourselves are lifelong learners.



Sincerely,
Scott Park
President
Glen Ellyn, IL

Upcoming Events and Luncheon Speakers

Sep 08, 2016

Village Links Golf Social in the morning

Rob Layton - Tri-State Bicycle Rides
Glen Oaks Country Club, 12:10 p.m.

Sep 15, 2016

Hope Drager - New Food Pantry Program at the College of Dupage
Glen Oaks Country Club, 12:10 p.m.

Sep 22, 2016

Mr. Steen Metz - Memories of Childhood in a Nazi Concentration Camp
Glen Oaks Country Club, 12:10 p.m.

We are happy!

Rotarian **Peter Zeuthen** and the Glen Ellyn Rotary Club were featured in a DANES magazine article, "Historica Organization In a New Era - DANES takes a look at the worldwide organization Rotary International. What activities does Rotary engage in? Where does the name come from? And can Rotary attract new and young members?" DANES magazine is distributed in 120 countries. The article is posted on our website.

We all enjoyed the Rotary meeting and luncheon at Brookdale last month. Thank you to **Les Sommers** (upper right) and his wife for hosting all of us. We were very happy for the opportunity to visit. The lunch was delicious too!

President **Scott Park** (lower right) enjoyed the Olympics in Rio and the rest of the club is looking forward to hearing all about it! He even took a photo next to a Rotary sculpture while in Rio! Rotary is everywhere.



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Rotary Member Spotlight

Former Rotary Club President Dawn Bussey

DIRECTOR OF THE GLEN ELLYN PUBLIC LIBRARY

By Laura Flamion, website coordinator

Dawn is the type of person that makes things happen! We are so lucky to have her in our community and in our club.

When did you become a Rotarian?

Dawn: I joined the Oak Park River Forest Rotary in 2004 and then transferred to GE Rotary in 2007 when I became the Director of the Glen Ellyn Library.

Why did you join Rotary?

Dawn: I joined Rotary because it is the Service Organization of choice for Library Directors in IL.

What is your best Rotary memory?

Dawn: My best Rotary memory would be when a group of us had a booth at the Chamber Halloween event and provided a bowling for ghosts game for children

to play- which gave us a chance to tell parents about Rotary.

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

Dawn: My hobby - I love to cook. I spend my free time looking for new recipes and gathering ingredients to make new dishes.

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

Dawn: A fun fact about me would be that my nickname in middle school was Turtle.



Program Feature - College of DuPage President Ann Rondeau

We were honored to welcome College of DuPage President **Ann Rondeau** as our guest speaker at the July 28 meeting. President Rondeau shared her vision for the future of College of DuPage and graciously answered questions from the group. She was friendly and open to sharing information about her professional and personal background. Her impressive background in the military and her open communication style were apparent as we began to get to know her during our interactions with her at the meeting. We look forward to many connections with the College of DuPage. We are fortunate to have one of the best community colleges in our backyard.



Mentor Day

Every year, the Rotary Club of Glen Ellyn partners with Glenbard South High School and Glenbard West High School to host a community-wide Mentor Day. Mentor Day typically takes place in early November. The students spend a morning with a career mentor and then they are both, student and mentor, invited to the Rotary Club lunch that same day. It is not too early to think about volunteering to be a mentor or to suggest a mentor in the community! It's a great way to introduce Rotary to local community leaders, educators, health professionals, managers, and financial consultants. You will be hearing more about Mentor Day in the coming weeks



Pumpkin Flotilla

New Glen Ellyn Park District Partnership Program

The Rotary Club of Glen Ellyn is excited to partner with the Glen Ellyn Park District to host the inaugural Pumpkin Flotilla on Sunday, October 23, 4 to 7 p.m. at Lake Ellyn. The event is free and open to the community. It will include pumpkin carving demonstrations, live entertainment, activities, pumpkin recipe competition, and of course, the evening will end with the inaugural lit pumpkin flotilla on the lake at dusk!

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