

Rotary Club of Gurnee

Thursdays at 7:15 a.m., Warren Twp. Senior Center, 17801 W. Washington St., Gurnee IL 60031

Gurnee Rotary

Sept. 17, 2026

Coming up

- **Sept. 17** — Club Assembly
- **Sept. 24** — Kalie Schultz on Lake County Haven
- **Sept. 26** — Walk to End Alzheimer's
- **Oct. 1** — First Thursday Fellowship at Tacos el Norte
- **Oct. 8** — Curt Barrett, District Membership Chair

Club Duties

Today

Greeter: Ross

Fines&Frolics: Summerfelt

Drawing: Witte-Tabbert

Rotary Minute: Wittwer

Sept. 24

Greeter: Woestman

Fines&Frolics: Blaser

Drawing: Glennar

Rotary Minute: Jastrzemski

Oct. 8

Greeter: Johnson

Fines&Frolics: Klauber

Drawing: Lind

Rotary Minute: Machak

Thursday Tweet

"If it could only be like this always — always summer, always alone, the fruit always ripe. "

— Evelyn Waugh

Today's Meeting

Club Assembly this week to discuss work of the Club

This week's meeting will be dedicated to our monthly Club Assembly.

Following our regular club meeting, members will break out into their different Avenues of Service to discuss the work of the club. Following those discussions, each chair of the different Avenues of Service will give a brief report on the upcoming events and activities of their committee.

The theme of Rotary is Service Above Self, so the monthly Club Assemblies are a large part of membership in the Gurnee Rotary Club. Each member is encouraged to be active in the work of the club. The best way to do so is to attend and participate in the monthly Club Assembly.

Club Song

Refrain:

*Oh, I feel healthy, happy and terrific
Happy and terrific, that's the way I feel.
I feel healthy, happy and terrific,
Happy as a member of Rotary*

*Each morning I wake up I say a little prayer
And give thanks for the way I feel.
I greet the day with love in my heart
With a pride I can't conceal!*

Refrain:

Oh, I feel healthy...



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Randy Blaser

Brett Weiss tells us about Ascend Kenya

Fellow Rotarian Brett Weiss of the Naperville Club was our guest speaker last week and he told us about his project Ascend Kenya, which works to provide a quality education to children in Kenya.

The project, which is not a Rotary program, started as a way to honor the legacy of his parents, who wanted to make sure every child got a great education. It has grown from 32 scholarships awarded in 2017 to 351 this past year.

Brett said the reasons why so many children in Kenya don't have access to quality education include that very few of them have both parents as the country has been devastated by AIDS. Also, schools are hard to staff as staff members take care of every aspect of the child's life. Also, funding must pay for everything a child needs.

Classroom teachers do everything to help the students and a school administrator coordinates the day-to-day operation. The scholarships are divided equally between girls and boys.

"Very few children can go to school without help," he said.
"They need food, medicine, housing, a chance to see a doctor."

The cost to sponsor one child is \$3,600. They have 157 students in high school and 10 now going to vocational school.

Last week's meeting

Visiting Rotarians: Brett Weiss, Naperville Club.

Announcements: President **Jerry Groen** announced that next year's Rotary International Convention will be in Barcelona, Spain next June and he is considering attending. The Walk to End Alzheimer's will be Sept. 26 and **Randy Blaser** said he has registered our team. We will have a Highway Clean-up scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 3. We'll meet at Denny's at 9 a.m. for breakfast then proceed to Hunt Club Park for the clean-up. Finally, we will volunteer for Feed My Starving Children on Thursday, Nov. 12.

School Minute: **Jason Lind** said the focus at Millburn the next couple of years will be on writing. He also said they need to begin focusing on aging facilities. **Bob Machak** reported that Woodland is going through security drills, school attendance data is being collected now and there will be a Community Service Day on Sept. 25.

Bragging Bucks: **Randy Blaser** bragged on his two third place finishes on the last day of sailboat racing. **Jim Ross** bragged that Story Point is giving his art wall an extra 20-feet to display more artwork from the residents.

Fines and Frolics: **Jason Lind** told us some more misadventures of Sven and Oley from the Great White North called Minnesota.

Drawing: **Carly Jastrzemski** won again, but drew the three of spades. So the beat goes on..

