

Rotary Club of Gurnee

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

Gurnee Rotary

Sept. 24, 2026

Coming up

- **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. 3** — Highway Cleanup
- **Oct. 8** — Curt Barrett, District Membership Chair

Club Duties

Today

Greeter: Woestman

Fines&Frolics: Blaser

Drawing: Glennar

Rotary Minute: Jastrzemski

Oct. 8

Greeter: Johnson

Fines&Frolics: Klauber

Drawing: Lind

Rotary Minute: Machak

Oct. 15

Greeter: Mullin

Fines&Frolics: Ross

Drawing: Summerfelt

Rotary Minute: Witte-Tabbert

Thursday Tweet

"It takes courage to grow up and become who you really are."

— e.e. cummings

Today's Meeting

Kalie Schultz to tell us about Lake County Haven

Kalie Schultz is the Development Coordinator at Lake County Haven. Kalie grew up in the suburbs of Minneapolis, Minn., and has lived in Seattle, Washington and Montpelier, France.



After graduating from the University of Minnesota, Kalie pursued a career in events — planning weddings and large parties and then moved on to the corporate event sphere. Kalie knew she had a different calling which led her to the non-profit realm and ultimately, Lake County Haven.

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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Club Assembly discusses the work of the club

The Club Assembly last week discussed the need to raise money for the charities we fund, but especially the Vocational Scholarship and RYLA, at the least. **Charlie Mullin** reported our funding in the Foundation is getting low and we can't rely on past fundraising. Regarding the Endowment Fund, Charlie reported it is strong at more than \$90,000, but there are restrictions on how it can be used. **Jason Lind** also said the Endowment board needs to meet. We have an opportunity to gain a good return on our investment right now, **Mark Wittwer** reported.

Randy Blaser reported that he asked AI what type of fund-raiser a small Rotary club like ours should consider that could generate a good amount of funds without a great deal of effort. Suggestions included: Rotary Trivia Night; Wine or Whiskey Dinner and Auction; Duck Race or 50/50 event; Restaurant fund-raiser; Golf Outing; Community Raffle; and Taste of Gurnee

Discussion focused on the Trivia Night idea. Comments included perhaps we could partner with Tacos el Norte and use their banquet room. Perhaps as a sponsor they might provide light menu items. It was also suggested we would be better off hiring a company to run the trivia night than do it ourselves or hire a DJ. Another venue might be the senior center with light catering. **Carly Jastrzemski** said the seniors love Karaoke night. Charlie suggested a 50/50 raffle could fund our scholarships.

As the meeting neared its end, we decided to think about what was discussed, do some research, and discuss it further at our Oct. 22 Club Assembly.

Last week's meeting

Visiting Rotarians: None today.

Announcements: President **Jerry Groen** announced that he received a note from last week's speaker Brett Weiss who thanked us for the opportunity to speak before the club. He also asked us to consider a donation to Ascend Kenya and said \$3,600 will sponsor a child's education.

The Walk to End Alzheimer's will be Sept. 26 and **Randy Blaser** said he has registered our team. Rotarians who want to participate should sign up to join our team and everyone should ask for donations.

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. We will volunteer for Feed My Starving Children on Thursday, Nov. 12. **Mary Witte-Tabbert** asked if we wanted to have a holiday party this year and it was decided we would meet for a holiday breakfast at the Riverside Cafe on Dec. 17. We can also do a White Elephant gift exchange then.

School Minute: None today.

Bragging Bucks: **Charlie Mullin** bragged on the big Bears win.

Drawing: **Jim Ross** drew the six of Clubs. Well, that's not a winner. Who will win on Thursday?