

ROTARY CLUB OF YORK – EAST

District 7390 – Meetings: Tuesdays @ 7:30 a.m.

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Rotary Membership Anniversaries

*Thank you
for your continued service above self*

Gierasch, Bill	27 years	Mar 01 1995
Comery, Karen	2 years	Mar 03 2020
Disney, Becky	6 years	Mar 15 2016

* Founder Member

Programs for this month

March 1. Jaclyn Victor, Director of America250PA on Planning for 250th anniversary of USA in 2026 in PA. Zoom presentation.

March 8. Brian Grimm, President & CEO of York Day Nursery, on services provided by YDN, benefits of preschool and COVID19 challenges. In Person.

March 15. Sully Pinos, ex. director of Bloom Empowerment Center, a YCEA initiative that supports small businesses. In Person.

March 22. Greg Laszakovitz, owner of GDLInsight, a leadership consulting company on "Bridging the Gap"; communicating with younger generations. In Person.

March 29. TBD

York East Board of Directors 2021/22

President: Sandra Graham
President: Karen Comery
Treasurer: Diane Yocum
Secretary: Friedel Liebe-Elser and Bob Elser
Past President: Kyle King

Sargeant at Arms:

At-large Members & Committee Chairs:

Becky Disney – Fundraising & Giving
William Gierasch – Club Administration
Linda Gorter – Rotary Foundation
Deb Klinedienst – Membership
Chris Izzo – Grant Committee
Greg Kern – Community Service
Tim Koller – Public Relations
Bob Straw – Vocational
Kris Pollick
Hunter Mink

Happy Birthday to you...

Schrivier, John	Mar 04
Wolf, Elizabeth	Mar 11
Molinaro, Tony	Mar 16
Nauman, Randy	Mar 22
Altland, Steve	Mar 26

*If your birthday is not listed, please contact
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YORK EAST ROTARY CLUB BOARD MEETING

Board Meeting on Thursday, March 10th, 2022
7:30 a.m. via ZOOM Virtual Platform only

HAPPY



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I would be grateful if
once you have pledged your HAPPY DOLLARS
PLEASE send an email to
friedel.liebe@gmail.com

asap with the amount, your story and if possible, a photo.
Since it is impossible to get any of the above details during
hybrid meetings, your help is very much appreciated.

THANK YOU

Your backdated Happy Dollar Stories are always welcome
Aat any time!

HAPPY \$\$\$ - if ever there was a reason for Jin Jou

On Tuesday, February 22nd, Jin Jou hit the 2022 HAPPY DOLLAR Jackpot with her cousin's story, which reads like one of those typical Hollywood Movie scripts which never happen in real life.

Yet this story does happen, right now, right in front of the eyes of the world, and for everyone to watch:

This is Jin Jou – in her own words:

Daebak

This week at our Rotary meeting I gave a happy dollar to announce the new TV show produced by my cousin, Chul Soo Park and his company Monster Films.

You may have met him and his wife back in 2012 when they were my guests at our East York Rotary Club. At that time, they came from South Korea to comfort me and attend the funeral of my husband, Terry. Chul Soo and his family are very dear to me.

In case any club members want to see the TV series called,

ALL OF US ARE DEAD

It is on US Netflix. If you watch the series in English, you will see Chul Soo Park's name right up front as producer. The show is very popular. It launched January 28 and in just one day it ranked #1 in the world. The US is a little slower reaching viewers. Hopefully it will rank #1 soon. [Editor's Note: by the time of publication, which is within a week, it had also shot up to #1 in the US]

I am so proud of him, and his production company called Monster Films. As you know, I rarely brag about anything, but this is so exciting in my small family, that I just have to share it.



Jin Jou's cousin Chul Soo Park, his wife Young Kang,
Jin Jou and her son Charles on a family visit in Korea in 2019

The show is about student bullying, viruses, and lots of zombies. My cousin always told me I was his inspiration and now he is my inspiration, Zombies and all.

After I announced my cousin Chul Soo's successful TV show, at our Rotary Club, the speaker, Lt Col. Stephen Joca of the US Army War College exclaimed the Korean word, "Daebak!" This can be the equivalent of "A big Hit", "A big Win", "A Great Success", or "Awesome". But the literal translation is "big gourd". Koreans have viewed gourds as an omen of fortune and prosperity since ancient times. And of course the bigger the gourd, the better the luck.

I was surprised and delighted to hear an American in the meeting yelling, "Daebak" in Korean. He also said in Korean, "I speak some Korean language, but not fluently". After the meeting was finished, I spoke with him further and he added a few more words in my native language. It seems like he knows a great deal about Korea and the surrounding region. He said he lived in Korea for a few years. It was such fun to hear some traditional Korean language. You never know what will happen at our Rotary meetings!

I already binged 3 times on all 12 episodes. I am so proud of my cousin and his company Monster Film. His entire team worked very hard on this one.



Jin Jou and her son Charles visited Korea in 2019
Left: a famous Korean movie star next to her cousin Chul Soo
Did their tour guide (front right) already know....?

One of the directors got so into it that he only slept one or two hours for several months to produce this film. My cousin had to look after everything from A-Z, Everything! My cousin says they have another movie ready to film within 6 months. I hope he gets rested before the next big project.



Producer Chul Soo Park of the ALL OF US ARE DEAD fame.

By the way my cousin said that one of his twin boys just started working with the US Army training to be an interpreter in South Korea. He is working to improve his English skills. We will see how this goes.

‘All of Us Are Dead’ ranks No.1 on Netflix

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“All of Us Are Dead,” Netflix’s first original South Korean series this year, rose to the [No. 1 spot worldwide on Netflix](#).

According to FlixPatrol, an over-the-top content ranking site, on Wednesday, the South Korean series, which were released on Friday in over 190 countries around the world, is ranked No. 1 in 54 countries, including Canada, France, and Japan as of Tuesday and has been in the top position for four days since Saturday. The show is ranked No. 2 in the U.K. and the U.S. and is likely to move to the top soon.

According to Netflix, the total viewing time of "All of Us Are Dead" recorded 124.79 million hours in just three days after its release. "Ozark Season 4 Part 1," which had ranked No. 1 on Netflix’s English-language series chart from January 24 to Sunday, had a total viewing time of 96.34 million hours over a week.

"All of Us Are Dead" is a 12-episode series about the students of Hyosan High School struggling to survive after a zombie virus has spread. It is based on Naver’s webtoon series of the same title, which had been published from 2009 to 2011. It catches viewers’ attention by applying recent situations, such as COVID-19. Some scenes remind viewers of social issues, including school violence and the sinking of the Sewol ferry where many students lost their lives due to incorrect instructions to have them stay inside the ship. Many foreign media outlets praised the show. “Having high school students as the main characters is a very clever move,” The Guardian said in a Friday article titled “All of Us Are Dead: Netflix’s Korean zombie show will blow you away.” It also said many metaphors used by the show, such as COVID-19 as a zombie virus, are “the masterstroke of the series.”

“Like ‘Squid Game’ before it, ‘All of Us Are Dead,’ makes the most out of its nightmarish central location to otherworldly, dizzying effect,” said U.S.-based entertainment news media Variety.

“The global top ranking of ‘All of Us Are Dead’ seems to be the result of events and phenomena that have already become familiar in South Korea but are still new and strange in other countries,” said Yoon Seok-jin, a TV series critic and a professor of the Department of Korean Language and Literature at Chungnam National University.

excerpt from

Hyo-Ju Son hjson@donga.com
dongA.com Most Viewed

“Together, we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves.”

*Jin Jou and Cher visiting Korea in 2018
For a trip of a lifetime
Here with her cousin's wife Young Kang*



JinJou is known to most of her Fellow Rotarians as the quiet, beautiful lady who invariably reminds us of the most exquisite jewelry advertisements published in those glossy magazines, where every page features someone who is not walking on the same planet as mere mortals.

Yet JinJou does not shine in front of cameras. She shines from within, where we can see this deeply caring human being whose real 'inner fire' does not only show when one of her customary bursts of laughter suddenly fill the room, but more than ever when she sees a need for support. Her checkbook is the first on any table when yet another disaster has struck somewhere putting innocent people in peril and Rotary is asking for donations.

But she does not only put her money where it is needed the most, JinJou applies the same kind of enthusiasm when she gives of herself. One only has to look at her amazing track-record as a member of Rotary International Medical Missions, which speaks for itself.

Joining our club's undisputed Star Organizer of Rotary International Medical Mission, PDG Connie Spark, who actually leads every one of those adventures to the most God-forsaken places in the world to help those in need, JinJou was brave enough to work in the slums of Brazil, Thailand, and Jamaica. And according to those who have joined Connie on any of her missions, this tiny, extraordinary lady has the power of a giant, the gentleness of a pussy cat (when needed), the will of a world champion boxer in the ring, and the persuasiveskills to bring about world peace. Once you have seen her in action, you know that without her such missions could so easily fail at the first hurdle.

JinJou's life has not been a bed of roses, yet she seemed to be born to create beauty wherever she goes and whatever she touches. That must have been one of the many attributes that caught the eyes of seasoned world traveler, Terry Meighen, who thought he had seen it all. It did not take long before JinJou's beauty, charm, intelligence, among her many other qualities, also captured his heart. They tied the knot in South Korea October 27th of 1985 and within a year he carried her across the threshold of his home in New York. And no sooner did their dream come true with the birth of their son, Charles Timothy, in 1987, they moved to York County when Terry became the co-founder and Vice President of Stewart Connectors System in Glen Rock. After spending much of his life circumnavigating the globe on behalf of Stewart Stamping in New York, having a real little family made the home fires more appealing than any of the great attractions along his well travelled routes.

Although her husband was a member of the Rotary Club of West York, in May of 2004, JinJou joined the Rotary Club of York East, gracing our club not only with the beauty she creates in her profession (her classification is 'Jeweler & Gemologist') but also with her spirit of Giving. You never have to look far to find evidence of her husband's and her philanthropic generosity. Thanks to JinJou's exquisite taste, the special memorial in the Gold Star Garden (created and nurtured by her fellow Rotarian Cherriney Wilson Kondor – known to and admired by us all as Cher - following the tragic death of her son Martin Kondor, in Iraq in April 29, 2004), set in stone the sentiments of those who have lost loved ones:

**Issue here from our tears of sorrow
Healing and Peace for a better tomorrow.**

American Gold Star Mothers - Department of Pennsylvania
JinJou and Terry Meighen

To provide an outlet for the abundance of her creative ideas, in 1991, JinJou opened her GEM BOUTIQUE on East Market Street, a hugely successful venture that has been thriving in the same location for the past three decades.

Gem Boutique creates dazzling jewelry that is
both beautiful and comfortable enough for
everyday wear. We select gems of exquisite
color, cut and clarity. Then we handcraft them
into a design that is at once joyful and unique.
One continuous WOW!



You may read more about Jin Jou and her Gem Boutique on
<https://gemboutiquepa.com/>

Sadly, only 10 weeks before they could celebrate their 27th wedding anniversary, Terry died in August of 2012 – yet JinJou’s love for him never died. Naturally that was the time when she needed her closely knit family more than ever – and that was the time when her cousin – the now famous Chul Soo Park, whose name is making headlines around the world right now - and his wife travelled from South Korea to be by JinJou’s side as Terry began his final journey.

Although their son Charles, who visited our club several times, now lives in San Francisco, fostering his own career and enjoying his new love, to this very day, JinJou remains true to herself by creating beauty – in what ever form or shape imaginable. In the best sense of the word, ***JinJou is a GEM*** who so generously shares the radiance that surrounds her.

A big THANK YOU to
Our Club’s Public Relations Chair
Tim Koller
and his Committee
for arranging to have this sign displayed at
4300 Block – East Market Street



This time last year, Shekhar Mehta, the RI President-elect, greeted the incoming District Governors with these inspirational words:

Namaste. Hello, the movers and shakers of Rotary around the world. You, the DGEs, are the movers, and I am Shekhar. Today you are taking a very important step in your journey of service and leadership. The forthcoming 17 months will be the most amazing, fruitful months in your life. You can turn this period into the most satisfying period of your life. During this period, I urge you to dream big, guided by our shared vision for Rotary. You will plan and set goals, inspire and motivate Rotarians to reach goals — goals to expand the reach of our organization by increasing membership, and goals to increase the impact of Rotary by serving the world. And in this journey, you will play a stellar role as you share your goals with Rotarians and Rotaractors in your district and inspire them to “do more and grow more.”

*I just wonder if the
CDC has lifted the
Mask Mandate
for Elephants yet*

