

THE ROTARY RAZZ



Club of Oak Park-River Forest

Meetings: Noon Wednesday
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Today in OPRF Rotary

Kim Morton

Cook County Farm Bureau

Kim Morton will talk about the Cook County Farm Bureau. The CCFB is working with farmers, farm owners, and others to grow and improve farming, agriculture, and the Farm Bureau in urban Cook County.



Fun, Food & Fellowship – Cucina Paradiso
BRING A GUEST TO LUNCH
Mark your calendars NOW!

Buffet menu

May 25

- Roasted beet salad -field greens, red beets, pickled, red onions, panko fried goat cheese, almonds, oranges, orange mint dressing
- Penne Artichoke: olives, oven cured tomatoes, marinara, basil, romano, chili flakes
- Grilled salmon with spinach, capers, olives, cherry tomatoes
- Cheese cake of the day

(\$22 per person includes non-alcoholic beverages.)

CALENDAR



May

25 — Lunch meeting, Cucina Paradiso. **Program:** Kim Morton of the Cook County Farm Bureau. Also, the Glee Club will lead Rotarians in songs in honor of Memorial Day.

26 — Sarah's Inn Dinners — OPRF Rotary is back at Sarah's Inn to serve wonderful meals to their clients!

June

1 — Lunch meeting, Cucina Paradiso. **Program:** Sarah's Inn. Carol Gall and Katie Hickman will give us an update on the work of Sarah's Inn.

4-8 — Rotary International Convention

15 — President Eric Van Ness' recap of his term.

18 — Fullerton Woods Cleanup Day — Club service project to adopt the Fullerton Woods, 8413 West Fullerton Ave. River Grove.

22 — District Governor Ade Onayemi and Club President Patty Eggerding installation at Abbingtion Distinctive Banquets, 3 South 002 IL Route 53, Glen Ellyn.

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BRONZE

Club issues awards at annual breakfast

The Rotary Club of Oak Park - River Forest held its annual Service Above Self Awards Breakfast May 18 at the Oak Park Country Club.

Club President Eric Van Ness welcomed all members and guests. Patty Eggerding led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance. Dan Browne offered the invocation.

The club honored five students with Service Above Self Awards. Nancy Teclaw and Laura Curley presented awards to:

- Theodore Schmiedeler. The senior at St. Ignatius College Prep in Chicago will be attending Columbia University. For service, he worked with Hepzibah's after-school program for kids before COVID. He then he worked online for Sunrise Movement.
- Erma Aumann. A senior at Oak Park and River Forest High School, Erma plans on attending the University of Wisconsin, Madison. She co-founded a nonprofit organization to have people in the community to donate books to local organizations such as New Moms and Sarah's Inn so that



Club President Eric Van Ness gives his opening remarks during the annual Rotary Club of Oak Park-River Forest Service Above Self Awards Breakfast

people could have access to literature during the pandemic.

- Eric Kornowske. The senior at Fenwick high school plans to attend the University of Illinois. He said that he performed many hours of service as a Boy Scout. Eric worked on his Eagle project for Sunrise Lake Outdoor Education Center in Bartlett. He built two raised garden beds for wheel-chair bound students so they would have the same opportunities as other students.
- Jack Kornowske. Eric's twin brother also is a senior at Fenwick high school and an Eagle Scout. For his Eagle project, he built wheelchair accessible dock sections for the Sunrise Lake Outdoor Education Center. Through



This year's Service Above Self Award winners are (from left) Erma Aumann, Oak Park and River Forest High School; Sabine Roser, Oak Park and River Forest High School; Theodore Schmiedeler, St. Ignatius College Prep; Jack Kornowske, Fenwick High School; and Eric Kornowske, Fenwick High School.

Fenwick he volunteered as a Kairos retreat leader. At St. Giles he works as a teen leader with the youth group. He will be attending the University of St. Andrews in Scotland.

- Sabine Roser — A senior at Oak Park and River Forest High School, Sabine will be attending the University of Vermont. She said her biggest accomplishment was being a member of the Future Philanthropists program. Sabine said the two-year program works to teach high school students the science and business part of philanthropy. During her time there she had the opportunity to grant local nonprofit organizations about \$75,000. This year she worked a lot on fundraising. Cathy Hall then presented the Community Service Awards.

A House in Austin,

represented by Becky Martin. At a House in Austin is a parent-child center in a house in Austin. They will use the money to put in a washer and dryer system. The residents will be able to wash their clothes, which will be a big help to the single moms.

Cluster Tutoring, represented by Kara Kalnitz and Sharon Leamy. This grant will support a program in partnership with St Catherine-St. Lucy, working with the first- and second-grade students. It's one-to-one tutoring. They provide help with letter sounds and reading fluency.

They hope to expand program for third-grade students with this grant.

Opportunity Knocks, represented by Claire Widseth and Mary Lio. They have programs for adults with intellectual developmental disabilities. They serve the Oak Park, River Forest and Forest Park communities. The project will build a shade for the outdoor classroom on the farm in Maywood.

PING!, represented by Michelle Dybal and Ginger Yarrow. PING! (Providing Instruments for the Next Generation) has been around for nearly 25 years. They have been making instruments and music available to students in the community who would not ordinarily be able to afford them. They realized early on that access did not necessarily translate into success, so they developed and enrichment program and support. The Rotary grant will support PING!'s mentoring program in the summer.

Pro Bono Network, represented by Heena Musabji. Their mission is to transform lives through access to legal representation. They empower attorneys to give back through the pro bono network. The grant is for the organization's racial equity work. They started a program to help expunge criminal records to help with housing and employment.

Sarah's Inn, represented by Carol Gall. Sarah's



Cathy Hall (left) presents a check to Becky Martin of A House in Austin.



Kara Kalnitz and Sharon Leamy of Cluster Tutoring.



Claire Widseth and Mary Lio of Opportunity Knocks.



Michelle Dybal and Ginger Yarrow of PING!



Heena Musabji of Pro Bono Network.



Carol Gall of Sarah's Inn.



Abby Schmelling and Jack Kennelly of the Senior Citizens' Center of Oak Park-River Forest.



Gary Cuneen of Seven Generations Ahead.



Rick Hibbert (right) presents Bill Howard with the Paul Harris Fellow award.



Linda Sahagian presents Sue Quinn with Rotarian of the Year. Also receiving Rotarian of the Year was Jim Lencioni, who was unable to attend the breakfast.



Ade Onayemi presents Alec Ubogy the award for outstanding service and achievement in promoting the Interact mission at the college level.

Inn is a local domestic violence agency serving the Oak Park and River Forest area for over 40 years. They provide services on the West Side of Chicago and west Cook County suburbs. This grant will help support the organization's child and family counseling and advocacy services.

Senior Citizens' Center OPRF, represented by Abby Schmelling and Jack Kennelly: This grant will help with their craft offerings. It will help them share wonderful classes for se-

niors. With the new partnership with the Park District of Oak Park it allows them to offer more senior programming.

Seven Generations Ahead, represented by Gary Cuneen. They are in their 21st year serving as a liaison and advocate for sustainable communities. The program Rotary is supporting is "It's Our Future" program which equips youth to advocate for their future in climate

change solutions. They also build their advocacy skills.

Lesley Gottlinger filled in for Jim Lencioni to talk about the club' International projects. She talked about one of our service projects — Kids Express. Rotary with a grant of of \$90,000 is providing updated technology. They have also formed Cargo Peace Circles. When it's finished it will be finished. She said it's nice to see Global and International Grants come home. She

said we have given grants to:

- Women's Global Education Project
- COVID Response, Sierra Leone
- Medical Equipment in Bolivia
- COVID Response to a school in Peru
- Shelter Box in Ukraine and Poland
- Doctors Without Borders
- Engineers Without Borders
- World Central Kitchen

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Rick Hibbert presented Bill Howard with the Paul Harris award for his 18 years of service with the Boy Scouts.

Linda Sahagian capped the awards breakfast by announcing this year's Rotarians of the year — Sue Quinn and Jim Lencioni.

Sue Quinn ended the meeting by leading the group in The Four-Way Test.



Well, it was wonderful. I had no expectations but if I did, they would have been more than exceeded. What a wonderful organization to be involved with. You are fabulous. Thank you so much for your persistence in getting me there. You are wonderful!!!! Thank you. [Gail Kalmerton]



OPRF Rotary was blessed to have OPRF & Fenwick Counselors, Registrars, & Administration

join us for our **Annual Awards Breakfast.**

Without these HS folks - OPRF, Fenwick, Trinity, & St. Ignatius, our youth programs at their respective

high schools would not be as successful and our students would not have the experiences they have. Thank you all very much!!

From Pete Nixen, Counselor/College Advisor OPRFHS . . . On behalf of the OPRF counselors who attended the Rotary Awards

Breakfast this morning, many thanks for including us. It was a pleasure to spend time with you and the many deserving recipients of your ongoing Rotary largesse.

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Greater OP-RF-FP Interact Club is extremely proud of VP Martha Petrovych [lower left], a graduating senior from Trinity HS & recipient of one of two Socials Studies Department awards at the 2022 Honors Convocation.

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Help promote the Rotary Club of Oak Park - River Forest at A Day in Our Village from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on **Sunday, June 5, 2022**, in Scoville Park in Oak Park.

Each year on the first Sunday in June the Village sponsors *A Day in Our Village*, a community festival considered one of the premier community events.

A Day in Our Village provides an opportunity for current and prospective residents to discover the diversity and variety of civic, cultural, social service, business, educational and religious organizations, and groups in the Village.

Volunteer for a 1-hour time slot between 11am and 4pm to interact with visitors to our Rotary tent Contact Sue Quinn or sign up on the Events page on our Website.

Cost for game tickets is \$35; patio party pre-game tickets cost is \$50; and parking tickets if purchase ahead are \$25. If purchased on game day will cost \$27. Pre-game Patio Party runs from 5 - 7:00 PM, and game begins at 7:10 PM. Registration is due by July 4th.



ROTARY INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 6450 FAMILY FUN DAY GRAND SLAM GROUP
WHITE SOX VS. CLEVELAND GUARDIANS
 Friday, July 22, 2022 @ 7:10 P.M. Guaranteed Rate Field

ORDER ONLINE AT WWW.ROTARY6450.ORG, REGISTER BY JULY 4TH

Attention All Rotary Clubs in District 6450!
The Chicago White Sox have dedicated Friday, July 22nd as "Family Fun Day at the Ballgame" Over 10,000 Rotary Family Members, Friends and Supporters have attended in past years, so order your tickets early to ensure you receive the best seats available. Now is the time to order our tickets and fill the stadium with Rotary Family Pride!

Register at the D6450 website:

www.Rotary6450.org

where you will find the following:



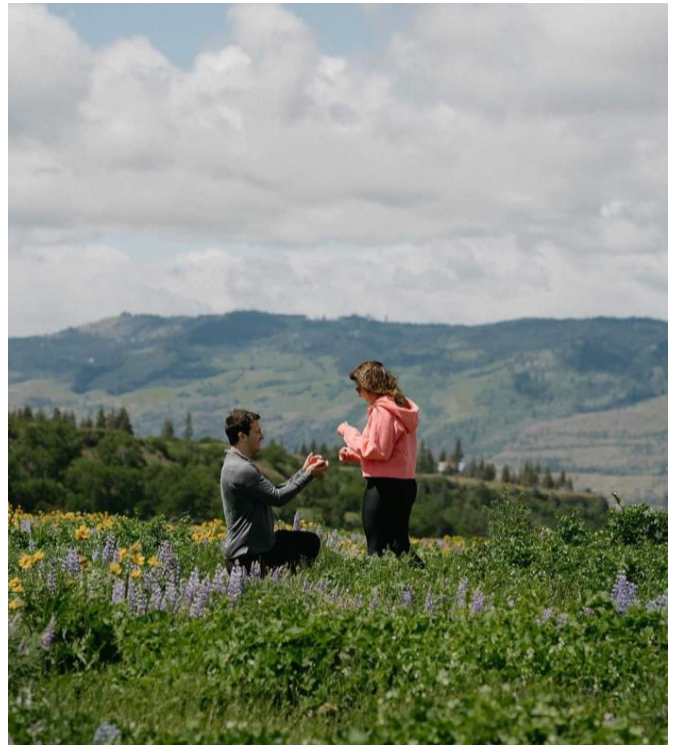
ROTARY INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 6450 FAMILY FUN DAY
 White Sox vs. Cleveland Guardians
 Friday, July 22, 2022
REGISTER HERE

It should be a fun-filled evening. If the District sells enough tickets, our own by-then District Governor Ade Onayemi will throw out the game's first ball.

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Be the reason someone feels welcome, seen, heard, valued, loved, and supported.
 Join us...
 Rotary www.rotary.org



Lesley & Don Gottlinger are absolutely thrilled for nephew Sam Newton who proposed just last week to his now-fiancée Kaycee Niall.

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People are STILL throwing their garbage out car windows. Lots and LOTS of garbage!"



Mark your calendars for **June 18th, from 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM.**

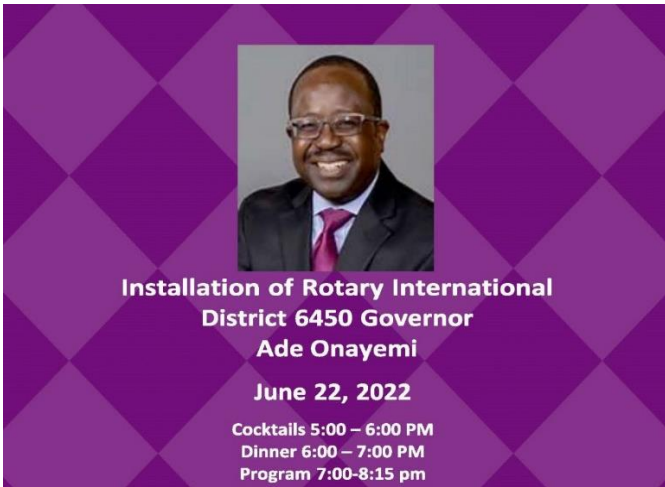
Interact is sponsoring the third Fullerton Woods [River Grove] clean-up of this 2022 season. It's a **GREAT** way to take a walk in the woods. To sign up, let Lesley know. We could really use the help.

Fullerton Woods [River Grove] clean-up sponsored by The Greater OP - RF - FP Interact Club

Water & small snacks will be available.

HUGE THANKS to those folks who helped at Fullerton Woods on this past Sunday: Sue Quinn, Ava Pappalardo, Kayla Davis, Mikayla, Julian, Justin, Kathy & Ade Onayemi, & Lesley & Don Gottlinger.

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"Rotary Club of Oak Park - River Forest," and mail to:

The OPRF Rotary Club
P.O. Box 654
Oak Park IL 60303

All proceeds after expenses will go to D6450 Youth Services & Scholarships.

We look forward to seeing you there!



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The Rotary Club of Oak Park - River Forest

Invites you to join us at the

2022 District 6450 D.G. Installation Dinner

The Changing of the Guard

As the baton is passed, we celebrate both our District and our Club's successes under DG Jane Hopkins and OPRF President Eric Van Ness's leadership and pledge our support to both incoming

DG Ade Onayemi & OPRF President Patty Eggerding

As their year of leadership begins.

Ade's installation will be on June 22nd at the Abbington Distinctive Banquets. The event and dinner will be a grand celebration and kick-off to his year of service. You may show your support and appreciation of Ade by purchasing one of the following sponsorship levels when you complete your registration.

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Rotary 6450 District Governor Installation 2022

- Event Sponsor (sold) - \$1000
- Event Sponsor (available) - \$1000
- Program Sponsor (available) - \$500
- Bar Sponsor (available) - \$500
- Audio/Visual Sponsor (available) - \$500
- Speakers Sponsor (available) - \$500
- Music Sponsor (available) - \$500
- Youth Attendees Sponsor (2 sold) - \$500
- Table Decorations Sponsor (sold)
- Table Favors Sponsor (sold)
- Supporting Sponsors/Friends (available) - \$100

Cost for the Installation Dinner is \$75 per person by Check or Cash, or \$80 per person by Credit Card. Register by going to rotary6450.org or directly at [DG Installation Registration](#) by June 13, 2022. Reserved Tables for 8 will be available for \$600 when registering. Also, as you are registering, please consider inviting a member of your Interact or Rotaract club to the event as your guest. If paying by check, make checks payable to the

