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BULLETIN OF THE ORLAND PARK ROTARY CLUB

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### THE FOUR WAY TEST OF THE THINGS WE THINK, SAY OR DO:

1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOOD WILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

## *The President's Message*

As my year as your President comes to an end I can just tell you that I feel fortunate to have served you for this past year. The officers that follow me through the chairs, I have come to know are committed to the ideals of Rotary in countless ways.

We have taken leadership roles in the district through the years that have put us in the elite of district clubs. We may not always get the accolades but we do a lot to further the cause of Rotary. We have the respect of other clubs. That was evident as we played a major part in the district conference. We have newer people that have taken up the call for leadership in various avenues of service for our club. We have been fortunate to have added six new active members this year. So much of this success is because of the qualities of the people that we have in the club. When people come to our club they feel a warmth and friendship that makes them want to be part of us.

At a time when service clubs as a whole are falling by the wayside or consolidating; we continue as strong as ever because of members and friends such as you. Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to serve as your President.

Bob Straz

## QUOTES

*To become a father is not difficult, but to be a father is.*

Blessed indeed is the man who hears gentle voices call him father!

-Lydia Maria Child

*One father is more than a hundred schoolmasters.*

-English Proverb

The most important thing a father can do for his children is to love their mother.

-Theodore Hesburgh

*My father gave me the greatest gift anyone could give another person, he believed in me.*

-Jim Valvano

If the new American father feels bewildered and even defeated, let him take comfort from the fact that whatever he does in any fathering situation has a fifty percent chance of being right!

-Bill Cosby

*The fundamental defect of fathers is that they want their children to be a credit to them.*

-Bertrand Russell

By the time a man realizes that maybe his father was right, he usually has a son who thinks he's wrong.

-Charles Wadsworth

*My father didn't tell me how to live; he lived, and let me watch him do it.*

-Clarence B. Kelland



**George Harris arranged to have musician Jack Gladstone perform at the District Conference. His music was thoroughly enjoyed by all.**



### **2004 Scholarship Winners**

(photo by Joe McGee)

Winners of the 2004 Orland Park Rotary College Scholarship Program and their families attended the Club's weekly luncheon meeting on June 3, 2004 at Silver Lake Country Club. Six individual \$3,000 scholarships were awarded to Bethany Rapinchuk (Victor J. Andrew High School), Chirag Parikh (Carl Sandburg High School), Sue Chang (Alan B. Shepard High School), Lauren Mietelski (Carl Sandburg High School), Allison Todd (Mother McAuley High School), and Kathleen Coverick (Alonzo A. Stagg High School). All scholarship recipients are required to reside within the Orland Park Rotary Club boundaries. Students are selected on their academic achievements, as well as their level of participation in extracurricular activities.

Club members who participated as judges in the "at large" student selections were John Schaefer, Rich Topps and Mike Casey. In addition, Rotarian Mike Saracini presented the award at Shepard High School, Rotarian Keloryn Putnam presented the awards at both Alonzo Stagg High School and Victor J. Andrew High School, and Rotarian Marty McGraw presented the award at Carl Sandburg High School. The Orland Park Rotary Club is proud of its efforts to annually recognize deserving high school seniors for their exceptional achievement in school and community. The Club is committed to providing an ongoing scholarship program through the diligent fund-raising efforts of its members - some 60 men and women who work or live within the community.

*Many thanks to all of you who participated in our Scholarship Raffle. Please make every effort to collect any outstanding money and return it to John Schaefer as soon as possible.*



**President Elect John Schaefer in Osaka, Japan at the Rotary International Convention.**



**John and Mr. Akiyami, semi-retired president of the Fujiya Hotel. Mr. Akiyami insisted that the photo be taken under an original cartoon drawing done by Robert Ripley, of Believe It or Not fame, when Ripley stayed at the hotel in the early 1930's.**

## **Way to Go!**

Congratulations goes to **Tom Barcelona** for winning a Tower Award for excellence in advertising campaigns. This was awarded to Barcelona & Company in May at the 21st Annual Tower Awards for an ad campaign for The Horton Group still appearing in *Crains' Chicago Business*, *The Milwaukee Business Journal* and other business publications.

### Condolences

*Heartfelt sympathy to Kathleen Marini on the death of her mother, Anne Fellios, on May 16th. Please keep Kathleen and her family in your thoughts and prayers.*

**SOMEONE YOU SHOULD KNOW**  
**Terese Lindholm**

**Name:** Terese Lindholm  
**Birthplace:** Ekenas, Finland  
**Family:** Mom, Dad, younger brother and two younger sisters  
**College Plans:**



Medical school - I plan to be a pediatrician.  
**Hobbies:** Soccer, hanging out with friends, reading  
**Favorite American Memories:** Meeting all the other exchange students, trip to Washington, D.C., going to the Oprah Winfrey show,  
**Hardest Part of Being an on an Exchange:** Being away from your family and friends  
**Overall Experience:** It's great to really be able to experience another culture which you aren't able to if you're traveling by yourself, learning another language. I have had a great experience and will never forget my year here in the states.



Orland Park Rotarians attend the District Conference

**May Birthdays**

- Joe McKeever 13<sup>th</sup>
- Jim Sanderson 17<sup>th</sup>
- Bill Opelka 17<sup>th</sup>
- Max Bianchini 20<sup>th</sup>
- Mike Casey 22<sup>nd</sup>
- Kathy Mahoney 25<sup>th</sup>
- Herbert Huskey 27<sup>th</sup>



**June Birthdays**

- Bob Straz 1<sup>st</sup>
- Bob Pasqualoni 12<sup>th</sup>
- Patrick Zomparelli 18<sup>th</sup>

*Story Behind the Chess Set*

The glass chess set you may have seen on the table at the Rotary meeting of 4/15/04 has a little story behind it. It was donated by Mrs. Gloria Schaefer, mother of John, to the Rotary club of Midtown. Her father taught her to play chess when she was a young girl. She regales the Schaefer family, from time to time, of her father's favorite places in Chicago to play, especially along the lake front, during the early part of the twentieth century. She in turn taught all seven of her children to play and she and John still play often and mostly online through special chess freeware. Not a bad use of computers for someone in their eighties. John told her about the Midtown Rotary Club's chess program where they have 'chess gangs' whose young members are encouraged to play chess rather than be on the street. She remembered how impressed he was when he heard the president of that club, at the district conference, tell him how successful the program has been in more ways than they ever imagined. Well she surprised John recently with the glass chess set she purchased to donate to the Midtown club. The inscriptions on the set read as follows:

*Donated by Mrs. Gloria Schaefer on behalf of the Orland Park Rotary club in honor of her late father John Daly*

**Can't Figure it Out???**

If you can't program your electronics, and you've lost or can't understand the owner's manual we have great news for you. [www.livemanuals.com](http://www.livemanuals.com) provides free online instructions and interactive simulations for a variety of name-brand electronics. Check out this website!

**Rotary Calendar**

| Date | Speaker                            |
|------|------------------------------------|
| 6/17 | Dr. Michael Liston-Blackfeet Medic |
| 6/24 | No Meeting                         |
| 6/25 | Installation Dinner                |
| 7/1  | TBA                                |

**If you have ideas for speakers for upcoming meetings, contact Patrick Zomparelli at 403-6000.**



**Rotary Officer Installation Dinner**

**Friday • June 25**  
**Silver Lake Country Club**  
Cocktails at 6:30 p.m.  
Dinner at 7:00 p.m.  
Program at 8:00 p.m.  
8:30 p.m. Entertainment  
Black Tie Optional  
Pall Harris Fellows are urged to display their medallions.



**Dad's Favorite Sayings!**

- Go ask your mother!
- Just wait until I get you home!
- I love you, son!
- I love you, princess!
- When I was your age....
- My father used to tell me...
- I used to walk to school 3 miles in the snow!
- Be home early.
- That's not a tear, I have something in my eye.



District 6450 Exchange Students at lunch hosted by the Chicago Rotary Club.

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**\*\*We need your help! If you have any news or information you would like to see in your Rotary newsletter, please contact Kathy Mahoney at 708-671-2575 or Keloryn Putnam at 708-349-2972\*\***

## MY FATHER...

When I was:

Four years old: My daddy can do anything.

Five years old: My daddy knows a whole lot.

Six years old: My dad is smarter than your dad.

Eight years old: My dad doesn't know exactly everything.

Ten years old: In the olden days, when my dad grew up, things were sure different.

Twelve years old: Oh, well, naturally, Dad doesn't know anything about that. He is too old to remember his childhood.

Fourteen years old: Don't pay any attention to my dad. He is so old-fashioned.

Twenty-one years old: Him? My Lord, he's hopelessly out of date.

Twenty-five years old: Dad knows about it, but then he should, because he has been around so long.

Thirty years old: Maybe we should ask Dad what he thinks. After all, he's had a lot of experience.

Thirty-five years old: I'm not doing a single thing until I talk to Dad.

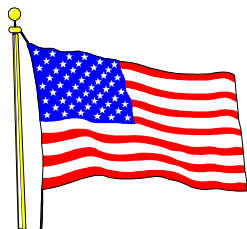
Forty years old: I wonder how Dad would have handled it. He was so wise.

Fifty years old: I'd give anything if Dad were here now so I could talk this over with him. Too bad I didn't appreciate how smart he was. I could have learned a lot from him.

~Author Unknown~

happy  
father's  
day 

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Carol Bateman.....1973-74  
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Richard B. Coghill.....1975-76  
Ira J. Hornbeck.....1976-77  
Edward Peterson.....1977-78  
William P. Cote.....1978-79  
Thomas J. Barcelona .....1979-80  
Paul Schrieber.....1980-81  
Howard J. Waraday.....1981-82  
Edward W. Mulcahy.....1982-83  
Bill Kacerovskis.....1983-84  
Rich Wahlberg.....1984-85  
Jim Dory.....1985-86  
James Bateman.....1986-87  
James Sanderson.....1987-88

Ralph Caron.....1988-89  
Robert Hyland.....1989-90  
Robert Pasqualoni.....1990-91  
Martin T. McGraw.....1991-92  
Massimo 'Max' Bianchini.....1992-93  
Dennis J. DeLance.....1993-94  
John Arena.....1994-95  
Gerald Stoiber.....1995-96  
Anne Kacerovskis.....1996-97  
Neal Anderson.....1997-98  
Gregory Paetow.....1998-99  
David Corradino.....1999-2000  
Lou Mule'.....2000-01  
Chris Gary.....2001-02  
Dan Matis.....2002-03