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THE ORLAND PARK RIVER

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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

Slowly the days are growing longer, but the temperature isn't going up. This is the time of year for "cabin-fever." Hopefully, you will find a 'can't miss' cure for the "fever" in Orland Park.

Russ is working hard to find interesting programs for our meetings. The Progressive Dinner on April 5th will provide excellent fellowship and fine dining. Our Rotary information night on March 19th will give us an opportunity to share Rotary with friends and prospective members. This is an important meeting so please plan on being there with someone who should know about Rotary.

The crowning event of late winter will be a program on Youth Exchange. This effort is still a 'work progress' as we hope to partner more closely with Sandburg High School. Our goal is to inform students about Out-bound possibilities and to build a base of host families for our Inbound students. We need to expand the contact between our youth and the youth of the world to alleviate mistrust and misunderstanding.

We appreciate your involvement in our club and its activities. Your participation is vital to our success as a club and a sure cure for cabin fever.

Thanks for your support,
Dan Matis



QUOTES

It's not how much we give but how much love we put into giving.

-Mother Theresa

The way to love anything is to realize that it might be lost.

-Unknown

"No Three words have greater power than 'I Love You.' "

-Unknown

"Love is composed of a single soul inhabiting two bodies."

-Aristotle

"Where there is love there is life."

-Mahatma Gandhi

"To love is to receive a glimpse of heaven."

-Karen Sunde

"Whenever you are confronted with an opponent. Conquer him with love."

-Gandhi

"You can't force anyone to love you or lend you money."

Jewish Proverb

"When we are in love we seem to ourselves quite different from what we were before."

-Blaise Pascal

"To love oneself is the beginning of a lifelong romance."

-Oscar Wilde

"A successful marriage requires falling in love many times, always with the same person."

-Mignon McLaughlin



Progressive Dinner

Saturday, April 5, 2003 will be the Rotary Progressive Dinner. We are looking for homes to host the dinner. The meal will be catered so you will not be expected to cook. You only need to provide seating and place settings for 8 people. If your home can be included, please contact

Ken Reilly at
(708)349-9307.



Congratulations

...and Best Wishes

Kathy Mahoney was recently promoted to the position of Senior Vice President with Founders Bank. Kathy has twenty-eight years of experience in banking, the last four at Founders. She will continue to be responsible for the overall management of the Bank's Tinley Park and Homer Glen locations.

We wish Kathy continued success in her new position.

Congratulations Chris Gary!

Chris recently took a position with Darwin Realty and Development in Elmhurst. He will be an Industrial Real Estate Broker in the Chicago market.

Chris will also continue to oversee JACK Development and Double Eagle Golf Center.

Chris can be reached at the following numbers: direct line 630-993-3873 or cell phone 708-712-9200.

We wish Chris continued success in this new endeavor.

Save the Date

Wednesday, March 19

NEW MEMBER NIGHT

Make a commitment to bring at least two new people to the New Member Night. Start thinking now of those who are just waiting to be asked to share in Rotary.

February Birthdays

Kenneth Reilly	3 rd
Thomas Roland	15 th
Harold Gurgone	19 th
Martin McGraw	26 th
Mike Saracini	29 th



ROTARY CALENDAR

Date	Speaker
2/6	Maureen Niswonger
2/13	Donald Lyznicki • Alive & Balanced
2/20	Club Assembly
2/27	Tentative Jennifer Krug-K5 Construction

SOMEONE YOU SHOULD KNOW

Mike Saracini

Name: Michael J. Saracini
Birthplace: Chicago, Illinois
Childhood: Chicago - West Beverly
High School: Mt. Carmel High School
College: St. Thomas University, St. Paul, MN & Loyola University, Chicago
Present Home: Palos Heights
Employer: Accurate Industrial Supply, 47 years
Position: President,
What does your job involve: Jack of all trades and master of none
Hobbies: Vacations
How many years involved in Rotary? 2 years
Why did you join Rotary? I have several friends in other Rotaries who encouraged me to become involved in community work via Rotary. Dan Matis, was also an influence. I also love the lunches.
Favorite Rotary Memory: Orland Christmas party, 2001, when my grandson Jeffrey saw Santa and ran up and hugged his legs.
Most memorable life event: My marriage and raising our seven children, especially now, watching them in the work world and seeing them with their children.
Involvement with other Service/Civic Organizations: Evergreen Park Aqua Board (25 years) Mt. Carmel H.S. Lay Council (18 years) Evergreen Park Girls' Baseball League, St. Bernadette School Parent Athletic Association and Band Boosters.



Happy Valentine's Day!

You're Invited !

Image Pact Printing invites all Rotarians to our Open House to see our New Plant

Force Enterprise

Friday • February 21 •

Beginning at 4:00 pm

18650 Graphic Court •

Tinley Park

RSVP to Joni by 2/12/03 •

708-614-1200

or jonip@forceent.com



IF I HAD MY LIFE TO LIVE OVER

By Erma Bombeck

I would have talked less and listened more.
I would have invited friends over to dinner even if the carpet was stained and the sofa faded.
I would have eaten the popcorn in the "GOOD" living room and worried much less about the dirt when someone wanted to light a fire in the fireplace.
I would have taken the time to listen to my grandfather ramble about his youth.
I would have never have insisted the car windows be rolled up on a summer day because my hair had just been teased and sprayed.
I would have burned the pink candle sculpted like a rose before it melted in storage.
I would have sat on the lawn with my children and not worried about grass stains.
I would have cried and laughed less while watching television and more while watching life.
I would have gone to bed when I was sick instead of pretending the earth would go into a holding pattern if I wasn't there for the day.
I would never have bought anything just because it was practical, wouldn't show soil or was guaranteed to last a lifetime.
Instead of wishing away nine months of pregnancy, I'd have cherished every moment realizing that the wonderment growing inside me was the only chance in life to assist God in a miracle.
When my kids kissed me impetuously, I would never have said "Later. Now go get washed up for dinner." There would have been more "I love you's" and more "I'm sorry's." But mostly, given another shot at life, I would seize every minute...look at it and really see it...live it... and never give it back.



Rotary International President

Bhichai Rattakul

will be the guest speaker at

The Joliet Rotary Club

Tuesday • April 1, 2003 • Noon

The meeting will be held at the

Joliet Renaissance Center

214 North Ottawa Street

Joliet, IL 60432

The cost is \$12.00. Reservations must be received by March 15, 2003.

Let Dan Matis know if you are interested in attending.

****If you have any news or information you would like to see in our newsletter, please contact Kathy Mahoney at 708-671-2575 or Keloryn Putnam at 708-349-2972****

Operation Condor

Dr. George Harris reports that security concerns have prevented the usual Rotary Operation Condor medical mission to Peru. Working with a Rotary contact, Dr. Hector Alvarez, Dr. Harris devised a creative alternative. Drawing on experience from previous missions, the two identified the need for pediatric medical equipment. Dr. Harris located two "pulse oximeters" in Michigan. The devices are used by pediatricians to monitor oxygen levels in infants breathing enriched oxygen because of premature lung problems. Without the device, there is a high risk of blindness. Dr. Harris has purchased two recondition pulse oximeters for \$450 each. They will be transported to Peru by associates who will be returning to Peru in March.

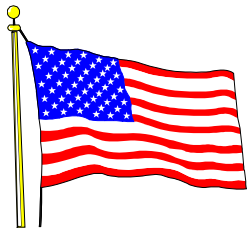


Lend a Hand

The board of the Orland Park Rotary has agreed to support this effort and will cover the cost of one machine. The Dan Matis family has agreed to give additional support and it appears that the effort is fully funded.

Dr. Harris says he and Dr. Alvarez have developed a unique e-mail communication. Dr. Alvarez can read well enough in English to understand but cannot write well enough reply. Dr. Harris similarly, can read Spanish well enough to understand but replies in English. The successful outcome, arranged in two languages, is yet another example of international Rotary good will.

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