



MERRY CHRISTMAS!
HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Dec 22, 2021

Chicago's Pizza, Wednesdays

PRESIDENT — BRIAN CULP
PAST PRESIDENT — SELINA LEWIS
PRESIDENT ELECT — ROYCE CARTER
VICE PRESIDENT — DANIEL KINNAMON
SECRETARY — JOHN BAER
TREASURER — JOE BENNETT
SERGEANT-AT-ARMS — JAN BAER
BOARD MEMBERS:
DIANE BURKS BRAD DUBOIS MAX HANK
RYAN RASH

ROTARY CLUB OF PLAINFIELD

www.plainfieldrotary.org

Program Update - Dec 15, 2021

Jan Baer, Sergeant at Arms Rotary Club of Plainfield



Last week, fellow Rotarian Jan Baer shared some interesting and valuable information with her members regarding women in Rotary. In 1978, the Rotary Club of Duarte, California invited three women to become members. The RI Board withdrew the charter of that club for violation of the Rotary constitution. The club brought suit against Rotary International claiming a violation of a state civil rights law that prevents

discrimination of any form in business establishments or public accommodations. This went all the way to the United States Supreme Court and the court ruled that Rotary clubs do have a "business purpose" and are in some ways public-type organizations.

This allowed women to become Rotarians in any jurisdiction having similar "public accommodation" statutes. The RI constitution was changed in 1989, with a vote to eliminate the "male only" provision for all of Rotary. Since that time, women have become members and leaders of clubs and districts through the world.

Throughout the course of nearly seven decades of Rotary's history the idea of women members has been debated. The first constitution of the Chicago Rotary Club #1, adopted in January 1906, makes no reference to gender, referring only to "persons".

Interesting, in 1911 an all-women club existed in Minneapolis and between 1911 and 1917 an all-women Rotary club existed in Duluth, Minnesota alongside the men's club. The Rotary Convention in Duluth in 1912 discussed the admission of women and rejected the idea. The 1921 Rotary Convention in Edinburgh, Scotland produced the Standard Club Constitution in which Article 2, Section III stated "A Rotary Club shall be comprised of men..."

Since the 1989 Rotary Convention when membership was opened to women, the Rotary Club of Plainfield has had many active women members. In 1993-94 Marjorie Albohn was the first female president of our club and was followed the next year in 1994-95 by Melaney Lybarger. In 2010-11 Julia Perkins was president; in 2013-14 Michele Marsh was president; in 2015-16 Diane Burks was president; and in 2020-21 Selina Lewis was president. All good leaders! We currently have 6 female Active Members out of a total 21 Active Members. Thank you Jan for sharing this interesting history about Rotary International and about our own club!

Charlie's \$2 Worth

On Christmas...

"Christmas is a season for kindling the fire for hospitality in the hall, the genial flame of charity in the heart." - Washington Irving

"I will honor Christmas in my heart, and try to keep it all the year." - Charles Dickens

"The Christmas spirit is a spirit of giving and forgiving." - James Cash Penney

"A good conscience is a continual Christmas." - Benjamin Franklin

"Christmas is built upon a beautiful and intentional paradox; that the birth of the homeless should be celebrated in every home." - G.K. Chesterton

Upcoming Speakers/Events

- Dec 22 - Royce Carter, Tom & Yvette Kinman—AVNI of Haiti
- Jan 5 - Brad DuBois (meeting at the Idea Lab at Plainfield Middle School)
- Jan 12 - Board Meeting/Classifications/Jack Kreman re: Rotary District finances
- Jan 19 - Max Hank
- Jan 26 - Daniel Kinnamon
- Feb 2 - Andrew Klinger
- Feb 9 - Board Meeting/Classifications/Rotary update

Upcoming Classifications

- Dec 8 - Rocky Turner & Scott Olinger
- Jan 12 - Daniel Kinnamon & Selina Lewis
- Feb 8 - John Baer & Jan Baer
- Mar 8 - Candace Balzano & Max Hank
- Apr 13 - Diane Burks & Joanna Sproull
- May 11 - Sherry Sichting & Dave Williams

2021 Rotary Christmas Social



On December 20, Ryan & Jennifer Rash hosted club members and significant others at their beautiful home for some very enjoyable Christmas cheer. A great time was had by all, and we thank Ryan & Jennifer for being wonderful hosts, and for the \$2 bills and Charles Chips! *We miss you Charlie Jones!*



UPCOMING SPEAKER ASSIGNMENTS

Please carefully examine the schedule below and let Max Hank know who you have obtained as a speaker for your date.

Jul 7 Diane Burks	Dec 15 Jan Baer
Jul 21 Brad DuBois	Dec 22 Royce Carter
Jul 28 Max Hank	Jan 5 Brad DuBois
Aug 4 Andrew Klinger	Jan 19 Max Hank
Aug 18 Selina Lewis	Jan 26 Dan Kinnamon
Aug 25 Royce Carter	Feb 2 Andrew Klinger
Sep 1 Dan Kinnamon	Feb 16 Selina Lewis
Sep 15 Scott Olinger	Feb 23 Scott Olinger
Sep 22 Ryan Rash	Mar 2 Ryan Rash
Sep 29 John Baer	Mar 16 Sherry Sighting
Oct 6 Joanna Sproull	Mar 23 Joanna Sproull
Oct 20 Rocky Turner	Mar 30 Rocky Turner
Oct 27 Candace Balzano	Apr 6 Dave Williams
Nov 3 Dave Williams	Apr 20 John Baer
Nov 17 Joe Bennett	Apr 27 Joe Bennett
Dec 1 Diane Burks	May 4 Diane Burks

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

DECEMBER

Liza Payton - Dec 2
Cory Stewart - Dec 13

Little Free Library Maintenance Schedule

Dec 22-28 Joe Bennett
Dec 29-Jan 4 Joe Bennett
Jan 5-11 John & Jan Baer
Jan 12-18 Daniel Kinnamon
Jan 19-25 Max Hank
Jan 26-Feb 1 Royce Carter
Feb 2-8 John & Jan Baer
Feb 9-15 Brad DuBois
Feb 16-22 Beth Shepperd
Please check supply, refill as needed.
Report any damage to Joe Bennett.
Books are available at the Library.

SPEED BUMP



Committees and Chairs

Bulletin: Max Hank
Finance: Joe Bennett
Foundation: John Baer
Fundraising : Selina Lewis
Golf Outing: John Baer, Brad Dubois
Crew Car Wash: Sherry Sighting
Membership: Daniel Kinnamon
Orientation: John Baer & Diane Burks
Programs: Ryan Rash & Max Hank
PR & Website: John Baer
Quaker Day Parade & Picnic: TBD
Service Committees: Royce Carter
Literacy/LFL: Joe Bennett
Teacher of the Year: Max Hank
Youth: Diane Burks
Interact and RYLA: Diane Burks
Scholarships: Max Hank
Straight-A Salute: Sherry Sighting
The Imagination & Idea Labs: Diane Burks

4-Way Test

OF THE THINGS WE THINK, SAY AND DO

- 1. IS IT THE TRUTH?**
- 2. IS IT FAIR TO ALL CONCERNED?**
- 3. WILL IT BUILD GOODWILL AND BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?**
- 4. WILL IT BE BENEFICIAL TO ALL CONCERNED?**
- (5. IS IT FUN?)**