

# THE ROTARY RAZZ

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## CALENDAR

### April 7, 2010

**Program:** "Boy Scouts of America," Curt Cruver.

### April 8, 2010

**Event:** First Thursday, Cocina Lobos.

### April 12, 2010

**Event:** "Breakfast with the president," 8 a.m. at Holley Court, 13th floor

### April 14, 2010

**Program:** "Group Study Exchange," Marie Olmos.

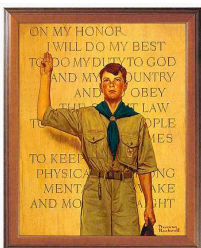
### April 19, 2010

**Event:** "Breakfast with the president," 8 a.m. at Holley Court, 13th floor

## March 31 Meeting Notes

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by **Fred Boos**. The Four-Way test was led by **Sophia Anastos**. **Dr. Jerry Lordan** gave the invocation. ... President **Clarmarie Keenan** reminded club members that "we're coming into the final quarter of the club year so you still have three months to make your every year, every Rotarian contribution to the foundation. **Lesley Gottlinger** will be happy to take your donation." Lesley said the club is at 69.85 percent of its goal.

## Calling all Scouters ...



Curt Cruver, who will be presenting a program on the Boy Scouts of America at the the April 7 meeting is asking that anyone currently involved with Scouting or former Scouters wear their uniforms to the meeting.

## HAPPY BUCKS

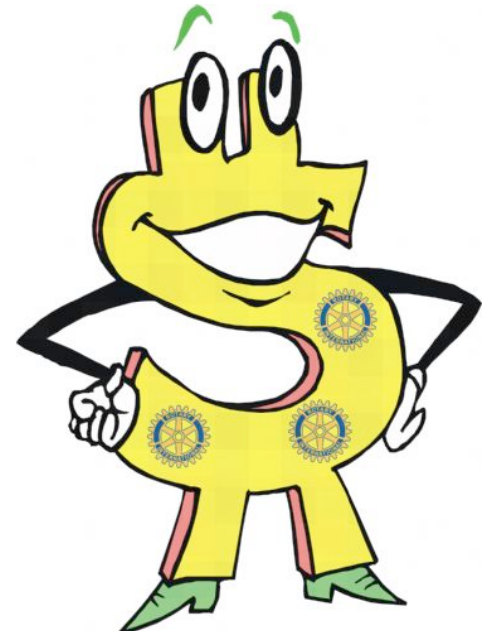
Our esteemed Sheriff Bill Planek opened the meeting for members to offer up their Happy Bucks — things for which they were happy:

➔ Scott McAdam of McAdam Landscaping, who was trying to collect from a client for 2 1/2 years. His company received a check last week for \$47000.

➔ Pat Porter for the news that her son is getting engaged "to a wonderful young lady."

➔ Lesley Gottlinger because her mother has finally said 'yes' on a move to Chicago (from Florida). "My hope is that she will be moving here to Holley Court."

➔ Sophia Lloyd, because her daughter Sarah, a high school senior, has been accepted to numerous top college, including Franklin Marshall, Marquette, Tulane, Georgetown, Boston College and Boston University.





The club welcomed two new members at the March 31 meeting. In the photo are (from left) Bill Planek, Dr. Jaime Escobar, sponsor of new member Dr. Raul Saavedra, President Clarmarie Keenan, new member Al Licup and his sponsor Jerry Sjostrom.

## Club welcomes two new members

The club welcomed new members Dr. Raul Saavedra and Dr. Al Licup at the March 31 meeting. Dr. Saavedra was sponsored by Dr. Jaime Escobar, while Dr. Licup was sponsored by Jerry Sjostrom.

Dr. Escobar said he met Dr. Saavedra in 1960 when they were both medical students in Bolivia.

“We became very good friends, not only because we were very good students, but because, he likes to sing and play the guitar and I play the drums. He has a very good voice.

He said Dr. Saavedra graduated from medical school in 1963. They interned together from 1966-67 in Peru. Dr. Saavedra took his residency in internal medicine from 1967-70 at Hines VA Hospital and also in pulmonary medicine from 1970-72 at Hines Hospital. He became a member of the staff at Norwegian American since 1990 to the present. St. Mary of Nazareth, which is now St. Mary St. Elizabeth, from 1973 to the present and Oak Park Hospital from 1980 to the present. He has been director of respiratory therapy at St. Mary’s since 1973 as well as director of residency of respiratory therapy at Norwegian.

“I am very proud and happy to sponsor my very good friend and welcome Raul Saavedra.

Jerry Sjostrom introduced Al Licup.

Dr. Al Licup has been a guest here several times and I introduced him then., Once again I am delighted

to introduce Dr. Al Licup. I’ve known Al since he and my son Andy were students at Fenwick High School. Both of them graduated from Fenwick. Both applied for Naval ROTC — Al was at Northwestern and my son was at U of I.

After graduation, Al went on active duty. He served a couple of deployments, one at Desert Storm. Licup went to the Illinois College of Optometry and stayed in the Navy. A year ago he finished up his term with the U. S. Navy and has opened Compass Eye Care on Madison and East in Oak Park.

“It’s been a real pleasure to see these young men develop into just delightful and responsible people. Al is just a real great guy. The other exciting thing is he is just back from the Philippines, they just adopted a little boy, Mark.

One other member, who was approved by the board, is Catherine Deam, who is a Realtor. She will be installed at a future meeting. She is sponsored by Jack Barclay.

### PET OF THE WEEK

**When Beau's previous owners decided to start a family, they soon found out he wasn't comfortable around small children. He had lived with his old family for 6 years, and now he's patiently waiting at our shelter for someone**



**who wants to spend some quality time with a little poodle with teddy bear button eyes. We've noticed Beau is shy around new people. So he's looking for a quieter home with no children. Beau has lived with other dogs, so might enjoy the company of a canine brother or sister. He doesn't appear to be housebroken, so his new owners will have to be patient and willing to accept a few accidents. We are hopeful that Ophelia's unannounced stay at Animal Care League will be a short one as she will make any caregiver a delightful companion. Children over 6. See [www.animalcareleague.org](http://www.animalcareleague.org) for more details on Ophelia and other shelter pets.**



Oak Park Village Clerk Teresa Powell talked about the census at the March 31 meeting.

## Make sure you count, return census forms

Oak Park Village Clerk Teresa Powell gave club members insight into the 2010 Census.

“We are actually able this year for the first time to do real time tracking of our response rate, Any of you interested can go to [www.2010census.gov](http://www.2010census.gov) and look for a participation rate and you can drill down through the U.S. to your census track.

“The census goes all the way back to 1790. It’s part of the original U.S. Constitution. They sent people out on horseback and found 3 million people in the original 13 original states. Today we are using much more advanced methods to keep track of all this.

“Because of the current state of the economy we’ve had a tremendous turnout for people who want to be census workers, people who worked to help organize the whole project and those who will be

enumerators.

“Some people asked me why did we send a letter before the census and a postcard afterwards. The reason for this was that for people who forget to do their census form or fail to turn it in, it costs about \$50 per person — somewhere between \$1½ (billion) and \$2 billion to try to get those people to respond. So those people who get reminded by a letter and a postcard are much less expensive to remind.

“This year, too, we have something called the complete count committee. As village clerk I was the head of the committee, bringing together the business community, religious groups, educational groups, elected officials, community organizations across the Oak Park region and beyond to encourage everyone to turn in a census form.

“And I heard that Elgin was doing the World’s Largest Census Form and that was their contribution to being recognized. So I said we have to do something like this in Oak Park. What can we do? And walking home from work one day, I thought we have the arts community just down the block from where I live, let’s see if we can form an arts subcommittee, too.

“So when I called everyone together last fall, I invited my friends who were artists in theater and music and graphic arts to be there as well. And I invited Camille Wilson White, who heads the Oak Park Area Arts Council. And I said to them I cannot think of any piece of art in the world that I am aware of that has to do with the census. What can you do to put us on the map? And they took the challenge, they talked at that first meeting about a multimedia project that would celebrate the artists of Oak Park and the diversity of arts and the people and visual artists created pieces of art. Others were performing artists, singers, ukulele players, dancers, so forth.

“And Joe Kreml, who does the weekly board meetings for TV 6 was volunteered by me to help with the creation of the video about this.

“We premiered it at our rally of March 9. It’s on Youtube. We have it as a link on our village Web site: [http://www.oak-park.us/News/Special%20news%20report\\_census.htm](http://www.oak-park.us/News/Special%20news%20report_census.htm)

## Hosting opportunity

Rotarian Jan Pate has an opportunity for any interested Rotarian. The Emerging Young Professionals Program is bringing a group of participants from Kosovo. Part of the program is to have the Kosovar participants stay in American homes.

The dates of the program here in Chicago will be May 16 to June 7. Participants range in age from 22-34 years old.

The basic obligations of a host include the following:

- Rooming for Kosovar participant(s) - Hosting 2 would be best.
- Ability to provide breakfast in the mornings and dinner in the evenings (expected to be a couple times each week) when there is no programming that night
- Proximity to public transportation
- Pre-program event for hosts (before Kosovars arrive) - to meet other hosts as well as learn more about Kosovo and the program.
- Hosts will be invited to attend a number of events sponsored by the program – including both cultural and business-minded events.
- The group is creating a program itinerary which will keep the obligation for host families very manageable as there will be many excursions, events, coursework, etc. (including a few days down in Springfield).
- Location: We hope to have all participants staying with hosts who live in the metropolitan area of Chicago and close to public transportation.

If you are interested, contact Jan Pate.

## Literacy Committee dictionary program

This year the club's Literacy Committee distributed 1,500 dictionaries to local public and private schools in Oak Park, River Forest and Forest Park as well as several public schools in the Chicago Public School system.



Robert Emmet Elementary, Mr. Love's class.



Robert Emmet Elementary, Ms. Moore's class.



St. Bernardine School, Ms. Berglind's class.



St. Catherine-St. Lucy, Ms. Bryant's class.



St. Giles, Ms. Rivera's class.



Grace Lutheran School, Mr. Glock's class.



St. Vincent, Ms. Szczesny's class.



Ascension School, Ms. Bracco's class.



St. Edmund's School.



Ascension School, Ms. Fogarty's class.