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Program, December 6: Merit School of Music

The Merit School of Music, a community music school nationally renowned for the caliber of instruction and level of financial support it provides to more than 6,000 students annually. Duffie joined Merit's faculty in 1982, was appointed Associate Director in 1986, became Executive Director in 1993, and was named President of the School in 2007. Under her leadership, Merit completed a $19.6 million capital campaign, increased its endowment to $11 million, and moved into a state-of-the-art facility with a concert hall, music library, recording studio and fifty classrooms. Merit now provides more than $2 million annually to ensure that motivated students can participate regardless of financial need. She earned a Bachelor of Music from Lawrence University and a Master of Music from the University of Wisconsin at Madison. She received a Doctor of Music Education Honoris Causa, from VanderCook College in 2007. The school was founded in 1979 on the desire to provide life-changing experiences for children through music. This year, the School will reach nearly 6,000 young people at dozens of locations throughout Chicagoland. Merit is committed to helping children realize their full musical potential, while helping them to excel academically and grow personally.

Merit is devoted to giving children throughout the Chicago metropolitan area the opportunity to grow through music, especially children living in economically disadvantaged communities. Merit offers a full range of music programming for children, ages newborn to 18 years, including early childhood classes, beginning, intermediate and advanced instrumental and vocal group instruction, private lessons, theory classes, ensembles and musical theatre. Merit's classes are offered at dozens of sites throughout Chicago and Northwest Indiana, including Chicago Public Schools, private and parochial schools, community centers and homeless shelters, as well as at Merit's own 40,000 square foot state-of-the-art facility in Chicago's West Loop, the Joy Faith Knapp Music Center.

December 13—Rotary Holiday Party

The Board of Directors cordially invite you and your spouse or friend to the 106th Annual Holiday Party.
Join us for an enjoyable evening of good food, friends & family, and holiday songs and fun.

December 13, 2011
5:30 PM to 8:00 PM
Union League Club—Heritage Room, Second Floor
5:30—6:30 Reception
6:30 Buffet Stations for Dinner

Advance Reservations Necessary
Please RSVP to rsvp@rotaryone.net $30.00 per person
(Rotary Full Benefit Easy Pay members are pre-paid for Rotarian and Guest)

Cash Bar—Tickets may be purchased and charged to your Rotary account.
Music—Ester Hana

REMINDER: December 20 & 27: NO MEETINGS

Easter Seals Holiday Party—Gilchrist-March Center.

Date: Wednesday, Dec. 7, 2011 Time: 4 pm-6 pm Theme: Everybody cooks rice Volunteers arrive at 3:30

A wonderful annual tradition for the club, volunteer to assist with the Easter Seals Holiday Party. Onsite duties include "Santa", Santa assistants, story tellers, hosts and more. At 6:30pm everyone will be invited to the auditorium area for a dance recital performed by the students. If able to assist please contact:

Cheryl McIntyre Ph: 734.735.6649 Email: cherylmcintyre@gmail.com

A Toast to Sister Club Tokyo West and Chiaki Tanuma

A distinguished member of our International Sister Club Tokyo West, Chiaki Tanuma has been conferred a decoration of the "Yellow Ribbon Medal" by The Japanese Emperor. In his honor, the International Committee of the Rotary Club of Chicago, is pleased to install Mr. Chiaki Tanuma as a Ches Perry Fellow of the ROTARY/One Foundation. ROTARY/One member Mack Harashima will deliver the award while in Tokyo next week.

The Yellow Ribbon Medal is awarded individuals who, through their diligence and perseverance while engaging in their professional activities, became public role models. When presented with the Medal the government remarked on his tremendous contribution of his international activity. Chiaki as been a frequent visitor to the Rotary Club of Chicago over the past twenty years.

President & CEO, Green House Co., Ltd. / Rotary Club of Tokyo West

ROTARY/One Foundation Ches Perry Award

Banner is a copy of the national treasure, "Irises, from a scene of the Tales of Ise," by Ogata Korin from the Nezu Institute of Fine Arts. The design was done by a late member of our club, Yoshiro Taniguchi; and the lettering was done by late member and calligra-

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The Rotary Club of Tokyo West has been a sister club with the Rotary Club of Chicago since October 15, 1982.