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Rotary Club *of* Chicago

Making Business Leaders Community Leaders Since 1905

Program - Dr. Bob Wright, Wright Leadership Institute

Dr. Bob Wright, entrepreneur, executive coach, corporate consultant, and author, co-founded the Wright Business Institute and The Wright Leadership Institute in Chicago to help leaders, entrepreneurs, families, individuals, and organizations realize their fullest potential in all aspects of life. He also co-founded and serves as CEO and faculty of the Wright Institute for the Realization of Human Potential, a graduate school offering master's and doctoral degrees in human development.

Called a top executive coach by Crain's Chicago Business, Bob specializes in helping corporate leaders and entrepreneurs across the country not only to build and grow their businesses, but also to thrive with purpose, mission, and robust, high-performing cultures. Bob's personal and professional training and development methodology has proven successful in sales training, leadership development, and many other life arenas.

Bob applies solid theory in down-to-earth, effective ways that help individuals enhance all areas of life. His books on purpose and high-performance people skills have been translated into multiple languages and have been sold around the world.

The Membership Committee Hosts—Discovery Rotary—March 22 to April 5th.
Introduce Rotary to Friends & Colleagues

March 22 Program: Thomas M. Thorfinnson, Vice President, Rotary International Board of Directors, presents— *Rotary – an amazing experience*

Tom Thorfinnson is a corporate attorney engaged in the private practice of law, and is on the board of directors for the First Minnetonka City Bank. A member of the Rotary Club of Eden Prairie Noon, Minnesota, he has served Rotary as a task force member and a Reach Out to Africa Service Associate Countries Subcommittee member. Tom also was part of the North America Polio Eradication Fundraising Campaign leadership team. He has received the RI Service Above Self Award and The Rotary Foundation Citation for Meritorious Service. He has led 11 volunteer trips to Haiti and Nigeria and is an active supporter of water projects in developing countries. Tom and his wife, Jamie, live in Eden Prairie.

Rotary After Hours—Thursday, March 24—Gaylord Fine Indian Cuisine

6:00 PM—Cash Bar
7:00 PM Family Style Dinner, $25.00 per person, all inclusive
100 East Walton Street Chicago, IL 60611
A wonderful opportunity for building Rotary friendships and introducing Rotary to friends and colleagues.

Job1 Update

Mary Runge and Conor Gee, co-chairs of Job1 are pleased to report that there are 27.2 internships from 22 employers secured so far for this summer. The programs three training sessions begin March 26th. Out of 140 applications 58 students from 23 schools have been accepted into the training program. After the training, students will interview for the internships with prospective employers. Once selected they will work for 8 weeks in the summer.

Your assistance is still needed: 1) locate additional summer jobs; 2) serve as advisor with 2-3 interns throughout the summer; 3) attend one or more of the trainings, especially the final May trainings with the mock interviews; 4) help bring refreshments to the trainings.; 5) serve on the scholarship evaluation committee to select Job1 applicants for a college grant.

Special thanks to employees:

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Annual Campaign

Campaign chair Barry Axler appeals for all club members to donate to this year's campaign.

If you have not made your donation, please consider doing so today.

The goal is for all members to give.

JAPAN EARTHQUAKE RELIEF FUND

Rotary has a long history of supporting disaster relief around the world. A collaborative Rotary project includes Shelter Box, which provides temporary emergency shelter and provisions. The Int'l Committee of Rotary/One has already designated $2000 for Shelter Box. Your additional contribution to support their efforts are most appreciated.
www.shelterboxusa.org

GROUP STUDY EXCHANGE—District 6450 GSE participants were in Japan during the earthquake. They returned home safely this weekend. Rotarians from Tokyo, including our sister Club Tokyo-West were most helpful in caring for the Chicagoland GSE members. More news is available on the RI District 6450 website at www.rotarydistrict6450.org

TOGO Service Project

The International Committee is supporting Rotary One member Jane McDonald, on leave while serving in the Peace Corps and stationed in Togo. Jane has been active in a local Rotary Club and they launched a service project to assist Regional NGO's with their Association Management Skills. The committee has designated $1000 for the project and over $4500 has been donated by friends and Rotarians in the US to date to support this excellent project.

Who? Participants will be 40 Togolese representatives of non-governmental organizations (NGO)/associations working in the Plateaux region (which is the region is which I live as well as the region served by my current Rotary club, the Rotary Club of Atakpamé). Facilitators will include 11 American Peace Corps Volunteers, three Togolese participants who were the "all stars" of a similar workshop held in the Maritime Region of Togo last spring, and two Togolese Rotarians.

What? A two-day workshop with interactive sessions based on adult education principles (i.e., sessions that do not follow the French educational model that is prevalent throughout Togo, which may well be in and of itself a new experience for many participants) conducted in April, followed by a one-day workshop conducted in July to reinforce concepts presented in April.