# Rotary Club of Chicago

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# ROTARY/One Service Above Self

### Roger Keats Cook County President Candidate



Roger A. Keats, businessman and former Illinois State

Senator, was endorsed in January for the Republican nomination by the Chicago Tribune, which called him an experienced candidate "who's ready to run things." Keat's assertions that he is the only candidate for President of the Cook County Board who has actually cleaned up public corruption (citing RTA reforms while working with Mayor Harold Washington, ghost payrollers while working with newsman Dick Kay, and the Cook County Court system while working with allies in the Black and Hispanic Caucuses) as well as the only candidate who has a bipartisan record of working for political change reflect his conviction of readiness.

As a state senator, Keats was a leader of a bipartisan, multi-racial coalition that originated judicial sub-circuits to ensure minority participation as judges in Cook County and to clean up corruption. Senator Earlean Collins, a key supporter of the legislation

and chair of the Black Caucus at the time, named him the "Honorary Co-Chair of the Black Caucus." In 2009, Keats was honored by the Illinois Judicial Council during Black History Month, as well as by Rainbow/Push, Reverends Jesse L. Jackson and Willie T. Barrow, for his role initiating judicial sub- circuits. Keats has worked in the financial services industry since 1995. He served on the Illinois International Port Authority Board, under appointment by Governor Jim Edgar, from 1995 to 2001 and on the board of the Garfield Counseling Center on the West Side, one of the largest drug and alcohol treatment facilities in the State of Illinois, from 1984-1995.

He worked with Congressman Jack Kemp (R-NY) as Senior Research Associate for energy and defense on United States House Congressional staff, after leaving active duty in the U. S. Army from 1972-74. He subsequently served in the U. S. Army Reserves from 1974-2000 retiring as Lieutenant Colonel.

Keats earned a BA from the University of Michigan and an MA from the University of Illinois.

## **Upcoming Luncheon Programs:**

10th Anniversary Of The Founding Of RGHF - 10/12/2010

Andy Shaw, Executive Director, Better Government Association - 10/19/2010

Mark Kirk, Candidate for US Senate - 10/26/2010

Professor Paul Green, Political TV Commentator - 11/2/2010

November 9 - Installation of President Andrea Luehmann with Ray Klinginsmith, President of Rotary International

Judi Schindler, Crisis Management - 11/16/2010

William Foley, CEO, Cook County Health & Hospital System - 11/23/2010

Professor Tony Jones, School of the Art Institute - 11/30/2010

Annual Meeting of the Club - 12/7/2010

Holiday Party - 12/14/2010

December 21 and 28 - No Meeting



### Rotary Youth Exchange—Outbound

The International Services Committee is looking for adventurous youth ages 15 1/2 to 18 1/2 by August 15, 2011 to become Rotary Youth Exchange (RYE) Outbound Students.

As a RYE Outbound, students will live with 1-3 host families 19th: 1:35 PM Board of Directors in another country for approximately a year while attending high school in that country. RYE is an excellent way to learn about other cultures and make life long friends around the world - bringing world peace one step closer. Potential students must be in the upper 50% of their high school class or have a 2.5 (or better) GPA. Members of Rotary families and Class of 2011 graduates within the age requirements are eligible. Please contact the International Committee if interested or for further information. Deadline Friday, Oct. 8

### Rotary Club of Chicago

### **Board Nominating Committee**

The club's bylaws provide that the board appoint a nominating committee which selects the nominees for officers and directors of the club. This year, serving on the nominating committee are Angelo Loumbas, chair and immediate pastpresident, Wes Westerfield, Chuck Middleton, Jana Herdova, and Mike Faris. Positions for which this committee will propose nominees whose appointment shall be effective July 1, 2011 are: President-Nominee (serving as President in fiscal year 2014), Secretary for fiscal year 2012, and four directors, each serving a two year term in fiscal years 2012 and 2013.

If you are interested in serving as an officer or director of the club, or if you would like to propose a member of the club to serve, please contact Angelo Loumbas by phone at 312.622.6031 or email at ajloumbas@aol.com no later than noon on Tuesday, October 26. The nominating committee will begin meeting immediately after that date to begin the selection process.

# **October Committee Meetings**

13th: 10:30 AM Rotary/One Foundation Trustees Annual Meeting

13th: 1:35 PM Community Service Committee



### Rotary Global History Fellowship 10th Anniversary Celebration—Over 50 Rotarians from Around the World Visit Rotary/One

On October 11, 2000, Colorado Rotarian Jack Selway conceived the idea of incorporating the histories of the first 50 Rotary Clubs on the internet. Ten years later, the website contains over 25,000 articles about the Global History of Rotary covering more than 4,000 pages on the internet. There are more than 100 separate projects underway at RGHF. This information is available free of charge to anyone accessing rghf.org.

The 10th Anniversary Celebration of RGHF plans the following activities in Chicago, the home of the first Rotary Club. The celebration will also launch the RGHF Institute whose purpose is to recruit Rotarians who will promulgate Rotary's history so that more people will dedicate their lives to Rotary.

See Flyer for activities to participate in. Tours, dinners and fellowship.

### A Taste For Rotary

October 28, 2010 5:30 - 9:00 pm

\$125 per person or \$1000 for a table for ten

Twenty-seven restaurants are providing food. Open Bar. Silent Auction. Register at www.rotarydistrict6450.org



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