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Rotary Club *of* Chicago

Making Business Leaders Community Leaders Since 1905

Toni Preckwinkle, Cook County President Candidate

Alderman Toni Preckwinkle has been a community leader for over two decades. Currently serving her fifth term as the 4th Ward's Alderman, Toni has established a distinguished track record of progressive and independent leadership.

She revitalized the neighborhoods of her ward by supporting the creation of mixed income and affordable housing, facilitating the rehabilitation of over 1500 units of low and moderate income housing, securing a $35 million grant for redeveloping the Madden-Wells public housing project, and co-sponsoring two Affordable Housing Ordinances that resulted in a 50% increase in city spending for low and moderate-income housing.

She has been an effective legislator. She sponsored the Living Wage and Affordable Housing Ordinances, served as lead plaintiff in a lawsuit to institute a more racially equitable map of Chicago's ward boundaries, sponsored an ordinance limiting the establishment of payday loan stores, co-sponsored the anti-smoking ordinance, and joined her colleagues in a lawsuit to replace punch card ballots with state-of-the-art technology.

Toni has fought for resources to better serve all people of our community. She secured $225 million for neighborhood improvements for streets, alleys, curbs and gutters, including the South Lake Shore Drive reconstruction. She sponsored the annual "Senior Balls", providing social activities for seniors, as well as the annual "Health Fairs", providing immunizations and back-to-school physicals for youth and health care services for the entire family.

Toni's commitment to education that began by teaching history to high school students after earning Bachelors and Masters degrees from The University of Chicago has continued. She has secured millions of dollars for the renovations of schools in her ward, including King High School, Shakespeare School, Ariel Community Academy, North Kenwood-Oakland Charter School and Price Elementary King High School Campus Park.

In addition to being a community leader - recognized with the 1993,1995, 1997, 1999, 2005 and 2008 IVI-IPO Best Alderman Awards and the 1997 and 2009 Leon Despres Award - Toni is also a wife and mother of two children.

Upcoming Luncheon Programs:

Roger Keats, Republican candidate for Cook County President - 10/5/2010
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

Committees—Calling All Volunteers

Please consider signing up for one of the many club committees and task forces. Work with fellow members on planning, project decisions, implementation and more.

Club Committees:

Annual Campaign
Annual Sailing Reception
Club Holiday Party Planning
Club Service
Community Service Project
Dictionary Project
District Governor David Templin Installation
Easter Seals Holiday Party
Fellowship and Networking
Finance
Foundation Audit
Foundation Investments
Foundation Permanent Fund Development
Gyrator—Weekly Newsletter
International Service Project
Job1
Luncheon Greeters
Luncheon Program
Member Retention
Membership Orientation
New Membership Development
Open World Program—Russian Judges
Public Relations
Rotaract Club
Rotary After Hours
Rotary Youth Leadership Awards
Salvation Army Bell Ringing
Scholarships
Sister Clubs
Student Intern Advisors
Vocational Service
Youth Coordinator

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 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

October Committee Meetings

5th: 11:00 AM International Service Committee
13th: 10:30 AM Rotary/One Foundation Trustees Annual Meeting
13th: 1:35 PM Community Service Committee
19th: 1:35 PM Board of Directors

September Birthdays

15th: William J. Bauer, Law: Federal Judge, Joined 8/9/1995

16th: Charles R. Middleton, Education: University Administration, Joined 5/31/2003

17th: Ade Adekoya, Accounting: Law, Joined 2/22/2007

24th: Scott G. Walker, Hotel: Individual Incentives, Joined 8/5/1993

27th: George Hisaeda, Consul General: Japan, Joined 1/25/2007

Loretto Hospital Service Project Volunteers

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