## Rotary Club of Chicago

Making Business Leaders Community Leaders Since 1905

#### Program: Kathryn Lofton, Author



Kathryn Lofton is an Assistant Professor of Religious Studies and American Studies at Yale University. Before arriving at Yale in 2009 after a yearlong fellowship with the Center for the Study of Religion at Princeton University, Kathryn taught at Reed College, Portland, Oregon, and Indiana University, Bloomington.

As a scholar of religion and American culture, Kathryn's research investigates the inseparability of religion and its cultural constructions, as well as the extent to which culture itself is embedded in religious histories. Her first book, Oprah: The Gospel of an Icon, uses the work of Oprah Winfrey to explore the formation of religion in modern America.

She is currently working on her second monograph which examines sexuality within early twentieth century Protestant fundamentalism, drawing upon the historiography of American religion to consider broader questions in the history of religion: How do scholars and students determine the history and meanings of religions within the political and social histories of the United States? How do we understand these histories in the light of concepts of the secular, the modern West, or modernity? What are the relationships between consumer activity and religious identity or between sexual and religious practices?

At Yale, Kathryn teaches courses that seek to answer these questions of history simultaneously with those of social science classification and cultural studies.

#### Calendar and Weekly Luncheon Programs

#### **Luncheon Programs**

January 11: Tom Dart, Cook County Sheriff

January 18: Chris Kennedy

January 25: Poetry Slam with Robert Burns

#### **Committee Meetings**

January 4: New Member Orientation; Job1 Committee

Meeting

January 11: International Committee, Community Service

Committee

January 18: Board of Trustees Meeting; Board of Direc-

tors Meeting

#### **After Hours**

January 18: Evening Reception

# February 23: 106th Rotary Anniversary Celebration with the Legendary Drifters to benefit the End Polio Now Challenge Campaign

Union League Club—Crystal Ballroom \$106 per person or \$156 per couple; includes entertainment, food and wine & beer





- Wear you Rotary lapel pin
- Make up if you miss, visit other Rotary Clubs
- Speak to visitors at luncheons
- Arrive early to participate in fellowship
- Bring a guest to the Rotary meeting
- Join a committee

#### A Rotary New Year Resolution

Ring out the old, ring in the new, Ring, happy bells, across the snow: The year is going, let him go; Ring out the false, ring in the true. Alfred Lord Tennyson

In 2011, resolve to ...

- Thank the speaker
- Propose new members
- Remain quiet after the president opens the meeting
- Contribute to the Rotary foundations
- Read your Rotary magazine
- Read your weekly newsletter

On behalf of the Board of Directors, we wish you and your family a most prosperous new year. I look forward to sharing fellowship, friendship and service with you in 2011 through Rotary.

Andrea Luehmann, President

#### Special Guest Program available for the Union League Club

The ULC has a Winter Guest Program that provides an opportunity to become fully acquainted with the Union League Club. It is designed to help you with the membership decision-making process. For a non-refundable fee of \$300, candidates may enjoy Guest Privileges of the Club from January 1, 2011 to March 31, 2011 as part of the Winter Guest Program. Should the Winter Guest decide to submit a proposal for full Club membership, the \$300 program fee will be applied to-

ward the applicable initiation fee. Participants may use the athletic department at the monthly member rate of \$49 (unlimited use) or the daily rate of \$10. Lockers may be rented for \$12.50 per month based on availability. In addition, Winter Guests may use overnight guest rooms, dine in the food and beverage outlets and attend Club events. Former members of the Union League Club and former Winter Guest may not participate. To learn more about the program contact David Phelps at david.phelps@effectusllc.com or call 312-372-3900.

#### Annual Meeting, December 14, 2010

Please visit the home page for Rotary/One to view the reports presented at the annual meeting.

These include: meeting slide presentation; election of officers and directors for fiscal 2012;Plan 2015;new membership policy; service project report for the year; our foundation report



**CLUB PRIORITIES 2011-2015** 



### **Membership Policy**

#### **New Membership Pricing Program**

The Board of Directors has approved a plan with the following bundled benefit package for active members, effective April 1, 2011. The new package includes a prepayment of dues and meals, as well as a series of additional benefits. All members will be invoiced beginning January 2011 based upon this new pricing program at a rate of \$150 per month. Members have until February 28, 2011 to opt out of the new program and remain on the current ala carte system. Current members who opt out will be grandfathered until December 31, 2012, however, all members must be on the plan no later than January 1, 2013. Members who opt out will continue at the current rate (subject to change) of \$83 per month or \$260 per quarter or \$1000 annually to cover all club, district and international dues and pay \$30 per luncheon and any fees associated with other events and activities otherwise included in the \$150 per month plan. New members joining after January 1, 2011 will automatically be enrolled in the bundled package.

The benefit package includes:

- Prepaid lunches; weekly rsvp is still required
- One networking event per quarter included in monthly fee (does not accumulate)
- One prospective member brought as a guest to a luncheon per quarter at no charge (does not accumulate)
- Annual holiday party included in monthly fee (partner/guest included)
- Rotary Club of Chicago Member Dues
- RI Member Dues and Per Capita Fees
- District 6450 Member Dues and Per Capita Fees
- RI Magazine

The total value for the benefits listed above is \$2840.

The package price is only \$150 per month. Members may sign up for the monthly pay plan utilizing automatic check withdrawal or credit card via automatic monthly payments at \$150 per month. If e-mailed monthly statements are preferred the rate will be \$160 per month.

The plan is being implemented because of Rotary International's attendance requirement and the club's support of that policy. A strong club is an active club with great participation by its members.

Members selecting the new payment plan may submit a makeup from attendance at other Club meetings. Regardless of the cost of the meal at another meeting, the Rotary Club of Chicago offers a \$15 credit for such attendance. It is the member's responsibility to submit the makeup cards to the Rotary office.

The exceptions to this prepayment of dues and meals are for members on leave of absence for extenuating circumstances and approved in advance by the Board of Directors and honorary members. Honorary members' luncheons effective April 1, 2011 is \$30 per luncheon.

Guest and visiting Rotarian luncheon rate effective April 1, 2011 is \$35 per luncheon. Members of the Rotaract Club of Chicago and the Rotary Club of Chicago - Financial District may attend a luncheon at a rate of \$30 per luncheon.



#### **Expectations of Club Members**

The Rotary Club of Chicago – the founding club in the worldwide Rotary movement – is a group of professional men and women committed to local and international service, each other's personal and professional success and setting the standard for ethical leadership.

As such, we expect the following from each other...

**Financial Obligations.** Prompt payment of dues to support the Club's operations. Effective January 1, 2011 dues and meals are \$150 per month utilizing automatic withdrawal from checking or credit cards or \$160 to for monthly statements sent via email. Members are encouraged to bring guests for \$35 per luncheon. Members are permitted to charge weekly luncheons and other Club-related expenses to their member accounts. Members are sent statements monthly and are expected to make prompt payment.

Support of the Rotary/One Foundation, which underwrites the service efforts of the Club. We expect that every member of the Club will a) make contributions to the Rotary/One Foundation commensurate with his or her ability; and b) make the Rotary/One Foundation a top priority for his or her personal philanthropy. Our hope is that each member of the Club each year becomes a Ches Perry Fellow, a designation currently awarded to any person who makes a \$1,000 contribution to the Rotary/One Foundation.

Support of the Rotary Foundation, which underwrites international service efforts coordinated by Rotary International. Again, we expect that every member of the Club will make contributions to the Rotary Foundation commensurate with his or her ability, but of at least \$100 annually. Our hope is that each member of the Club becomes a Paul Harris Fellow, a designation currently awarded to any person who makes a \$1,000 contribution to the Rotary Foundation.

**Participation in Club activities.** We expect each member to attend at least 50% of the Club's weekly luncheon meetings in a six-month period. But in recognition of the other, pressing obligations of the men and women elected to membership in the Club, participation in other activities are considered in lieu of attendance at the weekly luncheons, including attendance at other Rotary club meetings, participation in the Club service activities, attendance at Club committee meetings and participation in Rotary District and Rotary International activities.

**Participation in Club service projects.** As the world's first service club, we expect that each member of the Club not only support the Club's service projects financially through the Rotary/One Foundation, but actively plan and participate in the execution of those service projects. Each member of the Club chooses or is assigned to at least one committee or project task force, which is charged with the planning and coordination of those activities.

**Commitment to each other's success.** As a club originally founded to facilitate business networking, we encourage members to support each other professionally. Through our weekly luncheon meetings, fellowship activities and service projects, we expect that members will develop relationships that will encourage and enable them to advance in their careers.

**Facilitation of Club meetings.** We expect that each member of the Club will facilitate at least one luncheon meeting annually by serving as a greeter of members and guests, invocator or similar role.

**Ethical Behavior.** Ethical behavior in our personal and professional lives. We expect each member to strive to set the standard for ethical behavior in his or her vocation and community.