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November 30—Tony Jones, Chancellor of the School of the Art Institute of Chicago

(SAIC), is master of not only the art but also the science of the world of art. Educated in the arts - BA in Art from Newport College of Art in Newport, Wales; MFA in Sculpture/Painting from Tulane University and postgraduate study as a Fulbright Scholar at Tulane – Jones proceeded from teaching art to overseeing art education. From Senior Lecturer and Deputy Head of Sculpture at Glasgow School of Art in Scotland, he crossed the Atlantic to chair the Department of Art and Art History at Texas Christian University in Fort Worth. Eight years later, he retraced his steps to the Glasgow School of Art to serve as Director. In 1986 Jones returned to the US to serve as President of The School of the Art Institute of Chicago – a role he filled a second time in 1996 after four years as Rector of the Royal College of Art in London. In August 2009, he assumed his current role of Chancellor at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago. Tony Jones holds a CBE (Commander of the British Empire), awarded by Prince Charles at a ceremony in Buckingham Palace in February 2002, and an Austrian Cross of Honor for Science and the Arts,. He has been distinguished by four universities in two countries with honorary doctorates and recognized with a Distinguished Citizen Award from the Illinois St. Andrews Society.

December, ... and More Service Projects—Volunteers Needed

Jean and Paul Harris Home—December 4th—December 4th, this coming Saturday, we will be getting together with the Rotary Club of Chicago Northwest at 10am at the Paul and Jean Harris Home at 10856 S. Longwood Drive, Chicago, IL. We will get together to do some light cleanup and discuss how to save this Rotary icon for posterity. For more information about the December 4th get-to-gether please contact: Walt Stawicki ws@commandaccess.net 312.316.1998

Salvation Army Bell Ringing—December 7th Two locations– Union Station and the Union League Club. To volunteer please email Evan Freund, efreund@chicagogsb.edu

Easter Seals - Gilchrist Marchman Center Holiday Party —December 8th 2:30—5:00 PM. To volunteer please email Evan Freund, efreund@chicagogsb.edu

HOST for the Day Needed—December 12 Our club and John Alberts is serving as the host of Ambassadorial Hironori Iwasaki on Sunday, December 12th at the District Rotary Foundation Scholar Holiday Party hosted by the Western Springs club. The host for the day would provide transportation for his family (3) and attend the party from 1:30 to 3:30. If you are able to serve please contact John Alberts. Group Study Exchange Host Families Needed for May 22-28—Contact Holly (Greniuk) Joshi 312.860.3539 holly-greniuk@gmail.com

Upcoming Events and Luncheon Programs:

Regina Taylor, Actress & Playwright - 12/7/2010

Annual Meeting of the Club & Holiday Party - 12/14/2010, 4:00 Meeting, 5:15-8:00 Annual Holiday Party; No Luncheon

December 21 and December 28 - No Meeting

Member News

Congratulations to Rotary/One board secretary Pedro Cevallos whole company Primera Engineers Ltd. Was named as "Top Employer" by the Chicago Tribune in their special edition "CHICAGO TOP WORKPLACES".

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4th Christmas Party at Easter Seals—December 8. Easter Seals has again asked us to hold the party at their Gilchrist-Marchman daycare center at 1001 W. Roosevelt Road (at Morgan) on Wednesday, December 8th. There are 123 children enrolled, from birth to age 6, some of whom are autistic. Adrienne Hamilton, Director of the center states:

"Our center has seen an increase of children from diverse backgrounds this school year. Would you believe that we have families representing 17 different languages and countries? It is in this regard that we've sought to identify ways in which we all celebrate the holiday of light and giving. We have discussed plans for a Winter Celebration that will include storytellers from diverse cultures, and the universal food we all enjoy…namely the gift of bread. Our goal is to have breads from different cultures prepared and shared a families select a room in to visit to listen to an ethnic story.

"We currently have 123 children enrolled, birth-age 6, and it would be wonderful to have Rotary partner with us to help us not only celebrate our diversity, but also the value of literacy. We would love to have Mr. Klaus be one of our very special guest storytellers for the evening. We also are hoping that each child will be given a book to take home since not all families have good children's books."

Because some parents of children will be storytellers this year, they are asking Rotary to find a few storytellers from Arab, Israeli, or Hispanic lands. We will again serve snacks and will need volunteers to procure non-sugar sweets, and a supply of books, one for each child. And of course we will need Santa's helpers and greeters. We would love and appreciate your participation this year - so please let me know if you can join us in the roll-out of this party.

Where: Autism Gilchrist Marcham Center, 1001 W. Roosevelt Road, Chicago. Phone there is 312-492-7402

When: Wednesday, **December 8th 3:00-5:00**

Chair: Evan Freund

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GROUP STUDY EXCHANGE from JAPAN

Calling all Rotarians!

Discover the fascinating world of Japan.

We're seeking 5 host families for the Group Study Exchange (GSE) program the week of 22-28 May 2011.

Key Responsibilities:

- **22 May** – Pick-up your team member, location TBD (centralized between Bradley-Bourbonnais and Chicago.)
- **23-26 May** – Ensure transportation of the team member to initial daily event and pick-up in the evening to return home with host. Other Rotarians will assist in guiding the team throughout the day.
- **26 May** – Ensure transportation and attendance at the District Farewell Party the eve of 26 May.
- **27 May** – This is a rest day. The individual may spend it with the host family, or utilize it to pack and prepare for travel home.
- **28 May** – Host families will be required to transport their guest to O'Hare Airport.

What's GSE?

GSE is an amazing month long vocational exchange in which a team of 4-5 individuals, between 25-40 y/o, observe and learn about their vocation in another country. Chicagoland Rotarians have participated recently in exchanges with Mexico, Italy, France, and South Korea. For more details – and/or if you're brand new to GSE - you can download the GSE handbook and schedule from the club website.

How else can I get involved?

- Consider being an alternate for hosting.
- Have an insight into a "MUST SEE" Chicago attraction?
- Can you spare a few hours the week of 22-28 May to guide the team through preplanned events?

Sparked your interest? Contact Holly (Greniuk) Joshi 312.860.3539 hollygreniuk@gmail.com