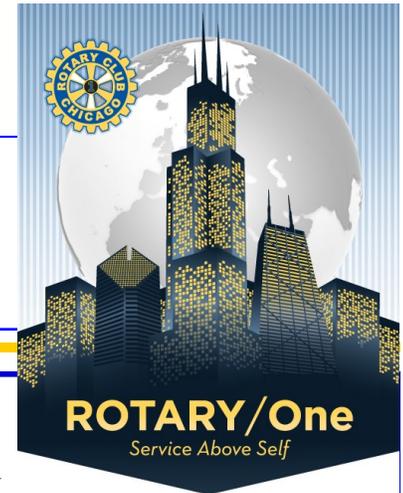


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Program, January 11: Tom Dart, Cook County Sheriff

Tom Dart, Cook County Sheriff, has brought an aggressive yet innovative approach to law enforcement since taking office in 2006, leading Time magazine to designate him one of the 100 Most Influential People In The World in 2009. The magazine pointed to his stands in the midst of the nationwide foreclosure crisis, as well as his efforts to infiltrate the world of online prostitution and human trafficking.



A former state prosecutor and state legislator, Tom has long fought for the rights of others and protecting the most vulnerable of our society. As a Cook County State's Attorney, he helped initiate a public corruption investigation in Ford Heights, specifically focusing on its corrupt police department. In 1991, Dart was appointed to fill a vacant state Senate seat and, in 1992, won a seat in the state House of Representatives, representing a district on the South Side of Chicago. He served as chief sponsor of more than a dozen new child welfare bills and successfully fought for both an audit of the Illinois Department of Children Family Services and the appointment of an inspector general for that agency. Tom wrote the state's groundbreaking Sexually Violent Predators Commitment Act and chaired a House task force on protecting the rights of abused and neglected children. He co-chaired the House prison oversight committee, developing new management and accountability standards for the Department of Corrections, and sponsored Mayor Daley's Safe Neighborhoods bill.

Tom was the first sheriff in the nation to respond to the mortgage foreclosure crisis when, in October 2008, he announced his deputies would no longer conduct evictions until greater safeguards could be put into place to protect tenants. That stand resulted in new rules for banks before deputies carry out an eviction order and led to assigning a staff attorney to investigate potential cases of mortgage fraud, and a social worker to accompany eviction teams to link families with social service agencies. In November, he testified before the U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee, providing details to Senators about how the foreclosure crisis is impacting Cook County neighborhoods, as well as discussing the foreclosure crisis on CNN, MSNBC, Fox News and the BBC.

Tom made worldwide headlines again in March 2009 when he filed a federal lawsuit against the popular website Craigslist, accusing its owners of creating a public nuisance through its "erotic services" section. Calling it "the single largest source of prostitution in America," Dart demanded the website either better monitor those postings or remove the category altogether. Just two months later, amid growing national pressure, Craigslist's administrators relented and made the changes Tom demanded.

Tom, a Chicago native, graduated from Providence College, and earned a law degree from Loyola University of Chicago. He and his wife, Patricia, have five children and live on Chicago's South Side.



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

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Union League Club
Main Dining Room
Reception
Food and Beverage
Entertainment - a Concert with The Drifters**

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\$106 per person; \$156 per couple



Calendar and Weekly Luncheon Programs

Luncheon Programs

January 18: Chris Kennedy
January 25: Poetry Slam with Robert Burns

Committee Meetings

January 11: Community Service Committee
January 18: Board of Trustees Meeting; Board of Directors Meeting, International Committee

After Hours

January 18: Evening Reception