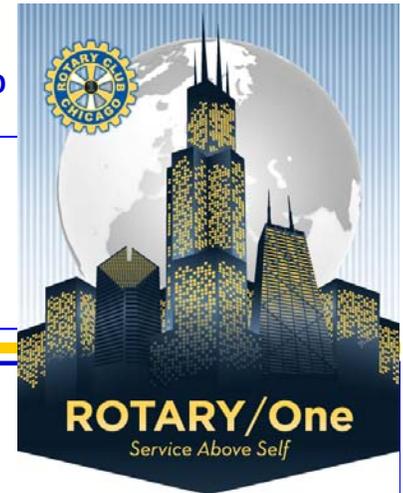


Rotary Club *of* Chicago

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Program: August 17 - Tom Tresser, Green Party Candidate for Cook County Board President



Tom Tresser is the Green Party candidate for Cook County Board President. He has been fighting local corruption and privatization for a number of years, most recently as co-founder of Protect Our Parks, which blocked the privatization of Lincoln Park, and then as a co-leader of No Games Chicago, which successfully fought the 2016 Olympic bid.

Tom Tresser is a consultant, producer, educator and trainer who helps individuals, companies and communities leverage and amplify creative assets in order to solve problems, create economic value and trigger civic engagement. Tom believes that creativity is America's most precious natural resource. It's renewable, unlimited and universally available. And, like a natural resource, creativity needs to be respected, conserved, stewarded and celebrated.

Tom has produced executive education programs for Fortune 500 companies, ideation sessions for advertising companies, and strategic planning sessions using elements of art, entertainment and cuisine. During the Internet boom Tom served as a marketing director and community affairs manager for OurHouse.com, an e-commerce start-up. As a member of the Mayor's Committee on the Digital Divide, Tom created the Community Technology Center Accelerator Program that is being administered by the Information Technology Resource Center.

A former Shakespearean actor and theater producer, Tom has acted in some 40 shows and produced over 100 plays, special events, festivals and community programs. Tom was Managing Director at Pegasus Players in Chicago from 1985 to 1990 and created the Chicago Young Playwrights Festival there, which is now in its 22nd season. Tom created Greater Chicago Citizens for the Arts in 1990 and recruited over 200 volunteers to work on civic efforts, including 65 artists who became Deputy Registrars who registered over 1,200 people to vote. For this work, the Independent Voters of Illinois-Independent Precinct Organization awarded Tom the 1991 Edwin Astrin Award for Special Service. He was Director of Cultural Development at Peoples Housing, in north Rogers Park, where he created a community arts program that blended the arts, education and micro-enterprise. He served as the lead organizer for the Chicago Park District's effort to transform Douglas Park into a community cultural center.

Tom has lectured and around the country on the topic of "The Politics of Creativity" and conducted training sessions for artists on how to run for local office. Tom was elected to the Local School Council for the Abraham Lincoln Elementary School (Lincoln Park, Chicago) in April 2004. He teaches classes on the arts, creativity and civic engagement for DePaul University and Loyola University. He is currently serving as a marketing and strategic planning consultant for Collaboration Theater.

Tom will discuss "The Hidden (and Not So Hidden) Costs of Corruption in Cook County."

Next weeks speaker: Senator Bill Brady, Republican Candidate for Governor

Rotary Luncheon Programs: Election Speaker Series

Senator Bill Brady, Republican Candidate for Governor - 8/24/2010

Alexi Giannoulis, Democrat for US Senate - 8/31/2010

Governor Pat Quinn - 9/7/2010

NBC 5 Carol Marin and Mary Ann Ahern - 9/14/2010

Richard Rodriguez, CEO, Chicago Transit Authority - 9/21/2010

Toni Preckwinkle, Cook County President Candidate - 9/28/2010

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

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

Chris Kennedy - 10/19/2010

October 26 - TBD

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

Calling all Volunteers

Rotary One will be participating in the Loretto Hospital Annual Health Event on August 28th. . The project will provide resources and education on breast health to women 40 and under. The breast health event with Loretto, Rotary/One and Bright Pink is scheduled for 10am-1pm in the Auditorium of Loretto Hospital. Lunch will be provided to the participants. Rotary volunteers are needed to assist in the event. The Club has donated \$5500 with the assistance of a District 6450 grant. Please contact Sarah Sullivan at ssullivan773@gmail.com to receive more information.

Rotary Golfing Fellowship

Calling all golfers. Several members have indicated that they would like to put together an informal gathering of Rotarians and friends over the next few months and do GOLF! So here's the game plan. You can volunteer to set up a date, location and tee time. Everybody pays their own way. Bob Barr is starting us off with a date of Thursday, August 19th at the Hinsdale Golf Club in Clarendon Hills (Western Suburb). Chartered in 1898. Meet at 11:00 AM for lunch, 18 holes and caddy. It'll run a little over \$150 per person and you can settle up at the course with Bob. If you would like to go on the 19th, please email RSVP@rotaryone.net and Say YES to Hinsdale Golf on August 19th. Hope to see you there....bring a prospective member.

Rotary One New Member & Fellowship Event

Thursday, August 26th 6 – 8 p.m.

A Latin Farewell!

Rotary One New Member & Fellowship Event

Rumba 351 W. Hubbard Street
www.rumba351.com



Please join us for a festive evening of fun, fellowship and farewell as we bid goodbye to Rotary/One member Ana Gil Garcia, who will be taking a temporary leave of absence. Ana received an invitation through the Fulbright Program to spend four months in the city of Yerevan, capital of the Republic of Armenia, working with the Ministry of Education of Armenia on the training and development of school teachers and administrators.

This is a perfect opportunity to invite a prospective member and enjoy the fellowship of other Members, as well as mix and mingle with professionals from the United Neighborhood Organization, who initiated this evening. UNO is a group of community leaders that came together in 1984 to build grass-roots leadership within Chicago's Hispanic neighborhoods. Mark Flores, President, has invited Rotary/One members to meet and mingle with members of the UNO and other professional groups.

Please join us at Rumba, 351 W. Hubbard, from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Complimentary sangria will be served from 6-7:30, after which there is a cash bar. Stay for dinner if you like & enjoy a Latin fusion menu. Dancing optional but recommended!

Extend A Rotary Hand to President David

Rotary/One President David Durham is gravely ill and at home. David has been a cancer survivor for the past few years. Currently he is going through extensive treatment. Notes and cards can be sent to his residence at:



David L. Durham
6509 N. Saint Louis Avenue
Lincolnwood, IL 60712

David, doing his passion for Rotary—Welcoming a New Member.