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# Rotary Club *of* Chicago

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## Program: January 10—Jacob Woods, Driven by a Dream

Jacob Woods is a 24 year-old graduate of Lewis University in Romeoville. He is walking off the graduation stage and directly into the public spotlight. Jacob isn't looking to take his Business Administration degree into the executive offices of the corporate world. Instead, he is looking to become a successful public speaker sharing his life story. Armed with a handful of brochures describing his services, a website devoted to his cause, and a Facebook and Twitter group, Jacob is truly living up to the phrase and the title of his service, "Driven By A Dream."

Jacob has lived with a mild Cerebral Palsy his whole life, but he has never allowed his disability to segregate him from everyone else. He played baseball as a kid, and was a track star at his Alma Mater, Hinsdale South, and now a college graduate.

Jacob sets out to motivate others with his success story as a full time public speaker. His extensive efforts to become a speaker have hardly gone unnoticed. Jacob has a Facebook and Twitter group with about 150 followers and an e-mail inbox bursting with people private and professional looking to know more about him. Previous speaking engagements include the Rotary International in Orland Park, Wheaton Rotary Club, Frankfort Rotary Club, Hinsdale District 181 and Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tennessee. His venues discuss his life story, how he overcame the difficulties of his disability, and hopefully inspire others facing difficulties in their personal or professional lives.

For more information on Jacob Woods and his ambitious endeavor, please visit www.drivenbyadream.com or on Facebook (keyword: Driven by a Dream), Twitter (Drivenbyadream1).

**January 17 - Dr. Jose Oberholzer, Professor of Surgery, Endocrinology and Diabetes, and Bioengineering at the University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC)**

Jose has been heading UIC's Islet Transplant Program since 2003 and is the Chief of the Transplant Division at UIC since summer 2007. He is an expert in advanced minimally invasive and robotic surgery of abdominal organs.He is also the coordinator of the Chicago Project for a functional cure of diabetes, a unique international coalition of interdisciplinary scientists working together.

Jose trained at the University of Geneva (Switzerland), as well as at the University of Alberta in Edmonton (Canada), where he completed a fellowship in hepatobiliary and pancreatic surgery and transplantation. He headed the Islet Transplant Program at the University of Geneva and the GRAGIL islet consortium from 1998 to 2002, completing a significant number of islet transplants.

Jose was born in Morocco and raised in Switzerland. He will be running the Chicago Marathon on Oct. 9, 2011 as part of the Bank of American Charity Runner program with Cellmates on the Run, which supports The Chicago Project. He is married, the father of two teenage daughters.

Jose Oberholzer, MD, is Professor of Surgery, Endocrinology and Diabetes, and Bioengineering at the University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC), the Director of the Islet and Pancreas Transplant Program and the Chief of the Division of Transplantation. He has extensive experience in clinical and experimental islet transplantation, abdominal organ transplantation, as well as advanced hepatobiliary and pancreatic surgery.

**Program January 24 - Asha G. Bangalore, Senior Vice President and Economist at The Northern Trust Company, Chicago.**

Asha Bangalore is Senior Vice President and Economist at the Northern Trust Company, Chicago. She monitors the U.S. economy, forecasts various economic indicators, writes economic commentaries, briefs portfolio managers, and assists the Chief Economist of Northern Trust.

Prior to joining Northern Trust in 1994, she was consultant to savings and loan institutions and commercial banks at Financial & Economic Strategies Corporation, Chicago. Ms. Bangalore was a faculty member of the Department of Economics, Trinity College, Connecticut, during 1990-1992.

She was graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree from Bangalore University, India. She received Master of Arts and Ph.D degrees in Economics from the University of Connecticut.

Ms. Bangalore is a member of the National Association of Business Economists and the American Economic Association.

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February 23, 2012

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6:00 Reception

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7:00 Dinner

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Cash Bar

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