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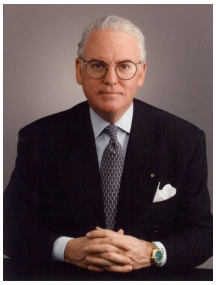
Program: August 3 - Ed Burke, Chicago Alderman and Rotary/One Member; Ed kicks off the Fall Election Speaker Series



Edward M. Burke, 66, the Dean of the Chicago City Council, has served as Alderman of Chicago's 14th Ward for more than four decades. A recognized expert on city budget matters, Alderman Burke is the Chairman of the City Council Committee on Finance.

As Chairman of the City Council's powerful Committee on Finance, Alderman Burke holds the city's purse strings and is responsible for all legislative matters pertaining to the city's finances, including municipal bonds, taxes and revenue matters. He also serves as a member of the Chicago Plan Commission. Throughout his career in public life, Alderman Burke has been an avid student of Chicago history and is the co-author of three books, Inside the Wigwam: Chicago Presidential Conventions, 1860-1996; End of Watch: Chicago Police Killed in the Line of Duty, 1853-2006; and Glory & Government, Chicago's City Hall at 100. Alderman Burke is a partner in the law firm of Klafter & Burke and is involved in many civic and charitable organizations, including the One Hundred Club of Cook County, the Knights of Columbus and the Irish Fellowship Club of Chicago.

Rotary Luncheon Programs: Fall Election Speaker Series

August 10 - Congressman Mark Kirk, Republican Candidate for US Senate and a Special Recognition of JOB1

August 24 - Senator Bill Brady, Republican Candidate for Governor
August 31 - Alexi Giannoulias, Democrat Candidate for US Senate
September 7 - Governor Pat Quinn, State of Illinois
September 14 - Tentative: NBC 5, Carol Marin and Mary Ann Ahern
September 21 - Richard Rodriguez, CEO, Chicago Transit Authority
September 28 - Toni Preckwinkle, Democratic Candidate for Cook County President
October 5 - Roger Keats, Republican Candidate for Cook County President
October 12 - Rotary Global History Fellowship - Anniversary Celebration
October 19 - Chris Kennedy, President: Merchandize Mart Properties; Chair, University of Illinois Trustees
November 2 - Professor Paul Green, Political TV Commentator

Program: August 10 - Congressman Mark Kirk, Republican Candidate for US Senate and JOB1 Recognition Program

Mark Kirk represents the 10th Congressional District of Illinois located in the suburbs north of Chicago. Now in his fifth term, Congressman Kirk is s member of the powerful House Appropriations Committee and is co-chairman of the moderate GOP Tuesday Group and the bipartisan House US-China Working Group. Congressman Kirk works to advance a Suburban Agenda that is pro-defense, pro-personal responsibility, pro-environment, and pro-science. He wrote a number of provisions which became law, including funding for commuter rail, improving veteran's health care, ensuring military voting, and boosting aviation security. Mark's expanded bio is available online at Rotary/One's website.

ROTARY/One Service Project Report

A Gift of Life Success Story – Eleven Years Later, written by John Alberts

When Ukrainian Anna Schevchuk was fourteen years old, she could not expect to live past the age of twenty-five. Her congenital heart condition was treatable, but the surgery was not available in her homeland.

Rotary International's Gift of Life Program brings such children, who are usually toddlers at the time of diagnosis and surgery, to the United States for the treatment they need. Dedicated heart specialists and their surgical teams volunteer their time and skills in this amazing healing project.

Rotary Clubs help cover peripheral costs, such as transportation, surgical suite fees, etc. Individual Rotarians step up to provide a home, meals, transportation and everything else needed while the patient and parent are in the U.S. for treatment and recovery.

Two years after diagnosis, Anna's condition was worsening. Now 16, she had a severe lack of energy and shortness of breath. In July 1999, Anna and her mother, Valentina (we called her Tina), were flown to Chicago and met at the airport by Rotary/One members, who drove them to our house.

We were happy to have them with us during the two months they stayed. This time included tests and evaluation, the surgery itself, and recovery time afterwards. The surgery was a complete success, and Anna's heart function immediately improved. Within weeks, her color was better and her energy level was approaching what it should be for a 16-year-old girl.

We fondly remember that Anna and Tina knew more English than we knew Russian or Ukrainian. Even with translation books, our inexact communication methods led to a lot of laughter. They were delightful houseguests, and it was an honor to be able to help.

Anna has stayed in touch over the years through email, and most recently reconnected with us through Facebook. She always expresses her thanks to Rotary/One for her Gift of Life. A few years ago, Tina met and married an Illinoisan, and now lives in Granite City, Illinois. Anna is currently in the US visiting her mother and brother, Nikita.

Anna, Tina and Nikita will be our guests at Rotary/One on Tuesday, August 10th, just one day after Anna's 28th birthday. I hope you will join us and say hello in person to a Gift of Life success story.

Gift of Life: http://www.giftoflifeinternational.org/pages/index.php Rotary and Gift of Life:

http://www.giftoflifeinternational.org/pages/parters_rotary.php

Job1 Recognition and Employer Appreciation

The JOB1 Committee invites all Rotarians to join them at the JOB1 2010 Student Recognition and Employer Appreciation Luncheon at 12 - 1:30 PM, August 10th, at the Union League Club to salute

- the students who competed with 198 applicants for 53 spots, and then completed the three training workshops, interviewed and were hired by
- the employers who stepped up to provide meaningful work experiences to our community's young adults,
- the Rotarians who served as advisors to the interns throughout their interviewing and work experience, and
- our JOB1 Partners for providing training and classroom space so that this program could operate and serve the youth of Chicago
- Rotarian Khaled Akkawi for sponsoring an internship

2010 JOB1 Employers:

CBIZ	**Claretian Associates**
Executive Service Corp of Chicago	**H.D. Hudson**
Horizon Hospice	**Illinois College of Optometry**
Illinois Saint Andrew Society	**Institute of Real Estate Management**
Keating and Shure	**Krislov & Associates**
National Association of Realtors	**Perry & Associates**
Primera	**Roscoe Company**
Salvation Army	**Union League Boys and Girls Club**
VanderCook College of Music	**Young Chicago Authors**