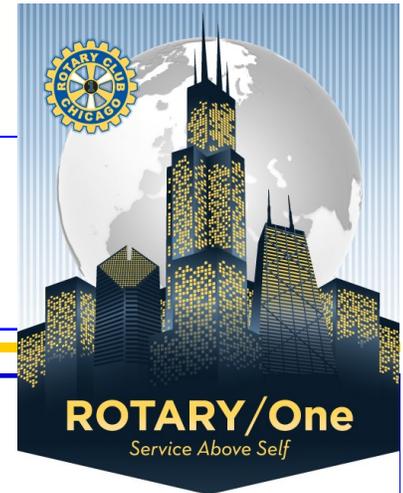


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December 7 - Rotary Welcomes Regina Taylor, Actress

With an impressive body of work that encompasses film, television, theater and writing, Regina Taylor's career continues to evolve with exciting and challenging projects. Taylor is best known to television audiences for her role as Lilly Harper in the series "I'll Fly Away." She received many accolades for her performance in the show including winning a Golden Globe for Best Performance by an Actress in a TV Series, an NAACP Image Award for Outstanding Lead Actress in a Drama Series and two Emmy Award nominations for Outstanding Lead Actress in a Drama Series. Taylor was most recently seen starring in the CBS hit drama "The Unit".



She took home the NAACP Image Award for "Outstanding Actress in a Drama" for her work on the show. Regina made her professional acting debut on CBS in the movie "Crisis at Central High" and other television credits include the series "The Education of Max Bickford," "Feds" as well as television movies "Strange Justice" playing Anita Hill, earning her a Peabody Award and Gracie Award, "In From the Night," "Cora Unashamed," "Children of the Dust," "I'll Fly Away: Then and Now," "Howard Beach: Making a Case for Murder." Segueing effortlessly between the big and small screen, Taylor has starred in blockbuster films alongside some of Hollywood most talented leading men. Her film credits include "The Negotiator," "Courage Under Fire," "A Family Thing," "The Keeper," "Clockers," "Losing Isaiah," and "Lean on Me." In addition to her film and television work, Taylor holds the honor as being the first Black woman to play William Shakespeare's Juliet in Broadway's "Romeo and Juliet." Her other theater credits include "As You Like It," "Macbeth," "Machinal," "A Map of The World," "The Illusion" and "Jar the Floor." In addition, she won the L.A. Dramalogue Award for her performance in "The Tempest" on the west coast. Taylor not only feels comfortable on the stage, she is also an accomplished playwright. Her other credits as playwright include "Oo-Bla-Dee," for which she won the American Critics' Association new play award, "Drowning Crow," (her adaptation of Chekhov's THE SEAGULL, which was produced on Broadway by Manhattan Theater Club in its inaugural season at the Biltmore Theater and starred Alfre Woodard), "The Dreams of Sarah Breedlove," "A Night in Tunisia," "Escape from Paradise," "Watermelon Rinds," and "Inside the Belly of the Beast." Taylor's critically acclaimed "Crowns" continues to be the most performed musical in the country. It is the winner of four Washington D.C. Helen Hayes awards including Taylor's win for Best Direction as well as Best Regional Musical. Taylor's play "Magnolia" premiered at Chicago's Goodman Theatre in March 2009 directed by Anna Shapiro, Tony Award winner for "August: Osage County."

Taylor's new trilogy, "The Trinity River Plays" premiere this season at as a co-production with the Dallas Theater Center and the Goodman Theatre in January. Taylor is a member and Artistic Associate of the Goodman Theatre. She received the Hope Abelson Award from Northwestern in 2010. She received an honorary doctorate from DePaul University. She was raised in Dallas, Texas and recently moved to Chicago. [www.reginataylor.com]

Upcoming Events and Luncheon Programs:

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

Service Project Volunteers Needed

4th Christmas Party at Easter Seals—December

8. 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 Additional Santa's Helpers Needed

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

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CLUB Service and Administration needs your help.

Brett Batterson, Club Administration Officer, requests your help with the following club needs. Please call him at 312 431 2391 or email him at bbatterson@auditoriumtheatre.org, if you are able and willing to help.

“Thought for the Day” presenters. If you would be willing to give a “Thought for the Day”, please let Brett know so he can put you on the schedule.

Greeters. As you know, our club has not actively used greeters the past couple years and President Andrea would like to change that. Brett is going to put together 6 teams of 4 -6 Rotarians per team (one team assigned for each month – each team serves two months per year) to serve as Greeters at our meetings. The idea is that a Team Leader recruits their own team and then makes sure at least two team members are present at every meeting during their month to act as Greeters. This way, the responsibility is spread over many Rotary One members and hopefully no single Rotarian will have to serve more than three or four times per year. If you'd be willing to organize a team of greeters, please let Brett know. Your service will be most appreciated.

Business Profiles. In order to better acquaint all of us with each other's professional lives, we are asking Rotary One members to create a short 2-3 minute profile of another member's business to present at a club meeting. If you would be willing to present a short introduction to another member's professional activities, please let Brett know who you'd like to profile and he will get you on the schedule.

Birthdays. We had a great response to Brett's request for those members whose birthday is not on file to supply that information. However, we are still missing about twenty members' birthdays. Please let Brett know so he can update your information, or better yet, please log on to the Rotary One website and update your profile with this information. If we don't know it's your birthday, we can't recognize you in our uniquely Rotarian way on your big day.

Thank you so much for whatever help you can offer in these areas.