

## Barry Rassin, President, Rotary International 2018-2019

Barry Rassin, of the Rotary Club of East Nassau, New Providence, Bahamas, earned an MBA in health and hospital administration from the University of Florida and is the first fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives in the Bahamas. He recently retired after 37 years as president of Doctors Hospital Health System, where he continues to serve as an adviser. He is a lifetime member of the American Hospital Association and has served on several boards, including the Quality Council of the Bahamas, Health Education Council, and Employer's Confederation. A Rotarian since 1980, Rassin has served Rotary as director and as vice chair of The Rotary Foundation Board of Trustees. He was an RI training leader and the aide to 2015-16 RI President K.R. Ravindran.

Rassin received Rotary's highest honor, the Service Above Self Award, as well as other humanitarian awards for his work leading Rotary's relief efforts in Haiti after the 2010 earthquake there. He and his wife, Esther, are Major Donors and Benefactors of The Rotary Foundation.



## Conor Gee, 114th President, Rotary Club of Chicago

Conor manages the Product Portfolio Optimization team for Health Care Service Corporation (which operates Blue Cross and Blue Shield plans in five states), the largest customer-owned health insurance company in the United States. Gee is the youngest President in the 114-year history of the Rotary Club of Chicago.



He started Associate/Young Professional Groups for Misericordia and the Chicago Parks Foundations and currently serves on the Board of Directors for the Chicago Parks Foundation. He is also a founding member of the Associate Board for Navy Pier. He has been recognized by SocialLife Chicago as a Next Generation Philanthropist for Chicago and has been highlighted in the book "Manager 3.0: A Millennial's Guide to Rewriting the Rules of Management". Gee has a bachelor's degree in Integrated Communications from Spring Hill College, a MBA from Dominican University and a Certificate in Nonprofit Governance from North Park University. He resides in Elmhurst with his wife, Rebecca and their daughter, Maggie.



### 2018-2019 Rotary International Theme

RI President-elect Barry Rassin's theme for 2018-19, *Be the Inspiration*, asks Rotarians to inspire change in the world and in each other.

*"I ask all of you to Be the Inspiration to help Rotary move from reaction to action — to take a hard look at the environmental issues that affect health and welfare around the world and do what we can to help."*

## **Khaled Akkawi, President, Rotary Club of Chicago 2018-2019**

Khaled Akkawi has been a member of ROTARY/One Chicago since 2007, and is currently the President-elect for the 2018-2019 term. He serves on several district 6450 and club committees and also participates in committees focused on providing internships and job training to high school students. He is a Rotary Foundation, Paul Harris +8 and ROTARY/One Foundation Ches Perry Fellow.

For more than 35 years, Khaled has enjoyed a successful career as a serial-entrepreneur, leveraging his operational expertise to build and grow his ventures in retail, tax and consumer services, finance and investment services and real estate.

After earning his MBA in 1991, he owned and operated several Jackson Hewitt franchises throughout the Greater Chicagoland area and received numerous national franchise awards and recognition for operation and consistent growth in his franchise territories.

Khaled was also one of the founders of the first ever US Arab-American formed federally chartered bank, United Trust Bank, where he served as Vice Chair of the Board.

Khaled's current business focus is LIYA Investment Group, Ltd., specializing in residential and commercial real estate investment, development and management. And while, today, Khaled is recognized as a highly accomplished entrepreneur, his story begins with the humble beginnings of the American Dream.

Khaled immigrated from Jordan to the United States at the age of 15, where he balanced school work and partnering in the family-run grocery business. He continued to play a large part in the grocery business while also completing his Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering from IIT. Shortly thereafter, Khaled quickly discovered that his true passion was business. He never worked a day in his life as an Engineer.



Notwithstanding his drive towards entrepreneurship, Khaled has always been committed to local and global community outreach as well as humanitarian, charitable and community development programs. Khaled served as a delegate to the Middle East North Africa Economic Summits held in Amman, Jordan and Cairo, Egypt, which were led by US Secretaries of Commerce, Ron Brown (1995) and Mickey Kantor (1996), during President Clinton's administration. His

participation in these delegations provided him with the opportunity for the formation of an Amman-Chicago Sister Cities Committee, an international partnership and network to foster and facilitate best practices through citizen to citizen connections and charitable causes. As a result of the initial fundraiser, six ambulances were donated and delivered to towns in Jordan. Khaled also served as an ambassador in a People to People International trip to Amman, Jordan.

Khaled also sponsored and volunteered at various programs involving inner city youth in Chicago. And for more than 20 years, he has been a valued donor and supporter of the annual St. Jude Children's Research Hospital Four Stars of Chicago fundraiser. He is also a founder in the fundraising efforts for the expansion of an orphanage and children's home located in the Middle East. In 2014, Khaled was honored with the Humanitarian of the Year Award from the Phoenician Club. He is also the past Parish Council President of St. John the Baptist Church.

Khaled is fluent in Arabic and enjoys spending time with his family; participating in church activities and programs; attending theater, opera, concerts and sporting events. He is a passionate sailor and a member of the Columbia Yacht Club and the Union League Club. He is always looking for new adventures and endeavors. Khaled's family includes his wife Aida, daughter Liana and son Yazin.

## The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International

### Paul Harris (1868-1947)

Born in Racine, Wisconsin and raised in Vermont by his grandparents, Paul was the Rotary movement founder. In 1897 he settled in Chicago and established a law practice. However, he missed the close social relationships typical of small towns. Paul developed an idea for a club which would band together business and professional men in friendship and fellowship.

On February 23, 1905, the Rotary Club's first meeting took place in Room 711 in Chicago's Unity Building (now where Block 37 stands). Paul named the club "Rotary" because the members met, in rotation, at their various places of business. The idea caught on, first in other U.S. cities and then in other countries.

Today there are over 33,000 clubs in more than 200 countries with over 1.2 million members. In 114 years, one man's idea has become a worldwide force for service and international fellowship.

*Members have donated \$2,874,859 to the foundation since the current record keeping system was establish, including \$21,136 so far this year for the annual campaign and \$42,137 total.*

Name	Current Level	Name	Current Level	Name	Current Level
Akkawi, Khaled O	PHF+8	Herzog, William	PHF+1	Phelps, Nancy	PHF
Alberts, John	PHF+3	Hewko, Margarita E.	PHF	Plecko, Emil	PHF
Anderson, Gail K.	PHF+7	Inns, Laura	PHF	Rao, Mohan	PHF+1
Archuleta, Jenna C.	PHF+1	Jackson, Robert S.	PHF	Rateman Easley, Susan	PHF+8
Augsburger, Arol R	PHF+7	Keshishian, Jeanne Wrobel	PHF	Romans, John C.	PHF+1
Axler, Barry	PHF	Kim, Andrew S.	PHF+4	Ronge, Marius	PHF+5
Blome, Erik McKnight	PHF	Knuepfer, Jr., Robert C	PHF+8	Russ, Lisa M	PHF+1
Borsos, Mark A	PHF	Kozik, Roger	PHF	Ryan, Timothy J.	PHF
Brunka, Barbara	PHF	Koziol, Kate E.	PHF	Santeford, Jodi	PHF+2
Buik, James W.	PHF+4	Krislov, Clinton	PHF	Schmitt, Marshall J.	PHF+4
Cempel, Erik	PHF	Lauzonyte, Egle	PHF	Schmitz, Peter	PHF+1
Cevallos-Candau, Pedro J.	PHF+8	Loumbas, Angelo J.	PHF+4	Shure, Mark Edward	PHF+2
Evashenk, Dennis	PHF	Luehmann, Andrea	PHF+8	Soni, Naren	PHF+2
Fanslow, Kathy	PHF	Maugh, Martha	PHF	Spitkovsky, John A.	PHF
Faris, Michael J.	PHF+8	McConville, Paul D.	PHF+1	Suter, Werner	PHF
Finley, Sr., Robert W.	PHF+1	McIntyre, Cheryl D.	PHF+7	Templin, David W.	PHF+8
Fleischer, Kay M	PHF	Merryweather, Daniel	PHF	Thiedmann, Klaus U.	PHF+1
Freund, Evan	PHF+1	Miller, Tiffany A.	PHF+1	Watkins, Ruth Ann	PHF+7
Frieser, Maritza	PHF+1	Morgan, Suzanne	PHF+8	Weihmuller, Steven C.	PHF+2
Garcia, Rosa L	PHF	Muri, Timothy F.	PHF	Westerfield, R. W.	PHF+1
Garner, Donald W	PHF+3	Nebel, Theodore H	PHF+1	Westropp, Jr., Robert A.	PHF+1
Gee, Conor	PHF+1	Noble, Gus R.	PHF+1	Wilhelm, John M.	PHF+1
Gonzalez, Charles A	PHF	Nunez, J. Francisco	PHF+1	Zerhusen, Thyra	PHF+1
Groh, Richard N.	PHF+3	Oh, Michael H.	PHF+1	Zimmerman, Karl	PHF+2
Helman, Adam J	PHF	Patterson, Randall Wright	PHF		
		Phelps, David L.	PHF+8		

## The World's First Service Club

## *The ROTARY/One Foundation*

Incorporated in the State of Illinois on January 10, 1938, the ROTARY/One Foundation's stated object is "to dispense charity, to encourage, maintain and assist in the maintenance of educational, benevolent and charitable activities, agencies and institutions, and for the purposes above specified, to receive, manage, take hold and use real and personal property, or the proceeds thereof or income there from, by gift, grant, devise, bequest or purchase and invest, sell, convey, pledge and dispose of the same."

The ROTARY/One Foundation, Inc. is the foundation of the Rotary Club of Chicago. The mission of the ROTARY/One Foundation is to secure the resources necessary to support the Service Mission of the Rotary Club of Chicago. Current assets are \$3.3 million.

The ROTARY/One Foundation is a not-for-profit organization that is supported solely by voluntary contributions from members of the Rotary Club of Chicago and friends of the ROTARY/One Foundation. They share the commitment to service that began in 1907 after the founding of the Rotary Club of Chicago – the first service club in the world.

### **ROTARY/One Legacy Society Members**

Members and friends of Rotary who have designated a portion of their assets in their estate plans to benefit the ROTARY/One Foundation or have donated funds so as to build the Permanent Fund (endowment).

John Alberts  
Nicholas Ambrosi\*  
Glenn Bostrom\*  
Russell G Cundiff\*  
Milton Darr\*  
Susan Raterman-Easley  
Harold Finley\*  
Jack and June Hedrick\*  
Robert Hudson III  
James Hollensteiner  
Alfred and Etta Lilienfeld\*  
Richard McKay\*  
Florine McKay  
Harland Oates  
Jane Sullivan  
Charles Walgreen\*  
Ruth Ann Watkins  
Emma Moore Watson\*  
Frank G Watson\*  
Women of Rotary Foundation

\*Deceased

### **SERVICE ABOVE SELF**

Please visit the club website and review our annual service project reports.

The club has sponsored in over \$200,000 in project grants this past year; with matching grants the projects total over \$320,000.

**You Can Help  
Make Great  
Things Happen  
...TODAY**

### **VOLUNTEER SERVICE PROJECT CALENDAR**

A Safe Haven 5K To End Homelessness -  
7/14/2018  
Jesse White "Off To College Trunk Party" - 7/14-  
15/2018  
IMD Guest House Annual Golf Outing -  
8/8/2018

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Difference Since  
1905

*The World's First Service Club*

## ROTARY/One Foundation – Ches Perry Fellowship

### Chesley R. Perry

(1872-1960)

Ches joined the Rotary Club of Chicago in 1908 at 36 years of age and continued to be an active member of our club throughout his lifetime. In 1909 Paul Harris asked Ches to develop a nationwide plan for an association of Rotary Clubs. When the National Association of Rotary Clubs (the forerunner of Rotary International) was founded a year later, Ches began a 31-year career as its General Secretary.

When he retired from Rotary International in 1941 Ches Perry had overseen the incredible expansion of Rotary into a truly effective worldwide organization.

Paul Harris said of Ches, "If I can in truth be called the architect, Ches can with equal truth be called the builder of Rotary International."

#### **Chesley R. Perry Fellowship of the ROTARY/One Foundation, Inc.**

*(The foundation Trustees have reconfigured the fellowship to give ongoing recognition to donors. Thus if one has accumulatively given \$1,000 they become a Ches Perry Fellow and continue as Plus 1, 2, etc. The list below represents the past ten years of giving by current members. After the first level, members will be identified on their club name tab.*

Name	Plus	Name	Plus	Name	Plus
Akkawi, Khaled	4	Kim, Andrew	4	Russ, Lisa	1
Alberts, John	1	Knuepfer, Robert Jr	6	Santeford, Jodi	1
Anderson, Gail	5	Koziol, Kate E.		Schmitt, Marshall	1
Augsburger, Arol	11	Krislov, Clinton	3	Schmitz, Peter,	1
Axler, Barry	2	Loumbas, Angelo	3	Shure, Mark	
Brunka, Barbara		Luehmann, Andrea	14	Soni, Naren	
Buik, James	6	Maugh, Martha	2	Stringer, Sean	1
Butler Family Fdn	70	Mbekeani, Lumumba		Suter, Werner	3
Butler, Rhett	1	McConville, Paul D.	1	Templin, Dave	6
Cempel, Eric		McIntyre, Cheryl	4	Vazquez-Rowland, Neli	1
Cevallos, Candau	5	Mensch, Linda S.	1	Watkins, RuthAnn	6
Faris, Michael	5	Morgan, Suzanne	4	Westerfield, Richard	2
Finley, Robert	3	Nebel, Theodore		Westropp, Jr., Robert A.	4
Fleischer, Kay	4	Noble, Angus	4	Wilhelm, John	5
Freund, Evan		Patterson, Randall		Zerhusen, Thyra	6
Garner, Donald		Peck, Kerry		Zimmerman, Karl	
Groh, Richard		Phelps, David	3		
Hewko, Marga		Rao, Mohan	9		
Hollensteiner, James	2	Raterman, Susan	7		
Inns, Laura		Romans, John	3		
		Ronge, Marius	6		

## *Newest Club Members – 2017-2018*

Nicole M. Amore  
 Kellye J. Bowers  
 Janet E. Boyle  
 Brendan Buckley  
 Ganiyu Buhari  
 Karla M. Cameron  
 Wynante Charles  
 Shaska Chirinos  
 Jason Clarke  
 John D. Cruickshank  
 Mark D'Ambrosio  
 Anastacia Davis Bersch  
 Magdalena Domaradzki-Sanders  
 Dennis Evashenk  
 John D Gatto  
 Bernhard Groth  
 MaryKate Hresil  
 Laura Inns  
 Nathan Jones  
 Jeanne W Keshishian

Sarah Khan  
 Philipp Kohler  
 Egle Lauzonyte  
 Peter Lymperopoulos  
 Eric Synajie Mbakop  
 Kathleen P. Nixon  
 Silvia Orizaba Knilas  
 Federico Palomera  
 Emil Plecko  
 Lauren Pugliese  
 Geoffrey Ravoire  
 Lesdy Nayeli Rodriguez  
 Ginta Rubin  
 Michael Salamun  
 Ana Paulina Sanchez  
 Alexander Schusler  
 Francis Stawicki  
 Chrissy Swartz  
 Lung-Chieh (Ronald) Tuan-Mu

## *Officers, Directors & Committee Leaders 2018-2019*

Khaled Akkawi, president  
 Marga Hewko, secretary  
 Steve Weihmuller, treasurer  
 Marshall Schmitt, president elect and annual campaign chair  
 Erik Cempel, president nominee and programs co-chair  
 David Phelps, chief administrative officer and club sargent at arms, new member orientation  
 Conor Gee, nominating committee  
 Karla Cameron, fundraising  
 Laura Inns, co-membership director  
 Jason Clarke, co-membership director  
 Lisa Russ, member recruitment  
 John McKeivitt, fellowship  
 Kiara-Jade Simon, Rotaract liaison  
 Jeanne Keshishian, service director  
 Peter Schmitz, co-chair community service  
 John Wilhelm, co-chair community service  
 Karla Cameron, co-chair international service  
 Nathan Jone, co-chair international service  
 Karl Zimmerman, Job1  
 Francisco Nunez, co-chair college awards  
 Walter Stawicki, co-chair college awards  
 John Alberts, Polio Plus  
 Bob Finley, higher thought  
 David Hirsch, co-chair programs

Jason Clarke, co-chair social media  
 Frank Stawicki, co-chair social media  
 Karl Zimmerman, archives  
 Martha Maugh, director  
 John McKeivitt, director  
 Timo Rehbock, director  
 Jeanne Keshishian, director  
 Jody Stawicki, director  
 John Wilhelm, director  
 Karl Zimmerman, director  
 Mohan Rao, foundation chair  
 Gail Anderson, foundation secretary  
 Ted Nebel, foundation treasurer  
 Michael Faris, foundation vice-chair  
 Erik Cempel, foundation trustee  
 Kate Kozial, foundation trustee  
 Andrea Luehmann, foundation trustee  
 Marshall Schmitt, foundation trustee  
 Michael Salamun, Rotaract president  
 Anastacia Davis Bersch, Rotaract vice president  
 Mark D'Ambrosio, Rotaract treasurer  
 Ana Paulina Sanchez, Rotaract secretary  
 Geoffrey Ravoire, Rotaract PR director  
 Lauren Pugliese, Rotaract membership director

# Rotary Club of Chicago

## Club Calendar

### JUNE

Luncheon: Tom Richards, CEO of CDW - 6/12

Luncheon: Mariyana Spyropoulos, Metropolitan  
Water Reclamation District - 6/19

### Rotary Int'l Convention - Toronto - 6/23

Luncheon: Committee Meetings - 6/26

**Governor Pedro Cevallos-Candau Installation  
- 6/30 Union League Club Party**

### JULY

Luncheon: David Doig, CEO of Chicago  
Neighborhood Initiative — 7-10

Luncheon: Committee Meetings — 7-17

Luncheon: Jonathan Halloway, Provost,  
Northwestern University — 7/24

Luncheon: Sally Cowal, American Cancer Society —  
7/31

### AUGUST

Rotary District 6450—Family Night for Polio at the  
White Sox—8/1

Rotary After Work: Sylvia Whitlock, the Woman who  
Changed Rotary - 8/7

Luncheon: JOB1 Annual Appreciation and Awards—  
8/14

Luncheon: Club Assembly - Committee Meetings -  
8/21

Luncheon: Steve Baird, president and CEO of Baird &  
Warner—8/28

### Rotary After Hours

*3rd Thursdays each month, Social/Networking*  
Rotary After Hours - 6/21, 7/19, 8/16

### Friday Roundtables at Noon

*Social/ Networking ULC, 4th Floor Carvery*  
6/8, 6/22, 6/29, 7/6, 7/13, 7/27, 8/3, 8/10, 8/24,  
8/31

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Visiting Rotarians and Guests Always Welcome  
Please Register in Advance, ONLINE at  
[www.rotaryone.org](http://www.rotaryone.org)

## 2017-2018 Club

### Board of Directors

Conor Gee, president  
Marga Hewko, secretary  
William Herzog, treasurer  
Khaled Akkawi, president 2019  
Marshall Schmitt, president 2020  
Erik Cempel, president 2021  
Jeanne Keshishian  
Martha Maugh  
Peter Schmitz  
Jody Stawicki  
John Wilhelm  
Karl Zimmerman

## 2017-2018 ROTARY/One Foundation

### Board of Trustees

Mohan Rao, chair  
Michael Faris, vice chair  
Ted Nebel, treasurer  
Gail Anderson, secretary  
Khaled Akkawi  
Arol Augsburg  
Kate Koziol  
Andrea Luehmann  
Marshall Schmitt

## 2017-2018 Rotaract Club of Chicago

### Board of Directors

Egle Lauzonyte, president  
Dennis Evashenk, vice president  
Michael Salamun, secretary  
Mark D'Ambrosio, treasurer  
Chrissy Swartz, local service director  
Anastacia Davis Bersch, social director  
Geoffrey Ravoire, PR director

### Rotary Office

David Phelps, chief administrative officer  
Nancy Phelps, member services  
Nancy Ashburn, accounting

# *A Night of Celebration*

*Installation of  
Pedro Cevallos-Candau  
Governor 2018-2019  
Rotary International District 6450*

**Saturday, June 30, 2018**



**Honor  
the Past,  
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for the  
Future**

**\$75 per person • 6:00 to 11:00 pm  
Cocktails 6 pm  
Dinner & Dancing to follow**



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65 West Jackson Blvd, Chicago, IL 60604**

**Register Online: [www.RotaryOne.org](http://www.RotaryOne.org)  
Registration is required by June 22, 2018**

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See website for details**

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