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## WHAT'S ROTARY

The World's First Service Club.

Making a Difference Since 1905.

**The Rotary Club of Chicago** is the founding Club of the world's premier international business and service organization.

Rotary members are business and professional leaders who volunteer their expertise, compassion and power to improve communities at home in Chicago as well as in communities around the world.

The Rotary Club of Chicago, known as ROTARY/One, was founded in 1905 in Chicago by four businessmen for professional synergy and friendship. They soon began to pull their collective talents together and started solving local community problems. Within 10 years, Rotary was on the east and west coasts and in Canada. Today there are over 33,000 clubs and 1.3 million members around the world.

### **Rotary impacts the Chicago Community and beyond!**

Though the club participates in many service projects locally and abroad, ROTARY/One's signature project, Job1, provides job skills training and summer internships to qualified Chicago Public High School students, giving them valuable work experience and contacts that can positively impact their future. Job1 has provided over 300 students with a summer internship since its inception in 2003.

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## CHICAGO WOMAN OF THE YEAR

### Honoring Service

The Rotary movement got its start right here in Chicago in 1905 - just a few blocks away from where we are all gathered in this beautiful room – with the founding of the Rotary Club of Chicago. If you walk north from here on Dearborn Street, you will see a plaque set in the sidewalk in front of Block 37 that marks the spot where the first four members of our club met for the first time.

The world was a different place in 1905. Back then, and for many years after, Rotary was a men's organization. Now, 109 years later, Rotary is an international organization of men and women: 1.3 million men and women in 33,000 clubs in nearly every country in the world.

As the world's first service club, our legacy is service: Service Above Self. And this year's Rotary theme is Engage Rotary – Change Lives. We believe that every Rotarian and every non-Rotarian has the ability to change lives, whether by promoting social justice, by helping people secure desperately needed health care, food and shelter, or by protecting people from violence or abuse. Today we honor women who exemplify the principle of service on which Rotary was founded. Each of them has changed lives for the better.

This is a special day for us, made all the better by the presence of each person in this room.

Sincerely,

Michael Faris, President, Rotary Club of Chicago

Lisa Russ, Chair, Chicago Woman of the Year

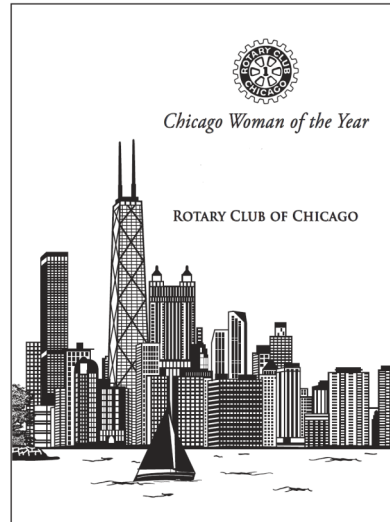


## CHICAGO WOMAN OF THE YEAR

### Steering Committee

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## CHICAGO WOMAN OF THE YEAR

### Program

- 11:30 Registration & Networking
- 12:00 Welcome: Michael Faris  
Invocation: Nicki Scott  
Lunch
- 12:30 Introduction: Lisa Russ  
Keynote: Theresa E. Mintle
- 1:00 Chicago Woman of the Year Presentations  
Marshall Schmitt to Toni Preckwinkle  
Paul McConville to Deborah Rickert  
Peter Schmitz to Janice Rodgers
- 1:25 Closing: Michael Faris

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## THERESA E. MINTLE

President & CEO

Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce

Theresa Mintle is the fifth President and Chief Executive Officer of the 110 year-old Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce. She directs public policy, programs, communications, and business growth initiatives to make Chicagoland the most business-friendly region in America.



Prior to joining the Chamber, Theresa spent 27 years in public service. Most recently, she served as the Chief of Staff to Rahm Emanuel, Mayor of the City of Chicago. As Mayor Emanuel's first Chief of Staff she set up the Emanuel Administration, driving modernization of internal business systems; advocating for investment in infrastructure; reforming personnel policies, and coordinating several key initiatives.

Theresa is a Leadership Greater Chicago fellow (2000); American Marshall Memorial Fellow (2001); a member of The Economic Club of Chicago; a member of the President's Circle of the Chicago Council on Global Affairs; a director of Choose Chicago; and a lecturer at the University of Illinois at Chicago. She has her Bachelor's Degree from the University of Illinois-Urbana and her Master's Degree from the University of Wisconsin-Madison.



## MICHAEL FARIS

President, Rotary Club of Chicago

Michael Faris joined Rotary in 1996. An attorney and partner in the Chicago office of Latham & Watkins, LLP, he is a member of the firm's Securities Litigation and Professional Liability Practice Group, whose practice is focused on securities class actions, stockholder derivative suits, mergers & acquisition litigation, internal investigations, and investigations by the United States Securities Exchange Commission and other federal and state regulators.



Mike grew up in Seattle, Washington, received his undergraduate degree from Harvard College and his law degree from the University of Chicago Law School. Prior to joining Latham & Watkins, he clerked for Hon. Judge Milton I. Shadur of the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois.

## NICKI SCOTT

Governor Elect, Rotary International District 6450

Rotary is a way of life for Nicki. She is a founding member of the Paul Harris Society. As Director of International Service she spearheaded a grass roots humanitarian project in Zambia, Africa. She is a past president of The Rotary Club of Naperville Sunrise, a former Assistant Governor and now serves as Governor-Elect for District 6450.



Nicki graduated from Exeter University with combined honors in Economics and Statistics. She worked for KPMG Peat Marwick in England as a CPA and then upon moving to the United States, became a change management consultant and built an expertise in strategic planning, process improvement and systemization for small to mid size businesses. In 2004 Nicki purchased Players Choice, a promotional products business. Nicki has two children, Sam (19) and Chloe (16).



## ROTARY'S SIGNATURE PROJECT

### Job1

The Job1 Summer Internship Program was created ten years ago. Job1 started as JobStart, a part of the City of Chicago's KidStart Corporate Initiative. Rotary has remained a collaborative partner with the city and Chicago Public Schools and its Career and Technical Education department.



Job1 prepares Chicago Public Schools high school students for the workplace by providing job readiness training as well as substantive paid summer internship opportunities with local business' and not for profits in Chicago.

#### 2014 Summer Employers

Baker & McKenzie  
Fulcrum Point New Music Project  
H.D. Hudson Manufacturing  
Horizon Hospice & Palliative Care  
Illinois College of Optometry  
Krislov & Associates  
Lakefront Children's Academy  
Latimer LeVay Fyock, LLC  
Perry & Associates  
Primera Engineers  
Roscoe Company  
Steadfast  
University of Illinois at Chicago  
Vandercook College of Music



## TONI PRECKWINKLE

### Cook County Board President

Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle has been a dedicated community leader for over two decades. Through collaboration and commitment, President Preckwinkle has worked with the County Board, our elected official and county employees to implement major reform and reshape county



government into a world-class institution based on the foundation of fiscal responsibility, innovative leadership, transparency & accountability, and improved services.

Over the past three years, President Preckwinkle has built the credibility of County government. She eliminated the 1% sales tax of her predecessor, saving County residents \$1.1 billion. Since taking office, she has cut \$430 million in expenditures, passed four budgets and established a more transparent budget process. She has established the County's first performance management initiative to demand more accountability from County operations and employees. President Preckwinkle has developed a robust policy agenda – focusing on critical public safety reform, working to strengthen our health care system and increasing the capacity and capability of our economic development efforts.

Before being elected Cook County Board President, Preckwinkle served 19 years as Alderman of the 4th Ward. During her tenure she successfully fought for greater funding for education and affordable housing in her ward, sponsored the Living Wage and Affordable Housing Ordinances. Her independent and progressive leadership earned her the IVI-IPO Best Alderman Award six times as well as two Leon Despres Awards.



## DEBORAH RICKERT

Founder and President, Operation Support Our Troops

Deborah Rickert is a mother of two soldiers who was looking for a way to stay connected to her sons while they were deployed. She began to send care packages to soldiers to let them know of support from people back home. Operation Support Our Troops was founded in 2003 and has blossomed into a national footprint and grown to serve the needs of soldiers and families in many ways. Deb Rickert has changed lives with simple acts of kindness and supporting those who serve and protect our freedom. OSOT - America has grown in many directions as the needs of soldiers and their families have changed. The proper stewardship of the organization has led to much success in fundraising and resources donated. OSOT-America has been honored with a prestigious 2013 Top-Rated Award by Great-Nonprofits, the leading provider of user reviews about non-profit organizations.



Deb is the mother of Captain Dan and Lieutenant David Rickert, who are both currently serving on Active Duty in the United States Army. Her youngest son, Joe, is a sales and marketing executive for the Atlanta Hawks basketball team. Deb and her husband Bill reside in Naperville, Illinois.



## JANICE RODGERS

Partner, Quarles & Brady LLP

Janice Rodgers is a partner in the law firm of Quarles & Brady LLP and National Chair of its Tax-Exempt Organizations Team. She concentrates her practice on representing and advising not-for-profit organizations, including grant-making foundations, museums, charitable and educational institutions, and other tax-exempt entities. She is a member of the Illinois Attorney General's Charitable Advisory Council, a director of the Sargent Shriver National Center on Poverty Law, and a director of The John Crerar Foundation.



Throughout her career, Janice has advocated for people in need and is a tireless mentor to many young lawyers who are interested in not-for-profit law. In the long list of her connections to professional and civic groups: Chicago Women in Philanthropy, the Chicago Community Trust, and many others. Among her many honors, Janice received the 2010 Impact Award from the Chicago Foundation for Women, a grant making organization dedicated to increasing resources and opportunities for women and girls in the greater Chicago area. The honorees, selected from hundreds of nominations, represent diverse communities and fields — from education, medicine and law to community organizing, public policy and the arts.

Janice received her bachelor's degree from the University of Illinois and her law degree from Harvard Law School. Among many other honors, she is listed in The Best Lawyers in America® in the category of Non-Profit/Charities Law.

