



June 16, 2015

*The Union League Club of Chicago*

Chicago  
**Rotary**  
ROTARY/One



## ROTARY: A BRIEF HISTORY

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 330 students with a summer internship since its inception in 2003.

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## CHICAGO WOMAN OF THE YEAR

### Program

- 11:30 Registration and Reception
- Noon Welcome – Pedro Cevallos-Candau  
Chicago Woman History- Lisa Russ  
Invocation – Cheryl McIntyre  
Lunch
- 12:40 Keynote: Lieutenant Governor Evelyn Sanguinetti
- 1:00 Chicago Woman of the Year Presentation
- ◆ Shelley Stern Grach for Theresa E. Mintle
  - ◆ Pam Brockman for Marcenia Richards
  - ◆ Tim Muri for Barbara Zawacki
- 1:20 Closing: Pedro Cevallos-Candau
- 1:30 Meeting adjourned

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## EVELYN SANGUINETTI

Lieutenant Governor

State of Illinois

Lieutenant Governor Evelyn Sanguinetti was sworn in as Illinois' 47th Lieutenant Governor on January 12, 2015.

She is currently the highest ranking Latina in the history of the state of Illinois. She is a

working mother of three, an attorney, an adjunct professor of law

and a former Wheaton City Councilwoman. Evelyn is committed to

fighting for all Illinois residents.

She will apply the same passion to her new role that has propelled her

throughout her life, from humble beginnings in Hialeah, Fla. to becoming

Illinois' first Latina Lieutenant Governor.



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## THERESA E. MINTLE

President and CEO

Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce

Theresa E. Mintle is the fifth president and CEO of the Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce. As the “*Voice of Business*,” the Chamber grows the region’s economy and strengthens Chicago’s status as a world-class city through connecting, educating and advocating for businesses throughout Chicagoland. Theresa leads the Chamber’s strategic focus on small business growth, international expansion, industry-specific investment, technology innovation and regional collaboration. Active in Chicago’s business and civic community, Theresa is on the board of *Choose Chicago*; a director of the *World Business Chicago Steering Committee*; a member of the *German Marshall Fund Leadership Development Advisory Council* and Co-Chair of the Midwest selection committee; and a member of the President’s Circle of the *Chicago Council on Global Affairs*; *The Economic Club of Chicago*; and *The Chicago Network*.



## MARCENIA JANNEL RICHARDS

Executive Director

Fierce Women of Faith



Born in Chicago, Reverend. Dr. Marcenia Richards, is the former Executive Director of the Peace Coalition Against Violence (PCAV) and is the founder and current Executive Director of Fierce Women of Faith, an interfaith coalition of women committed to increasing peace in

our communities.

Marcenia is a Motivational Speaker, Teacher, Author and Host. She is also the President of The Life Center. Prior to her current positions, she held management and leadership positions within various agencies throughout the City of Chicago and Pastoral positions.

Marcenia developed a tremendous affinity for mentoring youth. Dedicated to the cause of youth and teaching youth reconciliation through means other than violence, she has been “in the trenches” with high-risk youth in various places. This work empowered her to launch many projects responsible for bringing vitality and hope to countless individuals. These projects included hosting conferences with notable celebrities; while working with others to assist in coordinating and establishing communities of non-violence.



## BARBARA ZAWACKI

Chief Operating Officer

Easter Seals Metropolitan Chicago



Barbara Zawacki has nearly forty years in social service education, including school administrator at the therapeutic day school serving children with autism. Among other significant accomplishments, Barbara designed and developed Easter Seals Metropolitan Chicago's first Inclusive Child Care Program, developed the three Autism

Therapeutic schools, designed and developed Easter Seals Metropolitan Chicago's after school program, and authored Child & Family Connections, implemented in 1998. Barbara has been a champion for children with autism and their families for a long time- lighting up the lives of many people along the way.



Job1

The Job1 Summer Internship Program was created 11 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.

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.

**2015 Summer Employers**

A Safe Haven Foundation  
Horizon Hospice & Palliative Care  
H.D. Hudson Manufacturing  
Illinois College of Optometry  
In His Grip Ministries  
James Tyree Foundation  
Krislov and Associates  
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Roosevelt University  
Roscoe Company  
Steadfast  
Trademarks and Associates  
University of Illinois at Chicago



## PEDRO CEVALLOS-CANDAU

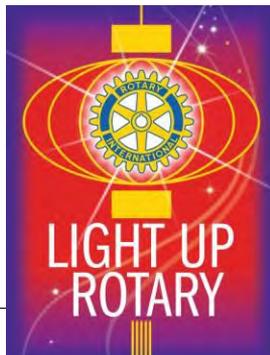
President, Rotary Club of Chicago



Dr. Pedro Cevallos-Candau is Primera's co-founder, President and co-CEO, charged with overseeing infrastructure and transportation efforts as well as the Primera Construction Group. Throughout his 30-plus year career, Pedro has been involved with more than 400 engineering projects. In addition to his engineering responsibilities, he has dedicated a portion of his career to leading the empowerment of Hispanic professionals in the Chicago area. He was a founding member of the Chicago Chapter of the Society of Hispanic Engineers (SHPE) and was involved in the formation of the Hispanic Alliance for Career Enhancement (HACE). He is an active member of numerous engineering professional societies and has served on the Board of Directors of several of these organizations. He is a Past-President of the American Council of Engineering Companies, Illinois and the current President of the Rotary Club of Chicago.



Dr. Cevallos-Candau is passionate about giving people the opportunity to be the best that they can be. As he explains, “this is related to having access to continuing education and receiving good advice and mentoring.”



## CHICAGO WOMAN OF THE YEAR

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### Honorees

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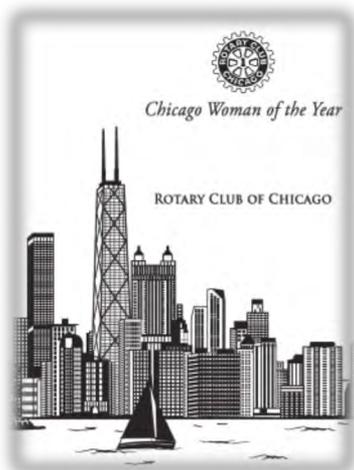
*Janice Rogers*

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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 to the corner of Dearborn and Randolph, you will see a plaque set in the sidewalk in front of Block 37 that marks a former office building where four businessmen met for the first time and started something that resonated with people: business synergy along with serving the Chicago community.

110 years later, Rotary is an international organization of men and women: 1.3 million members in 33,000 clubs in nearly every country in the world.

Regardless of the make-up of our members, the common thread from 1905 to 2015 has been "Service Above Self". This year's Rotary theme has been focused on "Lighting Up" the lives of people in our own and in world communities. We believe that everyone has the ability to light up the lives of others, whether by working with youth to stop the violence in our community, by working tirelessly on behalf of children with autism and providing strength, resources and hope for their families, or by building a stronger business community that brings more opportunities for jobs, creativity and growth to Chicago. Today we honor women who exemplify the principle of service on which Rotary was founded. Each of them has been a source of light for purposeful and positive change.

Thank you for being with us on this special day, made even more so by your presence.

Yours,

Pedro Cevallos-Candau, President, Rotary Club of Chicago  
Lisa Russ, Chair, Chicago Woman of the Year



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