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HONORING SERVICE

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

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

It all started in 1905 at the corner of Randolph and Dearborn. The Rotary Club of Chicago, known as ROTARY/One, was founded by four businessmen who decided to meet on a regular basis for professional synergy and friendship. They soon began to pull their collective talents together and started solving community problems. Within 10 years, Rotary was on the east and west coasts and in Canada. 113 years later, Rotary is an international organization of women and men, over 1.3 million strong, part of 33,000 clubs and in almost every country in the world.

The common thread has been sharing fellowship, business synergy, and Service Above Self. This year, our 6th Annual Chicago Woman of the Year award luncheon, we honor women who exemplify the principles on which Rotary was founded.

Thank you for being with us today.

Conor Gee, 114th President of the Rotary Club of Chicago
Lisa Russ, Chair, 6th Annual Chicago Women of the Year

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CONOR GEE

Conor Gee 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.

LISA RUSS

Lisa Russ has worked in professional communications, writing, marketing and sales for the majority of her career. She worked for almost 20 years with CBIZ Inc., a national business services firm, in communications and training roles. Part of the inspiration for Chicago Woman of the Year came from Lisa's experience with serving on a CBIZ internal board designed to develop, attract and retain female talent.



Lisa has been involved with The Rotary Club of Chicago since 2001, serving in a number of capacities including programs, Job1, membership, community service & annual campaign chair; Director of Fun and President, 2012-2013. Lisa resides in Evanston with her husband, Ken Tornvall and 11-year-old step-daughter, Barbara.



UPCOMING EVENTS

CLUB WEEKLY MEETINGS

MAY LUNCHEONS

Will Towns, Benefit Chicago - 5/29/2018

JUNE LUNCHEONS

President Installation - 6/5/2018

Tom Richards, CEO of CDW - 6/12

Mariyana Spyropoulos, Metropolitan Water Reclamation

District - 6/19/2018

Club Assembly - Committee Meetings - 6/26

JULY LUNCHEONS

David Doig, CEO of Chicago Neighborhood

Initiative - 7/10/2018

Club Assembly - Committee Meetings - 7/17/2018

Jonathan Holloway, Provost, Northwestern

University - 7/24/2018

Sally Cowal, American Cancer Society - 7/31/2018

SPECIAL EVENTS

Basic Education And Literacy Presidential Peacebuilding

Conference - 6/2

Rotary International Convention - Toronto - 6/23

Governor Pedro Cevallos-Candau Installation - 6/30

VOLUNTEER SERVICE PROJECTS

Jobfair - JOB1 Interns - 5/23/2018

Meals On Wheels Golf Classic - 6/4/2018

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



CHICAGO WOMAN OF THE YEAR

Program

11:30 Registration and Reception

Noon Welcome – Conor Gee

Pledge of Allegiance - John Romans

Chicago Woman History - Lisa Russ

Invocation – Jenna Archuleta

Lunch

12:40 Keynote: Randy Fifield

12:55 Chicago Woman of the Year Presentation

◆ Jody Stawicki introduces Yvonne C. Jones

◆ Karl Zimmerman introduces Amanda Lannert

◆ Mike Faris introduces Deborah Steiner

◆ David Hirsch introduces Dr. Janice K. Jackson

1:25 Closing: Conor Gee

1:30 Meeting adjourned

Music by Mary Lukas

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YVONNE C. JONES

Jesse White Scholars and Tutoring Program

Yvonne C. Jones has served as the Executive Director of the Jesse White Scholars and Tutoring Programs since 2000. In that capacity she has helped to develop, implement and coordinate initiatives to enhance the lives of youth from the Jesse White Tumbling Team Organization in addition to youth from Chicago and the suburbs. More recently, her professional responsibilities through the Jesse White Foundation have expanded to incorporate working with other groups including Rotary, in coordinating annual Trunk Party and Job/Career Fair events that assist hundreds of participants each year.

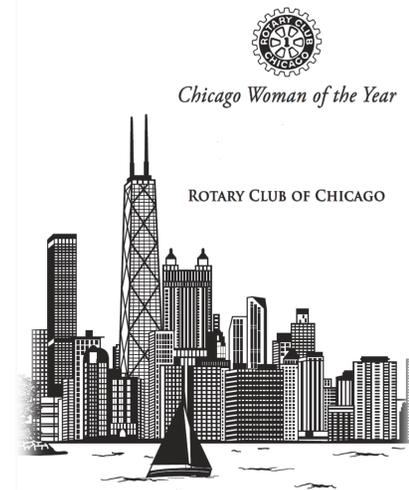


Her volunteer activities have included serving as a volunteer board member for: the Neighbor to Neighbor Activity Committee in Bloomington, Illinois, the United Community Gospel Singers of Bloomington/Normal, Illinois, the Chicago Public Library Near North Branch, and the Jesse White Tumbling Team. Other volunteer activities have included LINK, Unlimited and Deborah's Place, a shelter for homeless women.

Thanks to the guidance from God, her mother, Fannie L. Jones, her siblings, extended family and friends, she believes that her greatest honor in life has been to serve others.



CHICAGO WOMAN OF THE YEAR



Prior Honorees

May 2017

Karen Eng, Maricela Garcia, Diana White
Lifetime Achievement: Barbara Monsor

June 2016

Paula Fasseas, Evelyn Jones, Maria Paz Salas

June 2015

Theresa Mintle, Marcenia Richards, Barbara Zawacki

June 2014

Toni Preckwinkle, Deborah Rickert, Janice Rodgers

June 2013

Victoria Brander, Patricia Jahn, Lisa Madigan



RANDY FIFIELD

Keynote

As chairwoman of Fifield Realty Corp., the development arm of Fifield Companies, Randy Fifield oversees the design, interiors, asset management and marketing of Fifield's multifamily projects in metro Chicago, southern California, and Austin and Dallas, Texas. Randy's penchant for sophisticated comfort, inviting outdoor spaces, world-class art, and five-star amenities and service help Fifield's projects set the bar for luxury living. Between 2015 and 2017, Randy managed the completion of four luxury rental projects comprising 1,492 units: NEXT, a 310-unit tower in Chicago's River North neighborhood; The Sinclair, a 390-unit, transit-oriented mixed-use development in Chicago's Gold Coast neighborhood; NEXT on Lex, a 494-unit complex in Glendale, California; and NEXT on Sixth, a 398-unit community in Los Angeles's Koreatown neighborhood.



A mother of five and well-respected civic and industry leader, Randy has mentored several women for executive positions within Fifield Companies, where women hold 40 percent of senior positions and work collaboratively to enact family-friendly policies. Randy is committed to having a positive impact on Chicago's children and families through her work as a board member of the Lurie Children's Hospital and the Northwestern Prentice Women's Hospital in Chicago. Fifield Companies donated the funds for a bridge connecting the two hospitals, enabling faster transport of critically ill newborns between the facilities, and also donated the Fifield Family Labor and Delivery floor at Prentice.

Along with her husband, Steve, Randy started the Real Estate Roundtable in Chicago to bring together select business leaders to lobby for more effective government programs. She and Steve were named Multi-Housing News' 2015 Excellence Awards "Executives of the Year" and Randy has been honored by the LA Lakers and Comerica Bank as L.A.'s "Business Woman of the Year." She has been recognized as one of the 50 most influential women in Chicago commercial real estate by BISNOW; a "Woman of Influence" by the Chicago Business Journal; and "Mother of the Year" by Today's Chicago Woman. In 2017, she received the first "Woman of the Year in Construction" award from the Home Builders Association of Greater Chicago. Randy writes about design, travel and wellness on her blog, Randy Fifield Modern Living.



AMANDA LANNERT

Jellyvision Lab

Amanda Lannert is the Chief Executive Officer of The Jellyvision Lab and has been a key figure in driving the company since its founding in 2001. Under Amanda's leadership, Jellyvision has become one of Chicago's fastest growing tech companies. Jellyvision Lab has been recognized as the Best Software Company and Best Culture by the Moxies, the 2015 Lighthouse winner by the ITA, a top 10 best place to work in Chicago by The Chicago Tribune and the #1 place for millennials to work in Chicago according to Crain's.



Prior to joining The Jellyvision Lab, Amanda managed global brands for Kellogg's while at Leo Burnett, where she developed strategies and implemented campaigns for Pop-Tarts and Nutri-Grain bars, in addition to spending two years in a new business and new brand development think tank.

Amanda was named CEO of the Year at the Moxie Awards in 2014 and 2015, Woman in Tech in 2016, and was recognized as 2016's Industry Champion by the Illinois Technology Association, and she has been profiled in the Chicago Tribune and Crain's. She is also active in Chicago's startup community, having served on the advisory boards of 1871 and Starter League, a board member of NowSecure, JB Training Solutions, and the Illinois Technology Association, and as a member of ChicagoNEXT, an organization dedicated to driving growth and opportunity in the Chicago business community. She also serves as "Super Mentor" for Chicago incubators Impact Engine and TechStars, where she was also named Mentor of the Year. She is quick to laugh and enjoys a good cupcake.



DEBORAH STEINER

RR Donnelley

Deb Steiner is an accomplished legal professional with 20 years of management and legal counseling experience. From early in her legal career she has held high-level roles in organizations reporting to top executives.



As Chief Legal Officer at RRD, a \$6.9 billion, Fortune 500 Company, she advises executive leadership across domestic and international platforms operating in over 30 countries around the world. Her decades of government regulator, private sector compliance, and risk management experience qualify her as a highly

trained legal professional with core strengths in management, counseling, internal investigations, productive relationships with regulators, and crisis and enterprise risk management.

Deb lives in Oak Park where she is a single mother to three children who were adopted from the United States and Uganda. When not chasing around her three active children, Deb volunteers her time with a nonprofit called Pure & Faultless that she founded with some friends in 2014. Pure & Faultless reaches out to vulnerable women and children in Uganda, Rwanda and Ukraine.



DR. JANICE K. JACKSON

Chicago Public Schools

Dr. Janice K. Jackson has been immersed in the Chicago Public Schools her entire life. She started as a CPS student from Head Start through 12th grade and then began her teaching career at Chicago's South Shore High School. Since that time, Dr. Jackson has served as a principal, a Network Chief, the Chief Education Officer, and now, as Acting Chief Executive Officer for CPS, the third largest school district in the country.



Since taking the role of CEO, Dr. Jackson has implemented a comprehensive High School Strategy, raising both the bar and the stakes for these crucial academic years. She was also the driving force behind GoCPS, the District's first common application which has simplified the high school application process while improving access and equity for all CPS high school students. These combined efforts have propelled CPS students to a record-high graduation rate of 77.3 percent.

Dr. Jackson holds a Masters in Leadership and Administration and a Doctorate in Education in Policy Studies in Urban School Leadership from the University of Illinois at Chicago. She was a member of the University of Chicago's Network for College Success, and is a past board member of the Chicago Children's Advocacy Center. She was also honored by the National Council of Negro Women Chicago as a Woman Making History.

In her spare time, Dr. Jackson enjoys spending time with her family, especially her daughter Tori and her stepson, Torrance, Jr.

