

Chicago Rotary Club Hosts Famed Dr. Heimlich

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(Far Left) Donald W. Garner LL.M. Law Group - Chg Rotary President, (Center) Dr. Heimlich, (Far Right) Angelo J. Loumbas Eckhart Kolak LLC - Chg Rotary Board Member who's life was saved by his sister using Heimlich maneuver. Chicago Rotary recently hosted the famed Dr. Heimlich at Chicago's Union League Club. The doctor delivered a presentation on the history of his infamous Heimlich maneuver and other infamous inventions that changed the medical landscape. Heimlich also applauded Save A Life Foundation's (SALF) efforts to save children through their life saving training that includes the Heimlich maneuver.

Heimlich and Save A Life Foundation (SALF) share life saving missions and are in concert with the Rotary's charitable mission that includes maintaining and assisting in educational maintenance, says Carol Spizzirri, SALF's Founder and President.

The Rotary/One Foundation, Inc.(R/OF) also known as The Rotary Club has a global presence, originated in Chicago, and was incorporated in Illinois in 1938. Their primary objective is charitable in essence. In addition to the Rotary's educational involvement, they are well known for dispensing charity. Membership dues and restricted and unrestricted contributions of cash, securities, or property fund the Rotary.

Rotary director, Angelo J. Loumbas (pictured above) choked on a piece of meat while celebrating his birthday on April 30, 2006. Loumbas recalls failed attempts to save him at his parents' home saying, "My wife tried, but she didn't know how to do it. She had the right idea, but didn't use enough force. My father gave me back blows, well intended but failed." Loumbas recalls the life saving event saying, "I had not panicked because I knew she [sister, Stephanie Natalie] knew how to do the Heimlich maneuver." Natalie delivered the life saving maneuver on instinct per her admission stating, "I just instantly turned around. It took only once and it dislodged." Loumbas stated the dislodged meat flew a few feet away on to the floor.

I was in attendance - quote something for me on how Heimlich's & SALF life saving mission in concert with Rotary's = plus a LITTLE about Rotary's work

BACKGROUND - The ROTARY/One Foundation, Inc.(R/OF) was incorporated in the State of Illinois on January 10,

1938. The stated object for which it was formed 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 therefrom, by gift, grant, devise, bequest or purchase and invest, sell, convey, pledge and dispose of the same."

HOW THE FOUNDATION WORKS- The ROTARY/One Foundation, Inc. is a 501 (c)(3) organization that is funded by membership dues and restricted and unrestricted contributions of cash, securities or property. On May 30, 1995 the Women of Rotary Foundation ceased operations and made a restricted donation of their assets to the ROTARY/One Foundation, specifying that the funds be restricted to scholarships.

The assets of the R/O Foundation are invested and managed by a professional investment firm with direction and oversight from the Trustees and Officers of the R/O Foundation. Income from R/OF assets is used to fund grants, primarily to the Rotary Club of Chicago for its service projects and scholarships annually.

Management of the R/O Foundation, Inc. is vested in a Board of five (5) Trustees who are appointed for a term of five years. The terms of office for the Trustees are staggered so that there is continuity on the Board. Officers can be elected from the membership and with the exception of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman, do not need to be Trustees.

Trustees must be members in good standing of the Rotary Club of Chicago and are appointed by the President of the Rotary Club of Chicago subject to majority vote of approval by the Board of Directors of the Club. Trustees serve without compensation. The Foundation's annual meeting of the membership is held the second Tuesday in October and immediately following that meeting the Trustees meet to elect officers for the coming year. The Trustees and officers meet throughout the year to conduct the business of the R/O Foundation.

MEMBERSHIP- Membership is limited to persons of good character and reputation who qualify for membership by paying dues to the ROTARY/One Foundation, Inc. Annual membership dues are one hundred dollars (\$ 100) and Lifetime membership is one thousand dollars (\$1,000). Life members become Chesley R. Perry Fellows. Perry, an early member of the Rotary Club of Chicago, was the first General Secretary of Rotary International and is credited as " the builder of Rotary International".

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