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The purpose of this newsletter is to provide news and information about the activities of Rotary District 6440. It is for the sole use of the Rotarians who belong to the Rotary Clubs in District 6440.

The editors are especially interested in publishing information about successful Rotary Club programs and activities, including fundraisers, fellowship events, membership drives, and service projects. This information will be most useful to other Rotarians when it includes details about how and why the programs and activities were successful, so that they provide examples for others to follow. Send information to the District Newsletter Coordinator, Robert Paddock Jr. At: rpaddockjr@dailyherald.com
Deadline for submission: 20th of each month.

MEMBERSHIP AND EXTENSION MONTH

Governor's Message ... August 2009

Carpentersville, Welcome to Rotary!

On behalf of all District 6440 Rotarians and the Rotary world, it is my honor to welcome the new Rotary Club of Carpentersville, IL to our Rotary family. Membership in Rotary is by invitation only. Rotarians from Carpentersville, I congratulate you for accepting this invitation to be part of the world's No. 1 Service Organization with over 1.2 million members in 200 countries worldwide. You have joined an outstanding group of Rotarians such as our Founder Paul Harris, Winston Churchill, John Kennedy, Charles Walgreen, Ronald Reagan and many more. Working together under our motto "Service Above Self", we are Humanity in Motion making a difference. Thank you Carpentersville Rotarians. My thanks also to PDG Pam Kerr and her team for helping to charter this new club.



Joe Smedinghoff, President of the Rotary Club of Carpentersville holds up the Charter for his new club.

ECEQNet 1 NM

Aka: Every Club Every Quarter Net 1 New Member

This may seem a tall order, but not for district 6440 Rotarians. Thank you for accepting this membership goal for the 2009-2010 Rotary year. As of August 14, 2009, I have made 28 Official visits to our District 6440 Rotary clubs. I am encouraged and energized by the enthusiasm of our Rotarians to share their Rotary experience with others. I believe there is a mood change out there. People from all walks of life are looking to give back. They just don't know where to turn. This is our opportunity to invite them to our club meeting and share Rotary with them. R.I. President John Kenny has said "Expanding membership globally in both numbers and quality is a key priority because everything Rotary hopes to accomplish depends on it's members. Too few Rotarians fulfill this responsibility and only Rotarians have the ability to increase our numbers." Past R.I. President Frank Devlyn's theme said "Create Awareness, Take Action." It is our Rotarian responsibility to build awareness of Rotary in our community and workplace. It is our duty to act NOW.

The Future of Rotary Is In Your Hands

More Than 300 Rotary Leaders, RI President-Elect Ray Klingensmith Attend Governor Bill's Installation

The installation and dinner for District Governor William J. Ferreira attracted more than 300 Rotary leaders to the Cotillion in Palatine for an evening of fellowship, inspiration, and good Rotary spirit.

The evening's special guest was Rotary International President-Elect Ray Klingensmith, Kirksville, MO, who had just returned from the RI Convention in Birmingham, England. He was wondering if one of the duties of office would be to visit all 33,000 Rotary clubs.

President-Elect Ray remembered his experience in 1961 as an ambassadorial scholar at the University of Cape Town, South Africa, where 800,000 poor people were living in "deplorable conditions" he had never seen before. "Rotary gives ordinary people the opportunity to do extraordinary work," he said.



Governor Bill with his wife Pam greeting RI President-Elect Ray Klingensmith and his wife Judie



Anthropologist Margaret Mead said a small group of thoughtful, dedicated, committed people can change the world, and that's what Rotary is doing, he said.

Co-host of the installation with District 6440 was the Governor's home club, Rotary Club of Long Grove, which installed its new officers, led by President Karl Riehn. The evening's master of ceremonies was John Hunt III, Governor Bill's sponsor and a charter member of the Long Grove club who recently moved to Florida. The club's Immediate Past President, Jim Runnfeldt, seemed quite content to be passing on the gavel, noting that his wife, Susan, says, "He spends too much time in Rotary."



Among the many dignitaries attending the installation were at least 12 past district governors, District Governor-Elect Bruce Baumberger, District Governor Nominee Carlos Früm, District 6450 Governor James Czerwionka and Past District Governor Art Davis, and District 6540 Past District Governor Dave Wilson.

District Secretary Laura Kline led the Pledge of Allegiance, and District Treasurer Ellen Young made sure everyone remembered the 4-Way Test. Past District Governor Tony Tolbert III led the invocation. Later, Past District Governor Gordon Schrubbe presented Governor Bill with his official District Governor Pin.

As the evening reached its climactic moment, the limelight fell on the evening's honoree, Bill Ferreira, and his family— wife Pam, son Bill and daughter-in-law Jennifer, of Washington, DC, son Nicholas and guest, of Nashville, TN, and daughter Colleen and guest, of Las Vegas, NV.

In his keynote address, Governor Bill said, “As Rotarians, we are all leaders.” The traits of being a good Rotary leader are knowledge of Rotary, reaching out to serve others, and delivering results, according to Governor Bill.



“Because of your relentless determination, more than four million children can walk and over two million children have been immunized against polio,” he said. “Let us continue the fight in Pakistan, Afghanistan, India and Nigeria and make the world polio free once and for all.”

Governor Bill places a priority on creating a strong “brand identity” for Rotary. All Rotary themes share a call for Rotarians to act, he said. When this year’s theme says, “The future of Rotary is in your hands,” it means: “The future of Rotary is not in the hand of the Rotary President or the Governor. It is in the hands of the Rotary clubs. It is in your hands.”



Taking a cue from former President John Kennedy, he said, “Today, I ask you, my fellow Rotarians, what can YOU do for Rotary.”

With great feeling and empathy, Governor Bill recalled a recent visit to a food pantry distribution program at one of the clubs, where he was instructed to hand one bag of food to each adult. “A woman and her young son stood in front of me. She looked frail. I handed her a bag and expected her to move on, but she stood there teary eyed, and I noticed her son with his hands outstretched, also expecting a food bag. I asked them to move on, but both of them continued to stand there teary eyed. It was such an emotional sight that I handed him a bag of food, too.”

Picking up on a thought from President-Elect Ray’s remarks, Governor Bill concluded, “We Rotarians are ordinary people called to do extraordinary things. Remember: when we do something for us, it dies with us. When we do something for others, it stays immortal.”

See page 15 for more pictures from the event.



Successful Same Size Meetings!

*By District Governor Nominee Carlos Früm,
Membership Development Chair*

The District's Membership Committee held four quite successful Same Size Meetings in July and August. These gatherings brought together Presidents and Membership Chairs of Clubs of similar size.

The meetings took place at the Chicago Northwest marriott which donated the room *and* generous portions of dessert. Rotarian Jeff Winkenwerder, from the Schaumburg AM Club, Sales Account Manager for the hotel, made the arrangements.

The meetings started with optional dinners at the RiverCity Grill in the hotel and continued in a pleasant room ending promptly at 8:30 PM.



Participants at one of the
Same Size Meetings.

More than fifty members from thirty five clubs discussed many topics related to membership recruitment, retention, and education. The exchanges were quite candid due to the fact that the Clubs represented had approximately the same size memberships and hence the same issues. Several members of the District's Membership Committee were on hand to add commentaries, relate experiences, and take notes. An additional task was to keep the meeting from extending beyond the time allocated; such was the intensity of the discussions! The consensus was to repeat the meetings in the fall to follow up on the ideas presented and the results obtained by then.

On September 25, at the ABCs of Rotary, the District's Membership Committee will present the key findings from the first round of meetings and will distribute a short compendium of best ideas. That meeting will be open to all.

District & Club Events

Aug 16, 2009

Rotary at Ravinia

Sep 23, 2009

Literacy Committee
Information Meeting

Sep 25, 2009

ABCs of Rotary at RI in Evanston

Sep 17

Arlington Classic Golf Outing
(Arlington Sunrise)

Sep 27

Lake Zurich Rotary Celebrates 30 years

Sep 30

Wheeling Rotary Celebrates 50 years

Oct 10

3rd Annual Bags Tournament
(Bloomington/Roselle)

Oct 18

Trick or Treat Trot
(Barrington Breakfast)

Oct 24

Halloween Party Fundraiser
(Lake Zurich)

Nov 19, 2009

Family Literacy Day

Apr 29, 2010 - May 02, 2010

District 6440 Conference

Jun 20, 2010 - Jun 23, 2010

2010 Rotary International Convention



What Rotary Means to Me - **Earl Bateman, Rotary Club of Schaumburg AM**



I met a new young man in my life recently. My four month old grandson, Donovan Thomas Bateman, came into this world in January. As my son and I sat in his nursery watching him sleep and rejoicing in the gift of a new male off spring, I got to thinking about the world we were bringing him into. I am quite sure that in the next twenty to twenty five years there will be new mountains for Rotarians to step up and meet the challenges of the time.

Being a Rotarian, I have every confidence that where there is need, professional people of all races, colors and creeds will band together to meet the challenges of the day. That is what Rotary means to me, that no matter what, we care enough about our fellow man to be there with our time, resources and most importantly our hearts. Service above self will always matter. I think Donovan will know that, I hung my Service above Self Plaque on his nursery wall.

SERVICE PROJECT - Schaumburg AM Club

As you may know, charities throughout the United States are having a hard time raising funds. Since the economy has slowed, contributions are down over 33 percent and charitable programs are in trouble. The long-standing principle: "We are judged by the way we treat those who are least able to take care of themselves" could not be more true than it is today.

We at Schaumburg A.M. Rotary are doing something about it. On July 30, we are teamed up with the Schaumburg Flyers for a night at Alexian Field to raise funds for the many local charities. Schaumburg Village President Al Larson has proclaimed July 30 "Schaumburg A.M. Rotary night at Alexian Field". One hundred percent of the profits will go to area, local and national charities. Here in the area we have for nearly 20 years contributed to organizations such as Schaumburg Township Food Pantry, Children's Home & Aid Society, Clearbrook and Alfred Campanelli YMCA among others. In addition, we have received donations that will enable 800 needy young people from Children's Home & Aid, Kenneth Young, Clearbrook and Alfred Campanelli YMCA to attend the game as our special guests. Our work is not done; our goal is to raise \$50,000 in contributions to help our charities meet their budget short falls.

Rotary Night with the Flyers featured a minor-league baseball game on Thursday, July 30 that evening. After expenses we raised \$7500 for Rotary donations. There were approximately 150 Rotarians from the area in attendance. The Dundee Club brought 40 children from the Boys and Girls Club in addition to the 800 children and young adults we sponsored from Clearbrook, Kenneth Young and Campenelli YMCA. One of each of these young people threw out the first pitch. It was an exciting evening for the participants and a rewarding evening for our club.



A beautiful night at Alexian Field in Schaumburg

Welcome New Rotarians!

Caroline Felix, Evanston Lighthouse
Pete Commons, Lake Forest-Lake Bluff
Elise Cirribassi, Carol Stream Club
Mike Page, Crystal Lake Noon
Wendy Richardson, Richmond Spring Grove
Father David Peck, Elgin Noon
Dale Lonis, Elgin Noon

Charter Members of the new
Rotary Club of Carperntersville
Kevin Brown
Thom Jareszek
Lee Pearson
Joel Perez
Juan Juarez
Jim Barnes
Trish Whitecotton
Aarron Londos

Scott Rehberg
Jim KrenzAmalia Woolf
Tina CurtisRay Weishaar
Mike Armato
Joe Smedinghoff
Jill Mills
Jason Nowitzki
Barry Savage
Frank Koehler
Jeff Provisor
Mike Berger
New Member:
Dane Willman

District Simplified Grant Promotes Community Action

Rotary Club of Rolling Meadows stream bank stabilization Project



The Rolling Meadows Rotary Club, City of Rolling Meadows Environmental Committee, the City Public Works Department, and the Rolling Meadows Park District Foundation worked together on a major Salt Creek enhancement program this spring. In July, the same organizations joined in sponsorship of a duck race to raise money for the environmental improvement.

A subcommittee of City Council's Urban Affairs Committee, the Environmental Committee has annually sponsored a Salt Creek cleanup and tree planting around the time of Earth Day (April 22) and Arbor Day (April 24). This year, the Rotary Club joined in after they received a \$1,000 grant that will matched for a total of \$2,000 for a stream bank

stabilization and water quality improvement pilot project.

"We have picked an area of Salt Creek that runs through Salk Park behind the Park Central building on Central Road. It is Park District property and affords good visibility to help serve the objective of providing education about water quality and creek stewardship," says Public Works Director Fred Vogt, who is also a Rotary Club member.

The \$2,000 Rotary grant money will be used to purchase trees, bushes, and native plants for planting along the creek. Public Works and the Park District personnel will first clear vegetation and regrade the project area along the creek. Volunteers from the Rotary Club, the Environmental Committee, the City and Park District did the planting and restoration.



Duck Race. and the winner is. . .

Does your club have an interesting success story to tell? Fundraisers, Service Projects, Social Gatherings - tell your story!

See the front page of this newsletter about where to send your submission.

Rotary Club of Evanston Provides Report of International Aid Efforts

The Rotary Club of Evanston issued its annual International Aid report at the end of July, noting that it had raised thousands of dollars in its ongoing effort to assist needy people around the world. Highlights of 2008-2009 include:

Malaria Prevention in Uganda. The club provided a \$2,500 donation to the Rotary Club of Mubende, Uganda, in partnership with the Rotary Club of Glenview, Sunrise, with a donation from Hoffmann School in Glenview initiated and collected by sixth graders. With matching funds here in Evanston and with the Mubende Club at the District and Foundation level, the club's \$2,500 donation became \$13,000 total for the purchase of more than 1,500 mosquito nets for pregnant women and school children in Uganda. Malaria cases and deaths have declined by more than 60 percent since the Rotary Club of Evanston began its aid project in Uganda.

The Rotary Club of Evanston is now organizing a **clean water project with the Rotary Club of Mubende**, as it continues to focus on improving health for the needy in Uganda.

Digital X-ray Technology in Guatemala. The club provided \$2,500 to the Rotary Foundation to help provide digital x-rays to residents of the Izabal region of Guatemala with other Rotarians in our District and in Guatemala District 4250. The digital system being developed in the area will serve the diagnostic needs of 50,000 people. Several teams of Rotarians from clubs in the area have traveled to Guatemala to assist local populations on a variety of aid projects there in recent years.

Shelter Boxes in Myanmar and Pakistan. The club provided \$2,000 for the purchase of shelter boxes for Myanmar and Pakistan. Shelter boxes are large plastic containers that contain a 10-person tent and a range of survival equipment – ranging from thermal blankets to cooking utensils and tools. Shelter boxes help communities prone to natural disasters recover quickly and avoid disease and other problems by ensuring shelter and essential items for daily living. Members of the Rotary Club of Evanston supported the club's international efforts through direct donations and various fundraising activities.

SERVICE
ABOVE
SELF

ROTARY TRIVIA!

LEE HARVEY OSWALD AND THE POLIO VACCINE?

ACCORDING TO CONSPIRACY THEORISTS, BEFORE
TAKING A JOB AT THE TEXAS SCHOOL BOOK
DEPOSITORY IN DALLAS,
LEE HARVEY OSWALD WAS
WORKING IN NEW ORLEANS
FOR A RESEARCH LAB
THAT WAS DOING CANCER
RESEARCH RELATED TO
CONTAMINATION
PROBLEMS THAT
WERE OCCURRING
IN THE MANUFACTURE
OF THE POLIO VACCINE.
BELIEVE IT OR NOT.



NEXT MONTH...



THE FIRST ROTARY EMBLEM WAS A
WAGON WHEEL AND WAS CREATED IN
1905. IT DOESN'T APPEAR TO HAVE
BEEN DRAWN FROM OR BASED ON
A REAL WAGON WHEEL.
LOOK AT THAT LOGO ABOVE - WHAT'S
NOT REALISTIC ABOUT IT?
TUNE IN NEXT MONTH FOR THE
ANSWER...

DO YOU HAVE SOME FAVORITE ROTARY RELATED TRIVIA YOU'D LIKE TO CONTRIBUTE? SEND IT TO: aaron@uinnovate.net

GSE 6440 Outbound Team to Brazil District 4480

Seeking Team Leader and Four Team Members – Applications Due 09/07/2009

Leave for Brazil May 03, 2010; Return Home June 01, 2010

WHAT IS GSE?

The Group Study Exchange (GSE) program is a unique cultural and vocational exchange opportunity for young business and professional men and women in their initial years of professional life. The program is designed to develop professional and leadership skills among young adults so that they can address the needs of their communities and an increasingly global workplace. GSE offers Rotarians the opportunity to participate in sending, receiving, and sharing educational experiences of study teams that will enhance Rotary's worldwide mission. GSE participants follow an extensive and rigorous program of international travel and team activities.



Type of GSE Team.

This will be a traditional GSE – the best candidates from the business and professional community will be selected. There is also a requirement to be able to travel for a four weeks period with their employer's consent. Teams are composed of 4 non-Rotarian team members, of various business and professional backgrounds, and one Rotarian team leader. During the exchange, teams will visit local businesses, government offices, and community organizations in the host district, tour historical and cultural sites, stay with Rotarian host families, and make presentations about their home countries and professions. Team members receive orientation and cultural preparation from the sponsor Rotary district before their departure. This may include practice of oral presentations, visits to Rotary clubs, and background about Rotary International's mission, and the programs of its Foundation.

Team Leader is to be an experienced Rotarian who can provide the skill to build a great team of young people and to guide the planning for the trip – details of uniforms, flags, etc. with some culture training, all in preparation for a spectacular adventure while being excellent ambassadors for America. Be alert, energetic, and physically and mentally able to keep pace with a rigorous host program. Assist team members in preparing speeches for Rotary club meetings and other functions (e.g., presentation for the host district's conference). Play an active role in the team members' predeparture orientation to ensure they are well-informed, motivated, and cohesive as a team.

Team Members must be currently employed for at least two years in any recognized business or profession on a full-time basis, 25 to 40 years of age, work or live in District 6440, be a US Citizen, not be a Rotarian or related to a Rotarian and importantly, the application must include the employer permission form before interview. They must be neat in appearance, and to express themselves clearly and logically, and have a sound, general educational background and cultural awareness. They should be interested in and clearly enthusiastic about their chosen vocations and possess outstanding vocational skills and be open-minded, tolerant, and flexible.

Interviews: Team Leader September 26, 2009 and Team Members October 3, 2009 (both are Saturdays).

For information, questions or applications, contact:

Larry Penar, GSE Chair at rotary-gse@sbcbglobal.net, phone 847-366-2859 or

Outbound Coordinator Dr. Mark Parisi at markdparisi@aol.com, phone 847-909-9858



School Supplies for Success

Roy Fonda - President-elect Glen Ellyn

Over 500 elementary school age children from low-income or homeless families are likely to start the coming school year without the basic, required school supplies, according to Glen Ellyn School Districts 41 and 89. This will put these students at a great disadvantage and limit their educational success. These children live in our community, but Glen Ellyn Rotary Club is doing something to help. Just \$20 will provide a needy child with an assortment of basic school supplies and with a backpack. Members of Glen Ellyn Rotary Club quickly got involved to raise almost \$1,000 for 'Supplies4Success', a charitable organization. Almost 50 school backpacks filled with school supplies were donated.



Club of Palatine (Oktoberfest)

The Rotary Club of Palatine will host an Oktoberfest Celebration in the Fireman's Memorial Lot and on Slade Street, between Brockway and Bothwell streets, in downtown Palatine. "It was very successful last year and it's nice to see so many businesses have signed on to participate," said Village Manager Reid Ottesen. According to Rotary Club President Mary Geregach, proceeds will go toward local charities. Hours of the event will be **Friday, Sept. 18 from 4 to 11 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 19 from noon to 11 p.m. and Sunday, Sept. 20 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.**

DISTRICT 6440

THE ABCs OF ROTARY

Friday, September 25, 2009

**Rotary International Headquarters
Evanston, Illinois**

Registration form on page 14

Reprinted from the Wilmette Spoke

A NOTE FROM JIM KLINE

During a lull at the recent Sidewalk Sale, where we were hoping to make contacts for Rotary, I re-read the impressive brochure that was put together in the past few months. Have all of you read it? I urge you to do so. It's really a terrific achievement, one that our club can truly be proud of. Anybody reading it can't help but be impressed with Rotary worldwide and our club in particular. It's a wonderful recruitment tool. There's a lot in it, and it takes awhile to read it, so we don't give it out casually, only to people we think might really be interested. But I have to tell you, if I wasn't already a Rotarian, after reading that brochure I would definitely want to find out how to join. Why don't you pick up a copy at next week's meeting and then focus on somebody to give it to – somebody you think might really enjoy being a Rotarian. At the same time invite them to come to a meeting as your guest. I can't think of a better way to reach out to a possible new member for our club. You heard about it and you have had a chance to read about it. Now is the time to do something about it. If you did not get the details of our membership drive or have misplaced it, you can get another copy at the check-in desk at Wednesday's meeting. It's time to talk to your neighbors, your friends, your business associates and the friendly merchant you do business with. You can never really know who is a potential Rotarian unless you ask. Start Asking! NOW!!

Guatemala Mission

The District 6440 international team has arranged the 2009-10 mission to Guatemala. We will have 2 groups back to back going the 3rd and 4th week of January. Our plans are to build a library building with those who are experienced in or willing to learn to do light construction. Each group will be limited to 30 volunteers, some who will do construction and some may build shelving, varnishing or other routine maintenance. The groups will leave Chicago January 16th and 23rd, will work at Ak'Tenamit Monday through Friday and finish up the trip with 1 1/2 to 2 days in the historic city of Antigua.

Please contact Larry Kanar for an application and a complete description of Ak'tenamit.

Larry Kanar, International Service Advisor

District 6440

Rotary Club of Northbrook

471 White Oak Lane

Riverwoods, IL 60015



DISTRICT SIMPLIFIED GRANTS

District Simplified Grants are a tool for Rotary districts to support short-term humanitarian projects that benefit the community. District 6440 awards these matching funds to Clubs in the amount of \$500 or \$1000. In order to receive a grant, the sponsoring Club must have contributed at least an equal amount to the annual program fund of the Rotary Foundation in the preceding year and must be actively involved in the project.

As of August 12, 2009 District 6440 has awarded nine grants for a combined total of \$8,000 to:

Rotary Club of Lake Zurich for Safe Homes for Special Needs program (purchase smoke detectors, etc for homes with residents with physical or mental limitations).

Rotary Club of Mt. Prospect Sunrise for the English As a Second Language program at the Mt. Prospect Library (purchase bilingual business and management books)

Rotary Club of Park Ridge towards Avenues of Independence (purchase tables and chairs for multi-purpose room in home for people with developmental disabilities)

Rotary Club of Batavia for the Batavia Interfaith Food Pantry (purchase, deliver, distribute food)

Rotary Club of Deerfield for the Northern Illinois Center for Substance Abuse (purchase book bags and school supplies for children)

Rotary Club of Richmond-Spring Grove for playground equipment (purchase and hands on construction of a playground)

Rotary Club of Barrington Noon for the Township Christmas Shopping Program (purchase of toys and gifts for needy children)

Rotary Club of McHenry for the Northern Illinois Food Bank (purchase and distribute food)

Rotary Club of Dundee Township for a Bingo and Casino Night for Dundee Township Seniors (purchase of food and prizes, staff event).

For more information on DSGs, please contact Sandy Frum at 847-272-2816 or sandy@frum.com or refer to the District 6440 website.

Lake Forest-Lake Bluff Rotary Club Antique Auto Show

“Fins to the left, fins to the right,” the words to a popular Jimmy Buffet song, aptly describe the scene at the Lake Forest Antique Auto Show on July 19th. The Lake Forest-Lake Bluff Rotary Club cosponsored this annual exhibition of classic and vintage automobiles from years past. This year’s show theme of Fabulous Fins of the Fifties & Sixties brought out over 2000 men, women, and children from as far away as Houston, Texas to Deerpath Middle School grounds to experience the eclectic style and engineering of automobiles prior to 1984. The featured car was a 1957 Cadillac Eldorado Biarritz among over 300 cars exhibited on the show field.



Each year the LF-LB Rotary and the Illinois Region of the Antique Automobile Club of America join together to stage one of the summer’s fun events. The Show also serves as a major fundraiser for the LF-LB Club. The proceeds from this year’s event will be used to further the charitable mission of the LF-LB Rotary Foundation in support of its local and international giving as well as to help fund the club’s active Youth Program. Club President Len Dedo noted that “The 2009 Lake Forest Antique Auto Show highlights the 50 year giving tradition our club celebrates this year, generous patrons and great cars gathered to support good works.”

Over 85% of the club’s membership participated through service, sponsorship and advertising to make the event a great success. A well-deserved special thanks to our Co-chairs, John Barth and John Looby and the committee, Tom Coyle, Randy Hammett, Ron Hirasawa, Bob Kenahan, Cliff Kiehl, Art Lewis, Dave Schafer, Cath Thompson and Chris Webb. Planning has already begun for the 2010 show. We invite all Rotarians to join us next July.

Barrington Breakfast Rotary Kicks Off Local Micro-loan Program

While Susan struggled as a single mother to meet her family’s needs, she knew from her years of working in the clothing business that she could do custom tailoring for others. The trouble was, given her past financial difficulties, she couldn’t find anyone who’d loan her start-up money for an industrial sewing machine to work from home.

“This hypothetical Susan is just the type of deserving individual we’re hoping to help, someone that just needs a helping hand and a little seed money,” says Narayan Murarka, Barrington Breakfast Rotary Club’s Co-Chairperson for their new micro-loan program. The objective of the program is to support deserving low and moderate income people by providing loans. He adds, “Mind you, it’s about empowering deserving people intent on becoming self-reliant – it’s about opportunity, not charity.”

In 2006, Bangladesh economist Dr. Muhammad Yunus, the world’s banker to the poor, won the Nobel Peace Prize for introducing the concept of micro-credit to the world during the 1980s. This wildly successful concept has assisted almost 7 million people in breaking out of the cycle of poverty.

Now, the Barrington Breakfast Rotary Club (BBRC) brings this concept to the greater Barrington area. Applications are now being accepted for Barrington’s own micro-loan program. The geographic area covered by the program includes residents with or from: 60010 zip code, Barrington Area Council of Government membership or residing in Barrington School District 220 borders.

The BBRC is hosting a “Kick-off Dinner” to introduce the program, and its members are honored to announce that past Rotary International President, Wilf Wilkinson is the keynote speaker. Members of the media are welcomed to attend.

For more information about the program or the kick-off dinner event, contact Narayan Murarka, at: 847-836-0494, or npmurarka@comcast.net

Rotary Literacy Committee

Plan now to attend Rotary District Literacy Committee's annual Fall Information meeting, Wednesday, September 23, 2009, from 6 pm to 8 pm at Indian Trails Pubic Library District, 355 Schoenbeck Road, Wheeling, IL.

The meeting starts with a light supper and networking at 6 pm, followed by a program at 7 pm. Get all the information you need to do a literacy project for your club, from quick and easy one shot events such as "Rotary Reads" (Thursday, November 19, 2009) to partnering with a school library or local adult literacy program.

For more information, check the District web site or call Kaye Grabbe at 847-810-4602 or any member of the District Literacy Committee.



Governor Bill greeting Rotary International President John Kenny at the Wilmette Harbor Club meeting.

Palatine Exchange Student Arrives



On Friday, August 7, the Rotary Club of Palatine welcomed our new exchange student Alejandra Aguero from Paraguay. Alejandra will stay with Jim and Kathy McLin for the first few months and attend Palatine High School. Rotarians Matt Bickel, Sandy Soria, Dave Reiser, Ken Chalmers, and Jim McLin met Alejandra as she exited customs at 6:30 a.m.



(photo 1). The McLins have already taken Alejandra sailing on Lake Michigan (photo 2)! Alejandra is charming, intelligent and gracious, and we are very excited to have her here at last!

Governor Bill visits the clubs





DISTRICT 6440

THE ABCs OF ROTARY

**Friday, September 25, 2009
Rotary International Headquarters
Evanston, Illinois**

I'M A ROTARIAN—NOW WHAT?

**BACK TO BASICS
FEATURING THE FOUR AREAS OF SERVICE**

YOU CAN MAKE THE DIFFERENCE!

**7:30 A.M. OPTIONAL NO-HOST BREAKFAST, Rotary International Café
8:30 A.M. CHECK-IN, 3rd Floor Atrium
9:00 A.M. CALL TO ORDER, 3rd Floor Auditorium
12:45 P.M. ADJOURN**

**WE ARE PROUD TO PRESENT AS OUR GUEST SPEAKER
RUSSELL VANDENBROUCKE,
A WORLD PEACE FELLOW AND GRADUATE OF CHULALONGKORN UNIVERSITY**

**FIND YOUR PASSION FOR SERVICE IN YOUR COMMUNITY!
BE INSPIRED BY STORIES TOLD AND KNOWLEDGE SHARED!
EXPAND YOUR ROTARY HORIZONS—THE FUTURE OF ROTARY IS IN YOUR HANDS!**

ALL FOR ONLY \$20.00 PER PERSON

ABCs of Rotary on September 25, 2009

Club Name: _____ # of registrants on this form _____

Rotarian Name(s): _____

Guest Name(s): _____

Please enclose check for \$20.00 per person made out to Rotary District 6440.

Return form and check by September 18, 2009, to

**Charlotte Ogorek
1119 W. Touhy Ave.
Park Ridge, IL 60068**

Installation Dinner Pictures



