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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 Club 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.

Family Month

Seasons Greetings!

Governor’s Message...December, 2009

At the Rotary International Convention in 1935, our founder Paul Harris said: "Friendship is the Foundation Rock on which Rotary was built. Tolerance is the element that will hold us together." It is in this spirit of friendship and tolerance that I share my experience of this special season with you. As a kid, the December holiday season was always a favorite time of the year. I looked forward to celebrating Christmas with my family. School was out around December 18 and the excitement began. We put up decorations and had the Christmas tree all set up with ornaments and lights. We believed in Santa Claus and awaited patiently his arrival on December 25. He always obliged with presents for the family.

Christmas day began with our family attending the midnight mass followed in the morning with opening our presents and later the family Christmas meal at which time we all reflected on our blessings during the past year. To this day, I have continued this tradition of celebrating and reflecting with my family.

No matter what we celebrate be it Christmas, Hannukah, Kwanzaa, Divali, EID or any other occasion, this time of the year is very special. Celebrating with family makes a difference. It gives us an opportunity to come together to reflect on who we are and give thanks for what we have.

We are also presented with a challenge...the challenge to give back and make a difference in the lives of our fellow human beings. This year more than ever that challenge is shouting at us...right here in our midst.

Rotarians, friends, neighbors are in transition and facing difficult times. Why not share some of our traditions? Invite them to share with your family. Participate in a soup kitchen or a food pantry distribution program. Serve a special holiday meal to the needy. I appreciate the many clubs that present holiday gifts in their community. Keep it up!

AS R.I. President John Kenny has said *“Every club should strive to achieve a balanced interaction between Rotarians and their families – and the family of Rotary. Only by working together, as a family, can we ensure that the Rotary of today grows into an even stronger Rotary of tomorrow.”*

As of December 2, 2009, I will have had the unique opportunity to make my official visit to all 72 clubs in our district—an experience of a lifetime. Every club Board meeting was a time to learn and share. Every club is unique and special in their own way. I am proud of the dedication and commitment of each club making a difference in their community and the world. I will always cherish this experience as a highlight of my life.

I thank you for your warm welcome and the honor to address your club. I am truly grateful. Just like R.I. President John Kenny, there is no question that I have reaped more than I have sown. The Future of Rotary is In Your Hands.

Governor Bill concludes his official club visits.



WHY I AM A ROTARIAN

*By Beth DeWall, President
of the Rotary Club of Wilmette Harbor*

Four years ago, I became a Rotarian. My parents led by example as both volunteered in their community and still do. When I was seeking a new avenue of service, my father suggested Rotary. My father is a Rotarian, as was my grandfather. I gave Rotary a try, and voilà, I loved what I discovered.



Rotary offered the opportunity to give service to local, national and international causes. It was a way to meet business people outside of my profession. The organization provided the chance to establish contacts both locally and from around the globe, contacts I otherwise would not have.

The second club I visited "sealed the deal." Entering its 20th year, the Rotary Club of Wilmette Harbor has a great vitality (plus the beautiful lake views) which enticed me to join. I found a diverse range of business women and men, engaging speakers, wide scope of service activities, and lots of laughter. Of course, the magnificent sunrises over Wilmette Harbor gave an extra energy boost to the morning meetings.

One of the many highlights during these last few years as a Rotarian was the RI International Convention in Birmingham this past June. I met so many interesting Rotarians from almost every continent. It was truly educational to learn about these clubs, their unique fundraising programs, and outreach initiatives.

Also memorable was dinner with six Rotary World Peace Fellows. At this gathering, I had the opportunity to ask each fellow about their work. One recent graduate worked at the World Bank, another for the United Nations in East Timor, and another fellow worked for the European Commission as Directorate-General for Humanitarian Aid for East and Southeast Asia. Each of these fellows is under 30, and very impressive and inspiring.

There are countless unexpected rewards of being a Rotarian, and they surface continually. I've met many dynamic, dedicated people and have made good friends. And, I've had lots of fun!

*Beth DeWall is President of the Rotary Club of Wilmette Harbor. She has served as the Club's Secretary among other leadership positions.
Beth is an Art Director at The Bradford Exchange.*

Call for Applications Rotary District 6440 Governor 2012-2013

Applications for the nomination of the District 6440 Governor for 2012-2013 are now being accepted. All applications must be duly completed and signed and received by District Governor Bill Ferreira no later than Monday January 4, 2010. Only the Official District 6440 nomination form should be used. This form is available on the district website: www.rotary6440.org and from DG Bill Ferreira, District 6440 Administrator Kristina Laib, the Assistant Governors and the Rotary Club Presidents. The nominating committee will convene on January 11, 2010 to select the District Governor for 2012-2013.

Welcome New District 6440 Rotarians

Fox Lake -Round Lake Area:

JoAnne Joyce

Evanston Lighthouse:

Elaine Clemens

Jan Smith

Eric Schmelling

Amanda Caballero-Holmes

Elgin Noon:

Sean Fergus

Arlington Heights Sunrise:

Rachel Pavlis

Angelo Pavlis

Glenview Noon:

Sven Dalquest

Pat Dalton

Lombard:

Joanne Mitrenga

Winnetka-Northfield:

Jeff Johnson

Skokie Valley:

Scott Kim

Timothy Gambacorta

Glenn Turner

Rob Ryan

David McWhinney

Arlington Heights:

Bogdan Krzysik

Wilmette Harbor:

Mark Lundell

Buck Crist

Tom Weisman

Susan Watson

Carol Stream:

Elise Ciribassi

Libertyville Sunrise:

Ron Lapins

Bob Stemper

Dan Sugrue

Gene Sekel

Wauconda:

Barbara Markiewicz

Glenview Sunrise:

Helena Vena

Wilmette:

Mariana Al Far

Martha Foster

MaryAnn LaJoie-Sandroff

CHARITY NAVIGATOR GIVES ROTARY FOUNDATION HIGH MARKS

Charity Navigator has named The Rotary Foundation among the 10 best charities everyone's heard of in its rankings of "large, complex organizations with budgets exceeding \$100 million, and at least \$65 million in net assets." According to www.charitynavigator.org, Charity Navigator works to advance a more efficient and responsive philanthropic marketplace. The site ranks The Rotary Foundation third among similar charities in part because of its exceptional financial management. Rotarians should be proud of the ranking, and confident that all donations are used wisely.



John Osterlund, General Manager of TRF was the keynote speaker at the District Foundation seminar.

10 of the Best Charities Everyone's Heard Of

These 10 charities work throughout the country and the world. They are large, complex organizations with budgets exceeding \$100 million, and at least \$65 million in net assets. They became household names in part because of their exceptional financial management, no easy feat considering the scope and size of their operations. Charitable givers should feel confident that these national institutions put their donations to good use.

Rank	Charity	Overall Score
1	The National Christian Foundation	69.40
2	Feed The Children	69.19
3	The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International	69.08
4	Mayo Clinic	68.36
5	National Gallery of Art	68.26
6	The Nature Conservancy	68.02
7	The Conservation Fund	67.27
8	William J. Clinton Foundation	66.97
9	United States Golf Association	66.62
10	American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee	66.45

Holiday Thoughts

CHRISTMAS IS MY FAVORITE TIME OF YEAR

I love all the decorations and wonderful childhood memories. I collect Santa figures and every year I pick up at least one more Santa ornament. We go out to a local tree farm, cut a nice pine, and rearrange the furniture so the tree will fit into the room. While it is a time for family and giving, we also enjoy some of the silly side of the holiday. "Christmas Vacation" is one of our favorite movies and a few years ago we added a plastic life-sized squirrel that we tuck in the Christmas tree branches, from one of the funniest scenes in the movie. My favorite music is by the Trans Siberian Orchestra, "Christmas Eve Sarajevo," a stirring piece of music for the season.

*Sandy Kaczmariski, President
Rotary Club of Geneva
630.365.3289*

HANUKKAH

Though Hanukkah is not described in scripture and doesn't have the religious significance of the "High Holidays." It is probably the most fun holiday of the Jewish year. Primarily a children's holiday today, it is intended to be a celebration of the victory in Jerusalem and the reclaiming of the holy sites. In recent times it has become "the celebration of lights."

These days Hanukkah is observed by lighting a Menorah (candelabra) in our homes, adding a candle each night for eight days. It's in recognition of Judah Macabee's recapture of The Temple in Jerusalem, and the miracle of oil in their menorah lasting for eight nights instead of one! Though adults may exchange gifts, in many homes children get a small gift after each candle lighting, and perhaps receive one or two large gifts. The traditional holiday food is the latke (potato pancake).

*Mike Yesner
Assistant Governor Coordinator*

A HOLIDAY MUSLIM PERSPECTIVE

As Muslims we love and respect Jesus as a prophet of God, but we do not celebrate his birthday or exchange gifts. Most Muslims try to shift the focus on giving and celebrating on the two Eids we have in a year (one marks the end of Ramadan - it was celebrated on September 20 and the other marks - the ending of the Hajj pilgrimage - this year it will fall on Friday, November 27 (based on the lunar calendar).

In my family, because we are a part of American culture, we try to do some things so that our children do not feel they are missing out on the hoopla around Santa and the festive spirit. The children know of the stories of Jesus and Mary from the Quran. But while we want them to enjoy the holidays, we try to make it less commercialized and materialistic by encouraging handmade cards and presents such as baking cookies for our neighbors.

When my kids want something, I ask them to make an "Eid wish list" and be on their best behavior so that we can take them shopping on Eid. We also have a few surprise presents wrapped up but they know it's from us. On both Eids, many relatives prefer to give cash instead of boxed gifts. We encouraged the children to spend just some of it, save some and donate some.

*Peace,
Kiran Amsari*

HINDU HOLIDAY CELEBRATION

Rotarian Atul Mark Kaushal notes the holidays point out some shared values between Christianity and Hinduism including love of humanity, humility, honesty, and selflessness. The new year in the Hindu calendar, Return of the King, is celebrated in the last quarter of the year - a celebration of light, and the triumph of good over evil. He notes that one of the interesting things about India is how ancient traditions are maintained even though there has been an adoption of Western culture. There is a significant movement, too, to shun materialism. Atul's father comments that "India is a country rich of festivals. Its culture is so rich that it celebrates a festival almost every month. Moreover, people of India are so lively that they celebrate each and every festival with a lot of enthusiasm." At home here in the U.S., Atul's family celebrates the "Santa" holiday, not the "Jesus" holiday. It is a time, like at Thanksgiving, when one puts an emphasis on family and renewing relationships.

A BUDDHIST EXPERIENCE

Rev. Patti Nakai of the Buddhist Temple of Chicago, with a strong Japanese membership, shared that since many members find themselves immersed in the American society, they celebrate the secular aspects of the season - presents, a Christmas tree, getting together - just like other Americans do. Indeed, mixed Japanese and American marriages often result in a mixture of ways celebrating both the secular and religious. She noted that many values of the Buddhist tradition are similar to those of the Jesus celebrated in the Christmas season, including the importance of loving, caring, open-minded tolerance, non-violence and hope. There is an emphasis, too, on unselfish, anonymous generosity. Coincidentally, one of the images of Buddha, similar to that of Santa Claus', is that of a cheerful, fat monk with a big hemp sack full of gifts for children, and good luck and prosperity for adults.

Holiday Thoughts

Governor Bill asked that the newsletter this month feature some reflections on the holidays. We're here in America . . . an America made up of many faiths and philosophies. It therefore seemed appropriate to ask some Rotarians and friends of different persuasions.

At first, it seemed both a simple and a daunting task. Our environment today seems an especially sensitive one. Reflecting on that, we wondered who we should ask, and worried about how we might express views and beliefs in a way that would not offend.

But then we realized we're compiling a newsletter for Rotarians, and that we, as Rotarians, embrace international understanding and . . . especially if one has been on a service trip to other parts of the world . . . we realize that patience, understanding and humility go a long way toward bringing gaps among people of various backgrounds.

It is in this spirit that we have tried, albeit imperfectly, to gather and share a modest sampling of thoughts about the holiday season.

Rotary District 6440

The Rotary Foundation and World Community Services

FOUNDATION SEMINAR REPORT

The 2009 Rotary Foundation and World Community Services district seminar was conducted on Friday, November 6th at The Cotillion Banquets center in Palatine. Registration and on-site check in was handled by members of the Rotary Club of Buffalo Grove.

Over one hundred fifty individuals were registered for the seminar, including 140 Rotarians and 14 special guests, representing 53 clubs. Registration was conducted in advance through the district website (on-line registration) and through the mail. Two Ambassadorial Scholars were guests, as were eight GSE team members. Registrations for these 10 guests were covered by corporate contributions from Kolbe Pipe Markers Company (Rotarian Rob Seitz of Buffalo Grove) and Nielsen Associates, Incorporated (Rotarian Al Viehman of Buffalo Grove).

The seminar was kicked off at 9:00 a.m. with a rousing welcome by District Governor Bill Ferreira, followed by a tone-setting presentation and welcome from PDG Gordon Schrubbe (who was representing District Foundation Chair PDG Tony Tolbert). With the spirit of the day established, PDG Terry Mueller offered the audience information about the opportunities associated with and the already notable successes of the six Rotary Centers for Peace and Understanding through the Peace Scholar study programs. Linda Lutz followed with review of the Ambassadorial Scholarship program, and the accomplishments within our district through annual awarding of scholarships – introducing two recent recipients who were in attendance. Then the Group Study Exchange program was introduced by Larry Penar, with comments shared regarding the upcoming Brazil inbound process, introduction of the outbound GSE Team to Brazil, and presentation from Alicia Mentell and three members of the GSE Team to New Zealand. On the heels of GSE were Dan Wolf and Alycia Brock who shared information about the district's international service project to Guatemala in January 2010, with demonstration of the \$50.00 water purification kit that has previously been and will again be distributed during the upcoming visit by Rotarians.

The program continued with an enlightening presentation by PDG Mike Ericksen regarding the Humanitarian Grant process, and what is happening at both the RI level and the district level. Linda Lutz then followed up with information about World Community Service project opportunities that clubs and Rotarians can participate in without the need for funded grants, but where supportive sponsorships can lead to successful involvements by clubs to assist in areas throughout the world.

After breaking to enjoy the pastries and beverages provided by The Cotillion, along with Rotarian fellowship, the second half of the morning presentations were initiated by PDG Dave Waring, who educated attendees on the status of the Polio Eradication effort and of the fund-raising challenge to Rotary in support of the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation gift. PDG Dave's conscientiousness for the success of this challenge was ever-present through his presence and delivery during the day. Walter Reed then challenged the participants to recognize the gains received from contributions to the Annual Fund,

recognizing the benefits provided through earlier seminar programs presented and from the personal gratifications that contributions – large or small – can make to our world and the many throughout who benefit. Following Walter, Roylene Gallas educated the audience on ways and means for clubs and members to track contributions, as well as methods to make tracking of dollars given easier for all. Lucinda Kasperperson then offered an overview of the Permanent Fund opportunities for donation, to make certain that the processes described throughout the day can always be sustained by an endowed fund through TRF, with planned giving made simple for those willing to explore the options. Capping off the morning was PDG Dick Beals, who put a "human face" on many of the programs reviewed earlier during the morning by describing specific people and projects and the impacts that The Rotary Foundation had made in their support.

As a part of morning presentations, those clubs that received certificates for Polio Challenge participation during Rotary year 2009-2009 were recognized, as were clubs for annual giving per capita awards, sustaining member giving, and EREY giving. Certificates and banners were available for recognized clubs.

At conclusion of the morning session, attendees gathered in a separate room for lunch, and were greeted by the typical meeting opening with the pledge to the American flag (John DuRocher), reciting of the Rotary Four-Way Test (Jim Runnfeldt), and an invocation offered for the gathering and the food (Jim Bradley). Lunch was served to approximately 140 who gathered.

Following lunch service, Rotarian John Osterlund (General Manager of TRF), Governor Bill Ferreira, and PDG Gordon Schrubbe presented awards in recognition of recent major donor contributions to TRF. Recognized were Governor Bill and Pam Ferreira (Long Grove), Governor-Elect Bruce and Nancy Baumberger (Evanston Lighthouse), Dennis Snyder (Buffalo Grove), and Sarah and Wallace Oliver (Wilmette Harbor).

The day was concluded with a keynote presentation by John Osterlund, who reported what was going on currently with funding at The Rotary Foundation, especially with the current economic status; the successes of District 6440 in sustaining its contribution levels; and the fight to end polio once and for all as led by Rotary International through the contributions of its volunteer members and the financial support provided by TRF. John's motivational presentation was a fitting end to an enlightening day, sending participants off with reminders of opportunities awaiting and challenges to be fulfilled throughout the district and the world, leaving "the future of Rotary in our hands".

{ As a follow-up to the seminar, contact information and email addresses, web-site addresses, and blog addresses mentioned during the day's presentations are being collected into a resource document, with planned communication to all attendees through the district Club Runner process. }

Al Viehman
District Foundation Seminar Chair 2009



Rotary District 6440 ANNUAL DISTRICT CONFERENCE

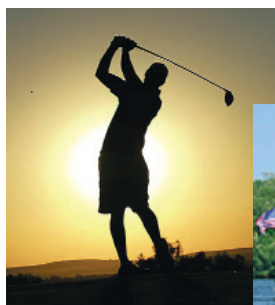
*Rotarians and Guests, I invite you to
“Celebrate Our Clubs – Envision Our Future”*



Please join Pam and me
for a grand old time
up north!
Bill



DISTRICT CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS:



- Thursday morning - Annual District Golf Tournament.
- Thursday night - *Sundowner Dinner Cruise* on Lake Geneva.



- Friday - *Foundation Luncheon* - Speaker *Steven Hollingworth*, COO CARE, USA, 1980-1981 Ambassadorial Scholar to England, 2007 RI Foundation Speaker at Governor's Institute, San Diego, October 2009 Foundation Speaker at RI Zone Institute, Minneapolis.
- Friday night - *International Buffet & Youth Exchange Entertainment*. Wear your country colors... Former RI President Wilf Wilkinson, chief guest/keynote speaker.



- Saturday morning - alternative program, *Breakfast at Tiffany's*, hosted by First Lady *Pam Ferreira* ...“*Making a Memorable and Lasting First Impression*,” presentation by *Susan Fignar* and fashion show by *Laurie Carver* of CAbi clothiers.



- Saturday - *District Awards Luncheon*. Speaker *David Forward*, Leadership Development and Personal Growth Trainer.
- Saturday afternoon - ‘*Shopping Extravaganza with Demonstrations and Tastings at the Shops of Lake Geneva*’.
- Saturday night - *Great Gatsby* - Black Tie (optional) Dinner. RI President *John Kenny's* Representative, Speaker.
- Saturday Afternoon - *Team Trivia*.



- Sunday - *Gospel Choir Brunch* and closing session.

**For details on Program Schedule and Registration,
please visit the District Conference website at www.rotary6440districtconference.com.**

ROTARY TRIVIA!

IN THE LATE 1800'S, AS GLOBAL INTERACTION AMONG COUNTRIES BECAME MORE PREVALENT, EFFORTS TO CREATE A COMMON 2ND LANGUAGE AMONGST ALL HUMANS BEGAN. THE LANGUAGE WAS CALLED "ESPERANTO". IN 1928, A FEW ROTARIANS INTERESTED IN THIS NEW LANGUAGE FORMED A CLUB FOR THOSE WHO WANTED TO SHARE INFORMATION AND LEARN ABOUT ESPERANTO. THIS CLUB BECAME THE FIRST OFFICIAL ROTARY FELLOWSHIP. FELLOWSHIPS SINCE



THEN HAVE BEEN QUITE DIVERSE - RANGING FROM "THE ZIPPER CLUB" (ROTARIANS WITH ARTIFICIAL/REPAIRED HEARTS) TO "DOLL LOVERS" (FOCUSES ON THE CULTURAL ASPECTS OF DOLLS). IF YOU'RE PLAYING ALONG FROM LAST MONTH'S TRIVIA - NO, THERE'S NO FELLOWSHIP FOR AEROMODELLING.

GIS REVIDO!

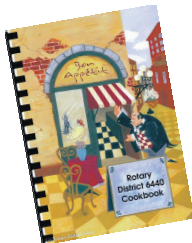
DO YOU HAVE SOME FAVORITE ROTARY RELATED TRIVIA YOU'D LIKE TO CONTRIBUTE? SEND IT TO: aaron@uinnovate.net

NEXT MONTH...



WHILE THERE'S AN INTENTIONAL COMMONALITY ACROSS ALL ROTARY CLUBS, INDIVIDUAL CLUBS ALL FIND WAYS OF BEING UNIQUE - PERHAPS SOME IN A MORE REBELLIOUS FASHION THAN OTHERS. WHICH ROTARY CLUB IN THE USA HAS ADOPTED A BLACK SHEEP WITH AN EMBLAZONED ROTARY WHEEL AS A SYMBOL OF THEIR NON-TRADITIONAL WAYS?

THE COOKBOOKS HAVE ARRIVED



Order your supply Now in time for Holiday Gift-Giving. The Order form is available on the district website (www.rotary6440.org) or on page 97 of your District Directory or send in your order with a check at \$10.00 per book to:

PAM FERREIRA
4432 RFD • Long Grove, IL 60047

Previous and current orders are available for pick-up Now.

RI MONTREAL CONVENTION UPDATE

6440 Rotarians seem to have "discovered" MONTREAL, from the responses received for housing. The block of rooms set aside for the district at EMBASSY SUITES, has been filled. However, in anticipation of increased interest, reservations were also made at the HOLIDAY INN-SELECT. Located within close proximity of the convention venues, it offers the same services as the EMBASSY SUITES: breakfast daily, nightly reception, etc. and is comparably priced, but rooms offered are not suites, though they are located on the concierge level.



Governor Bill will be hosting a district reception on Sunday, June 20, between plenary sessions and we expect to finalize all details very shortly. Stay tuned.

NOTE: In order to take advantage of the "early bird" registration price, you must register before December 15. After that date, the fee increases by \$50. Should you need to cancel, April 30 is the deadline for refunds.

For more information, contact Stanly Sherman @ (847) 498-3450 (3495 fax) or rotarystan@gmail.com.

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Talk Rotary



Don't Leave Home
Without Your Rotary Pin



Gov. Bill participates on literacy day by reading to a first grader at Olive-Mary Stitt Elementary School in Arlington Heights

**MAKE PLANS NOW TO JOIN
GOV. BILL AND PAM, JUNE 20-23,
FOR AN UNFORGETTABLE
INTERNATIONAL ROTARY EXPERIENCE.**

ROTARY TURNS OUT FOR WORLD POLIO DAY

*By Dan Nixon and Arnold R. Grahl
Rotary International News – 18 November 2009*

From walking to the White House to climbing the Himalayas, the family of Rotary turned out on 24 October, World Polio Day, to raise public awareness and support for ending the disease.

Nearly 1,000 Rotary clubs in Germany carried out a national fundraising campaign during the week of 19 October. Highlights included screenings of the Academy Award-nominated documentary *The Final Inch* in Berlin and Cologne, sales of a benefit CD set featuring international recording artists, and promotional support from Frankfurt's Deutsche Bank Skyliners professional basketball team.

The Rotary Club of Hamburg-Hafencity, which was officially chartered 7 November, raised about \$11,111 through a used cell phone drive, along with other activities.

The \$355 million in grants awarded by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation to The Rotary Foundation "*is a huge motivation for us to raise additional funds for the fight against polio*," said Gunnar Wöbke, CEO of the Deutsche Bank Skyliners and a member of the Rotary Club of Frankfurt/Main-Paulskirche.

Other fundraising efforts to help meet **Rotary's \$US200 Million Challenge** included:

- Rotarians in Austria netted more than \$297,000 for Rotary's challenge by selling packets of sunflower seeds nationwide for \$7.50 each.
- A World Polio Day Dinner sponsored by the Rotary clubs of Abilene, Abilene Wednesday, and Abilene Southwest, Texas, USA, and featuring RI President-elect Ray Klinginsmith as a guest speaker, raised more than \$50,000.
- District 7610 (Virginia, USA) coordinated a Final Inch for Polio Eradication Walk of 24.6 miles from Herndon to the White House, raising almost \$10,000 for Rotary's challenge.
- A bikeathon sponsored by the Rotary Club of Bali Seminyak, Bali, Indonesia, garnered \$1,500.
- In Tanzania, a children's band led more than 100 Rotarians and friends on a walk through the streets of Arusha to promote polio eradication.
- In an ongoing effort, the Rotary Club of Victoria, Texas, USA, is making "*Join the Challenge, Stamp Out Polio*" stamps available to clubs and districts in support of Rotary's challenge. Order sheets of 10 for \$10 each at www.victoriarotary.org/stamps.



The End Polio Now message illuminates the Old Opera House in Frankfurt, Germany

WOUNDED WARRIOR PROJECT

The Rotary Club of Northbrook partnered with The American Legion Post 791 and the Pioneer Press to raise over \$5,000 for the Wounded Warrior Project, a non-profit organization created to honor and empower wounded warriors.

The two-hour program on the eve of Veteran's Day featured various speakers, including veterans Chad Watson of Mt. Zion, Peter Stockslager who spoke on behalf of Paul Butzen of Northbrook and Melissa Stockwell of Chicago, who shared their experiences from the Iraq War and World War II. Additionally, Sandy Frum, Village of Northbrook President, spoke and a video message from Tammy Duckworth, Assistant Secretary of Public and Intergovernmental Affairs for the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, was played. The ceremony featured music by the Deerfield Concert Band and Northbrook's Y'All Come Choir.

Muriel Collison

