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The "Home District" Newsletter

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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.

World Understanding Month

Governor's Message...February, 2010

Fifteen years ago, when I was inducted as a Rotarian, I received the traditional membership package. In it I read a statement called the Object of Rotary. The Fourth Object of Rotary read as follows: "The advancement of international understanding, goodwill and peace through a world of fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service." I was impressed. I joined Rotary to be of service in my community, but Rotary also offered the opportunity to be of service internationally. Now more than ever we Rotarians are challenged to do just that—promoting peace, understanding and goodwill among people throughout the world. This may seem a daunting task, but with over 1.2 million Rotarians spread across every continent, we can make this happen.

Now is the time to check on our relentless pursuit of Rotary's Fourth Avenue of Service—International Service: "Actions needed to expand Rotary's humanitarian reach around the globe and to promote world understanding and peace." The Haiti earthquake has given us this opportunity. And we Rotarians have responded overwhelmingly. To date, our District 6440 clubs have pledged over 100 Shelter Boxes to the earthquake victims. Our district is also contributing \$50,000.00 in DDF for the Shelter Box program.

Rotarians are also encouraged to make contributions to the Rotary Foundation Donor Advised Fund at the RI website. In this newsletter, there is also information on our district's special fund: "The District 6440 Haiti Earthquake Relief fund." This fund will be managed by PDG Jack Blane and have the same objectives as the District's Katrina Relief fund that was successful in providing aid to the victims long after the storm. Many thanks to our Rotarians for their swift response and strong support for the victims of the Haiti earthquake.

In June 2007, the Rotary International Board of Directors approved the R.I. Strategic Plan for 2007-2010, which identified seven priorities. The first priority is: "Eradicate Polio." By working together to eradicate polio, Rotarians are

expanding Rotary's humanitarian reach, thus promoting world understanding and peace. I am encouraged by what Rotarians can accomplish when we work together as a team. If anybody can, Rotarians can. For more than 20 years, Rotarians have championed the effort to rid the world of this terrible disease. Rotarians like you have contributed over \$700 million to date and counting.

Our relentless pursuit to rid the world of this dreaded disease will not stop. Many Rotarians from our district have participated in the National Immunization Days program in India and Nigeria. Your work has already saved an estimated 5 million children from polio. I thank you for your continued efforts to meet our district goal for reaching Rotary's \$200 million challenge. Together, we shall defeat polio.

R.I. President John Kenny has said: "Rotary is a network of people who care—people who are both realists and optimists." Knowing the reality of our world, let us all move forward by reaching out to others to build peace, understanding and goodwill through our humanitarian work.

On January 16, 2010, my wife Pam and I became grandparents for the first time with the birth of William Michael Ferreira. Thank you for all your good wishes. May I take this opportunity to wish you a Happy Valentine's Day.

The Future of Rotary Is In Your Hands.



District 6440 Rotarians are sponsoring over 100 ShelterBoxes for the Haiti Earthquake victims

Presidential Citation Award

Just a Reminder to Rotary Club Presidents

At the Governor's Board meeting during the official club visit, Governor Bill challenged all District 6440 clubs to achieve the honor of receiving the Presidential Citation Award. The form to apply for this award is available on the district Web site and from your assistant governor. Completed forms are due to Governor Bill by March 31, 2010.

'Disaster Recovery' Efforts Essential to Rebuild Haiti

By Roylene W. Gallas

Director of Annual Giving, The Rotary Foundation
Rotary Club of Arlington Heights Sunrise

"There are two big forces at work, external and internal. We have very little control over external forces such as tornadoes, earthquakes, floods, disasters, illness and pain. What really matters is the internal force. How do I respond to those disasters? Over that I have complete control."

*Leo Buscaglia, Ph.D. (1924-1998)
Professor, Author of "Love"
Paul Harris Fellow (1994)*

When disasters strike, especially with the magnitude of the Haiti Earthquake, it is our first instinct as Rotarians to want to ***do good in the world*** and help those in need. However, when I ask Rotarians if they could drop everything, leave their families and businesses and go to Haiti to work on the relief effort for the next 30, 60, or 90 days, most sadly reply, "no."

The reason is that Rotary is not equipped to be a "first responder" organization. Rotary does not have thousands of employees and volunteers to deploy on a moment's notice to a disaster site nor does it have the warehouses or transport vehicles needed to store and deliver critical supplies to the disaster site.

Thus, we must defer "***disaster relief***" efforts to the first responders who do it best: the Red Cross, Salvation Army, Mercy Corps, World Relief, and a sundry of other organizations like ShelterBox. They have the infrastructure to help NOW.

But Rotary has something special that most first responders don't have – Rotarians! While the first responders are busy providing disaster relief assistance in the short-term, Rotarians across the world and in Haiti's District 7020 are already assessing ways to help the Haitian people in the long-term "***disaster recovery***" process.

Since 1978, Rotarians have been actively working together to meet critical needs in Haiti by participating in over 250 Rotary Foundation Matching Grant projects. Rotary's ***disaster recovery*** efforts are sure to help survivors get their lives back on track by drilling clean water wells, rebuilding sanitation systems, establishing

new schools and medical clinics, developing vital food sources, restoring economic development, and more -- all things that Rotarians do best and will continue to do long after other organizations leave Haiti.

It is of great advantage to have fellow Rotarians living and working amidst the ruins of Haiti who can best identify the areas of greatest need and tell the rest of us how we can be most effective in the assistance we provide. They will be there to receive our grant monies, our supplies, and will make sure that our contributions are used for the purpose and projects for which they were intended.

District 6440 is providing \$50,000 in Rotary Foundation District Designated Funds (DDF) to match club contributions at \$1,000 to purchase ShelterBoxes for Haiti in the short-term. However, let us not forget the Haitian people who will continue to need us most in the next three, five and 10 years...and beyond.

Contribute now to the Rotary Foundation's Annual Programs Fund to create more DDF funds that can be used to develop future humanitarian Matching Grant projects for Haiti. It's the way we Rotarians respond to disasters, it's the way we remember, it's the way we never forget those in need. Learn more at www.rotary.org.

It's up to you to get involved and stay involved. Over that, you have complete control. Share the "Love," like Leo Buscaglia! Support your Rotary Foundation.

***The Future of Rotary
is in Your Hands.***

District 6440 Charitable Fund for Haiti Earthquake Relief by PDG Jack Blane, Chairman

Rotary clubs and districts worldwide are mobilizing resources to provide relief to the millions affected by Haiti's devastating earthquake. As we did during the Katrina disaster a few years ago, we are organizing a similar facility for Haiti Relief and collecting cash contributions so that clubs can participate in helping these desperate people. For the Katrina disaster, our collections exceeded \$150,000, benefiting numerous projects throughout the Gulf Coast.

There are 17 Rotary clubs in Haiti District 7020, and we will be in contact with the clubs and district Rotarians to determine their greatest needs and ways to assist them, to the extent of our funds, over both the short-and long-term. By networking through Rotary, the funds provided are used for top priority projects as determined by the recipients, and managed through dependable sources.

A recent tax ruling will allow contributions made prior to March 1, 2010, to be deducted as charitable donations on individual 2009 tax returns.

Checks should be made out to: **District 6440 Charitable Fund---Haiti Relief** and sent to: William G. Matthews, 200 W. Higgins Road, Suite 301, Schaumburg, IL 60195. (E-mail: matthewswm@gmail.com)

Information on current activities in District 7020 is available on its Website, www.7020.org.

District 6440 Rotarians Invited to Attend February 23

'Iconic' Rotary Day Lighting of Chicago's Wrigley Building

District 6440 Rotarians are invited to attend the lighting of Chicago's Wrigley Building the evening of Tuesday, February 23. For \$105 per person, they can also attend the program and celebratory dinner sponsored by Rotary One, with a portion of the proceeds earmarked for Polio Plus.

Districts 6440 and 6450 are joining with Rotary International to sponsor the February

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**Don't Leave Home
Without Your Rotary Pin**

Kenya: A Painfully Beautiful Place

By Larry Barnett, Rotary Club of Barrington

Visit almost any country in the world and you will find the people to be engaging and friendly. The people of Kenya are no exception. They greet you warmly and with respect. When possible, they will demonstrate that respect with a meal or at least a cup of tea. Kenyans love to engage in conversation and spend hours learning about whatever interests you.

Spend a little more time with them and you begin to discover what interests them. You also uncover a life of hardship and pain. However, Kenyans do not complain – quite the opposite. They simply offer a matter-of-fact conversation that provides insights into the struggles that make up daily life.

Upon reflection, you learn that their needs differ in scope from what we in the United States cope with, but many of the basic concepts are the same: raising a family, health issues, schooling for children, putting food on the table, and so forth. Yet beyond these similarities are issues that Americans most likely will never face.

Consider the need for clean water that must be addressed every day. What are the options for Kenyans to obtain clean water? For some, it is a matter of walking several miles to a water point, such as a borehole well. This doesn't sound so bad unless one considers what it means to carry a five-gallon container full of water several miles. I suggest you try it, but start with just carrying that full container across the room or across the street.

Other sources, such as rainwater, are more convenient – at least during the rainy season. The local river may be a source the people, but also for wild and domestic animals.

Schooling is a central issue for all the children in Kenya. The government has made this a priority by funding and supporting schools all across the country. Each family sends their children to a local primary school funded by the government. Each child must wear a school uniform every day. The cost of the uniform, though small, may keep a child out of school. Not a great start for life.

Unlike primary school, there are fees for secondary school. Although the cost each student is required to pay by our standards is minimal, the \$150 per year in poor rural areas is, again, enough to prevent many students from attending school.

Let's complicate this picture by including the effects of HIV/AIDS in Kenya. Like most of Africa, this disease has taken a heavy toll in Kenya, with nearly everyone feeling the impact. In some cases, whole families have been wiped out. In others,



extended family members care for surviving children. Strong family ties result in care for orphans but, with little money to spare, it may be all a family can do to send their own children to school and pay the required fees.

While this just scratches the surface of the issues and needs in Kenya, it is important to note that Kenyans are not a people without hope. Life is hard; of this there can be no doubt. The

challenges are great and the resources are meager. But at the end of the discussion, life must go on.

This is the backdrop of our involvement in Kenya. Our friend, Otieno

Ochieng, of Hoffman Estates, was born and raised in rural Kenya at a time when life was good. People were healthy, food was plentiful and family was everything. His love for his native country and its people is infectious.

After his brother died of Typhoid, a waterborne disease that is a major problem in Africa's poor rural areas, Otieno began focusing on ways to provide clean water for the people of his village and the surrounding area. With the help of people from the Village Church of Barrington, two freshwater borehole wells have been drilled and are operational in the area.

In addition, a partnership between 13 Rotary Clubs in District 6440* and the Kisumu Winam Rotary Club in Kenya, supported by a matching grant through the District and Rotary International, has drilled three additional borehole wells that are now providing clean water for the people. Plans call for a fourth borehole well to be completed as part of this matching grant.

In addition to the water project, the Barrington Rotary Club and the Lake Zurich Rotary Club have partnered with the Kakamega Rotary Club in Kenya on a matching grant project to send textbooks and library books to 10 rural Kenya schools, many of which have no library facilities to speak of. Each school will receive between 1,500 and 1,800 books.

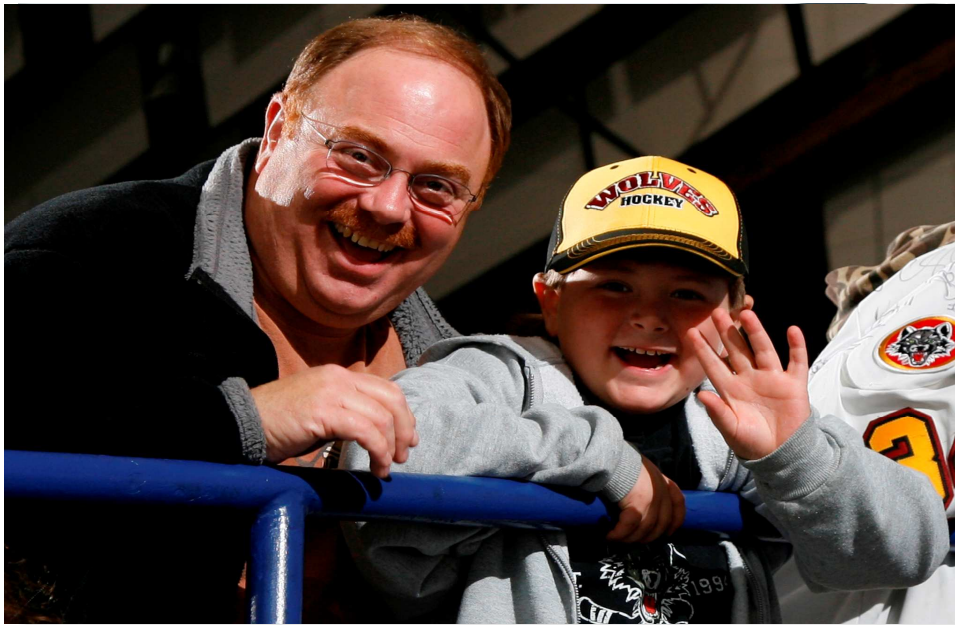
Next in line is a project to build a health center in the Usonga Location, the same area as our original borehole wells project. This project is to be a joint effort, with the local people supplying sweat equity, possible funding through the Kenyan government, and U.S. funding from Rotary and other donors. No matching grant funds are available, but we are looking to raise money to meet this health need at the club level. We expect to seek additional club support through ProjectLINK on the Rotary Website (www.rotary.org/projectlink).

The ultimate goal of all that we are doing in Kenya is to join hand-in-hand with these people and keep their hope alive. They must be the drivers of all that is done. We who have been so blessed materially must not fail to use what we have to help those who have nothing. We, in turn, can learn many things from them about the realities of life: what is important and real.

We are seeking community transformation in a small corner of the world. What we are receiving is transformation in our lives. Who wouldn't want to be a part of that?

** Barrington Rotary Club (lead club), Palatine, Elgin (Noon), Crystal Lake Dawnbreakers, Long Grove, Algonquin, CaryGrove, Lake-in-the-Hills, Lake Forest/Lake Bluff, Lincolnshire Morningstar, Villa Park, Lake Zurich and Algonquin/LITH.*





2nd Annual Rotary Night with the Chicago Wolves!



COME EARLY FOR FIREWORKS AND LASER SHOW

SUN., FEB 28, 2010 at 3:00 P.M.

vs. Rockford IceHogs

Wolves Wives Puck Fundraiser

Post-Game Autograph Session

**\$8 for each Package A and \$4 for each Package B will go
to benefit District 6440's fight against Polio!**

PACKAGE A \$28

\$19 Ticket
Wolves Hat
Hot Dog
Medium Soft Drink
Wolves Mini-Bobblehead
Value: \$45

\$28

PACKAGE B \$17

\$19 Ticket

Value \$19

\$17

HOW TO ORDER

BY MAIL: Complete the order form and return with payment to:
Chicago Wolves, Attn: Dist 6440, c/o Bryan Brown,
2301 Ravine Way, Glenview, IL 60025

BY PHONE: Bryan Brown: (847) 832-1957

BY FAX: (847) 724-1652,
Attn: Dist 6440, c/o Bryan Brown

PAYMENT INFORMATION

All payments must be received **by Fri., Feb 26, 2010**. Tickets are subject to availability and all sales are final. Order Now! Tickets will be mailed to the address listed on the form. However, orders received within seven (7) days of the game will be held at Will Call 60 minutes prior to game time. Schedule dates and start times are subject to change. Promotions and giveaway items are subject to change or cancellation. This flyer represents a special group ticket offer that cannot be used in conjunction with any other group ticket offer.

Please make all checks payable to: CHICAGO WOLVES

CHICAGOWOLVES.COM | 1-800-THE-WOLVES

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT BRYAN BROWN (847) 832-1957 • BJBROWN@CHICAGOWOLVES.COM

Name: _____ Club: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

E-mail: _____

Phone (H): _____ (W): _____

AMX/VS/MC/DSC No.: _____

Card Exp.: _____ Sec. Code: _____

Billing Address: _____

Signature: _____

SUN., FEB 28, 2010 at 3:00 P.M.

vs. Rockford IceHogs Act. No.: 29-15054

_____ Package A at \$28 = \$ _____

G#4(APON)

_____ Package B at \$17 = \$ _____

G#4(APON)

_____ Total No. of Packages

+ Service Fee \$3

Total Enclosed: _____

Glencoe Club Projects Help Chicago Seniors, Public Health Students in Tanzania

Two recent service projects launched by the Glencoe Rotary Club, reported on the Chicago Tribune's TribLocal Website, helped brighten the holiday season for local seniors and make a difference in the lives of university students in Tanzania.

Club members partnered with the Chicago chapter of Little Brothers Friends of the Elderly to deliver meals to area senior citizens on Christmas Day. Each meal was packaged in a bag decorated by Glencoe elementary school students.

"(The project) should bring a smile to face of the elders and teach the children to give back to the community," Glencoe Club President Brad Ashman said in the December 21 article.

The article also reported on the club's \$500 donation to support the efforts of a public health project in Tanzania that provides textbooks to students enrolled in the Masters of Public Health program at Muhimbili University.

'Change of Address' for Glencoe Club Meetings

The Rotary Club of Glencoe has changed the location of its weekly meetings. The new address is:

Takiff Community Center
999 Green Bay Road • Glencoe, IL 60062

Meetings continue to be held Tuesdays
at 12:15 p.m.

The "Business" of Rotary

DGN Carlos Früm, *District Membership Chair*

Unlike "real" businesses in today's economy, our "business" is booming! Unfortunately, this is not good.

Our "industry" is helping others and there is a great demand for our type of service. We don't lack customers. We even like competitors – especially those who partner with us. The world has great demand for us. Our problem is on the supply side!

The "raw" materials

Our "company" needs raw materials - money and people. When we need funds, we hold auctions, raffles, ducky races, etc. and we raise modest amounts to serve others. When we need more, we repeat the cycle and it works fine, more or less.

We can plan how we spend the money and are very conscientious about it. We know how much we have at all times; we know how much we can distribute; and we try to spend it in the most efficient way.

The problem is with people

People keep leaving us! Not intentionally and not by design. It just happens! We cannot predict when it will happen. It is a 365 day-a-year

occurrence. We cannot plan for it. It is not like fundraising, where we know when the money will run out and we organize another event to replenish the "supply." People catch us by surprise!

The only answer is to work diligently to replenish the "people" supply. It is a constant worry, so we must plan ahead.

Money does not grow old, doesn't get overworked, doesn't move away, nor dies! People do! All the time! And we at the "company" must work harder and longer hours to cover the demand. We must find a solution!

I don't know about you, but I'm going out to find somebody to help me! And I will continue doing it every week because I'm getting older and tired! Besides, I enjoy seeing new faces at the "company."

If I bring somebody, maybe one of my "coworkers" will do the same. If they don't, I will ask them for names of potential new "workers" and I will invite them. I'll just ask them for breakfast or lunch. They'll decide to stay if they like what we do. We must make sure our "company" survives and grows!

ROTARY TRIVIA!

THE ROTARY CLUB OF...

BOCA RATON SUNSET

CREATED A SPECIAL PIN WHICH SYMBOLIZES THEIR NON-TRADITIONAL WAYS - THE **BLACK SHEEP PIN**. THE TERM "BLACK SHEEP" ORIGINATED IN THE 18TH CENTURY AND RELATES TO THE FACT THAT SHEEP OFTEN HAVE A RECESSIVE GENE THAT WILL RESULT IN THE OCCASIONAL BLACK COLORED SHEEP. SINCE BLACK WOOL CAN'T BE DYED - IT WAS AN UNDESIRABLE THING. OVER THE YEARS THE EXPRESSION HAS



LOST SOME OF IT'S NEGATIVE MEANING. THESE DAYS, THE TERM IS GENERALLY APPLIED TO ONE OF A GROUP OF THINGS THAT'S UNIQUE OR DIFFERENT, THOUGH NOT NECESSARILY INFERIOR.

NEXT MONTH...



WHAT **SOUTHWESTERN US CITY** IS PICTURED ABOVE?
HINT: IN 2004, THE **ROTARY CLUB** OF THIS CITY PURCHASED TENS OF THOUSANDS OF HISTORICAL PHOTOGRAPHS ILLUSTRATING THE HISTORY OF THE CITY AND MADE THEM PUBLICALLY AVAILABLE.

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



Why I Am A Rotarian

By Jim Hassenplug
Rotary Club of Arlington Heights

"Why am I a Rotarian?" I'm sure this question has been asked of all Rotarians from time to time, and have no doubt it elicits a variety of responses. My short version would be that a local businessman and client asked me out to lunch one day in November 1988. I accepted, became a Rotarian, and the rest was history.

This short version really does not do justice to such an important question, so please let me elaborate a little. At that first Rotary meeting I attended as a guest, I clearly recall hearing Rotarians repeat the "4-Way Test" just before we sat down for lunch. I realized that this closely mirrored my own personal and business philosophy.

It was upon this premise that my association with Rotary began. I knew immediately that Rotary was the organization with which I wanted to be affiliated; the organization that would allow me to give back to society a little of what I was fortunate enough to have received from it.

Not knowing much about Rotary, I did a little homework to learn about the world's largest service organization. I was impressed with, and overwhelmed by, all of the different facets of the Rotary Organization. I remember how happy I was to be invited to attend another Rotary meeting! Subsequently, on December 15, 1988, I was proudly inducted into the membership of our Rotary Club.

I was fortunate to have my sponsor immediately get me involved in our club, and I began my journey of never-ending learning. It was then that I discovered the true meaning of "Service Above Self" through the different avenues of service available (at that time): International, Vocational, Club, and Community Service. I've always believed that life presents many opportunities to learn and grow, and my new Rotarian friends made sure that I would be able to fulfill them within our club. First I joined a committee, then became a director, then an officer, then president.

Explaining why I am a Rotarian might be more easily accomplished by describing some of my *"Most Memorable Rotary Moments:"*

- Sharing our home and hosting three **Youth Exchange Students** from around the world (Brazil, Australia, & Germany). What an excellent way to help future leaders understand different cultures while realizing our common interests.
- Attending **District conferences**. The plenary sessions are the best teachers!
- Reuniting, after several months, with my teenage daughter and being able to share some of her experiences during her **Rotary Youth Exchange in Argentina**. The most memorable moment was having her translate my message that was presented at their Multi-Club Conference, held in our honor by their district governor. (Talk about Father's Pride!) Most importantly, it contributed to the building of self-esteem for our youth. PRICELESS!
- Attending my first **International Conference** in Glasgow, Scotland. It was a truly humbling experience to witness the massiveness of Rotary, while sharing the fellowship of Rotarians from around the globe. Everyone should attend at least one.
- **Making up** at Rotary Clubs around the world: London, Glasgow, Paris, Rome, Mexico, Warsaw and Argentina to name a few. These offered a great opportunity to really understand other cultures and also compare Rotary Projects.
- Enjoying the **fellowship** of Rotarians at our weekly club meetings. This is truly an invaluable way to start (or help with) new projects.
- Enjoying the **friendships** developed over many years with fellow Rotarians, locally and around the world.

I could go on and on with hundreds more examples, but for expediency, I won't!

As you can see, my family and I have spent the last 22 years of our lives enjoying Rotary. I suppose that I could say that I am a Rotarian because it "helps complete me as a person." It has given me a venue in which to learn, share, and grow.

District 6440 Rotarians Invited to Attend February 23 'Iconic' Rotary Day Lighting of Chicago's Wrigley Building

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23 "iconic" lighting of the Wrigley Building in recognition of Rotary Day. The Rotary logo and End Polio Now message will be projected onto the building at nightfall, followed by a reception and dinner, hosted by Rotary One.

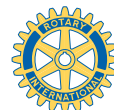
Rotary International has staged similar "iconic" lightings on Rotary Day at prominent sites around the world, including the Pyramids in Egypt, Sydney Opera House, Rome Coliseum, and British House of Parliament.

The Chicago lighting is scheduled to begin with a cocktail reception at 5:30 p.m. at the Chicago Hyatt. The Great Lakes Navy Band will provide music. The reception will adjourn to nearby Pioneer Plaza for a press briefing moderated by Rotary International General Secretary Ed Futa, including remarks by Governor Pat Quinn and Mayor Richard Daley, who is a member of Rotary One.

The flipping of the switch is set for 6:05 p.m. After official remarks and questions from the press, Futa will show two polio PSAs. A fundraising reception will continue at the Hyatt, with attendance open to all District 6440 Rotarians.

Beginning at 7 p.m., Rotary One's program and dinner will honor Dr. Ciro de Quadros, Executive Vice President of the Sabin Vaccine Institute, for his contribution to the eradication of polio in the Americas. Speakers will include Reverend Jesse Jackson, RainbowPUSH Coalition, Glenn Estess, Chairman of The Rotary Foundation, Governor Bill Ferreira, and District 6450 Governor Dr. James Czerwionka. Reservations are available online at www.rotaryone.org.

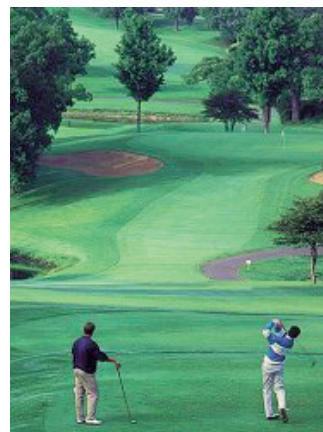
Every
Club
Every
Quarter
Net 1 New Member



Talk Rotary

ROTARY District 6440 2010 Golf Outing

This year's golf event will be an "outing" held in conjunction with the District Conference



The Highlands at Grand Geneva

**Thursday, April 29 • 11:00 a.m.
Tee Off at the fabulous Highlands Course
at the Grand Geneva Resort**

Put together a foursome or sign-up individually
and we will place you in a foursome.



**Fun • Challenging
• Competitive**

\$69.00

**includes greens fee,
cart and prizes**

Trophies for first place male and female teams,
closest to the pin and longest drive, male and female.

Register online at: www.rotary6440.org

Names: _____

Rotary Club of _____

Team or Individual Contact: _____

E-Mail Address: _____ Phone: _____

Credit card: (Circle one)   

Card #: _____ Exp. Date: _____ 3-digit Sec. Code _____

Mail to: Rotary District Golf Outing
Post Office Box 111
Long Grove, IL 60047

Make checks payable to:
Rotary District Conference Golf

**Awards will be handed out on the
Sundowner Dinner Cruise, Thursday evening.**

Make Dinner Cruise reservations separately
at the conference Web site.



Rotary Foundation Releases Annual Report

by Tony Tolbert, District Rotary Foundation Chair, Walter Reed, District Annual Giving Chair

The Rotary Foundation just released an Annual Report. All Rotarians should feel very good about all that was accomplished.

In the past five years, 527 grants were given for maternal and child healthcare. Water has been an emphasis, and 2,436 grants for water and sanitation were awarded. People were walking three miles for clean water! Now they have a well in their village...all because of you and other Rotarians.

Disease prevention and treatment was awarded 2,718 grants. Our District and clubs have always placed a high priority on education and literacy. Over 2,600 District Simplified Grants were used to extend learning in our communities, and around the world through District Designated Funds and world funds. Note that this money is from the credit we receive for D-6440 Rotarians' Foundation contributions!

More than 1,600 economic and community development grants totaled \$24,498,464. We in Rotary emphasize peace and conflict prevention. Would you believe 434 grants were given? Our Peace Scholars are working.

I can't close without telling you how proud we are that 50 clubs in our District gave \$1,000 or more to buy ShelterBoxes for Haiti. Our District Humanitarian Committee matched each \$1,000 with \$1,000 from our District Designated Funds. This allowed 100 ShelterBoxes to go to our partner, a Rotary club in Haiti. That should make us all feel good.

The Offer of 500 Matching Points for \$500 Contributions Still Stands!

Many of you have taken advantage of the \$500 match to become a Paul Harris Fellow. Match funds are still available for first timers, as well as multiple Paul Harris Fellows. Send your \$500 check and R.I. Form 123 EN to:

Rotarian Ann Hughes • 15202 MacIntyre Ln.
Woodstock, IL 60098

Submit Vocational Scholarship Applications by March 15

The deadline to submit applications for vocational scholarships awarded by District 6440 is March 15.

Every District club is eligible to participate in this year's program, and may submit two candidates for consideration by the selection committee. Applications and information are available on the District's Website, www.rotary6440.org, under "Vocational Service."

The District plans to award approximately 15 vocational scholarships, in the amount of \$1,500 each, to full-time students enrolled in a vocational degree or certificate program at an accredited school.

Completed applications and supporting documentation should be mailed to:

Sheldon Hyman, Vocational Service Advisor
8768 Via Tuscany Drive • Boynton Beach, FL 33472

For more information, contact Sheldon at Travelduet@aol.com, or 847-910-4564.

Richard Larson Elected 2012-2013 District Governor

Members of the District's Nominating Committee selected Richard J. Larson, of the Rotary Club of Batavia, to serve as 2012 – 2013 District Governor at its January 11 meeting in Hoffman Estates.

Committee members also elected PDG Pam Kerr to chair the 2010 Nominating Committee, and DGN Carlos Frūm as committee secretary.

Meet Assistant Governor Suzanne "Sam" Martinez, Wauconda Rotary Club



In 1996, a business colleague whom I respect spoke to me about Rotary and invited me to attend a club meeting in Wauconda. She shared the community and world service aspects of Rotary. Then she left me a brochure, and when I read it, I was struck by Rotary's cornerstone of action, the **4-Way Test**.

I wanted to meet these business people whose philosophy echoed my personal sentiments on ethical behavior, being fair, and building goodwill and friendships, and finally in pledging to do the best in all situations. When asked to join, I eagerly accepted. Through Rotary and our shared community projects, that business colleague is now a cherished friend.

Through the years I've been humbled, moved and grateful every time I engage with fellow Rotarians. By means of a shared vision, we respond with care, respect and a sense of responsibility. Through Rotary, I have a better awareness and knowledge of what is happening in my community.

I live and breathe through service. Though service may at times be viewed as an act of doing, for me it is my being. Through Rotary, I can serve without any boundaries. My desire to communicate keeps me open and receptive to all peoples. With an open mind and compassionate heart, one is led to be receptive and understanding of others.

As Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. once stated, "An individual has not started living until he can rise above the narrow confines of his individualistic concerns to the broader concerns of all humanity."

I am so grateful Rotary found me. The fellowship and caring of the business professionals I have met have enhanced my life both personally and professionally.

Each aspect of Rotary – Club, District and beyond – takes you on a journey filled with excitement. And even in the struggle you have hope. For together we support our mutual understanding to work together in peace and for peace.

I quote Dr. King Jr. again, *"The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy."*

Rotary is in your hands. In essence, the world is at your fingertips. What will we do when we are called?

Suzanne "Sam" Martinez has been a Rotary member since 1996. Presently she is Assistant Governor for the Waukegan and Lake in the Hills Clubs. She has served Rotary as President, Vice President, Secretary, Board Director, on the Leadership Team as the International Service Advisor. She also organized the multi-district trip to Guatemala in 2007. During her year as President, the Wauconda Rotary Club won the Governor's Award. Sam Martinez is also a multiple-Paul Harris Fellow.

Primary Committee Members Selected

Members of the Primary Committee, who will slate the Nominating Committee responsible for choosing the 2013 – 2014 District Governor next January, are:

- Nancy Keppel, Chair (Wheeling);
- Ben Brown (Elgin);
- Linda Trexler (Cary Grove).

DG Bill Ferreira urges all clubs within the District to recommend candidates for consideration by the Primary Committee, as it composes the Nominating Committee slate. The slate will be presented to DG Bill Ferreira by April 1.

Rotary International Unveils 2010 – 2011 Theme: 'Building Communities – Bridging Continents'

Rotary International's theme for 2010 – 2011 will be "Building Communities – Bridging Continents," RI President-elect Ray Klinginsmith announced in January.

The theme announcement was made during the opening plenary session of the International Assembly, the annual training event in San Diego for incoming District Governors.

During his speech, Klinginsmith also challenged District Governors-elect, including District 6440's Bruce Baumberger, to re-examine traditional procedures that were no longer working and, where appropriate, develop new traditions.

In explaining how he came to choose the theme, Klinginsmith stated that few of the past RI themes spoke to non-Rotarians. *"As a result, I decided to search for a briefly stated theme that would fulfill two objectives: the first to explain Rotary to non-Rotarians, and the second to validate our work for Rotarians,"* he said.

Call for Applicants: GSE Team to South Africa

Rotarians throughout District 6440 are seeking outstanding young professionals to participate in a monthlong Group Study Exchange program to South Africa, September 3 – October 3, 2010.

The South African GSE will be held in partnership with Rotary District 9320 in Zone 10, which encompasses the central area of South Africa and Lesotho. While abroad, team members will stay with local Rotarian families to observe the host's way of life and be able to study the country's economic, social and cultural characteristics.

Applications are available by contacting Alicia Mentell, Group Study Exchange Chair, at 847-360-4723 or mentella@waukeganparks.org. Team Leader applications are due Wednesday, February 10. Team Member applications must be submitted by Wednesday, February 17. Interviews for Team Leader and Team Member positions will be held Saturday, February 20 and 27, respectively.

Team Member applicants must be between the ages of 25 and 40, and may not be a Rotarian or close relative of a Rotarian. They must work or live within District 6440 boundaries, be an American citizen have been employed full-time in a recognized business or profession for at least two years at time of application.

Qualified Team Leaders will be experienced Rotarians with the leadership skills to build a team of young, non-Rotarian team members.

Applications for 2010 RYLA Conferences Due February 28

Completed applications for the 2010 RYLA Conferences, to be held March 11 – 14, and April 8 – 11, in East Troy, WI, must be received by February 28.

Applications should include payment to cover enrollment for participating students. Make checks payable to Rotary District 6440 for the number of students your club is sponsoring. Cost of

the three-day, all-inclusive conference is \$325 per student.

Submit completed applications to:

Sean Nelson, RYLA Chairman,
Rotary District 6440
22W173 Tamarack Drive
Glen Ellyn, IL 60137
snelson@ymcachgo.org
630-688-5165

2010 District 6440 Calendar

Tuesday, 2/10

AG Meeting - teleconference

Tuesday, 2/23

Leadership Team (Officers/Chairs)
teleconference

Sunday, 2/28

Rotary Night with the Chicago Wolves -
Allstate Arena, Rosemont

Friday, 3/5 – Saturday, 3/6

Northern Illinois PETS, Naperville

Saturday, 3/6

District Assembly/COTS, Naperville

Wednesday, 3/10

AG Meeting - Marriott NW Hoffman Estates

Thursday, 3/11 - Sunday, 3/14

Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA)
Conference. Session 1 Camp Edwards, East
Troy, WI

Tuesday, 3/16

Leadership Team (Officers/Chairs)
teleconference

Thursday, 4/8 - Sunday, 4/11

Rotary Youth Leadership Awards
(RYLA) Conference Session II, Camp Edwards,
East Troy, WI

Tuesday, 4/20

Leadership Team (Officers/Chairs)
teleconference

Wednesday, 4/21

AG Meeting - Marriott NW Hoffman Estates

Thursday, 4/29 - Sunday, 5/2

District Conference, Lake Geneva

Tuesday, 5/18

Leadership Team (Officers/Chairs)
teleconference

Wednesday, 5/19

Joint '09-'10 & '10-'11 AG Meeting -
Marriott NW Hoffman Estates

Sunday, 6/6

Race to the Finish, Evanston

Sunday, 6/20 - Wednesday, 6/23

Rotary International Convention – Montreal,
CANADA

Sunday, 6/20

Governor Bill's Reception for Convention-
goers, Montreal

Thursday, 6/27

Installation Dinner for DG Bruce Baumberger

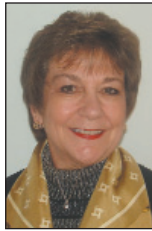


- Service
- Fellowship
- Fun

Meet District 6440's Brazil Group Study Exchange Team, 'Maos Juntas'

Please visit our Blog at: <http://maosjuntas.wordpress.com>

Donna Gulley has been making good on her promise to volunteer, since taking an early retirement from a career in public education (certified teacher, counselor, administrator, & supervisor, with degrees from several of our state universities). In the five-plus years she has been a Rotarian, Donna has been named Rotarian of the year twice, gone on two district work trips to Guatemala, and is currently on the District ShelterBox Representative Team. In community volunteer activities, as in her counseling career, Donna continues to assist people with goal setting and achievement. Donna is an active person who enjoys sports, cultural activities, learning, travel, and is ready for the next new experience. She lives in the Chicago suburb of Northbrook.



Cindy Huang is an attorney who specializes in trusts, estates, real property, and family law. Previously, she was a staff attorney at the City Colleges of Chicago and also an associate attorney at Spencer Stuart International, B.V. (where she orchestrated all international legal matters at the headquarters). She received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics from the University of California, Santa Barbara. Cindy earned her juris doctorate from the University of New York, Buffalo, School of Law. Cindy lives in Skokie, Illinois where she enjoys swimming, ice skating, watching DVDs, traveling, reading, and working with immigrant youth in the community.



Ronnie Idowu is a Network Analyst at Allstate Insurance, the largest publicly held personal property line insurer in the United States. She has worked in several positions at Allstate, managing the Network, Server, and Voice Infrastructure over the past nine years. Prior to joining Allstate, she worked at both Motorola and Little City Foundation. Ronnie has a Bachelor of Science in Applied Physics (Electronics) from the University of Lagos, Nigeria, and is currently enrolled in her 2nd year at Lake Forest Graduate School of Management for a Master's in Business Administration. Her volunteer activities center around helping children. Ronnie lives in Hoffman Estates, and enjoys exercising, indoor rock-climbing, traveling, and riding on the bike trails



during summer.

Scott Nadeau, a resident of Waukegan, is a Recreation Specialist at Waukegan Park District, where he has managed the Youth and Teen programs, including field trips, cooking, arts and crafts, outdoor activities, day care and summer day camp for two years. Prior to working for the park district, Scott was an activity head of hiking at a camp in the Appalachian Mountains in North Carolina. He received his undergraduate degree in Recreation Administration with an emphasis in outdoor pursuits from Aurora University. Volunteer activities benefit children and teens, as does his profession. Scott enjoys kayaking, hiking, camping, rock climbing and visiting with his friends and family.



Chris Arce is an Administrative Assistant at Copresco, a Digital on Demand Printing Co., based in Carol Stream, Illinois. Chris attended The College of Office Technology and is also a Massage Therapist who just graduated from UEI College in San Diego, California. She is devoted to her family and friends, and volunteers where she can help get food to people who need it. Chris is fluent in Spanish. She loves to cook, enjoys architectural tours, art, live theater (plays) and operas. Chris also likes gardening and photography. Chris loves the outdoors and enjoys camping, swimming and hiking.

Ada Kahn is an author/publisher of 12 books on women's health, mental health, workplace health, and aging. She has worked as Manager and Community Health Educator. As a Fellow of the American Medical Writers Association, Ada has led workshops and classes at annual AMWA conventions. She lives in Evanston, is a volunteer television producer at the Evanston Community Media Center, and a member of the Evanston Mental Health Board. A member of the Rotary Club of Evanston since 1994, Ada is Music chair, and has served on the Board and on many committees. Since 2005, she has been a Director of the International Fellowship of Rotarian Musicians, and has played the flute in the House of Friendship at the past three RI conventions. Ada plays tennis, enjoys cross country skiing, and loves attending classical music concerts and live theater.



Welcome New District 6440 Rotarians

Arlington Heights:
Michael Cassidy

Bartlett:
Donna Weir

Carol Stream:
Greg Schwarze

Central DuPage:
Sharon Mellor

Dundee:
Bryan Killinger

Elgin:
Greg Mistak
Mark Schumacher
Sean Stegall

Evanston:
Thomas Livermore

Glenview Noon:
Jeff Eigel

Gurnee:
Toby Radcliffe

Huntley:
Tony Fredrickson

Lake Forest/Lake Bluff:
John Asplund

Libertyville:
Paula Herbert

Lincolnshire Morning Star:
Kim Weidner

**Mount Prospect/
Prospect Heights:**
Dan Moy

Palatine:
Barbara Higgins
Jeff Johnson
Eric Schmalz
Chuck Young

Park Ridge:
Sharon Curcio

Richmond:
Cabot Ashwill
Edward Varga

St. Charles:
David Bird
Sandy Shelby

Skokie Valley:
Michelle Tuft

Wilmette:
Richard Janzow

Wilmette Harbor:
Will Daniels

Winnetka/Northfield:
David Berkenstien



**Tentative Speakers*

11:00 a.m. *Annual District Golf Tournament* - Tee off
 3:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. Registration Open
 5:30 p.m. Buses leave for boat docks
 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. *Sundowner Dinner Cruise*

7:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Registration Open
9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. ***First Plenary Session*** - District Business
Second Plenary Session - State of the District & State of R.I.
12:00 p.m. - 12:30 p.m. Cocktails in House of Friendship
12:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. ***Foundation Luncheon***, Speaker Steven Hollingworth, former Ambassadorial Scholar
& COO of CARE, USA <http://www.care.org/about/bio.hollingworth.asp>
2:15 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. ***Third Plenary Session*** - GSE, Ambassadorial Scholars & DSG Presentations
6:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. International Fellowship Reception - (*cocktails*)
6:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. ***International Buffet & Youth Exchange Entertainment*** -
Speaker Past R.I. President Wilf Wilkinson
9:00 p.m. - Midnight Hospitality Rooms

7:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Registration Open
7:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. Open Breakfast
7:15 a.m. - 8:15 a.m. President & President Elect Breakfasts
7:15 a.m. - 8:45 a.m. *Breakfast at Tiffany's* - Susan Fignar, Speaker & Fashions by CAbi
<http://www.pur-sue.com>
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. *Fourth Plenary Session* - Youth Exchange Presentations
Fifth Plenary Session - "Remembrances", Walter Reed Moderator
12:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Cocktails in House of Friendship
12:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. *District Awards Luncheon* - David Forward, Speaker <http://www.reachforward.com>
2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Lake Geneva *Shopping Extravaganza* - Governor's wife - Pam
2:15 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Community, Vocational & International Project Presentations
3:15 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. *Team Trivia* & Kentucky Derby
6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Governor's Reception (*Cocktails*)
7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. *Great Gatsby's Governor's Gala Dinner* - (*Black Tie Optional*)
Speaker, R.I. Presidents Representative
9:00 p.m. - Midnight Hospitality Rooms

8:00 a.m. - 8:15 a.m. Ecumenical Service
9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. *Gospel Choir Brunch* and Closing Session

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PROGRAM REGISTRATION

PLEASE NOTE:

Room reservations for the conference must be made directly with the *Grand Geneva Resort* (262) 248-8811. Be sure to indicate that you are with the Rotary 6440 Conference in order to get the \$125.00/night (plus \$12.00/day resort fee) conference rate. *Rooms must be reserved on or before Wednesday, March 31, 2010.*

On-Line registration available at www.rotary6440districtconference.com

ATTENDEE INFORMATION:

Name(s) - Please print or type	Name on Badge	Rotarian	Spouse	Children/Age
_____	_____	()	()	_____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____				
Phone # _____ E-Mail Address _____				
Rotary Club of _____ Is this your first conference? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No				

SUNDOWNER CRUISE PACKAGE: 3-NIGHT STAY & FREE CRUISE - Offer extended to March 1st, 2010 or first 150 persons. Purchase the 3-Night Stay Package and get the Thursday night *Sundowner Dinner Cruise FREE!* (\$79.00 value). The package includes Friday lunch through Sunday brunch (*six meals*) for \$275.00. To be eligible for the FREE Sundowner Cruise Dinner you **must register at the Grand Geneva Resort for three nights**, Thursday through Saturday. (Also, please select one of four (4) Saturday breakfasts indicated below. There is no additional charge.)

3 Night Stay Meal Package _____ @ \$275

FULL MEAL PACKAGE:* Six meals, Friday lunch through Sunday brunch (Select Sat. breakfast.) _____ @ \$275

INDIVIDUAL MEAL SELECTIONS: (Final reservations for meals April 21, 2010. There will be a 5% cancellation fee.)

THURSDAY, APRIL 29

Sundowner Cruise Dinner _____ @ \$79

FRIDAY, APRIL 30

Foundation Luncheon _____ @ \$45

International Buffet _____ @ \$55

*The total meal package is \$275.00 per person, excluding the optional Thursday, Sundowner Dinner Cruise.

SATURDAY, MAY 1

Presidents Breakfast _____ @ \$25

Presidents-Elect Breakfast _____ @ \$25

Breakfast at Tiffany's _____ @ \$25

Conference Buffet Breakfast _____ @ \$25

Awards Luncheon _____ @ \$40

Great Gatsby Dinner _____ @ \$65

SUNDAY, MAY 2

Gospel Choir Brunch _____ @ \$45

TOTAL MEALS\$ _____

Please indicate number for Saturday "Shopping Extravaganza" (See Details). No Charge # _____

PAYMENT INFORMATION:

MAIL TO: Rotary District Conference, Post Office Box 111, Long Grove, IL 60047

Accompanying is a check in the amount of \$ _____ . Make Checks Payable to: **Rotary D-6440 Conference**

Credit Card Payment of \$ _____ ☐  ☐ 

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Signature _____ Billing Zip Code _____

Register Now for the 3 Day Stay Package and Receive a FREE Dinner Cruise! ... \$79.00 value

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Dinner Cruise on Lake Geneva

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Register for the District Conference booking the 3 day stay and meal package by March 1, 2010 and receive the dinner cruise on April 29 at

NO CHARGE.