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District 6440

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.



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Without Your Rotary Pin

Rotary Fellowships Month

Governor's Message...June, 2010

An Honor!

Thank You . . . Thank you . . . Thank You!!!

About a year ago, I began my July 2009 message with a similar headline. This month, I have added two more Thank Yous. Actually, I cannot add enough Thank Yous.

It has been an honor to serve you, my fellow Rotarians in District 6440, as your Governor. This past year has been an experience-of-a-lifetime and I would not trade it for anything in the world. I have shared, debated and learned much about Rotary and what it means to be a Rotarian. Yes, this experience has changed my life and has made me a better person and a better Rotarian.

I am most thankful to the 72 Rotary Club Presidents in our district for leading the world's No.1 Service Club. Many thanks to my club, my advisors, committees, assistant governors, leadership team, and the PDGs. My gratitude also goes to RI President John Kenny for his leadership and inspiration and to the RI staff. Most importantly, THANK YOU to all District 6440 Rotarians for your continuous support, enthusiasm and commitment. You have demonstrated "Service Above Self" to the utmost.

At the district assembly in April 2009, I mentioned the three traits of a good Rotary leader: 1. Knowledge of Rotary, 2. Reaching out to serve others, 3. Delivering results. You have grown in your Rotary knowledge. Now let's share it. LET'S TALK ROTARY. You have reached out to serve others by sponsoring 125 Shelter Boxes for Haiti, 20 matching grants for worldwide humanitarian projects, 48 District Simplified Grants for local community projects and many other worthy projects. I am confident you will deliver results for membership retention and membership growth and will not only meet but will exceed our goals for The Rotary Foundation. Congratulations to the 45 clubs that have qualified for the Presidential Citation Award. I look forward to presenting this award personally to every club. I am proud of you and your good work. Keep it up! I will continue to support all clubs and assist you in whatever way I can.

Although the Rotary year and my term as your Governor concludes on June 30, 2010, it is also the start of a new Rotary year on July 1, 2010. I urge all District 6440 Rotarians to support our incoming District Governor Bruce Baumberger as we work together to Build Communities and Bridge Continents, because The Future of Rotary Is In Our Hands. My wife Pam and I are very grateful and We Thank You for the opportunity to serve you.

Rotary Fellowships

A key benefit when attending a Rotary International Convention is the opportunity to visit the Rotary Fellowship booths in the House of Friendship. We have attended seven International Conventions and after visiting numerous booths, we decided to join the International Travel and Hosting Fellowship. We have since been in touch with several Rotarians worldwide and have made friends in England, Brazil, India and Spain. At the upcoming convention in Montreal, Canada, we plan to join more Fellowships and to participate in the global activities sponsored by these Fellowships. When was the last time you checked out a Rotary Fellowship? Select a few that interest you. Join. Get involved. Take advantage of this Rotary dividend. You will have fun.

As of this writing, over 60 District 6440 Rotarians have registered to attend the convention in Montreal. On Sunday, June 20, 2010, Rotarians and guests are invited to a joint reception with District 6450 at the Hyatt Regency Montreal Centre-Ville. I look forward to seeing my fellow District 6440 Rotarians at the International Convention in Montreal, Canada.

"The Future of Rotary Is In Your Hands."



Rotary International President-Nominee Kalyan Banerjee and his wife Binota attended the District 6440 Conference on April 30, 2010. Banerjee was the keynote speaker at the Youth Exchange Banquet and Talent Show. They are seen above with District Governor Bill Ferreira and his wife Pam.

District Calendar

• June 20 – 23, 2010

2010 Rotary International Convention in Montreal

• June 20, 2010 (Montreal)

Gov. Bill's reception for all District 6440 rotarians attending the Montreal Convention

• June 27, 2010

District Governor Installation Dinner at Evanston Golf Club, Skokie

• July 7, 2010

Joint AG and Leadership Team meeting at the Marriott Northwest, Hoffman Estates

• August 11, 2010

Rotary Night at the Flyers, Schaumburg

• August 18, 2010

AG meeting at the Marriott Northwest, Hoffman Estates

• August 21, 2010

Welcome New Youth Exchange Student Party at Waukegan Park District Field House

• August 29, 2010

Farewell Reception for the GSE team to South Africa, location TBA

• September 11, 2010

Youth Exchange – Fall Inbound Training Conference

• September 16, 2010

Zone Foundation, PR and Membership Seminar, location TBA

~ Welcome ~

New District 6440 Rotarians

Dundee Township

Steve Schmitendorf

Glenview Sunrise

Barry Zlotowicz

Des Plaines

Dennis Howard

Ronald Buch

Lake Forest/Lake Bluff

Joe Erkenwick

Bartlett

Dr. Kevin Skinkis

Wilmette

Debora Morris

St. Charles Breakfast

Carl Bobis

Carpentersville

Barry Savage

Buffalo Grove

Quintin Sleigh

Elk Grove Village

Jun Song

St. Charles

Scott Piner

Taylor Stephens

Woodstock Morning

Russell Goerlitz

Highland

Park/Highwood

Richard Baron

Gregory Mauro

Evanston

Karen Kring

Eva Lu-Bonn

Joel Lerner

McHenry

Tony Huemann

Richmond

Michael Anderson

Palatine

Oliver Girke

Stephen Taylor

16 VOCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED; COST \$24,000, VALUE MUCH MORE

Interviews held in mid-April at three locations identified sixteen worthy recipients of this year's Vocational Scholarships. Rotarian interviewers reported a very excellent group of applicants. Nominating clubs are to be lauded for presenting them, an audience for whom a \$1,500 help toward education or technical training might be a life changer and certainly will be a boost to confidence. This award is not typically awarded to baccalaureate students and frequently identifies non-traditional students attending community colleges, technical schools, or proprietary institutions.

The scholarship program was coordinated by Sheldon Hyman, RC of Northbrook and District 6440 Vocational Service Director.

NAME	SPONSORING CLUB
Yocelinda Aguilar	Bloomingtondale-Roselle
Kevin Farlinger	Bloomingtondale-Roselle
Andrey Danilkovich	West Chicago
Ryan Butcher	Schaumburg-Hoffman Estates
Christina Aquino	Glen Ellyn
Lurdes Reino	Grayslake
Taylor Granitz	Grayslake
Dan Tjardes	McHenry
Melisa Gallardo	Illinois Beach Sunrise
Megan Cox	Elgin Noon
Daniel Powell	Des Plaines
Claudia Ekoue	Arlington Heights Noon
Bilola Adebimpe	Mt Prospect-Prospect Hts Noon
Mark Tapucu	Glenview Sunrise
Malcolm Floyd	Winnetka-Northfield

YMCA'S ANNUAL STRONG KIDS FUND DINNER

On May 27th, the North Suburban YMCA hosted it's 4th annual Strong

Kids Dinner at Allgauer's Hilton Northbrook, 2855 N. Milwaukee Avenue in Northbrook. The evening featured cocktails, dinner, silent &



A Special appearance was made by ROTARY MAN, Ron Bernardi

live auctions, plus a special tribute to The Northbrook Rotary Club for years of generosity and philanthropy in the community.

All proceeds will go to the YMCA's Annual Strong Kids Fund which helps ensure that no one at the NSYMCA is turned away due to inability to pay. Over the past year the NSYMCA has responded to an unprecedented number of requests for additional assistance.

R.I. DIRECTORS INCREASE MATCHING GRANTS 82%

The Rotary International Directors increased the amount for Matching Grants to 21.5 million for the Rotary year 2010-11. This is one of the largest amounts ever. This compares to 11.8 million in the current year. Equally as important is that the 100 Districts that are in the Future Vision program will have their own budget of 8 million. The total for Matching Grants will be just shy of 30 million.

This should give clubs ample time to work on their world projects. The formula for matches has not changed. A \$2,500 contribution for an overseas club project will be matched by our District with \$3,750 followed by an R.I. World Fund match of \$5,500 for a total of over \$11,000.

This is made possible by you and your club's contributions to the Rotary Foundation Annual Fund. We have only one month left to make your gift to this very important fund. When you give you really get joy and satisfaction of knowing your contribution is helping your local community through our District's Simplified Grant, as well as your club's overseas projects. Please talk to your club's Rotary Foundation Chairman - or send your gift directly to the Rotary Foundation with your name, your club's name and marked "Annual Fund".

RUMINATIONS OF AN EDITOR

By: Bob Paddock, Jr.

Governor Bill, asked if I'd like to write a brief article. Wordsmiths can't resist an opportunity, so I'll take him at his word, make it brief, with at least a little humor and one big, eleven-letter word! Thinking back as Chairman of this year's District Governor's Newsletter Committee, I'm inclined to say what most club presidents say at the end of their term: "We did it!" and "It's done!" But I am also sincerely pleased about three special things.

- **FIRST**, the output of this year's communication effort. Gov. Bill told us he wanted "to help drive traffic to the web", the growing way Rotary is communicating with ITS members. He also wanted a physical product which would entice people to read about Rotary. Through building readership and alternating between web and print newsletters, I think we've taken constructive steps in doing both. It was effective, too, because Bill found printers willing to sponsor printing the newsletters in return for an acknowledgement within it. When I had lunch at my own club's meetings, wearing the "hat" of AN ordinary member, I found the professional appearance attracted my attention and drew me to at least skim many of the articles. As an editor, I'd like to think of the newsletters as keepsakes...but the reality of readership and distribution is that they are more for perusing and building community than for framing!
- **SECONDLY**, I was truly inspired by Rotarians I met in my role of coordinator/chairman. Over the years in Rotary, I've of course seen commitment, dedication, and good work. But this year's role at the District level has given me a broad and intimate reminder of what Rotary is about, and the power of belief and effort. This vantage point has been a privilege.
- **THIRDLY**, and from a personal perspective, I've had the pleasure of working with a great committee as we rotated editing responsibilities from month to month. Through working together, I was able to get to know and very much appreciate my fellow members individually. My respect and thanks go to our task master, Gov. Bill. My appreciation and thanks go to those who have helped and given advice: Chuck Bartling, Judy Hughes, Kristina Laib, Aaron Underwood, and Ellen and Steve at Midwest Type & Imaging in Wheeling. I also thank the many of you who rose to the occasion when you heard Gov. Bill say, "Why don't you consider putting something in the newsletter?" You gave us good content.

My special thanks go to the monthly editors, Randy Blaser, Jill Brickman, Dick Bragaw, Amy Charlesworth, George DORNER, and Mike Martinez for their dedication and skill, good humor and patience. Knowing all these Rotarians has reminded me of the pleasures of Rotary Service and Fellowship.

COUNCIL ON LEGISLATION UPDATE

by PDG Tony Tolbert

Once every three years Rotary International holds a meeting called "Council on Legislation". The purpose is to review the bylaws and Manual of Procedures of Rotary International.

One representative from each District is elected to represent their District and vote on proposals, resolutions and enactments sent in by their Districts. This year there were 219 proposals. The meeting lasts one week as each proposal is debated and voted on.

Listed below are some of the 19 enactments that were passed and are now Rotary law. For a complete list go to the R.I. Website. There were also 43 resolutions passed which are recommendations to the Board of Directors and are not binding.

- 1 Rotary International dues will increase one dollar per year per member for the Rotary years 2010-11, 2011-12, 2012-13.
- 2 E-Clubs are now offered. Each District may have no more than two.
- 3 A fifth Avenue of Service was added. It is New Generations.
- 4 When a Rotarian leaves one club to go to another Rotary club they must get a written document indicating there are no debts to the club.
- 5 Rule 85 will require the Rotarian to be 65 years of age or older and at least have 20 years in Rotary.
- 6 Reduce the Nominating Committee to 17 to elect the R.I. President from the previous 34.

Every
Club
Every
Quarter
Net 1 New Member



DG'S WIFE ORGANIZES ROTARY COOKS TO END POLIO NOW



Shown in the photo are Rotarians and wives of Rotarians: Jane Beals, Pam Ferreira, Cheryl Ericksen, Irene Tolbert, Margery Schrubbe, and Nancy Redmon.

How can Decadent Caramel-Pecan Pie, Lettuce Soup, and Mini Apple Pork Burgers help our District to meet the Gates PolioPlus Challenge? Answer: By their recipes.

Before DG Bill Ferreira was installed last year, his wife, Pam, was already thinking about a way to help D6440 meet its pledge to the Polio Eradication goal. Pam sought the best recipes of Rotarian families in the district and, with a team of Rotary wives who know and have produced plenty of good cooking, came up with a very nice, professionally produced, looseleaf cookbook. The Rotary District 6440 Cookbook was sold for \$10, half of which was credited to the selling club's local goal for Polio Eradication. Two thousand copies were printed and sold. The committee raised over \$10,700.00 for polio eradication.

"Inside The Holocaust Then and Now" - As Presented at the District Conference



This interesting and authoritative presentation at the recent District Conference in Lake Geneva served to keep the memory and lessons

of WWII in front of us and came from sources close to Rotarians of this district.

The session was put together and conducted by Walter Reed, Rotarian from the Wilmette Harbor RC. Walter, well known to D6440 Rotarians for many activities, actions, and eloquent speech in the service of Rotary was joined by Professor Leon Stein, Roosevelt University, a respected expert and author on the Holocaust. Sam Harris, another very well known and active Rotarian, was to participate but was kept home on his doctor's orders as he recuperated from a recent illness.

Both Walter and Sam are survivors of the Holocaust, and one can hardly imagine that any but the Home District

might have among their membership such a unique pair of articulate, active, and knowledgeable experts on the sad events of the Holocaust.

In the presentation, attended by all the Youth Exchange participants in attendance at Lake Geneva, Professor Stein presented a historical outline of anti-Jewish sentiment and acts in the period beginning before WWII and extending through the war. He alternated with Walter, who presented a slide show with comments on his own experiences as a Jewish boy whose family came under attack and eventually were murdered by the Nazis. After the famous Krystallnacht attacks in Germany, Walter's family sent him to safety in Belgium. He and almost 100 other children escaped to France, and in 1941 he was brought to New York by an aunt. Eventually he was sent to the North Shore where he changed his name.

While Sam Harris was not in attendance, Walter Reed read from Sam's book, "Sammy: A Child Survivor of the

Holocaust." alternating with Professor Stein. Sam, considered to be one of the youngest survivors, was seven in 1942 when his family was rounded up for deportation. At the urging of his father, Sammy fled from the line to railcars and survived in camps until liberated by Russians. He ended up on the North Shore with a new name. Sam has recounted that he did not speak about the horrors he saw and experienced for many years. However, more recently he was one of the prime movers in the effort to construct the Illinois Holocaust Museum, where he continues to serve on the board.

Walter Reed closed this fascinating presentation with accounts of more recent and positive experiences in Europe where recent generations have created memorials to those lost in the Holocaust and where Walter has built strong friendships among young and old while traveling to tell his own story of the Holocaust and since.

Rotary Work in the Community as a Community

Rotarians working together can get many things done and can help bring about real community change by community actions.

At the District Conference recently, Larry Barnett presented the history of how the Rotary Club of Barrington initially worked to provide good potable water in a small community in Kenya, then expanded their influence and good works by drawing other Rotary Clubs and other agencies into a cooperative effort. Working with the RC of Lake Zurich, over 1,700 books were sent to the same community to expand a school library. Over time This project has grown beyond community water sources and literacy to the provision of solar ovens, exploration of an innovative plan to provide LED flashlights to address the lack of public lighting, and the acquisition of land for a medical dispensary to serve the area. The total result is an intended community transformation involving the sweat equity of local people and funding from the Health Department, churches, individuals, and Rotary Clubs. Thirteen clubs from 6440 which have been involved with the Barrington leadership include those of Barrington (Noon), Palatine, Dundee Twp., Cary-Grove, Lake Zurich, Crystal Lake Dawnbreakers, Algonquin-LITH, Villa Park, Long Grove, Elgin (Noon), Lincolnshire Morningstar, Lake In The Hills, and Lake Forest/Lake Bluff. The project presently is seeking to raise \$30,000 to reach the present goals.

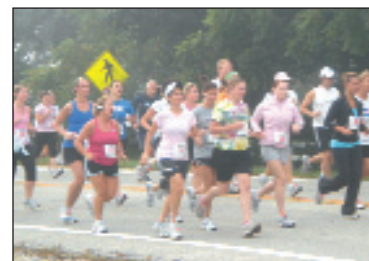
Water, books, solar, literacy, micro loans, and Health Center. Just a few of the many ways to save a life.

The Rotary Club of Long Grove has for a dozen years sponsored a charity 5k Run/3k Walk which has organization and beneficiaries which are rather unique. The Heritage Run/Walk is operated not only for the charitable fund of RC of Long Grove but also for a number of local charities which pay to participate themselves. These charities, some large but most small enough to be pressed hard to operate their own event, receive complete administration, publicity materials, and T-shirts unique to them. They typically purchase 50 slots in the event, then sell them or otherwise use them in their own approach to fundraising. A full pancake breakfast is provided to all participants by the Long Grove Rotarians.

In the past there have been as many as 12 charities expressing interest in participation. Last year, with 8 charities, the cumulative amount earned by RC of Long Grove and the participating charities was well over \$75,000. And our own charitable fund was one of the recipients, so our projects benefit throughout the year while Long Grove Rotarians also have the satisfaction of seeing other charities benefit from the community effort.

This year six charities have signed up to this point and more are expected. The event will be on September 11, 2010 and kicks off at 8:30 AM. Breakfast follows and the cleanup is usually finished by noon. Consider participating this year with a charity of your choice, or bring the family to walk or run, or just come by for breakfast to see the community at work. And, stay for pancakes.

A video describing the event in more detail and showing photos from past years is available at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pBSQmmmZbkc>. More information is at <http://RotaryRace.org> or <http://www.RCLG.org>. Or, call George Dorner at (847) 438-5309.



MEET DISTRICT 6440'S NEXT LEADERS

District Governor 2010-2011 Bruce Baumberger



Bruce Baumberger has been a member of the Rotary Club of Evanston Lighthouse since 1986. He served as the club president, club service chair, secretary, and club communications coordinator. He has an eighteen-year record of perfect attendance and was Rotarian of the Year in 1990 and 2002. His leadership in the introduction of technology-based administrative and communications tools for his club led to his technology leadership for District 6440. At the district level, Bruce has served as an Assistant Governor, Treasurer and Communications/IT Coordinator. In that role he provided the leadership for the majority of District 6440 clubs to adopt the use of ClubRunner for their club websites and administrative communications. He was recognized with a District 6440 Governor's Award in 2006. Bruce has a particular affinity for international projects of Rotary. Over the years, he and his wife, Nancy, have been involved in hosting visiting GSE teams and international visitors participating in Rotary programs. Bruce has also traveled internationally to help oversee and initiate new humanitarian projects. Bruce is a multiple Paul Harris Fellow and is a charter member of the District 6440 Paul Harris Society and is a member of the Bequest Society.

Bruce's business experience includes 33 years in a variety of technical and management positions in the Information Technology Department at the corporate headquarters of Allstate Insurance. He had major responsibility for the planning and implementation of knowledge worker productivity technology, including email and publishing facilities on a corporate-wide basis. Bruce currently operates a referral-based computer consulting firm that specializes in supporting small businesses and individuals. The firm's services cover the full spectrum of information technology support ranging from needs analysis through implementation and end-user training. Bruce was the Director of Communications for GUIDE International, an independent, volunteer run association providing IBM customers with user focused education, professional networking, and industry influence. He also has a long record of involvement with community and political organizations in Evanston, currently serving as a Trustee Emeritus of the Evanston Fourth of July Association. Bruce received his degree in accounting from Northwestern University.

Nancy, a retired registered nurse, is a Paul Harris Fellow. She and Bruce were married in 1965 and have two children and four grandchildren.

Governor Elect 2011-2012 Carlos Früm

Governor-Elect Carlos joined Rotary in 1993 as a Charter Member of the Northbrook Early Risers Club at the invitation of the Rotary Club of Northbrook, his current club, which a year prior presented him with an Honorary Paul Harris Award for Ethics in Business. He served as President of the Early Risers Club in 1994-95 and subsequently led a GSE team to his native Argentina in 1998.

Joining the Rotary Club of Northbrook in 1999, he twice co-chaired its major fund-raising effort and led its first team ever to travel overseas on a hands-on work mission to Guatemala to build bedrooms in an orphanage. At the District level he led the first two district-wide work missions to Guatemala, served as Assistant Governor, International Service Advisor, and is currently its Membership Committee Chair.

Carlos is retired from the computer industry where he founded a successful company and ran it for fourteen years until its sale. He chartered and chaired the Computer Technology Industry Association and served on the Dealer Councils of Apple Computer and Hewlett-Packard. He received the Entrepreneur of the Year Award from Inc. Magazine, Ernst & Young, and Merrill Lynch in 1992. He graduated from Wingate Institute of Physical Education in Israel, served in the Israel Defense Forces, received a BA in Psychology from Colorado College, and an MBA from DePaul University. He teaches a course in Entrepreneurship at Colorado College annually. Carlos is a Trustee of the Northbrook Public Library, presently serving a third term, and his wife Sandy, District 6440 Vocational Chair, is Northbrook Village President, and member of the Knox College Board of Trustees. They have three children, and one granddaughter.

Carlos and Sandy are Major Donors of the Rotary Foundation, Charter Members of District 6440 Paul Harris Society, and have granted Paul Harris Awards to their children.



Governor Nominee 2012-2013 Dick Larson



Dick Larson is a member of the Rotary Club of Batavia and is the District Governor Nominee Designate. That lengthy title just means that eventually he will be our DG, after Bruce Baumberger moves us forward, passes the reins to Carlos Früm, the District Governor Nominee, and Carlos takes us another step. Meanwhile, let's learn a little about our future, future leadership.

Richard J. Larson was born on a farm near Earlville, Illinois, in LaSalle County. He attended the Earlville schools and enrolled at Wartburg College, a Lutheran college in Waverly, Iowa, graduating in 1957 with a BA degree in history. After graduating from college, he attended the University of Illinois College of Law, receiving his Juris Doctor Degree in June 1960. In 1960, he joined the Illinois Air National Guard, attained the rank of captain and served six years. He was activated in 1961 during the Berlin Crisis.

Larson practiced law in Aurora, Illinois, from 1961 to February 21, 1991, becoming a partner in the law firm of O'Brien, Burnell, Puckett & Barnett. Prior to his elevation to the bench, he was the senior partner in Larson, Mickey and Weiler. On February 22, 1991, he was sworn in as an associate circuit court judge. He served as a judge for just under 18 years, retiring at the end of November, 2008, as a full circuit court judge. He judged in almost every division and served as presiding judge of the family division, traffic division and as supervising judge of arbitration. His last assignment was in mortgage foreclosures and arbitration.

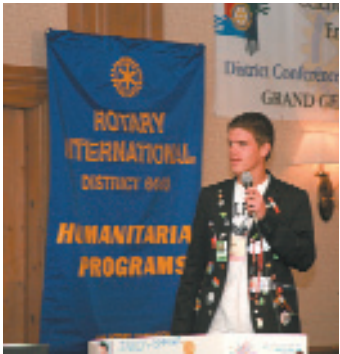
Dick, as he likes to be called, has been extremely active in his church, St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Aurora. He has served as president and treasurer of the congregation and on three building committees. Since 1995, he has been a member of the candidacy (ministry) committee of the Metropolitan Chicago Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church.

During his adult life, Dick has been active in his community. He has served on many community boards, including the United Way of Aurora Area, Association for Individual Development, Mental Health & Mental Retardation Services, Inc., Wartburg College Alumni Association, Copley Memorial Hospital, now known as Rush Copley, and affiliate boards, Waubesa Community College Foundation board and several city and school committees. He and his wife, Irma, live in Prestbury, a planned urban development near Sugar Grove, Illinois. He and Irma are the parents of two children, Mark, a stock broker, and Anne, a lawyer. They have two grandsons, Christopher, age 13 and Benjamin, age 10.

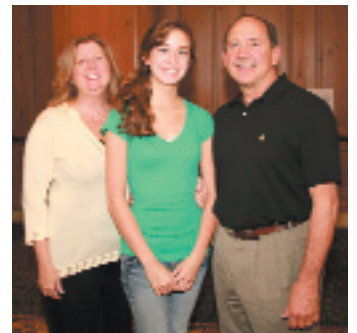
Dick has been a member of the Rotary Club of Batavia for approximately 13 years and has had perfect attendance for twelve years. He was president during the 2000-2001 rotary year, with the club receiving a Presidential Citation. For the 1997-1998 rotary year, Dick was Batavia Rotarian of the Year. He was program chair for two years and was international service chair for many years. He has been an assistant governor since July 1, 2009. Dick strongly believes that God placed us in the world to care not only for our own families, but to serve others. This fits neatly into the rotary motto, "Service Above Self."

Dick's professional and Rotary credentials and his personal commitments make it clear that we have an excellent DG in waiting for the 2012-2013 term.

District Conference Photos



District Conference Photos



Why Am I a Rotarian?

By: Len Dedo,
President Lake Forest-Lake Bluff Rotary Club



Caring, committed people, fellowship, sense of purpose, a good breakfast, friendly banter and bad jokes every Wednesday morning...that's my Rotary Club.

Rotary is a service organization that is uniquely poised to serve. **Service Above Self** and the **Four-Way Test** shape its presence and ethos. Rotary has the reach and depth to address global concerns and yet Rotary's core strength is local, at the Club level. As a Rotarian, this duality enables me to contribute through service in my community and around the world. I am able to share this commitment to service and integrity with other generous, giving, like-minded individuals.

Locally, the Lake Forest-Lake Bluff Rotary Club is committed to helping children in need whose life circumstances leave them wanting. Our commitment is to improve their lives and make each day a little better. Our **Operation Warm** project purchased brand new winter coats for the elementary and middle school children of North Chicago. In Highwood, we provided dictionaries to the 3rd Graders at the Oak Terrace School. Each of these experiences teaches that through giving one receives even more in return.

As one person, it is difficult to make a significant impact upon the world. But with the cooperation of Rotarians around the world, one small effort added together with the efforts of others can bring potable water to a village in Africa and bring focus to the eradication of polio. In January, following the devastating earthquake in Haiti we came together as Rotarians to help the people of Haiti. Our Club's **Haitian Earthquake Relief Initiative** raised \$69,000 for ShelterBoxes to provide tents and emergency supplies to 690 people. With the amazing reach of the internet, Rotarians in the Mountain Empire Club in Sonoita, Arizona joined our Club's relief effort. The response from the community and Rotarians near and far was nothing short of amazing. This is the power of Rotary.

So, why am I a Rotarian? It's the sense of purpose and giving back through service in my community and in my world. It's the fellowship that comes from being involved with those whose ethical mettle is measured by the **Four-Way Test**, whose commitment to service is captured by Service Above Self and it's fun.

DISTRICT CONFERENCE REPORT

District Conference a Success by Every Measurement

The District Conference at Grand Geneva Resort and Spa, Lake Geneva, WI, was a success by every measurement: attendance exceeded 550, programs were received with enthusiasm, the House of Friendship offered clubs new ways to achieve their goals, and the hospitality rooms stimulated that special Rotary fellowship. The Golf Outing and Sundowner Dinner Cruise were also fully subscribed and highly praised by their participants.

"The speakers were all excellent," reports Conference Chair Jim Runnfeldt, of the Long Grove Rotary Club. The only program hitch occurred when the Friday evening speaker, Rotary International Past President Wilf Wilkinson, was unable to attend. However, District Governor Bill Ferreira was able to secure RI President-nominee, Kalyan Banerjee, as his last-minute replacement. His presentation was a hit with the audience.

Other feature speakers included:

- Steve Hollingworth, COO and Executive Vice President of CARE, who spoke at Friday's Foundation luncheon;
- David Forward, leadership development and personal growth trainer from England, now living in New Jersey, Saturday's District Awards luncheon;
- Susan Fignar, Breakfast at Tiffany's and Fashion Show
- Bill Melberg, Comedian, Saturday Great Gatsby Gala Dinner.

One of the many Plenary Session highlights was Saturday morning's "The Holocaust Then & Now," featuring the District's own Holocaust survivor, Walter Reed.

Participants in the Team Trivia and Kentucky Derby event Saturday afternoon tested their knowledge of Rotary, while watching the Kentucky Derby preliminaries on television.

Sunday morning's ecumenical Memorial Service featured recognition of all District 6440 Rotarians who died during the past year and a stirring talk by Rev. David Bondurant. Service leader was Sam Martinez, AG and Chaplin.

Feedback has been very positive, Ferreira and Runnfeldt report. All were very pleased with the venue, where service was uniformly excellent.

Good News About the Budget - *VERY EXCITING NEWS!* -

As our next DG, Bruce Baumberger noted in a recent email, there has been a lot of angst among the clubs about funding for Matching Grant projects next year. Grumbling about "why should we be contributing to the Foundation if "they" can't fund our projects?" has been heard, but those concerns should be set to rest with the following news from Rotary HQ.

At their April meeting, The Rotary Foundation Trustees approved a Matching Grants World Fund budget of US\$21.5 million for 2010-11. This amount represents an 82 percent increase over the previous year's budget of \$11.8 million and, because funds for the 100 Future Vision pilot districts were budgeted separately, it is one of the largest World Fund budgets in Matching Grants history. This means that only 432 Districts will share in this budget. The Trustees approved a Rotary Foundation Global Grants World Fund budget of \$8 million for Future Vision pilot districts starting with the 2010-11 program year.

DISTRICT SIMPLIFIED GRANTS

This is wonderful news for our District. We had \$48,000 this year for District Simplified Grants. It is estimated that we will have \$44,000 this coming year. This is based on a percentage of our DDF (usually 20%).

Although the 2010-11 Foundation programs budget is pending final approval by the RI Board of Directors in June, this news was distributed by Louis Piconi, Trustee of The Rotary Foundation 2007-11 and RI Vice President 2000-01 by email and in postings at Rotary.org by Ed Futa, General Secretary to reassure Rotarians that it is not anticipated that the Matching Grant budget will be fully committed early in the Rotary year, as was previously assumed. The Trustees plan to review Competitive Matching Grant applications at their October 2010 and April 2011 meetings; the Foundation will notify districts if this business cycle changes.

The Trustees were able to restore World Fund budget for Matching Grants largely because Rotarians and other friends of Rotary donated a record amount of almost \$115 million to the Annual Programs Fund in 2007-08 (World Fund allocations are based on Annual Programs Fund donations three years prior). Additionally, because investment income stabilized, the Trustees did not need to use a significant amount of World Fund to supplement the Foundation's programs operations budget for the coming year.

This news should affect plans for grant applications at the local club level. A less rushed, more deliberate grant development process may be supportable.

MATCHING GRANT WORLD FUND

Our District used all of its DDF over \$140,000 this Rotary year. This included the matches that were offered to clubs (\$50,000) for shelter boxes for Haiti. It truly was an outstanding year because of your generosity three years ago.

In order to get a match for a world project or District Simplified Grant your club must contribute to the Rotary Foundation Annual Fund equal to the amount you request from the District.

DG Bill Ferreira also reports that the May report (interim) of clubs giving shows that over 50% of the clubs had not met (nor sent to R.I.) the amount the club pledged to the Rotary Foundation. DG Bill requests your help to meet our commitment and have money to spend for DDF three years from now. One reason the Directors were able to increase the World Fund budget is that in year 2007-08 Rotarians and friends contributed \$115 million to the Annual Programs Fund.

DG Bill hopes that this good news inspires you to contribute to the Annual Rotary Fund. As Bill noted, "When you give you really get so much."

Gospel Choir Entertains; Accompanies Conference Service

Attendees at the ecumenical service on Sunday morning at the District Conference in Lake Geneva, WI were treated to and were able to sing along with an enthusiastic and talented group of Rotarians and friends who formed a gospel choir just for the occasion.

AG Sam Martinez, Chaplin of RC of Wauconda, arranged the service for the unique brunchtime celebration. The speaker was Reverend David Bondurant, RC of Gurnee, whose wife, Sylvia Bondurant, directed the singers and practiced them for the event immediately before Sunday breakfast. But the Rotary District 6440 Conference Gospel Choir performed as a seasoned group and was supported by all those in attendance.

Whether the group will perform again or perhaps seek a CD recording contract is partially dependent on their finding a shorter name.



Shown in the photo, left to right: Irene Tolbert, wife of PDG Tony Tolbert, Sam Martinez, RC of Wauconda, Rev. David Bondurant, RC of Gurnee, Bruce Dopke, President of RC of Schaumburg-Hoffman Estates, Sam's friend, William Calderone, and Sheila Bondurant.

Accompanist Sylvia Harder is not visible in the picture.



- Service
- Fellowship
- Fun



Share Rotary

Creativity + Cooperation = International Success

By Teri Dreher, RC of Libertyville Sunrise

On December 27th, just two days after the airline terrorist incident, two members of the Libertyville Sunrise Club and a Rotarian from Pasadena, California boarded a plane for a two week humanitarian endeavor to rural Umuagwo, Nigeria, part of a 17 member Hands and Hearts International team. Over an eight day period, medical and dental care was provided to 4,432 patients in a poor, rural community without other access to affordable healthcare. Over 50 free surgeries were performed, eye care was delivered to 645 patients and dental patients received over 400 procedures. In all, over 250,000.00 worth of life saving medicines were dispensed. Rotarians also presented an entrepreneurial education program and business ethics workshop to over 1000 college youth in cooperation with the Rotary Cub of Owerri #1 from Nigeria.

The Hands and Hearts team had much support from various organizations to make the trip a success. The Libertyville Sunrise and West Chicago clubs donated a 40 foot container of medical supplies procured from Hospital Sisters Mission Outreach in Springfield. Supplies included 12 hospital beds, OR lights, cribs, bassinets, birthing tables, operating equipment and a full medical library. Shipping and related charges came from donations from family and friends of the mission team members. The Catholic Medical Missions Board, Heart to Heart International, Vitamin Angels, and Cancer Treatment Centers of America provided donations of all medication, which was packaged in "unit doses" prior to departure to allow for efficient distribution to the patients. Medline Industries provided donations of wound care supplies, patient care items and small electronics. Mission supplies not arriving by container were hand carried into Nigeria in 49 containers and nothing was lost or detained. All meds were cleared through customs before arrival. A team of ten young Nigerian physicians joined our group in Owerri and travelled daily with us to work with US nurses, pharmacy staff, teachers and trainers. Various Rotary projects were delivered and provided in partnership with the Sunrise Club and Rotary Club of Owerri: an eyeglass making project (Glasses for Missions), a trash recycling machine (the Peterson Press) and artificial limbs from LN-4 for accident victims. Contacts with the groups sponsoring these projects were made at the past two International Rotary conventions, where booths displayed their successful projects. Networking in Birmingham proved invaluable to this year's project's success.

The Rotary Club of Owerri was an excellent international partner for this year's team. They provided the venue, advertising and equipment necessary for a well attended EEP program that inspired over 1000 participants. They hosted a dinner for us and awards were presented to Rotarians for their humanitarian efforts in Nigeria. Every team member received a certificate of appreciation. A plaque of appreciation was presented to the Imo State Oil Producing Areas Development Commission for providing financial support, transportation and building needs to Ohaji Medical Center, where we worked daily. Security at the clinic and during transport was provided by the local police and private security paid for by ISOPADEC. The team was treated like royalty wherever we went. One team member said, "I feel like a rock star, for crying out loud!"

We would all agree that conditions in Nigeria are harsh to work in: the heat, dust, fatigue and heartbreak involved (tragic medical conditions) were difficult. The hotel we stayed in was very basic, though it did have working plumbing, hot water and even a bar for end-of-day refreshments. The food was great, though limited in variety. For the many hardships, team members were more than compensated by the warmth of the Nigerian people. We had FUN and developed friendships that will last for years. Not many groups seek out Nigeria as a mission country due to the reputation generated by internet scammers and rebels who occasionally skirmish over oil rights and issues growing out of extreme poverty. Most African countries have similar challenges and Nigeria seems to be rising to the challenge over the past few years. Great efforts are being made to combat government corruption, develop the roads and parks, provide adequate police protection to all people and support the health and education needs of the Nigerian people. We met many prominent Nigerians passionate about helping the plight of the poor in their communities. Team members who have been traveling to Nigeria since 2006 for yearly outreaches are greatly encouraged and find Nigeria to be a wonderful place to do successful mission work in.

In Birmingham, attendees were challenged several times to use our creative skills to find new ways to help the poor during these tough economic times. We were told to "try harder, be more creative, go the extra mile, but never give up because that's not what being a Rotarian means". Using the Hands and Hearts group as a cooperating organization proved to be a wise use of time, talent and resources; together we can do so much more than anyone can do individually. We took this year's message of "creativity" to heart and hope to continue to find more ways to bring hope, healing and compassionate support to the marginalized and poor of Nigeria. We hope that others will consider joining us.

ROTARY FOUNDATION AND CLUB MEMBERSHIP District 6440 Status as of May 25, 2010

Rotary	Membership as of July 1, 2009	Membership Reported to RI May 25, 2010	YTD Net gain or loss	2009-10 Foundation Annual Giving % of Club Goal Achieved as of May 25, 2010	2009-10 Polio Club Contributions % of Club Goal Achieved as of May 25, 2010
International District 6440 Statistics	SAR				
Club					
Algonquin-Lake in the Hill	26	22	-4	105%	9%
Antioch	43	45	2	70%	0%
Arlington Heights	57	58	1	15%	0%
Arlington Heights Sunrise	20	20	0	115%	143%
Barrington Breakfast	50	53	3	105%	323%
Barrington	41	37	-4	18%	199%
Bartlett	24	22	-2	133%	46%
Batavia	33	34	1	192%	100%
Bloomington-Roselle	16	16	0	10%	100%
Buffalo Grove	36	36	0	40%	3%
Carol Stream	24	25	1	0%	0%
Carpentersville	21	21	0	50%	100%
Cary-Grove	27	30	3	150%	64%
Central DuPage AM	39	39	0	133%	0%
Chicagoland Korean	54	34	-20	178%	0%
Crystal Lake Dawnbreakers	52	49	-3	660%	29%
Crystal Lake	9	11	2	454%	120%
Deerfield	30	33	3	44%	0%
Des Plaines	20	22	2	0%	100%
Dundee Township	32	33	1	115%	116%
Elgin Breakfast	35	35	0	0%	0%
Elgin	68	69	1	89%	95%
Elk Grove Village	28	27	-1	96%	0%
Evanston Lighthouse	69	78	9	64%	153%
Evanston	50	57	7	63%	**
Fox Lake-Round Lake Area	22	24	2	100%	0%
Geneva	31	31	0	0%	0%
Glen Ellyn	42	45	3	107%	100%
Glencoe	21	19	-2	0%	0%
Glenview Sunset	7	6	-1	0%	0%
Glenview	19	20	1	61%	0%
Glenview-Sunrise	51	48	-3	119%	79%
Grayslake	18	14	-4	25%	0%
Gurnee	66	64	-2	75%	0%
Highland Park	64	66	2	60%	56%
Huntley	18	21	3	16%	0%
Illinois Beach Sunrise	23	24	1	12%	0%
Lake Forest/Lake Bluff	74	70	-4	4%	141%
Lake In the Hills	32	25	-7	0%	137%
Lake Zurich	30	31	1	61%	53%
Libertyville Sunrise	61	61	0	67%	63%
Libertyville	38	38	0	0%	0%
Lincolnshire Morning Star	30	25	-5	100%	28%
Lombard	42	38	-4	0%	0%
Long Grove	28	28	0	541%	195%
McHenry	39	33	-6	12%	500%
McHenry - Sunrise	0	20	20		
Mount Prospect Sunrise	19	22	3	64%	10%
Mount Prospect/Prospect H	19	20	1	0%	0%
Mundelein-Vernon Hills	24	22	-2	0%	0%
North Chicago	15	16	1	0%	0%
Northbrook	105	107	2	26%	104%
Palatine	36	38	2	97%	50%
Park Ridge	53	46	-7	84%	106%
Richmond	18	24	6	275%	122%
Rolling Meadows	20	17	-3	103%	0%
Schaumburg A.M.	19	22	3	155%	20%
Schaumburg-Hoffman Estate	92	87	-5	87%	0%
Skokie Valley	60	58	-2	119%	0%
St. Charles Breakfast	29	30	1	100%	0%
St. Charles Noon	52	51	-1	28%	40%
Villa Park	21	21	0	95%	0%
Wauconda	20	22	2	102%	0%
Waukegan	33	32	-1	0%	0%
West Chicago	24	20	-4	91%	63%
Wheaton	48	47	-1	30%	90%
Wheeling	23	23	0	53%	6%
Wilmette Harbor	61	70	9	199%	140%
Wilmette	63	64	1	64%	23%
Winnetka-Northfield	56	59	3	116%	88%
Woodstock Morning	29	28	-1	230%	0%
Woodstock	41	40	-1	50%	2%
District	2640	2643	3	74%	59%
Polio Contribution					\$30,000.00
DDF Contribution					\$10,700.00
District 6440 Cookbook					\$ 5,000.00
Glenview Sunset Club Concert					\$ 5,000.00
District Conference Raffle					\$ 5,000.00
District 6440 Cubs Night					\$ 500.00
Rotary One					\$ 500.00
Total district goal achieved vs. goal:					98.8%
** Goal Not Estab shed					

Governnor Bill's Official Club Visits



Year in Review



Governnor's Installation Dinner



Columbus Day Parade for Polio Eradication



ROTARY'S PLEDGE TO END POLIO NOW



Rubber Duckies to end polio

Kenya Project



Aid for Haiti



Clean Water Project in Mumbai, India



President Kenny with the GSE team to Brazil



RI President John Kenny visits our district



Birth of a New Club - McHenry-Sunrise

