

Rotary District 6440 Newsletter

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See additional information about these events in this newsletter and on the District website at:
www.rotary6440.org

RI Membership Retention Webinar

Internet
Sep 8, 2011

Rotary Zone Institute

Weston Hotel
Sep 08, 2011 - Sep 11, 2011

RI Membership Retention Webinar

Internet
Sep 13, 2011

District Literacy Committee's Fall

The Rotary District 6440 Newsletter is filled with announcements, articles, and links to announcements, stories, and information about our clubs, our members and making a difference through Rotary.

Governor's Message



Just 261 Words !

Dear Fellow Rotarians

As we end our second month, it is exciting to hear from Rotarians about the myriad of projects they have organized or are planning. After visiting 45 clubs I can say unequivocally, "There are not two clubs alike". That's what makes Rotary special!

I've also learned a few things along the way:

1. Great clubs have great leadership -- Leaders who inspire, ask questions, set a course, and display behavior they want from others.
2. Great clubs have great members -- Members who are passionate, enthusiastic, inspired, and brimming with new ideas.
3. Great leaders and great members create great cultures -- Cultures with a welcoming attitude, knowledge, a willingness to tell others about it, desire to grow, and desire to nurture future leaders.
4. Great clubs seize opportunities -- Opportunities to form partnerships and borrow ideas.
5. Great clubs have heart and soul -- Members are bonded together and it is noticeable to others.
6. Great clubs have a great sense of humor -- They show it in their meetings, in their publications, their websites, and in their smiles.
7. Great clubs look cool - They have great meetings places and websites. They show banners, flags, and they showcase their accomplishments. This builds pride among the membership.

Yes, we have many great clubs, but we also have many clubs working very hard to become great, and I don't have a doubt they will accomplish this. That's why I am proud to be a member of "The Home District".



[Information Program](#)

Tuesday, September 27,
2011

Yours in Rotary service,

Carlos

[Fall Seminar Day](#)

Nov 05, 2011

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Rotary Interactor Daniel Zozokos, a recent Dundee/Crown Graduate, learned about character building as well as building a pavilion!



Rotary Interactor Dan Zozokos with
Rogelio Realzolo and Jonathan
Keable

"I take a great deal of pride in giving back to my community. One particular example of this was my involvement in the construction of an environmentally-friendly pavilion at a local bird sanctuary this past summer. This project was a very enriching experience, and through it I met many great men and learned more about my own character, and what it truly means to serve my community." Read [more...](#)

Rotary District 6440 and the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) jointly pre-publish *Diagnostic Imaging... Manual for Clinics and Small Hospitals*, ready for use in Guatemala.

Pre-published on the Internet, the manual is authored by Dr. Philip E.S. Palmer and Dr. Gerald Hanson. They have given pre-publication rights to Rotary District 6440 and PAHO to assure immediate availability of the information for the Guatemalan project organized by Rotary District 6440 in Northern Illinois, Rotary District 4250 Guatemalan clubs, the Guatemalan Minister of Health (MOH) and PAHO, and to beta test the content before eventual publication.

To read the press release, click [here](#).

**Welcome Rotary Youth Exchange Students
to District 6440 !**



District Information -- Grants, member retention, and "What do you think? (about the district conference).

The follow are from District Communications.

- **Conference Committee wants your feedback.** E-mail gov.Carlos@rotary6440.org answering the following: 1. What was "supurb" at this last conference ? (in Lincolnshire) 2. If you didn't attend, why not ? 3. Please complete, "I would most likely attend the 2012 conference if...."
- **Matching and District Simplified Grants** -- there's new info on the [website](#).
- **Membership Retention** -- Keep your friends in the club -- RI is offering two webinars 9/6 and 9/13 on Member Retention. See How to Improve Membership on Dist. [Website](#).
- **Promoting Rotary** -- The District is offering a metal on wood plaque with the "4-way Test", the logo of the recipient, and the Rotary logo for \$60 of which \$15 will be contributed to the "End Polio Now" campaign in your club's name.
Suggested uses: present a plaque with your town's logo to town officials at their board meeting; present one or more plaques recognizing ethical businesses at a Chamber of Commerce meeting, etc.
Contact District Vocational Advisor Shel Hyman at travelduet@aol.com
- **"Forums" to share ideas** -- Webmaster Rich Lalley implemented a new menu item, 'Forums', on the Dist. [website](#) where you can find ideas about Community Service, Fundraising, Programs, International Service, and Vocational Service. There is a catch: you must contribute ideas to encourage others to do the same!
- **ClubRunner Mobile App** is now available for [download](#) FREE! - It is password protected and includes member directory, articles posted to your website, and club locator for make ups!
- **THERE IS STILL TIME TO REGISTER for Zone Institute** - It is an



honor for 'The Home District' to host the 2011 Zone Institute in Lombard. Please check the "Rally in Chicago" [website](#) for registration (including meal packages and volunteer opportunities).

Club Builder Award Applications Being Accepted



Rotarians, your club may nominate a candidate for the Rotary International 2011-2012 Club Builder Award for District 6440. This would be an individual who has "made a significant impact in supporting and strengthening their Rotary club."

Clubs should make application on the nomination form and send to Pam Kerr (Past District Governor) no later than September 15th. For details and form, see 6440's [website](#).

Trying New Things # 1: Elgin Breakfast Rotary "Reformats Its Meetings to "Reinvent the Rotary Wheel"

Rotary International has challenged local groups to add some new and fresh ideas into clubs, so Elgin Breakfast has introduced new meeting format changes, along with a change in location. "We wanted to appeal to a larger demographic, as well as refocus on our motto "Service Above Self" and serve more within our community," Rose Reinert, Club President.

The month's meetings now entail a mix of afternoon fellowship at the Elgin Public House, breakfast meetings, and a day for service in the community. The club is partnering with the Boys and Girls Club of Elgin's Interact Club. Read [more...](#)

Trying New Things # 2: A New Form of Service -- RAPID Response by McHenry Sunrise



A recent storm wreaked havoc on an elderly couple's yard, 12 trees were down. A RAPID team was established and dispatched to help. For this couple, RAPID meant relief, one less thing to worry about. RAPID (ROTARIANS ASSISTING PEOPLE IN DISTRESS), is an initiative of Rotary McHenry Sunrise.

Coordinating with other agencies, this emphasis on service is remarkable. For the Whys and Hows, read [more...](#)

Trying New Things #3: Sunrise, Sunset -- Another Experiment in Club Meetings

"Rumors have been circulating -- the provisional Rotary club of Arlington Heights Downtown Sunset is not going to be your 'grandfather's' Rotary club", said Roylene Gallas, club secretary. "This started out as an experiment to revive membership in the Arlington Heights Sunrise Club.

"We examined three alternative models of what Rotary club meetings could be...and the lure of the evening club model became too great for those of us who are 'night owls' living in a day person's world."

Read [more](#)....

Bangkok Discounts !

Thai Airlines, United Airlines and the Star Alliance partners are offering 10-15% discounts off of economy class airfares and up to 20% off of business class airfares for convention attendees. (Use Airline Event Code - UA03S12) .

Zone 28 & 29 also has special airfare packages available with Cathay Pacific Airways, with round trip tickets at \$1,474 per traveler. For more information, click [here](#).



A Polio Reminder from John Hewk, RI General Secretary (as it appeared in *The Economist*)

He notes that though Rotary has had great success (today's cases being a mere 1% of the 350,000 in 1988...and for the six months ending in July, no reported cases in India !), urgent action is needed from current supporters as well as new government and private-sector donors.

To read John's letter, click [here](#).

Hosting Opportunity -- Rotarians from Britain

Eleven Rotarians from District 6420 will visit our District only from September 25 to September 28. If you are interested in hosting some of them please contact Rudy Welvers, President of the Rotary Club of Huntley, at rrwelvers@sbcglobal.net or 847.515.3372. If you have never hosted foreign Rotarians, be prepared for a great experience. They are just like us, only they speak with an accent! ("Come to think of that, some of us speak with an accent!" , said Gov. Carlos).

Back to Guatemala this year ? You have a choice of three weeks.



You may have been wondering if we're going back to Ak'tenamit. We are, and we hope that you join us. Click to see the new [flyer](#), [application](#), and Rotarian [Responsibilities](#). As you will see, you have 3 weeks to choose from.

Contact [Ron Crawford](#), (847) 259 7640 or [Larry Kanard](#), (847) 405-0471.

Park Ridge Rotary Helps Welcome Students Back to School

The Rotary Club of Park Ridge recently assisted students at Maine East High School create a "welcome" mural featuring a "welcome" greeting in 16 of the most frequently spoken languages at the school. In all, there are more than 50 languages spoken at Maine East, a school with one of the most diverse student populations in the U.S.



Pat Ahern, president of the Park Ridge Rotary said, "To be able to partner with a school that includes all kinds of people in studying and learning makes us very proud." The club provided both financial and hands on assistance for the project, with the support of a District Simplified Grant.

Sept. 17 Deadline for Outbound GSE (Group Study Exchange) Team Leader and Team Members who want to go to Taiwan next spring.

Encourage your fellow Rotary club members to consider applying for the Team Leaders position. Look at your neighborhoods, friends and associates for potential Team Members. Candidates should be between 25 and 40 years of age, not linearly related to a current Rotarian, live in or work in the district and have been engaged in their business or

profession for a minimum of two years.

Please direct any questions to: Jim Runnfeldt at 312-259-7906 or or jswede@aol.com . Click [here](#) for more information.



International Service Trip Inspires Evanston to New Service -- Rotary's Gift of Smiles for Guatemalan Children

After a 2009 volunteer work trip to Ak'tenamit School in Guatemalan, Evanston Lighthouse Rotary Club and member Sue Smith caught the idea of spreading contagious smiles to children in need.

Now, children with cleft lips and cleft palates are getting new smiles thanks to support from Evanston Lighthouse Rotary Club and Dundee Township Rotary Club, in coordination with T.E.S.S. Unlimited (Tasks for Education and Support for Smiles) in Antigua, Guatemala. For club program information or participation, click [here](#).

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