

Rotary District 6440 Newsletter

Bruce Baumberger, District Governor

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Quick Event Information

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

www.rotary6440.org

Service Trips to Guatemala

[Brochure](#) and [Application](#)

February 5 - 14

February 12 - 21

[AkTenamit video](#)

"End Polio Now" Benefit CSO/Perlman Concert

March 7, 2011

[RYLA Sessions](#) (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards)

At Camp Edwards, WI
Session 1 - Mar 10 - Mar 13, 2011.
Session 2 - Apr 7 - Apr 10, 2011

GSE Team from Africa

visiting our district

Apr 02 - May 01, 2011

2011 District [Conference](#) Lincolnshire



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.

EDITOR'S NOTE: We wish you all a Joyous Holiday Season. This is our last newsletter of the year. The normal biweekly schedule will resume early January.

Governor's Message for December - "Come Join Us" !

December on the Rotary calendar is the month that we recognize the family. As we celebrate the holiday season, it's time to reflect on the millions of people around the world who have been impacted in a meaningful way by your dedicated efforts and all members of the Rotary family.

Your participation in Rotary, both your time and your financial support, is enabling others to excel in many ways. "Come Join Us" is a joyous song that is featured in a new video highlighting Rotarians in action around the world. Please take five minutes to hear the song and see the images that capture the essence of Rotary. Click on this link: <http://vimeo.com/17537785>. I'm planning to share the video with my friends and family, and hope you will, too!

Best wishes for a very Happy Holiday Season!

Marriott Resort

Apr 28 - May 1, 2011

[2011 Rotary International Convention](#)



May 21 - 25, 2011

Quick Contact Links

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Last Minute Holiday Gifts ? Here are some ideas --



-- Sign up for the Rotary International Convention in New Orleans ! There's a sleeper-car train trip available, plus tours of the French Quarter and other attractions, including a riverboat ride. A limited number of rooms in the District 6440 convention hotel, the Embassy Suites, are still available at \$209 per night. For more information, contact Stan Sherman, the "On to New Orleans" Chair at 847-498-3450 or check the District 6440 [website](#) site and see the bulletins about [housing](#) and the [reception](#).

-- Consider a donation yourself, or in the name of someone dear -- to the [Rotary Foundation](#).

-- A Rotary [License Plate?](#)

-- A commitment to go on a service project such as 85-years-young Arlington A.M. Rotarian, Mary Stitt, made in her [3rd trip to Nigeria](#).

Rotary Provides Digital X-ray System for the Needy People of Guatemala City



Digital Film Equipment

Six Rotary Clubs in District 6440 (Arlington Heights Sunrise, Des Plaines, Evanston, Mundelein-Vernon Hills, Mt. Prospect Sunrise, and Park Ridge), along with Guatemala's District 4250, have installed a digital X-ray system in Guatemala City to provide primary

diagnostic imaging for street children, municipal employees, the elderly, and low-income patients.

While digital imaging systems are commonplace in medical practice in industrialized countries, these systems are still in the early adoption phase in developing countries. This digital X-ray installation represents a pioneering effort, in which Rotary is a leading partner, to establish a pilot site for demonstrating the feasibility and clinical application of the technology. Matching grants from District 6440 and the Rotary International Foundation were used.

This system eliminates the need for film and chemicals, a dark room, and film processing equipment. It provides virtually immediate access to the images while the patient is still in the clinic and provides for expert consultation by radiologists, wherever they may be located, thereby overcoming the absence of radiologist in remote locations. Individual patient images can be provided to each patient in the form of CDs or flash drives.

[Read more...](#)



Reception Area at Municipal Clinic

[What Do We Do at RYLA \(Rotary Youth Leadership\)? Why Select Students? ...](#)

Sean Nelson (Rotary Club of Lake Zurich, RYLA Chair) wrote, "The goal of the program is to create — in three days — better leaders or at least better prepared potential leaders. In 2011, we have what I consider to be the best speaker lineup you will ever hear anywhere at any price. After every speaker, we have small group sessions where we discuss what was heard/taught. We ask challenging questions in the groups. For example: Can you use the information at school, home or in your community? Did the content reinforce what you already believed or contradict your beliefs?"

"We have been wildly successful with what we have done so far for our Rotary District's youth leadership program. RYLA

has grown every year, and we are fast approaching maximum capacity for participants. Comments I hear most often are: "*life changing experience*" and "*unbelievable*".

[...Read More.](#)

Still Room on Guatemala Service Trips

The most rewarding outcome of a hands-on service is not what you do for the recipient of your service, but what you get in the personal satisfaction and pride in having made a positive difference to someone who appreciates your help. You also meet new people and make new friends. It's an experience you will cherish forever.

Two teams from District 6440 are going to a remote Mayan school in the Eastern rain forest of Guatemala called Ak'Tenamit. See <http://www.aktenamit.org/>. This will be our 5th district mission and the 4th time we will have gone to Ak'Tenamit. Last year our 2 teams built a library building in just 2 weeks. Some of the team taught English, built computer desks and performed some routine maintenance working side by side with the students and other volunteers from The Guatemala Sur Rotary club from Guatemala City.

The first team leaves on Feb 5th and will return on the 14th and we still have a few openings. The second team leaves one week later on Feb 12th, but only has 2 openings left. The total cost including air, hotel and all but 2 meals is \$1,700.00. To get an idea of the project look up "Rerooted" on [YouTube](#). This is a short video produced by RI about our last trip.

There's an application and more information on the [District website](#), or contact Larry Kanar, International Service Advisor via e-mail, lpk471@gmail.com, or 847-405-0471.

Reminders as we close 2010:

- **Nominations for District Governor - by 1/3/11**
- **e-Yellow Pages - free ad**
- **Perlman/Polio Concert tickets going**
- **Harris Fellowships still being matched**

District Governor Nominations - As announced in an [article on our District website](#), deadline for Dist. Gov. of 2013-2014 must be submitted by your club by January 3 ! It's a marvellous opportunity

and honor for the next level of service.

eYellow Pages -For the past several weeks you've been hearing about our District's opportunity to help Rotarians do business with other Rotarians, but for that to be a success, every Rotarian with a product or service to offer needs to click on eYellow Pages at www.rotary6440.org . The posting lasts through Dec. 2011. You can get it free until this December 31. You can add your occupation if it is not already listed in the e-yellow pages !

Polio survivor Itzhak Perlman will join members of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra in his only Chicago performance this season for a concert on Monday, March 7, benefiting Rotary's campaign to end polio worldwide. Concert information is available [here](#). Purchased tickets at www.cso.org, and mention Rotary. You also may join us after the concert for an intimate cocktail reception. Ticket prices for the Concert: \$50-\$200, for the Post-concert reception: \$150.

Paul Harris Fellow Awards with matching points are still available. An anonymous Rotarian will add 500 PH (Paul Harris) "points" to qualify the donor for a new (or additional) \$1,000 Paul Harris Recognition. In other words, [the "real deal" for a \\$500 cash or credit card donation to the Foundation](#). To participate in this generous offer, the donor should fill out RI (Rotary International) [Form # 123en](#) and fill in the information at the left side. *Send it to Rotarian Ann Hughes (with the \$500 payment made out to "The Rotary Foundation"), 15202 MacIntyre Lane, Woodstock IL 60098.*

New Members -- Welcome!

McHenry Sunrise:

Denise Brausen

Bloomington-Roselle:

Amy Cawley

Rob Ward

Malita Winge

Geneva:

James Discher

Highland Park-Highwood:

Sidney Green

Skokie Valley:

Quintin Sheppard

Give Yourself a Gift ... of Global friendship through joining a Global Fellowship.

Reach across continents and build a bridge. One person at a time can do this by participating in any one of more than 55 diverse Fellowships officially recognized by Rotary International.

Rotary Fellowships are shared interest groups that bring together

Rotarians from around the world. Do you collect stamps, play chess, run marathons, do quilting and fiber art? Are you a traveler, sailor, canoer, curler, birdwatcher or golfer? Some Fellowships hold meetings in conjunction with annual Rotary International conventions. Others host activities before or after conventions. For example, the International Travel and Hosting Fellowship has organized a tour starting in Memphis and on to New Orleans.

[Read more...](#)

To Attract Scholarship Applicants, use Press Release Templates

"Local media offer many opportunities to get our Rotary message to people in the communities we serve. Effective use of these templates will help clubs attract scholarship applicants, while increasing awareness of Rotary," says Bruce Baumberger, Rotary District 6440 Governor.

The news release templates offer information on Rotary's Ambassadorial Scholarship, RYLA, Vocational Scholarship and Youth Exchange programs. Clubs are encouraged to customize the releases for their own purposes, generate local media attention for Rotary programs, and invite members of the public to apply.

To access the templates, visit www.rotary6440.org, and click on the "Public Relations" link at the left of the homepage. Remember, find out who to send the release to, what form they like...and then follow up. Some media have pages for reader-submitted content, so also consider putting your release in yourself.

News release templates for use in helping clubs promote four important Rotary programs are now available on the District 6440 Website.

District 6440 Leads the Nation in "Giving the Gift of Warmth" to Local Children Living in Need



As the weather in Chicagoland turned "frightful", local Rotarians took action to "Give the Gift of Warmth" to area children living in need.

In partnership with Operation Warm, Inc.®, thirteen clubs in District 6440 planned and executed community service projects to provide new winter coats to low-income children, making District 6440 the top District in the U.S. in terms of the number of clubs partnering with Operation Warm and in the number of children receiving new coats.

"This is but one more example of the power of Rotary and the excellence of the clubs in District 6440", said District Governor Bruce Baumberger. "Last year District 6440 led the nation in number

of clubs partnering with Operation Warm; this year we led in the number of children served. It is simply outstanding. I'm proud of all the clubs that participated."

[Read more about how it's done](#) and see the list of District 6440 clubs that participated.

Vocational Scholarship Opportunities - 21 available for 2011 !

Twenty-one scholarships of \$1,500.00 each will be awarded by District 6440 in April 2011. (That is an increase of six scholarships over last year !).

Every club is eligible to participate in this program and submit two candidates to the selection committee. This District 6440 program is one of the most giving and important of the year. If your club has never participated before it should be good news to you that the process is simple. For more information, see the [announcement letter](#) with more information about the program, along with background and applications on the [Dist. website](#).

Editor,

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