

Rotary District 6440 Newsletter

Carlos Früm, District Governor

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Information

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

Midwest PETS (Presidents Elect Training)

Mar 10, 2012 - Mar 11, 2012

District Conference

April 20 & 21, 2012
 Milwaukee, Wis.

Rotary International Convention

May 6-9, 2012
 Bangkok, Thailand

District Installation Dinner

Evanston Golf Club
 Jun 29, 2012

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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



Don't look back !

172 Days

Dear Friends in Rotary:

There is a tendency at the end of every year to review what happened during the past year. We recall all the good things; and some of the sad ones as well, and make resolutions. We rejoice remembering moments that should be implanted firmly in our hearts. **Please, don't!**

I ask you, no, I beg you, **don't look back!** If the moment was truly memorable, it will remain so for the rest of your days. If it touched your heart, it will continue to do so. But there is no point reviewing it now.

I read today about a singer that got a tattoo to remember a performance tour. Can you possibly imagine a Rotarian needing a tattoo to remember serving others?

Now it is the time to look forward! Now is the time to look ahead and plan for spring and summer. We have six more months of this Rotary year. Let's make the best of it.

What are our priorities: people and funds? Somebody once told me that to help others one needs manpower, money and minds, good minds!

We need members to tackle bigger and better projects that will help more people in need. We need funding to accomplish our plans, particularly as we approach the time to switch to Future Vision and its larger minimum size grants. Finally, we need innovative ideas to improve communications with the population at large and establish our presence in the community. A better

image, clear goals, and a resounding voice facilitate our efforts.

So, please, look forward, raise your sights, aim high, and empower yourself to 'Serve above Self' in 2012.

Yours in Rotary Service,

Governor Carlos

J.B. Pritzker to Keynote District Conference

J. B. Pritzker, entrepreneur, technology venture capitalist and philanthropist, will be the Keynote Speaker at the District Conference on Friday, April 20, 2012 at the Pfister Hotel in Milwaukee. Mr. Pritzker is a business and civic leader and a leading advocate for civil rights and young children in poverty.



He founded one of the Midwest's leading venture capital firms, New World Ventures, and co-leads The Pritzker Group, a private investment firm. Mr. Pritzker is also a principal owner of Hyatt Hotels Corporation and TransUnion Corporation.

Led by Pritzker, the Pritzker Family Foundation is one of the nation's leading philanthropists in early childhood education and development. He has also applied his entrepreneurial efforts as a tireless champion for human and civil rights both nationally and internationally, serving as Chairman of the Illinois Holocaust Museum & Education Center and a principal funder of the Cambodia Tribunal Monitor. -- [More](#)

Hall of Fame Broadcaster to Represent RI President

The five-time recipient of the Edward R. Murrow Award for excellence in television broadcasting, and news anchor for WHAM in Rochester, NY, Don Alhart will speak as RI Pres. Kalyan Banerjee's representative to our District Conference. A Past District Governor of Rotary District 7120, he and his wife Mary live in Penfield, NY. -- [more](#).



"Share Rotary Fellowship" is the theme of The Conference. As you plan your 2012, consider building upon this

4/20-4/21 event. Clubs are urged to cancel their meetings that week and encourage their members to attend the Conference. Sunday will be an "open" day, so consider staying an extra day. Enjoy activities and events such as galleries, museums, theater, boats, restaurants and more. Attendees can take the train, drive, or travel together via van or bus. For more about Milwaukee, click [here](#).

Short List of Short Items

Some Year-end Reflections from Gov. Carlos:

- **"I'm a sucker for dedication!** There is a club in the district with barely 13 members and in dire financial situation; yet they gave their Assistant Governor \$210 in small cash and coins for the End Polio Campaign. That's why I am a Rotarian!"
- **Food for Thought from Youth Exchange Holiday Get Together.** "I just came back from my second meeting with the Youth Exchange students we are hosting. I admire their newfound comfort living in a foreign country and taking advantage of their 'American' experience. This happens because we have dedicated Rotarians, dedicated hosts families, and a dedicated Youth Exchange Committee. "

"One of the students, hosted by Elgin Breakfast, is so comfortable here that he initiated a 'blanket' program for the poor people in his home town of Aguascalientes, Mexico. Can you help him? It is the right season!" You can contact the club president, [Rose Reinert](#).

- **Inspiration from Rotary --** "Yesterday I had another moment that touched my heart and reassured me that becoming a Rotarian was a good choice. I visited a Rotary Holiday project. A club, with the help of another club and dozens of volunteers, provided more than 1,100 Holiday meals, toys, and food supplies to needy families. They worked all morning from a cold Harley Davidson warehouse, and outside on the snow, and they had smiles on their faces. I will retain that image forever!"



Other notes:

- **Last call for Grants!** - The Humanitarian Grants Committee expects that by next month there will be no more money available. Second grants will not be possible. HURRY!
- **Visit the District Website --** you'll be surprised at the wealth of interesting links, stories, and information. For links to "site pages", use the menu bar just below the banner. To see what we're doing on Face Book, see the information box in the right

column. [Click here !](#)

- **Council of Legislation Proposal** - Per RI By-Laws you are advised that a Committee composed of Dick Larson, Chairman, DGE Mike Yesner, and DGN Sarah Oliver will count clubs' ballots for or against the Council on Legislation Proposal advanced by Batavia, Northbrook, and Skokie Valley. Counting will take place on Wednesday, December 21, 2011 at the Starbucks Area of the Barnes and Noble Store in Oakbrook Center, Oak Brook, Illinois at 10:15 AM.
- **Rotary e-Yellow Pages** - A Great Way to Do Business with Fellow Rotarians ! For the directory, and to learn more on how you can use it to promote your service or business, click the yellow "e-Yellow Pages" logo on the right side of our [Home Page](#).



...Last two weeks to donate! -

Annual Giving Chair Walter Reed asked to remind you we have only two weeks to donate to Foundation this tax year.

We suggest members consult with your tax advisers and contribute before December 31.

Taipei's Four Group Study Exchange Members Are Chosen

Our contact in Taipei reports wrote that the members, and their occupations, are

1. Mr. Spencer Chao-Huang Chen
Land Administration Consultant
2. Ms. Song En Lu
Record Engineer for musicians
3. Ms. Pei-Yu Chen
National Fire Agency Officer
4. Mr. Herbert Shu-Jung Chang
Director of Investment/wealth management

The group leader is Ruth Lue from KeyLight Technology Inc. for Autoparts.

Nominating Committee's choice to serve as District Governor in 2014-2015

The District 6440 Nominating Committee on Dec. 12 selected Ellen Young of the Rotary Club of Lincolnshire Morning Star to be candidate for the post of District Governor. If elected by the clubs, she will serve during Rotary year 2014-15. Please join me in congratulating her on this honor.

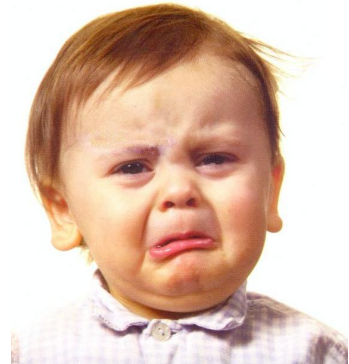
Ellen joined the Lake Forest/Lake Bluff Noon Rotary Club in 1991, and served as its President during the 1998-1999 Rotary year. During her tenure in the club, she served as Treasurer, Club Board Member and International Service Committee Chair. When Ellen changed employers in 2002, she became a member of the Winnetka Northfield Rotary Club, where she served as Membership Chair and a Board member of the Club and Foundation. -- [more](#).



Candidate Ellen Young

Sometimes Member Retention "Is a Crying Shame"

How do we keep members who are on the edge? What efforts do we make to keep members engaged? To read ideas about Retention, and several interesting aspects of being a Rotarian, click the Zone Coordinator's [Newsletter](#). It's an interesting, quick-scrolling read.



Welcome New Members !

| Club | Name | |
|----------------------|--------|----------|
| Antioch | Kenith | Barnett |
| | Greg | Buchanan |
| | Victor | Olsen |
| Arlington Heights | Joseph | Musolino |
| Barrington Breakfast | Mary | Holcomb |
| Bloomingdale-Roselle | George | Balis |
| | Rick | Tayfel |
| | Jenny | Yockey |

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|-----------------------|----------|-----------|
| Carol Stream | Capitola | Pontrelli |
| Dundee Rotary Club | Martin | Anderson |
| | Kristin | Corriveau |
| | Raymond | Ehrhardt |
| | John | Light |
| Elk Grove Village | Jeffrey | Martin |
| Geneva | Patrick | Meyer |
| Glencoe | Laurie | Morse |
| Libertyville Sunrise | Sebnem | Cattanach |
| | Steve | Curry |
| | Robert | McConnell |
| Northbrook | Melissa | Earley |
| | Miriam | Kaufman |
| | Albert | Rubin |
| Skokie Valley | Kristen | Murtos |
| St. Charles Breakfast | Eugene | McMahon |
| Villa Park | Richard | Keehner |
| Wauconda | Clifford | Babbey |
| Woodstock | Jean | Radford |

Pacific plane crash leaves survivors back in time



How do we keep members who are on the

In this month's Rotarian magazine is a book review -- the "story of a crash and rescue which forms the basis of Mitchell Zuckoff's new book, *Lost in Shangri-La: A True Story of Survival, Adventure, and the Most Incredible Rescue Mission of World War II* (Harper, 2011). While the suspense alone is enough to carry the book, which is equal parts thriller, period piece, and war story, at its core is the collision of two worlds.

"The Dani people, on whose land the plane crashed, had a legend about

spirits returning to earth, and they thought Hastings, Decker, and McCollom were those spirits. Zuckoff traveled to the crash site and interviewed people who remembered when these strange creatures had fallen out of the sky. Because the U.S. soldiers and the Dani warriors had no common language, the Dani side of the story had rarely, if ever, been heard outside the valley. Many mysteries on both sides remained unsolved - until now." A great Holiday read for the New Year.

Click on the "Rotarian" art above, [or here](#), to read more. The winter photo on the front of The December Rotarian magazine is of Paul Harris' home.



*We wish You and Yours, Happy Holidays and a
Healthy and Prosperous New Year!*

Bob Paddock
Editor

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