

Rotary District 6440 Newsletter

Bruce Baumberger, District Governor

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Rotary Night at the Flyers . . . and Help End Polio

August 11, 2010

Gates open 5:30 p.m.

Game begins 7:00
p.m.

Tickets are \$10 for
reserved seats,
including a \$4
donation to Polio
Plus.

Lawn seats are \$5,
with \$2 donated to
Polio Plus.

www.rotarynight.org

GSE Reception Honoring our outbound GSE Team

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

Our district's 72 clubs are off to a great start in this new Rotary year as we focus on working together to "Build Communities and Bridge Continents." During the next several months, I will be visiting all clubs to learn more about each club and what we can do to help you and your club be Bigger, Better and Bolder this year. President Ray Klinginsmith emphasized that during the announcement of the RI theme earlier this year. During my visits to clubs during the past few weeks, I can assure you that our clubs are well positioned to have an outstanding year - many local and international projects underway, strong membership growth anticipated and excellent support for the Polio Challenge Grant and our Foundation programs. Congratulations to all District 6440 Rotarians on your strong financial support for The Rotary Foundation, as detailed in another article in this newsletter.

Our District 6440 leadership is focused on working with your club to help it enable others to excel, locally and globally. That group is a consulting resource that is positioned to serve the needs of the clubs. District leaders are available to speak about many aspects of Rotary, they will help you learn more about various Rotary programs and address ways to help you achieve your club's goals. So, please call on your club's Assistant Governor to coordinate district resources.

Many thanks for the privilege of serving as your district governor this year.

Last Year's Annual Giving Reaches 120% of Goal!

District 6440 Rotarians and CLUBS truly achieved "Giving Above Self" last year, reports Annual Giving Chair Walter Reed. As of July 14, the \$325,810 District Annual Programs Fund goal was topped by \$66,320 for a total of \$392,130. He says additional dollars may be recorded for the Rotary Foundation Annual Programs Fund in the coming week. The

[to South Africa](#)

Sunday, August 29
from 4:00-6:00 p.m.

Glen Rowan House
Lake Forest College
555 N. Sheridan
Road (campus street
address)
Lake Forest

The cost is \$15.00
per Person for an
Appetizer Buffet
Cash Bar

Annual Fund report does not include extensive additional contributions to POLIO PLUS and to Restricted Gifts.

"The most noteworthy outcome is that our District is composed of so many generous Rotarians who obviously understand how the Rotary Foundation puts its dollars to work for important projects at home and across the world," commented District Foundation Chair PDG Tony Tolbert.

Their Annual Fund goal had been reached 100% or exceeded by 43 District Clubs as of July 14, Reed reported. Of that group 9 Clubs actually topped 200% of their goal.

According to Rotary Foundation policy, all funds contributed last year will be invested for 3 years and (under present policy) 50% of the funds will then become available to our District and Clubs to match and help fund local and international projects, Tolbert explained.

[Service Trips to Guatamala](#)

February 5 - 14
February 12 - 21

[Ak'Tenamit video](#)

Special recognition is due to many of our Club leaders and Club Foundation Chairs, Reed commented. "We plan to work with them closely this new year in order to have all Rotarians understand 'what they GET when they GIVE' to the Rotary Foundation."

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[Enjoy Rotary Night at the Flyers and Help End Polio](#)

We have an exciting fellowship event coming up on Wednesday, August 11 - "Rotary Night at the Flyers," a baseball game between the Schaumburg Flyer and Lake County Fielders, at Alexian Field in Schaumburg. Plus, it's Disney Character Night.



The Schaumburg A.M. Rotary Club organized this event that will benefit all District 6440 Rotary Clubs - tickets purchased by you and members of your club will benefit your club's Polio Challenge Grant, so fun and fundraising on August 11 - see all the details at www.rotarynight.org or on the District website at www.rotary6440.org.

[Polio -- Don't give up, We're almost there!](#)

by Bob Paddock

Club members and officers sometimes run into Rotarians and non-Rotarians who say, "This campaign has run for so long, there are other important things to do." There are indeed many important things, but as Lincolnshire Rotarian Ellen Young, District Polio Chair, says, "Remarkable progress has been made, we have only a little more to go...It's like school or sports, when you're near the goal, you don't give up!"

A July 19, New York Times article by Donald G. McNeil, Jr., noted the fight has been 99% effective, but is running into some set backs, too. Ellen added perspective to that success, noting that workers are now permitted into Muslim areas of Nigeria previously excluded and the decline to only a handful of cases in other parts of the world due to very creative outreach efforts. "The last phrase in that story summarizes what we need to do - 'the only practical solution for now is more aggressive oral vaccination" while the challenges are faced.

Contact [Ellen](#) and her committee for help to clubs in developing their campaigns and working with other clubs to meet their commitments. She recalled, "As Yogi Berra said, 'It ain't over till it's over.'" We need to keep up the fight.

Join Us At the Reception Honoring our GSE Team to District 9320 - South Africa

This September, District 6440 will again participate in Rotary's Group Study Exchange. Our team of four participants and one Rotarian leader will visit South Africa's District 9320, which encompasses the central region of the country.

Our team will begin its journey in Port Elizabeth on September 11 and conclude 28 days later in Kimberly. During our visit, we will be hosted by several Rotary Clubs and families. We will be presenting programs related to the vocational backgrounds of each team member, and highlighting our home District with a special message from Governor Bruce Baumberger.

The Rotary Foundation's Group Study Exchange (GSE) program is a unique cultural and vocational exchange opportunity for businesspeople and professionals between the ages of 25 and 40 who are in the early stages of their careers. The program provides travel grants for teams to exchange visits in paired areas of different countries. The team from South Africa will be District 6440 next spring.

This trip will be a lifetime experience for our young professionals who will gain a deeper knowledge of related job responsibilities and an appreciation of the culture of the beautiful host country.

We invite your attendance at a farewell reception to be held on August 29 from 4 to 6 p.m. at the Glenn Rowan House in Lake Forest. The cost is \$15.00 per person for an appetizer buffet with a cash bar.

Click the link for the response form and additional [information](#) or go to the District

website at www.rotary6440.org. Please join us at the reception to wish our team well

Yours in Rotary,

Terry Desmond
GSE Team Leader

Outbound Youth Exchange Student Honored

Jillian Wuorenma, a 2009-2010 outbound exchange student sponsored by the Rotary Club of Antioch, was one of two students chosen "Best Inbound of the Year" by her host district in Germany. The other student chosen was Lucas Hanson of Rockaway Rotary in District 7250.



In an email sent to the families and the sponsoring clubs, Ekkehard Musick, Inbound-Coordinator for District 1800 said, " Congratulations to the clubs, districts and of course both families and many thanks for sending such excellent ambassadors to our country."

Selecting good students like Jillian for Outbound Exchange makes a difference . Let's keep encouraging and finding great students to send abroad. As most of us who have hosted in-bound students can attest, we seem to "reap what we sow".

Love Youth Exchange, but Can't Host an Inbound student?

There are several meaningful ways to help with Rotary Youth Exchange even if you aren't hosting. William "Bill" Summers, District Chair of Youth Exchange, said, "We are looking for volunteers to join our committee who have a passion about Rotary Youth Exchange.



Bill needs help in some specific areas:

- Event Planning and Coordination
- Training of Host Families, Outbound Parents, Youth Exchange Officers as well as our Inbound and Outbound Students
- Treasurer - someone who has a background in accounting or is familiar with QuickBooks

[Contact Bill](#) if you can help. Youth Exchange is a wonderful way to serve...and to enjoy a really meaningful experience !

Guatemala Updates

by Bob Paddock

Hands-on work has typified our district's work in Guatemala over the years. These experiences are reminders of how we can learn as Rotarians, and how we can help.

See the impact through the meaningful [linked video](#) from Rotary International about the 2009-2010 District work in Guatemala.

There will be two trips again this year. Team 1 led by Dan Wolf & Alycia Brock will be there February 5 - 14. Team 2 led by Ron Crawford & Larry Kanar will be there February 12 - 21. To learn more about the trip download the [brochure](#) and to sign up for the trip download and fill out the [application](#). You may also find these documents on the calendar link on the District website at www.rotary6440.org.

As the year goes on, we'll give you some follow-up stories on how these efforts have played out, and what our current involvements and opportunities are.

A New Communication Plan

A new communications plan has been activated this year. The purpose of these changes is to reduce the amount of emails sent by the District; to improve the method of communication, and to provide a repository so all District Rotarians can easily find the information they need.

There are two changes that will make a huge difference. First, each week Governor Bruce is sending out a *President's Weekly Bulletin* filled with the things Club President's should know for that week. The second major change is the new *District Newsletter* will come to your email address bi-monthly.

The Communication team members and their responsibilities are:

- Newsletter - [Bob Paddock](#)
- Website - [Chuck Bartling](#)
- Calendar - [Laura Kline](#)
- PR - [Dick Bragaw](#)
- Communications Coordinator - [Judy Hughes](#)

To learn about our responsibilities, and who you should contact for different communication needs go to the District website at www.rotary6440.org and locate the story about the new communication plan.

The Communication Team is available to help you

with your communications needs. Please contact us if we can be of service to you, the District and/or your club.

Judy Hughes
District 6440 Communications Coordinator

New Generations . . . The New Avenue of Service

by Robert Paddock, Jr.

Rotary has a new Avenue of Service, called New Generations! Adam Doty, Manager, Youth Programs Department of Rotary International made an informative presentation of what it means, what it means to us as a club, and what it means to Rotary.

New Generations Service, the Fifth Avenue of Service, recognizes the positive change implemented by youth and young adults through leadership development activities, involvement in community and international service projects, and exchange programs that enrich and foster world peace and understanding.

Like the other Avenues, it should help sustain or increase membership, help implement successful service projects, support The Rotary Foundation, and develop leaders beyond the club level. The four youth-oriented programs remain the same, these being Interact, Rotaract, RYLA, and Rotary Youth Exchange. The new Avenue brings them under one area of focus.

To view the entire story, please go to the District website at www.rotary6440.org.

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Bob Paddock
Rotary District 6440

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