

Rotary District 6440 Newsletter

Bruce Baumberger, District Governor

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www.rotary6440.org

Youth Exchange Fall Inbound Training Conference

Sept. 11 - Sept. 12

Rotary Regional Success Seminar

Sept. 16, 3-8 p.m.
Abbingdon, Glen Ellyn

Interact Planning Meeting

Sept. 21, 6:30 p.m.

Literacy Committee Information & Supper Meeting

Wednesday, September 22, from 6 p.m. to 8. RSVP required - e-mail [Linda Cesario](mailto:Linda.Cesario), or 847-392-6273.

Pre PETS Meeting

Sep 25, 2010 at 8:00 AM - Sep 25, 2010 at 10:30 AM

District Water Project

September 25 & 26

Fall Seminar Day

Nov. 13 - 8:00 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.

Rotary Reads Family Literacy Day

Monday, November 18

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



During the past two months I visited 40 of our 72 clubs and am very impressed with their breadth of projects, locally and globally, and club activities. Along the way, I am finding wonderful examples of best practices that will be shared with all clubs as we continue with our focus on being Bigger, Better and Bolder.

Even though Membership month (August) just ended, I want to emphasize the importance of each of us to focus on membership all year. Start by taking a few minutes TODAY to identify a friend or colleague to invite to your club meeting next week; then call them and follow-up with a written invitation. Let's all share Rotary with others!

Welcome to September, Rotary's New Generations month. Our District is buzzing with New Generations activity - we recently welcomed 19 inbound Youth Exchange students and bid farewell to 14 outbound students. Many of our clubs sponsor Interact clubs and several new Interact clubs are in formation. This will be a bigger year for Rotaract in District 6440 - potentially five new Rotaract clubs, both college and community-based. Our highly successful RYLA program may expand to the college level.

Thanks for taking the time to read our District 6440 newsletter; it's a great way to keep up with District news and activities. According to our readership statistics, a little over 25% of recipients read this newsletter. Please talk it up with your club members to help them recognize what they are missing.

Please make note of our Fall Seminar Day on November 13 - 8:00 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. at Medinah Banquets in Addison. The focus will be "Building Your Rotary Team - a District Education Tailgate Event" with four options - The Rotary Foundation, ABCs of Rotary, Membership and PR/Communications/Social Media. The agenda and registration information will be posted at www.rotary6440.org later this week.

Remember, invite a guest to Rotary!

Rotarians - find out what Rotary International and the Rotary Foundation are about -- Sign Up by Sept. 8

The Regional Rotary International and Rotary Foundation Success Seminar for Districts 6420, 6440 and 6450 will be held at the Abbingdon Banquet Hall in Glen Ellyn on Thursday, Sept. 16, from 3:00 -8:00 p.m. This is an excellent in-district opportunity for district leaders, committee chairs and interested members to be updated by Rotary leaders about Rotary International and The Rotary Foundation. **\$40 registration fee includes dinner at which RI Vice President Tom Thorfinsson will be the keynote speaker.** Contact Mary Beth Growney ([e-mail](mailto:MaryBeth.Growney)), or phone 608-271-7979 or fax 608-271-7853, by Sept. 8. Click [here](#) for event details - agenda and registration form.

End Polio Now - Perlman Concert

Service Trips to Guatemala

February 5 - 14

February 12 - 21

[Ak'Tenamit video](#)

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

[Perlman Concert](#)

Save The Date:

March 7, 2011

District Conference

Apr. 28 - May 1, 2011

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A great opportunity for a club fellowship event, or simply a great evening - The Rotary Foundation recently announced that violin virtuoso and 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. A block of tickets is reserved for Rotarians until November 30. Concert information is available [here](#).

Rotary Night at the Flyers -2010 Recap: a "Home Run" in terms of impact, a "Double" financially !

Rotary Night at the Flyers' took place on the evening of August 11th 2010. The event was sponsored by the Schaumburg AM Rotary Club and featured a minor league baseball game at Alexian Field. They invited all District 6440 clubs to support Rotary Night at the Flyers as an opportunity for every club to help raise funds for Polio while enjoying fellowship amongst friends and Rotarians.

The Flyers pitched a one-hitter and defeated the Lake County Fielders 4-0 on a clear summer night with temperatures in the low 80's. And it became clear - fundraising goals cannot always be measured only in terms of money. Though the stadium wasn't sold out and the amount raised was only several thousand dollars above costs, the impact on those attending was significant.

Feedback received from organizations was heartfelt including: Rotarian Earl Bateman summed up 'Rotary Night' when he said: "Rotary Night at the Flyers was a fantastic evening. Seeing friends and especially watching the looks on the faces of those who had overcome many challenges just to be there. As always my spirit is bolstered by this event." Rotarian Paul Hennip added: "I had tears in my eyes when a young man in a wheel chair thanked me for inviting him to the game. I looked over at another Rotarian and our thoughts were the same... This is what Rotary is all about."

Here's what Rotary Night accomplished:

- People with and without disabilities were given a chance to forget about their worries.
- Nearly 800 tickets were donated to people who otherwise couldn't afford to go.
- Children and adults afflicted by serious illnesses attended the game, along with friends, family and caregivers.
- The Flyers staff put on an outstanding show. People enjoyed experiences that you and I may never have such as throwing out the first pitch, standing on the field with a "Player Buddy", participating in games such as "Sumo Races", the "Price is Right" "Dizzy Bat Race" among others and all in front of a hometown crowd.
- Rotarians from at least 13 clubs in District 6440 participated, had fun with old friends, and some even made new friends.
- People who knew little to nothing about Rotary now want to learn more.

Efforts to eradicate the dreaded Polio disease were brought to the forefront.

"I just wanted to thank you and your Rotary club for the tickets for last night's Flyers game. I gave out all 100 tickets and so far the people I talked to had a great time. Thank you so much for all you do for KYC and the community." -- Cheri Seley Resource Development Manager Kenneth Young

"What a great event the Rotary Night was again this year. Our clients and staff really enjoyed the night. This is a special treat for them. Plus the clients that went on the field are telling everyone about it and showing off their pennants or

baseballs they received. Gloria Drake, the VP in our Communications Dept is going to be working on a press release to the Daily Herald. Thanks again for giving our clients and staff a special night." -- Paul Jochim, Clearbrook

Special thanks to District Governor Bruce Baumberger for his hard work and genuine kindness. Also, thanks to Rich Lalley for his efforts in writing copy for the district website and creating the brochure used at the district level. Next year - 2011 will be mark the third annual Rotary Night at the Flyers. We look forward to seeing you there.

-- Based on material submitted by Jim McKenzie, Schaumburg AM Rotary Club

Glenview Sunrise Holds Joint Meeting with Philippines Club via Skype

The Rotary Club of Glenview Sunrise utilized modern communications technology to link its club with a Rotary club in the Philippines. The result was a joint meeting conducted via Skype, [according to an article in the Pioneer Press.](#)

Service Above Self: Six Rotarians Lead Humanitarian Fund for ShelterBox.

We just received word that ShelterBox Response Team Member, Mark Pearson, is back in Pakistan as of August 31. To see a slide show of images from Mark, [click here.](#)

LAKEWOOD RANCH, Fla., August 30, 2010 - A team of volunteers from the greater Chicago area were among the top fundraisers in 2009-2010 securing shelter and life-saving equipment for more than 305 families displaced by a disaster - placing this team as the leading team in the USA and one of the top 10 teams in the world.

The team consists of 6 people. Representatives **Donna Gulley, Dick Hattan, Andrew Kuby, Reese Mates, Ross Spencer and Cynthia Tomusiak** have taken the ShelterBox message well beyond their home Rotary District.

With the help of this team ShelterBox has become the largest Rotary Club project in the world and the premier aid organization to immediately address the need for dignified shelter following a disaster.

Says Donna Gulley, 6440 SB Rep., "Please be part of our District continuing to support this premier programs to provide shelter, warmth, dignity and comfort to the people of the world who need it most. Hearing today that Niger flooding and is in need of our response (that makes 15 disasters to which ShelterBox has responded since Haiti last January), confirms that the need exists; the need persists. Let's keep our momentum going. You can find out more at www.shelterbox.org "

Paul Harris Fellow Recognition - 500 Point Match

- Thanks to the generosity of an anonymous donor, District 6440 will match all \$500 cash or credit card donations to the Annual Fund with 500 recognition points. This is a continuation of last year's very successful program. Details of the program will be posted at www.rotary6440.org.

Rotaract -- what is it ? where is it ? Interact Meeting Announced

Rotaract is a rotary-sponsored service club for young men and women, ages 18 to 30. Rotaract clubs are either community based or university or college based, including junior colleges. These clubs are sponsored by local Rotary clubs. Rotaract clubs are key members of the Rotary family, and there are approximately 7,000 clubs world-wide.

...**And it's taking off in District 6440:** In addition to the existing Rotaract Club located at Northwestern University, Cary-Grove Rotary is sponsoring a Rotaract Club at McHenry County College, which hopes to have its charter by year's end. Wheaton Rotary Club is considering establishing a Rotaract Club at Wheaton College, and the Waukegan Rotary Club is considering sponsoring a community based Rotaract Club. The Palatine Rotary Club is organizing a community based Rotaract Club and is looking at a fall charter date. Angelo Bravos, director of donor relations at Judson College, Elgin, and a member of St. Charles Breakfast Rotary Club, is interested in starting a Rotaract Club at Judson College.

Rotaract is a New Generations Program. The district co-chairs are Emily Chow and Lauren Coffaro, students at Northwestern University. Their e-mail addresses and phone numbers are in the district directory. Gov. Nominee Dick Larson is New Generations Chair and can be reached at gov.dick@rotary6440.org. If any clubs would like information regarding Rotaract, contact Gov. Nominee Dick or Emily or Lauren. The Rotaract handbook can be found [here](#).
-- Submitted by Dick Larson, District Governor 2012-2013.

...**And Interact Advisors are invited**

-- Building Communities, Bridging Continents and supporting youth activities is a significant focus for this Rotary year. Join other Interact Club leaders for a light supper, fellowship, sharing and planning the year.

The date: Tuesday, September 21

The time: 6:30 p.m. for a light supper - meeting at 7 p.m.

The place: Arboretum Club (847-913-9112), 401 West Half Day Road, Buffalo Grove

RSVP to Sam Martinez, Dist. Interact Advisor, [via e-mail](#) or to her cell phone, 847-565-9278.

...**And see related story, below, about a club of medical students !**

Brazilian International Project Opportunities

The District 6440 Group Study Exchange Team that visited District 4480 in Brazil last May for a cultural and vocational exchange had the opportunity to learn about many Rotary humanitarian project opportunities that touched their hearts. The team was privileged to bring a large group of those projects to our Humanitarian Grants Team. Each of the projects needs an international partner club.

Some of the project opportunities:

- Solar Water Heating System
- Bus/Furniture/ Software/TV/Books
- Day Care Center Fire Protection System
- Blood Bank Center
- Solar Heater/Industrial Kitchen
- Computers/AC
- Dental Care Equipment & Cabinet
- Industrial Kitchen & Appliances
- Solar Heating for Showers (Tank & Mixers)
- Solar Heating System for Retirement Home
- Monitors with Crystal Screens for hospital
- Equipment for Pediatric Nursery
- Vehicle for Special Needs Individuals

If you would like to learn more about the project opportunities, contact Donna

Gulley, the GSE Team Leader, at [Donna](#) or Marianna Zeidler, the District 6440 World Community Service Chair, at [Marianna](#).

The opportunity for partnering with these matching grants is a wonderful way to nurture a continuing relationship with District 4480 and promote international understanding, goodwill, and peace. Additionally, these are well-defined projects with applications ready to go, so this could be a great way for some clubs to get their feet wet on an International Project with most of the work already having been done.

Are you or your club marking World Polio Day?

On October 24, are you or your club holding an event or fundraiser? Tell us what you're planning! E-mail Dist. Communications Coordinator, [Judy](#) Hughes, or call Newsletter Editor Bob Paddock, 847-427-4308.

Medical students use Rotaract to improve community!

The Rotaract Club of A.T. Still University is made up entirely of medical students who are reaching beyond individual patients to serve the entire city of Kirksville, Missouri, USA. "Our school encourages students to be active in the community," says Alicia Apple, a third-year medical student who served as club president in 2009-10. "It's important as physicians to pay attention to people around us and be active in their lives outside medicine. Rotaract gives us the best opportunity to accomplish that."

While it's no secret that medical students spend most of their time learning and studying, Apple says, club members are dedicated to finding time for making tangible improvements to Kirksville, home of RI President Ray Klinginsmith. One of the club's most visible contributions was designing, building, and raising money for a nine-hole disc golf course at a local park.

Rotaractors also have made an annual commitment to maintaining the Centennial Energy Trail, which was constructed and dedicated during Rotary International's 100th year. The trail is located next to a large nursing home and senior living facility.

See more about [this](#) story and other interesting stories in the Rotarian, and Rotary Interactive. Maybe we can think of ways in our district to get more physicians involved! To find out more about Rotaract in our district, contact the Co-Presidents of the NU Rotaract Club and our District 6440 Rotaract Co-Chairs, Emily Chow ([e-mail](#)) and Lauren Coffaro ([e-mail](#)).

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