



# Rotary International District 6450

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# NEWSLETTER



2005-06 District Governor Rick Thiernau

**SERVICE Above Self**

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## DISTRICT 6450 ROTARIANS RESPOND TO KATRINA DISASTER

On Sunday, September 4<sup>th</sup>, my wife, Caryl and I left for Biloxi, Mississippi; the impetus for the trip was to pick up our daughter Rebecca who had been living in the Biloxi area prior to Hurricane Katrina and bring her back to Downers Grove. We borrowed a pick-up and trailer (from Darien Rotarian Randy May). Not wanting to travel to the area with an empty trailer, I sent an email out last Friday morning with a request for donations to fill the trailer. The response was most impressive, to say the least. Chris Lavoie and Joe Kenny of the Downers Grove club volunteered to join us, along with two other non-Rotarian volunteers. Food, water, clothing, other miscellaneous items and cash donations were received from our District Rotary Clubs and individual members. Through this effort, we amassed enough goods to fill two 12-foot enclosed trailers, a pick up truck and a panel truck. Additionally, one of the volunteers drove a construction semi-trailer, filled to capacity with approximately 30,000 bottles of water, received from District 6450 clubs, individuals and pledged funds.

The trip to Biloxi was coordinated through the combined efforts of the governors of Districts 6840 and 6880 which cover Mississippi and Alabama, and the president of the Rotary Club of Mobile. We arrived in Mobile on Monday afternoon, where we delivered our goods to the Bay Area Food Pantry of Mobile. When we arrived, we were greeted with excitement and spirit, as they had run out of food just two and one-half hours earlier. Our group and the local volunteers quickly emptied the trailers. Through a very organized team effort, the food and personal items were separated by category and then relief kits were assembled, packaged, and loaded back onto our trailers.

On Tuesday morning we traveled to Biloxi and delivered the relief packages to the parking lot of a destroyed grocery store (part of a chain owned by the District Governor-elect), just a short distance from the Gulf. The parking lot had been set up as a distribution center, and we joined a National Guard unit distributing ice and water. We became

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## TEAMWORK

Rotary International President Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar is encouraging Rotary clubs to work with other Rotary clubs and organizations to accomplish the good work that we do.

The Gift of Life Program is headed by Dr. George Harris from the Rotary Club of Orland Park. His committee took the lead and teamed up with others to save lives. As most of you may know, on August 22, 2005, two children from Iraq arrived in District 6450 for life saving heart surgery.

This mission was accomplished by a team of volunteers, Rotarian and non-Rotarian, that believe in "Service Above Self". The scope of what this team went through to provide life saving surgery is truly amazing. They collected 480,000 frequent flyer miles (valued at a cost of over \$13,000) to fly patients, families and doctors here. They worked with local hospitals to arrange the surgeries. Cardiac surgeons, cardiologists, anesthesia and radiology physicians provided their services at no charge. Housing for the families that accompanied the children needed to be secured. Meetings, phone calls, hours of planning and coordinating - the list goes on and on.

A few of the members of the 2005 Gift of Life team included: The Rotary clubs of Orland Park and Rotary One who provided cash and manpower; and the Rotary clubs of Oak Lawn, Moraine Valley, and Hinsdale and a consortium of southwest suburban Catholic churches who gave financial support. The Mosque Foundation of Bridgeport is paying for the housing, food and transportation of our guests. Enthusiastic Mosque volunteers were among the greeters at O'Hare. They provided a comfortable cultural and religious context for the arriving Iraqis. Translation and emotional support will be essential as the medical aspect of each child's surgery evolves in September. The Iraqi American Association of Illinois was the largest financial supporter. United Airlines and Rotary International coordinated frequent flyer miles. Julia Mullikin, Rotary Club of Kankakee, made and donated the Teddy Bears the children received as

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gifts from District 6450, and Yvonne Ingalls donated the Rotary patches that were sewn on the Teddy Bears. (I apologize if your club was omitted—your time and commitment to the program was not forgotten!)

As you can see, so much good can happen when we work together. My question to you is “Who are you going to team up with?” And remember, teamwork always goes better when you are wearing your Rotary pin.

Governor Rick

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part of the distribution chain and personally handed out relief packages to a convoy of people driving and walking through the relief line. We had many opportunities to speak with the storm victims. Their spirit to help each other, coupled with a sense of hopelessness for the future, is an emotion hard to describe. We left Biloxi late on Tuesday and arrived home late Wednesday night with Rebecca and her possessions in tow, six weary people who made a small, but needed, impact on the disaster relief effort.

Where do we go from here? I have been in continuous contact with the District Governors and their relief effort teams, made up primarily of Past District Governors. The volume of phone calls and e-mails is overwhelming them. While much appreciated, it has become difficult, if not impossible, for them to respond. After having personally met many members of the relief team, they have included me in their communication system. Through all of this we have developed a master plan. The local Rotarian relief teams will be traveling through the affected areas on Monday or Tuesday, September 12<sup>th</sup> or 13<sup>th</sup>. They will identify the specific needs of communities or areas, where District 6450 can make the greatest impact, and they will communicate this information back to me. Some of the hardest hit areas include, but are not limited to: in Louisiana – Baton Rouge, Hanna, Grand Isle, Lafayette, Lake Charles and New Orleans; in Mississippi – Biloxi, Gautier, Gulfport, Long Beach, Ocean Springs, Pascagoula and Picayune.

The initial plan includes the assembly of as many relief items as possible, and as many cash donations as we can solicit. To that end, an account has been set up via the District 6450 Foundation for Katrina relief at the Downers Grove National Bank and is being administered by Downers Grove Rotarian Steve Wilkey. Send monetary donations to Rotary District 6450 Foundation, Inc., c/o Downers Grove National Bank, 5140 Main Street, Downers Grove, IL 60515.

Donated items (listed below) should be delivered to Romeoville Rotarian Tom Whennen’s warehouse at 1229 Lakeside Drive in Romeoville. Deliveries can be made anytime between 7:00 am and 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday; his phone number is 630.226.5257. It will be easiest to get directions to the warehouse from [www.mapquest.com](http://www.mapquest.com). For evening and weekend deliveries, please contact Brian Andersen (h: 630.985.6600, w: 630.985.4600, or c: 630.330.1492) or Lockport Rotarian Dave Carlson at 815.886.3356.

We anticipate trucking the material to the Gulf Coast area within the next week to 10 days. Conditions are changing constantly, and we will await instructions from the relief teams before we proceed. This will provide an organized approach to serving the victims of Katrina. Thank you to all who have responded, and continue to respond, to the relief effort. Be proud of your involvement in Rotary! Remember, unlike some other relief organizations, 100% of all Rotary donations go to those who need the help.

We have set up a speakers group who will be pleased to present a program to your club. Please contact me at: 630.985.4600, 630.330.1492 (cell) or [brian@brianandersen.net](mailto:brian@brianandersen.net) for more information.

PDG Brian Andersen

#### **RELIEF ITEMS NEEDED:**

- Canned goods, Peanut butter crackers, Granola bars, Cereal, Sugar, Artificial sweetener, Powdered milk, Juice, Ensure
- Toothbrushes, Toothpaste, Soap, Deodorant, Disposable razors, Feminine hygiene products
- Toilet paper, Paper towels, Trash bags, Gloves (for clean up), Plastic knives, forks and spoons, Paper plates, cups
- Batteries, Flashlights, First aid kits, Insect repellent
- Blankets, Towels, Washcloths, Clothing
- Diapers, Baby wipes, Baby formula, Baby food (in plastic jars)

#### **Displaced Katrina Survivors in Tinley Park**

Approximately 120 hurricane survivors are now living at the Tinley Park Hospital at 183rd St and Harlem in Tinley Park. These folks may be here in the “North” through the winter, so cold weather clothing will likely be needed, as well as personal hygiene items. In addition, organizations are being sought to prepare and deliver meals to the residents.

The Rotary clubs of Homewood and Downers Grove are arranging collection sites as well.

Contact PDG Brian Andersen to help, or for further information.

### Ambassadors of Goodwill

I've known for some time that The Rotary Foundation and my Annual Giving dollars support the Ambassadorial Scholarships program but I had never had an opportunity for an inside look into the process until one weekend in August of this year.

As District Governor-elect, I was invited to serve as a member of the district selection committee that awarded 2006 Rotary Foundation Scholarships to two people. Each scholarship is worth \$25,000 per student to study in another country for one year during 2006-2007.

The preparation for the interviewing process included reading all of the applications, statements of intent and references for each of the 12 candidates. The pressure was on as they sat in front of the committee. Being interviewed by one person is bad enough, but to have an entire committee asking you questions must have been emotionally exhausting. After reading their backgrounds, I felt humbled to be a part of the decision-making process.

Throughout the process I kept thinking of one of the six Ambassadorial Scholars our District is hosting this year and that this person went through this same process in Paris, France. His name is Matthieu Elsen. The Rotary Club of Hinsdale is acting as his host and he has attended many meetings with us. He is studying at the Illinois Institute of Technology and is truly an *Ambassador of Goodwill* for his home country of France. Recently his English teacher and advisor from Paris traveled to Chicago to see him and attended one of our meetings.

We as Rotarians have many rich experiences we share together and one of them is the Ambassadorial Scholarships program. Try to get your club involved by submitting an applicant, sitting on the committee or inviting one of our scholars to visit your club.

Your dollars are at work every day when you support the Annual Giving Fund of The Rotary Foundation. Ambassadorial Scholars we appoint every year, but you and I are also ambassadors of goodwill when we support The Rotary Foundation. Let's make it happen every year! Every Rotarian Every Year!

Emma Sue Smallwood  
District Governor-elect

### Come to the District Rotary Foundation Seminar November 5, 2005

We as Rotarians support and run a great Foundation. Our projects save lives and promote international peace and understanding. Where else can one contribute charitable funds and then determine how they are used? From building water wells in Africa to protecting wetlands in Park Forest, our Foundation supports the projects of our Rotarians. Our Foundation also provides us with opportunities to meet Ambassadorial Scholars and Group Study Exchange participants from around the world and to send our own promising citizens abroad to build bonds of friendship between people.

Come to the District Rotary Foundation Seminar on November 5 at the Oakbrook Holiday Inn, featuring knowledgeable and enthusiastic speakers. Fun, fellowship, Paul Harris Fellow matching opportunities, and raffle prizes makes the 2005 District Rotary Foundation Seminar the place to be.

The event is open to all Rotarians who want to learn more about your great Rotary Foundation-supported projects in our district and how you can become involved.

Registration is \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door. For a registration form and for further information, contact Paul Carpenter at 847.866.3270 or e-mail: [carpentp@rotaryintl.org](mailto:carpentp@rotaryintl.org)



Eleven-month old Iraqi heart patient meets Rotary bear at O'Hare International Airport.

## Recruiting For New Outbound Exchange Students

Your District 6450 Youth Exchange Committee asks that every club begin now to seek out qualified high school students who wish to go abroad in August 2006 as Rotary Exchange students. The committee desires that the option be offered to all high school youth in the district. This is a grand opportunity for these youngsters and we need your help to plant the seed.

Basic requirements:

- Age 16 to 18½ at time of leaving;
- Grade point average in upper half of the student's class;
- A Rotary Club sponsor (our committee can assist with this).

Clubs are asked to have their candidates and parents come to the district interview session on Saturday, November 5, in La Grange, where final selections will be made.



Our district offers an excellent program for students. The entire program is laid out in advance so that no student, no parent, no Rotary Club, is asked to sign on without full knowledge of what Rotary expects from the student and what the student can expect from Rotary.

Application forms and complete information are available at our Central States Youth Exchange website: [www.csrye.org](http://www.csrye.org). Interested students should begin to complete the application forms now—the assignments will be made beginning December 1, 2005.

Every year at our Summer Central States Conference we hear from some 150 Rebound students (those who have just returned). Without exception, they say the same thing: "That was the greatest year of my life!" Why would you not offer this opportunity to the youth of your community?

RI President Carl-Wilhelm has said: "It is my dream that every seventeen year old be an exchange student. If we could achieve this, then there would be no more wars." What an idea!

If there are questions call or write to Jim Chestnut, 708.799.8298 or [jameschestnut@yahoo.com](mailto:jameschestnut@yahoo.com)

As we say goodbye to summer I want to send you a special message that has everything to do with life. A friend shared it with me, and now I'd like to share it with you.

## The Goose Story

This fall when you see geese heading south for the winter—flying along in a perfect "v" formation—you might consider what science has discovered as to why they fly that way.

As each bird flaps its wings, it creates uplift for the bird immediately following.

By flying in "V" formation, the whole flock adds at least 71% greater flying range than if each bird flew on its own.

People who share a common direction and sense of community can get where they are going more quickly and easily because they are traveling on the thrust of each other.

When a goose falls out of formation, it suddenly feels the drag and resistance of trying to go for it alone, and quickly get back into formation to take advantage of the lifting power of the bird in front.

If we have as much sense as a goose, we will stay in formation with those who are headed the same way as we are.

When the Head Goose gets tired, it rotates back in the wing and another goose flies point. It is sensible to take turns doing demanding jobs with people or with geese flying south. Geese honk from behind to encourage those up front to keep up their speed. What do we say when we honk from behind?

Finally—and this is important—when a goose gets sick or is wounded by gunshots and falls out of formation, two other geese fall out with that goose and follow it down to lend help and protection. They stay with the fallen goose until it is able to fly, or until it dies; only then do they launch out on their own, or with another formation to catch up with their group.

**IF WE HAVE THE SENSE OF A GOOSE, WE WILL STAND BY EACH OTHER LIKE THAT.**

As I said earlier, this has every thing to do with life. It also makes me think of the flight of Rotarians, Clubs, Districts and Rotary International.

Yours in Service,  
Art Davis DGN

**2006-07 Rotary Foundation  
Ambassadorial Scholars Selected**

The Rotary Foundation's oldest and best-known program is Ambassadorial Scholarships. Since 1947 nearly 37,000 men and women from 100 nations have studied abroad under its auspices. Today it is the world's largest privately funded international scholarships program.

The purpose of the Ambassadorial Scholarships program is to further international understanding and friendly relations among people of different countries. While abroad, scholars serve as ambassadors of goodwill to the people of the host country and give presentations about their homelands to Rotary clubs and other groups. Upon returning home, scholars share with Rotarians and others the experiences that led to greater understanding of their host countries.

The District 6450 Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholar Selection Committee met August 12-13, 2005 to interview and name scholars for the 2006-2007 academic year. This year, our district was able to fund two academic year Ambassadorial Scholarships. Eight clubs in the district nominated a total of 13 candidates, all of whom were well qualified. The following candidates were selected as scholarship recipients and alternates:

Recipient Mr. Robert "Chip" Constantino (Sponsor: Rotary Club of Chicago) is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin at Madison and is currently working at the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago as a Bank Examiner. He also is studying for his MBA at the University of Chicago. His long-term career goals involve moving from banking and finance into the field of economic development with an emphasis on Latin America. Pending final assignment by The Rotary Foundation, he hopes to study in Argentina, Chile, Mexico, Brazil or Peru.

Recipient Ms. Aparna Kumar (Sponsor: Rotary Club of Orland Park) is a graduate of the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign and recently completed a Master of Arts (M.A.) degree in Human Rights Studies at Columbia University in New York. She is currently working for SAYA, an organization that works with South Asian Youth in New York City. At SAYA

she coordinates academic programs and has organized a teen group focused on activism on international issues. Her long-term career goal is to obtain a medical degree and work in the field of public health, focusing on international health, particularly in terms of the prevention of communicable diseases and health education. Pending final assignment by The Rotary Foundation, she hopes to study in Tanzania, Ghana, Malawi, Zambia or Zimbabwe.

- 1st Alternate: Mr. Chris Tobias (Sponsor: Rotary Club of Chicago Far North)
- 2nd Alternate: Ms. Vanessa Pena (Sponsor: Rotary Club of Chicago)

These scholars will most likely be departing for their host districts in January/February 2007. Therefore, clubs in our district have a great opportunity to assist in providing them with orientation by ensuring that they know our entire district—not just their sponsor clubs—very well prior to representing us in another country. Please contact me if you would like to have them visit your club or participate in a club activity.

Finally, many thanks to the members of this year's District 6450 Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholar Selection Committee and to our two outbound scholars, Kimberly Hurd and Evan Plummer.

Jane O'Sullivan McDonald  
Chair, 2005 District Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholar Selection Committee  
1989-90 Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholar,  
Auckland, New Zealand  
jmcdonald@irem.org

**GOVERNOR RICK'S GOALS  
FOR RY 2005-2006**

**For Each Rotarian:**

- 1. Make up one meeting
- 2. Bring a guest to your Rotary meeting
- 3. Contribute to the RI Foundation

**For Each Rotary Club:**

- 1. Be involved with one International Project
- 2. Have one Rotary program per month
- 3. Begin "The 4-Way Test Program"

## Rotary Club Happenings

The Board of Directors of Rotary International has approved the request of the Rotary Club of Chicago-Rogers Park to change its name to better reflect the areas where Rotary can render Service Above Self in the far north of the city of Chicago. The club's name is now the **Rotary Club of Chicago Far North**. You can still make up at the Devon Bank, 6445 North Western Ave, Chicago, on Tuesdays at 6:00 pm.

As of September 1st, we have a new club in our District. **Chicago Lakeview** has been officially chartered. They meet at The Hallmark, 2960 North Lake Shore Drive, Chicago, on Thursdays at noon. Please watch for further announcements regarding their District Charter Night celebration.

The **Rotary Club of Chicago Heights** will again enjoy their meeting meals served by the St Paul Lutheran Ladies, as the group begins their 61st year of serving the Rotary club. The Lutheran Ladies have served Rotarians from all over the world. Why not make up at Chicago Heights? They meet Mondays at noon, at St Paul Lutheran Church, 330 Highland Dr (off of Ashland Ave).

### Interact Training Conference



**WHEN:** Tuesday, September 27, from 5:00 to 8:00 pm  
**WHERE:** Naperville Central High School  
**WHO:** All Interact club members, sponsors, and liaisons are encouraged to attend  
**COST:** No fees are charged for this event  
**BRING:** Interact clubs are asked to bring a display poster of their last year's projects  
**EATS:** The evening meal will be pizza, soda and snacks

Special note: Any Rotary club interested in sponsoring a new Interact club should send a representative to learn more about how Interact can be an integral part of your Rotary club and community.

RSVP to Lynne Nolan (Naperville Sunrise)  
 lnolan@ncusd203.org Phone: 630.420.6649

### Rev. Dr. Gary Hodges April 28, 1941 – August 31, 2005

It is with great sadness that we share the news of the loss of Gary Hodges, a dear Rotary friend and District 6450 Assistant Governor, and an active member of the Elmhurst Club. Gary served his club as President in 2004-05 and had retired from his ministry about one year ago. He and his wife Linda were looking forward to getting more involved in Rotary, an organization he loved.

Please keep Linda and the family in your thoughts and prayers.

### Rotary Club of Hinsdale-Clarendon Hills 15th Annual Rotary Run for Wellness

A portion of the proceeds from the October 16, 2005 run will be donated to hurricane disaster relief efforts currently underway in Districts 6200, 6820 and 6840 which cover affected areas in southern Louisiana, southern Mississippi and central Mississippi.

Register and contribute online at  
[www.hinsdalerotary.org](http://www.hinsdalerotary.org)

Visit [www.RotaryArtNetwork.com](http://www.RotaryArtNetwork.com) to view and purchase art for your home or office or to give as a gift, and help the **Chicago Heights** club. For each painting purchased, \$10-\$100 goes back to the club for their charitable giving projects.

### GSE Committee Plans Exchange with South Korea

The district Group Study Exchange (GSE) Committee has named Andrew Kim (Rotary Club of Chicago One) as team leader and Mary Ann Egger (Rotary Club of Joliet) as alternate leader for its exchange with South Korea next spring (April 22-May 20, 2006). Andrew retired as a vice-president at Fannie Mae and has been active in international projects with his club. Mary Ann has been president of her club and is an Assistant Governor.

The GSE committee also extended the due date for team member applications from September 10, 2005 to October 1, 2005.

Questions about recruiting team members? Call Richard Ziegfeld at 815.370.1395.

## District Attendance Report

Reports submitted after publication deadline will be reflected in the previous months' columns.

## August Attendance Report

Aug Rank	Jul Rank	Jun Rank	Club	Aug Pct	Jul Pct	Jun Pct	# Mtg	Tot Mem
14	55	41	Addison	73	46	60	5	24
46	54	54	Aurora	54	48	46	5	67
3	4	1	Aurora Sunrise	84	86	100	5	20
23	49	23	Aurora-Naperville	66	51	68	4	17
58	62	55	Bensenville	42	40	45	5	21
53	50	30	Berwyn	50	50	66	4	12
44	57	50	Blue Island-Crestwood	55	45	49	5	16
	41	46	Bolingbrook		55	55	4	32
49	45	50	Bradley-Bourbonnais	52	53	49	5	46
		34	Broadview			64	5	15
19	2	2	Brookfield-Riverside	68	88	90	5	22
	15	14	Channahon-Minooka		70	74	4	24
60	63		Chicago	23	26		5	191
49	55	27	Chicago Far North	52	46	67	5	21
12	18	14	Chicago Financial District	74	69	74	4	34
51	31		Chicago Heights	51	60		5	37
59	29	48	Chicago Northwest	26	61	52	4	11
35	24	38	Chicago O'Hare	61	64	62	4	27
8	6	8	Chicago Southeast	80	80	80	4	19
8	34		Chicago-Midwest	80	59		4	11
28	41	30	Chicago-Near South	64	55	66	5	25
40	39	21	Cicero	58	56	69	5	21
16	37	19	Countryside	71	57	72	2	14
37	27	32	Darien	60	62	65	4	25
56	60		Downers Grove	46	44		5	46
21	37	16	Dwight	67	57	73	5	25
16	23	16	Elmhurst	71	65	73	4	58
23	20	42	Elmhurst Morning	66	67	59	4	17
32	45	53	Evergreen Park	62	53	47	5	21
32	31	45	Franklin Park	62	60	56	5	16
32	41	16	Hinsdale	62	55	73	4	60
28	24	50	Hinsdale-Oak Brook Gateway	64	64	49	4	19
28	13	5	Homewood	64	72	85	5	60
12	15	11	Joliet	74	70	78	5	158
46	52	58	Kankakee	54	49	41	4	38
8	8	8	La Grange	80	78	80	4	36
19	12	8	Lansing	68	73	80	4	14
25	26	23	Lisle	65	63	68	5	28
6	11	19	Lockport	81	74	72	3	58
21	14	39	Manteno	67	71	61	5	29
6	7	3	Matteson	81	79	87	5	22
4	1	39	Maywood	82	92	61	5	24
42	36		Melrose Park	57	58		5	6
4	5	11	Moraine Valley (Palos Hills)	82	84	78	4	11
42	29	46	Morris	57	61	55	5	33
35	15	6	Naperville	61	70	84	4	170
38	52	27	Naperville Sunrise	59	49	67	4	97
38	34	36	New Lenox	59	59	63	4	25
44	39	32	Norridge-Harwood Heights	55	56	65	5	12
18	9	13	Oak Brook	69	75	75	5	11
11	9	49	Oak Forest	76	75	50	5	23
2	3	4	Oak Lawn	85	87	86	5	28
55	50	23	Oak Park-River Forest	49	50	68	5	104
51	61	34	Orland Park	51	42	64	4	65
25	27	36	Oswego	65	62	63	5	41
15	22	27	Park Forest	72	66	67	4	37
57	41	21	Plainfield	45	55	69	5	32
	57	56	Romeoville		45	43	4	21
53	48		Shorewood	50	52	43	4	24
28	31		Tinley Park-Frankfort	64	60		5	17
1	18	7	Western Springs	92	69	83	5	15
48	57	42	Westmont	53	45	59	5	36
25	20	42	Wilmington	65	67	59	5	19
40	45	23	Woodridge	58	53	68	5	19
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## District 6450 Website Gets A Face Lift

The new Rotary District 6450 Website will be available soon...the target date is Sept 15<sup>th</sup>. The address remains [www.rotary6450.org](http://www.rotary6450.org). What you will notice right off is a fresh look and just a few less links on the left hand side of the page. (Currently no password is needed—that will come later.)

“Where did all the information go?” you ask. Well actually, it is all there and more. What we have done is use the District Leadership Organizational Chart as our guide. On the website, the district workers and activities are listed under the heading **6450 Leadership Team**. Everything for which the District Governor is responsible is found there, including the dates for the governor’s official club visits, as well as District Conference information.

The Clubs (Rotary and Rotaract) are listed under **District Clubs**. Community Service Projects are under **Community Service**, **Foundation** and all its programs have a link. **International Service** has a link as well as **Vocational Service**. All the youth programs are under one link for **New Generations**. Special links are there for the **Photo Gallery**, **News**, and **Rotary Links** and even special pages for guests who stop by.

The **Home Page** has special features. The current and previous five issues of the District Newsletter will always be linked on the home page. Other issues will be on the **Archives** page. You will also see our **Rotary Business Directory**, which has a few new contributors, by the way. Check it out. You will see the same format, but the site now has a search engine, or you can use “Find” under “Edit” to locate specific business types you might want to consult. We also have the **Featured Rotary News & Events**, that will point out the most current news items in the district or on the website. Secretaries can use the links on the lower portion of the home page to submit their required monthly attendance report to the District Secretary and to report membership changes. If you click on the **Service Above Self** logo, you will move to the Rotary International website.

Oswego Rotarian Andy Clements and his staff at Weblinx, Incorporated did a great job of creating a site that allows me to upload materials directly onto the web pages. Since I received my training at Andy’s office, I have put in a few 10 hours days....

Having a great looking site is nice, but a website is only as current and up-to-date as the material received. Please send your announcements, changes, committee activities, etc to Susie Johnson, “Da Gatekeeper” at e-mail: [Cjohnson0969@comcast.net](mailto:Cjohnson0969@comcast.net).

I would even appreciate your photos (.jpg and a brief caption please). Your information will be added to the website as quickly as possible.

Susie Johnson  
“Da Gatekeeper”

## Water, Health and Hunger Concerns

When we think of safe water we should also give some thought to water availability, water conservation, water quality and water pollution. Water availability is more of a problem for some than others; some of us enjoy water rolling off the top of snow capped mountains, some have fresh water lakes and plenty of rain to replenish underground rivers and refill fresh water lake levels. As for the underground water reservoirs, we all know that this water is retrieved with the help of water wells. This is a good time to give some thought to locations on earth where water is scarce and almost non-existent except for rain, which must be stored for future use. In these areas when people suffer from droughts they must either perish or attempt to migrate to reach other fresh water resources.

By now I hope that most of our Rotary clubs have pledged to contribute to our district governor's project to build some high quality deep-water wells for some desperate human beings in Haiti. I understand that this will also include improvement of sanitation systems.

My thoughts have since drifted to the disposal of hazardous waste in our own communities, which may now be contaminating our underground watersheds. I think of paint cans, aerosol cans filled with all kinds of poisons generally used to rid us of various pests and unwanted weeds, as well as a variety of cleaning agents. There must be hundreds of items stored in our homes that can threaten our good water. Start by checking your garages, basements, kitchen and baths. We must stop dumping household hazardous waste products down our sinks and storm sewer drains.

Recently, I called the Du Page County "Solid and Hazardous Waste Department" (630.407.6700) and found out that there are scheduled dates and designated locations set up to receive household hazardous waste. Collection sites and dates are listed on the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency website at: <http://www.epa.state.il.us/land/hazardous-waste/household-haz-waste/hhwc-schedule.html>

Can you imagine all the people in your city or village being made aware of the importance of safely disposing of all their household hazardous waste products? Maybe we can make a major dent in the on-going process of poisoning our fresh water resources and, as a byproduct, reduce resulting cancer plagues and many other life threatening illness caused by the ingestion of contaminated water by both humans and animals.

Regarding water conservation, consider how much water we would save if each one of us turned the faucet off as we brush our teeth? I am sure you can think of more examples like this than I can. Regarding hunger, why don't we start by making our agricultural animal and fish food supply safer to digest. Stopping all contamination of our water supply will help do this. For the sake of our children and our fellow human beings and our pets, let's get involved in the safe disposal of hazardous waste materials and practice water conservation; after all, it does meet Rotary's "Four Way Test".

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### District 6450 Calendar of Events TAKE NOTE, MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

#### 2005

- 24 Sept** Dist 6450 Club President's Roundtable  
**1 October** Interviews for GSE Team members  
**14-16 October** RYLA Weekend  
Williams Bay, Wisconsin  
**5 November** District Foundation Seminar  
**5 November** Youth Exchange Outbound Interviews  
**6 December** District Conference Kick-Off  
White Fence Farms  
**10-11 Dec** Youth Exchange Overnight & Christmas Party

#### 2006

- 23 February** Birthday of Rotary  
**24-26 March** PETS  
**5-7 May** District 6450 Conference  
Lake Lawn Lodge, Delavan, WI

District 6450 website: [www.rotary6450.org](http://www.rotary6450.org)

#### From the Editor's Desk

Thank you to all the Rotarians who made this issue possible, including "retired" editor Lou **Volodka** and **Donna Thiernau**.

October is Vocational Service Month, and offers a unique opportunity to promote vocational service activities. Is your club planning something extraordinary? **Please share any activities your club is conducting and any thoughts with this newsletter.**

**This is your newsletter! Take advantage of the opportunity to let your club's voice be heard!**

*Clint Johnson, editor*

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# District 6450 Rotary Foundation Seminar

Saturday November 5, 2005

*I Care, I Share, I am a Rotarian*  
*Rotarians and Guests Are Cordially Invited to Share Rotary Foundation*  
*Month at the Oakbrook Holiday Inn*



**SERVICE Above Self**

## *Featuring:*

**7:45 am - 8:30 am**    **Sumptuous Breakfast Buffet**

**8:30 am - 12:30 pm**    **Grants, Scholars from Around the World, Group Study Exchange, PolioPlus, Annual and Permanent Giving**

**Paul Harris Fellow Matches and Presentations**

**Raffle Prizes**

**12:30 pm**                **Go Forth and Enjoy the Day**

**COST: \$15 -- Advance registration**

**\$20 -- At the door registration (7:30 am)**

**Who should attend?** All existing and potential club members who dream of fulfilling their own lives through service to others. For further information contact: Paul Carpenter at (847) 866-3270 or email: [carpentp@rotaryintl.org](mailto:carpentp@rotaryintl.org).

**OAKBROOK HOLIDAY INN, 17W350 22ND ST., OAKBROOK TERRACE**

From the West – Exit I-88 at Midwest Rd, Right on Midwest Rd./CR-15, Right on W. 22<sup>nd</sup> St.

From the East – Exit I-88 at 15A toward IL-83 North/Cermak Rd/22<sup>nd</sup> St., turn slight right onto Spring Rd., Left on W. 22<sup>nd</sup> St.

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## **District Rotary Foundation Seminar Registration Form**

R.S.V.P. by October 5, 2005

Please return this form and your registration fee of \$15 made payable to "Rotary District 6450" to:

*Gene Sparing, c/o Sparing Financial Group, P.O. Box 550, Park Forest, IL 60466*

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