



# Rotary International District 6450

## The Birthplace of Rotary

# NEWSLETTER



2005-06 District Governor Rick Thiernau

**SERVICE Above Self**

**May 2006**

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### DISTRICT CONFERENCE 2006

WOW! What a weekend. The reviews have been great. I believe we, as a District, really capped off the first year of the second century of Rotary in style. With about six weeks left in this Rotary year, good Rotary information along with great Rotary fellowship still motivates us. "Service Above Self," has become our daily theme.

Our RI President's Rep and Conference keynote speaker Tom Thorfinnson and his wife, Jamie commented that they really enjoyed being with District 6450 as they enjoyed our fellowship and joined in the good times we like to have.

Two main highlights from the Conference are as follows:

PDG **Ted Arey**, Elmhurst, received the Citation for Meritorious Service to the Rotary International Foundation. This is awarded by the trustees of the RI Foundation, and recognizes an individual for outstanding service to the Foundation.

DGD **Mike Slevnik**, Homewood, received the Cedric A. Pope "Spirit of Rotary" Award. This is the highest honor our District awards. This award is presented to an individual who exemplifies to all whom they meet—Rotarians and non-Rotarians alike—the Rotary ideals in their personal, professional, and Rotary endeavors.

Congratulations to Ted and Mike.

Other highlights included:

- Rotary clubs teaming up to provide a weekend of entertainment in their hospitality suites. Evenings were filled with singing, dancing, fellowship and photos - even a silent auction.
- A phenomenal Interact, Youth Exchange, RYLA communication/educational seminar session was held Saturday afternoon. (This format should be highlighted at future District events.)
- And one Rotarian from the Aurora club, Larry Byers (and his wife Cindy), had an idea for District 6450: in an atmosphere of celebration, to provide funds for water wells in Haiti. With the District supporting clean water in third-world countries, those attending donated funds for 3 water wells. WOW!

In Carl-Wilhelm's words, District Conference is "a program of comprehensive Rotary information, fun and fellowship." I would like to send a very heartfelt thanks to Leon Liss and his committee for all their hard work and dedication to making this a very successful conference. And my last conference remark is a **THANK YOU TO ALL WHO ATTENDED!** Your involvement made the weekend a huge success. **Rick**

### ROTARIANS, START YOUR ENGINE!

The month of May contains one of my favorite sporting events: the Indy 500. Unlike NASCAR, Indy car racing is extremely interesting and entertaining. Indy cars travel at speeds over



200 mph—at times they exceed 220 mph. Think about traveling 220 mph. At that speed, the cars travel the length of a football field every second. That's incredible.

I won't inundate you with more Indy facts but I would like you to think of the team behind the car and driver. First there is the owner. Then you have the crew chief. Then each aspect of the car has its own team to concentrate in that area. The list of players goes on and on.

Have you asked yourself, "Rick, where are you going with this?" Well, the team behind an Indy car is just like the team behind a Rotary club. Each club has a president, the board of officers and directors, the head of each committee, the committee members, and the list goes on and on. Your club is a team effort working together. Are you part of the team?

The Indy 500 is 200 laps. We are in lap 180. Those last laps go by fast. Are you and your club still in the race or did you crash? Are you going to finish the race? As I commented last month, we still have a lot of work to get done before the end of the race (June 30th).

"What do we still need to be doing Rick?" We are reaching the final laps. Have you reached your goal for contributing to our Foundation? Have you financially supported the Haiti Well Project? Did you reach your membership goal? Did you make up one meeting? This list—your club list—goes on and on. It is time for your team to put together a last minute strategy to guide your driver.

Start your engine for the last 20 laps. The key to starting your engine is to wear your Rotary pin everyday. Now check those tires and fuel...

DG Rick

**DISTRICT CONFERENCE 2006 — NEWSLETTERS**

Award	Club	Newsletter	Editor
1 <sup>st</sup>	Darien	The Wheels	Tom Ostrowski
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Homewood	Spokesperson	Joe Commerford
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Morris	The Rotamorr	John Zappia
Hon 1	Bradley-Bourbonnais	Sprocket	Harlow Hopkins
Hon 2	Aurora	The RotAurora	Larry Byers

**DISTRICT CONFERENCE 2006 — WEBSITES**

Award	Club	Webmaster
1 <sup>st</sup>	Chicago O'Hare	Barbara LaSpesa
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Chicago Lakeview	Mark Knight
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Homewood	Sandi Jones
Hon 1	Aurora	Larry Byers
Hon 2	Rotary/One Chicago	Club Communications Committee

**JobStart**

Growing out of Daley's Kid-rate Initiative, JobStart is a summer internship program that prepares high school students for the professional world. We've matched 100 high school students with 100 advisors from the Rotary Club of Chicago – the first links in their per-



of Mayor Start Corpative, Job-start in-program that school students not skills and but the personal connections that are so critical for truly making headway in the professional world. We've matched 100 high school students with 100 advisors from the Rotary Club of Chicago – the first links in their per-

**INSTALLATION CELEBRATION!!**

Dear Rotarians,

I'm looking forward to being your District Governor next year and working with all of you as we "Lead The Way" for 2006-2007.

On Friday, July 7<sup>th</sup> the District Governor Installation will be held at the Bolingbrook Country Club. This is a great event for you and for me. Several presidents-elect will be installed that evening too. This is an event you won't want to miss!

We've planned a wonderful evening of good food, fellowship and music. Please visit the district website, print out the invitation and mail it to Greg Donnelly, Chair, Hinsdale Rotary Club, P.O. Box 395, Hinsdale, IL 60521. Or, fax your reservation to me at my home fax: 630.734.3635.

I urge you to move quickly as seating is limited and I would like every club to be represented.

Yours in Rotary Service,

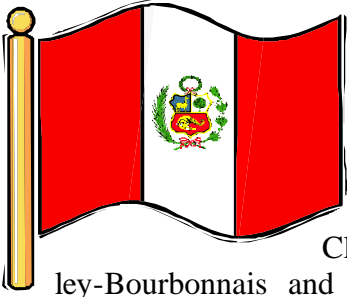
Emma "Sue" Smallwood  
District Governor Elect for 2006-2007

sonal network. Students are now attending training sessions for job-readiness and will begin an eight-week internship with a local company in June.

JobStart students will arrive on the job with an understanding of the professional workplace from their training sessions with the Society of Human Resources Professionals and the National Foundation for the Teaching of Entrepreneurship. They have already exhibited ambition and ability in their academic work, as their glowing teacher and counselor recommendations attest. They will also receive mentoring support from a Rotarian business person throughout their summer employment.

If you would like to make a difference in the life of a young pre-professional and hire a JobStart student for the summer, please contact Andie Thomalla at [athomalla@rotaryone.org](mailto:athomalla@rotaryone.org), or by calling 312.282.4038.

## CAJAMARCA, PERU



On May 26, 2006, District 6450 Rotarians will embark on the third medical mission to Peru. As you may recall, this is a team effort between the Rotary Clubs of Homewood, Brad-

ley-Bourbonnais and Manteno. Our local clubs have also teamed up with the Illinois chapter of the Peruvian American Medical Society (PAMS), VOSH, Loyola and Ingalls Hospitals, the Cajamarca Rotary and Lions Clubs, District 6450 and Rotary International. There are more partners but I will stop there.

This year's team is made up of 116 doctors, nurses, and volunteers. In the course of five days we will visit and help the children at two orphanages. The doctors will see about 2,000 people and perform upwards of 200 surgeries. VOSH will see about 2,000 people as well. We have already shipped three 40-foot containers with supplies valued over \$3,000,000.

While we are there we will establish a cervical cancer center and a burn unit facility. The doctors and nurses, in the evenings, will train the Peruvians in medical techniques so that after we leave they can treat their patients with the latest techniques available.

No job is too big. This Mission shows how, working together, we can accomplish so much. After we return I will write another article to let you know how the mission went. Please keep the team in your thoughts and prayers.

Rick

Beginning with the July 2006 issue of the district newsletter, taking over the editor's job will be Kathy Kobak, from the Oak Lawn club. Her contact information is as follows:

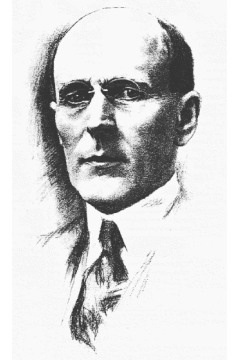
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## ROTARY BIRTHPLACE PAUL HARRIS SOCIETY UPDATE

The now forming "Rotary Birthplace Paul Harris Society," has 40 charter members to date. District Rotarians still have the opportunity to be the **FIRST AND ONLY CHARTER MEMBERS** of the "Rotary Birthplace Paul Harris Society" as the cut off for charter status is June 1, 2006.

This society is composed of individuals capable of making annual contributions of at least \$1,000 to the Foundation. The world is a much better place for those touched by our Rotary Foundation programs. Please **DO NOT MISS THIS OPPORTUNITY TO BECOME A CHARTER MEMBER** of our Society.



Rotarians already on board represent 17 of the district's clubs (Aurora-Sunrise, Brookfield-Riverside, Chicago One, Chicago-Financial District, Chicago Heights, Chicago O'Hare, Darien, Elmhurst, Hinsdale, Hinsdale-Oak Brook, Homewood, Maywood, Naperville, Naperville Sunrise, Oswego, Park Forest and Woodridge.) Contributions can be made annually, quarterly, or monthly, and in cash, by credit card, or through direct withdrawal from your checking account. Application forms can be found on the district website: [www.rotary6450.org](http://www.rotary6450.org).

Questions should be directed to Ken Daemicke at [daemicke@mpscpa.com](mailto:daemicke@mpscpa.com) or to Chris Reilly at [chris@chrisreilly.org](mailto:chris@chrisreilly.org).

Chris Reilly - PDG

Annual Programs Fund, Strategic Advisor, Zone 27  
Charter Member, Rotary Birthplace Paul Harris Society

### The 4-Way Test of the Things We Think, Say or Do...

- First:** Is it the **TRUTH**?
- Second:** Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
- Third:** Will it build **GOODWILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?
- Fourth:** Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?

Dear Friends,

Rotary has a way of taking you in unexpected directions. For instance, I never dreamed that I would feel such a deep connection to the people of China, which began with my first Alliance for Smiles mission to that wonderful country. Through your sponsorship of the just-completed ShenYang mission, you now share that connection. If only you'd all been there to experience the gratitude of the parents, whose deepest wishes had just come true. The stories of magnanimity and appreciation are numerous, but I'd like to share just one special story with you.

Ke Nan Li is the proud, distinguished uncle of one of our patients. After traveling for two days by train to reach our clinic, he approached me as spokesperson for the family and handed me a bottle of Pepsi as a humble thank you gift. Through a translator, he said that Alliance for Smiles and the American people must have been sent from heaven. I interviewed him after surgery, and he asked me to convey this message to the mission sponsors: "When people see a normal child, they comment about the child's beauty. When my nephew was born with a cleft lip, people looked down on him, and my family lost face. The effects aren't so obvious when he is young, but if he'd grown up with a cleft lip, his heart would have been broken. The Alliance for Smiles team is a godsend. You have altered the course of my nephew's life." Like the Grinch, my heart grew three sizes that moment.

I know that I speak for every child, parent, doctor, nurse and the entire D6440/6450 volunteer team (Chris, Jana, Jeanne, Sandy, Sue and Pat) in extending my heartfelt thanks for the role that you played in making so many dreams come true.

I look forward to seeing many of you as I visit your clubs in the next few months to share the mission video and the results of your generosity. I'll be in touch shortly to schedule a program. In the meantime, if you have a specific date in mind, or would just like to talk about the mission, I'm always happy to hear from you.

In Rotary spirit,

Debbie Jefkin-Elnekave (Chicago)  
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[www.allianceforsmiles.org](http://www.allianceforsmiles.org)



## Haiti Water Project

Last November, the Rotary Club of **Chicago Near South** conducted its Haiti Water Project Program. Members drank water and contributed their meal money to help raise funds for the project, which the club matched. Our presenter, Professor Krishna Pagilla of Illinois Institute of Technology, gave a fine presentation on the issues and problems associated with drinking water in developing countries.



Professor Pagilla is also the advisor to one of IIT's student service organizations, Engineers Without Borders. Later in the year, their student leadership came to see David Baker, Chicago Near South President, to see how they could become more involved in supporting the project.

Now, under the leadership of Matthieu Elsen, District 6450 Ambassadorial Scholar from France (studying at IIT this year) the students met with Dale Snyder of the Haiti Outreach program to organize a site visit in August, 2006. The trip will identify capital projects in Haiti, including clean water projects to which they can apply their engineering expertise. Matthieu has involved DG Rick Thiernau, Rick's counterpart in Minnesota, the Haitian Counsel General and Chicago Near South in his organization.

The students—including Matthieu—will work directly with Haiti Outreach in identifying the projects, document them on video and bring back their ideas to share with District 6450 clubs as possible follow-on international projects.

This all started because of DG Rick's suggestion that we forego one meal for clean water in Haiti.

David Baker, President  
Rotary Club of Chicago Near South

### Cooperative Children's Literature Center

The Rotary Club of **Oak Park-River Forest** has made a multi-year commitment to raise \$50,000 to support literacy training in both communities and surrounding areas.



“We recognize that literacy is a fundamental skill to successful living in a soci-

ety such as ours,” said club President Werner Huget.

The primary goal of the club's literacy program is to fund and help launch a “Cooperative Children's Literature Center” in the library at Dominican University, River Forest. The center will serve as a clearinghouse for many of the 5,000 new children's books published nationwide each year for readers in pre-school through junior high. It will identify the best, most appropriate books for each age category and classify them to facilitate research by teachers, students, librarians, booksellers and the general public

“The job of sifting through such a volume of new publications is monumental,” Huget said. “The goal is to uncover books that will not only be interesting to read but also provide a valuable experience for children with the hope that they will discover the joy of life-long learning and adventure that reading can provide.”

The Oak Park-River Forest Rotary club is partnering with Dominican University to establish this center, which will be accessible to the general public. “Parents and grandparents will be able to turn to the center for help in choosing the finest books for their children and grandchildren,” Huget said.

Dominican University is recognized as a national leader in the field of library science. It will provide facilities and expertise, as well as their reputation, to make this work.

Fundraising for the literacy program was launched at the Rotary club's Winter Celebration in January. The event featured two professional storytellers who entertained young and old with tales from King Arthur and The Brothers Grimm.

Oak Park-River Forest Rotary will host a larger Storytelling Festival on June 17 with venues at Dominican University and both the Oak Park and the River Forest public libraries. The club has trained high school students from Oak Park-River Forest High School, Trinity High School and Fenwick High School to collect oral histories. Students will

interview 50 senior citizens who are current and former residents of our communities, starting in mid-April. These histories will be available on CD as well as published in book form. Select seniors will be invited to tell their stories live during our June Storytelling Festival. The event, open to the general public, will also feature professional and amateur storytellers.

“We chose storytelling as an integral part of our literacy program because reading, writing and storytelling are such a natural combination,” Huget said. “Every day we are exposed to stories from friends and family, neighbors, local, national and international contacts. Stories are part and parcel of our human existence. And a storytelling festival is just such a better way to gain visibility through publicity in our communities and the surrounding area.”

To raise money for its literacy program, Oak Park-River Forest Rotary will sell tickets for a \$10,000 cash drawing. Tickets are priced at \$100 each, and only 750 will be sold. Proceeds will support the festival, help establish the Cooperative Children's Literature Center and fund literacy-targeted donations to groups including The Literacy Volunteers of Western Cook County, Wonder Works children's museum in Oak Park, and MAD DADS, a group assisting children in Chicago's Austin neighborhood.



Area Rotary clubs are invited to purchase and/or sell tickets for the drawing. “Clubs could go together and purchase one or more of our fundraising tickets which, if they have the winning ticket, could provide a nice amount of cash for the club,” Huget noted.

Anyone interested in buying tickets can simply send a check made out to Oak Park-River Forest Rotary Club (designate it to literacy), and mail it to PO Box 654, Oak Park, IL 60303. The tickets will be delivered by mail.

**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

## Wilmington Rotary Cruise Nights

**WHEN:** Saturday, June 24, 2006 and  
Saturday, August 19, 2006  
(Rain dates July 1st and August 26th)

**TIME:** 6:00 - 9:00 PM

**WHERE:** Water Street in downtown Wilmington, IL,  
where Route 102 meets Route 53 (Rt 66)

**DETAILS:**

- \$10 at the gate
- T-shirts for the 1st 50 cars
- Dash Plaques for the 1st 100 cars
- Trophies awarded at 9:00 pm

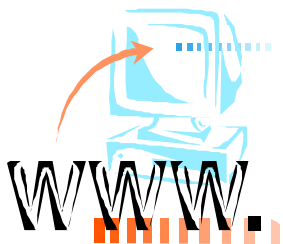
All proceeds will go to sponsor Rotary student scholarships, charitable and community projects

For more information call Mike, 5:00-10:00 pm at 815.458.2962.



## DISTRICT 6450 HISTORY

Do you know what the very first Rotary humanitarian project was? Do you know what year the first Rotary convention was held? Do you know what our district number was in the beginning?



If not, point your web browser to the [First 100 Years and Beyond](http://www.rotaryfirst100.org/districts/districts/6450.htm) website, at <http://www.rotaryfirst100.org/districts/districts/6450.htm>. Dr Ted Gifford (PRID, PDG - LaGrange) has written a wonderful history of District 6450 for this site, and you'll find all the answers here!

## HELP WANTED

### District Bookkeeper

- Great Rotary district position
- Pay doubles each year
- Full volunteer benefits
- 1 to 3 plus year commitment
- Starts July 1, 2007
- Work out of your home
- Computer knowledge required
- Join the District Finance Committee
- Meetings about six times a year
- Free 13 month training available if you apply now.



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### Rotary Club of Chicago-O'Hare Distributes 800 Library Books to Chicago's Esmond Elementary School

Esmond Elementary School in Chicago is the elementary school district in which the Paul and Jean Harris' Home Foundation is located, and yet until recently the new principal, Dr. Angela Tucker, did not know what Rotary was. She was delighted to receive 800 library books on May 8, 2006, which were being discarded by the Park Ridge Public Library. As a result of the donation she learned about Rotary International and about Paul and Jean Harris and Silvester Schiele. Paul and Silvester, two of the four founders of Rotary, had lived within a few blocks of her school. She now would like to find out more about Rotary, and she might even consider joining a Rotary Club. Perhaps we could even start an Early Act club!



Esmond Elementary School students unloading one of the cars which had been piled with boxes of books.



In the fall, we need a Rotary club to distribute dictionaries to the third graders and to give Esmond more recycled books. If your club can obtain discarded books from your local library, please consider getting the books and recycling them into the Chicago public and private Schools. The dictionaries can be purchased for about \$2.50 each. Call Fred Otto, Community Service Chair at 847.698.1160, for additional information on how your club may participate in this recycling project and in the purchasing of new dictionaries for students in Chicago. In the process we may turn on some minds, assist in encouraging the future leaders our country needs and save a few trees in the process.

District Attendance Report

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

April Attendance							
Apr Rank	Mar Rank	Feb Rank	Club	Apr Pct	Mar Pct	Feb Pct	# Mtg Tot Mem
6	24	25	Addison	82	62	66	4 23
49	39	39	Aurora	50	54	58	4 71
2	6	1	Aurora Sunrise	86	80	88	4 22
52	52	59	Aurora-Naperville	47	47	44	4 18
58	55	58	Bensenville	36	43	46	4 23
49	49	51	Berwyn	50	50	50	4 12
28	36	27	Blue Island-Crestwood	65	55	65	4 18
37	33		Bolingbrook	58	56		4 35
52	55	51	Bradley -Bourbonnais	47	43	50	4 52
20	4	1	Broadview	69	82	88	4 12
			Brookfield-Riverside				5 23
33	33	30	Channahon-Minooka	63	56	63	4 20
57	59	62	Chicago	40	32	27	4 182
46	43	35	Chicago Far North	52	52	60	4 21
12	11	4	Chicago Financial District	76	75	82	4 33
42	43	49	Chicago Heights	55	52	53	4 35
37	24		Chicago Lakeview	58	62	43	4 22
17	20	16	Chicago Northwest	73	67	73	4 12
	54	57	Chicago O'Hare		45	47	5 29
		6	Chicago Southeast			80	4 20
		29	Chicago-Midwest			64	4 11
25	32	30	Chicago-Near South	68	58	63	4 27
12	3	11	Cicero	76	84	76	4 22
59	60	12	Countryside	30	30	75	4 16
40	39	49	Darien	57	54	53	4 26
27	28	46	Downers Grove	67	60	55	4 53
28	17	12	Dwight	65	70	75	4 21
8	11	12	Elmhurst	80	75	75	4 52
47	36	47	Elmhurst Morning	51	55	54	4 16
40	36	41	Evergreen Park	57	55	57	3 21
20	43	37	Franklin Park	69	52	59	4 12
20	18	21	Hinsdale	69	69	69	3 60
52	42	55	Hinsdale-Oak Brook Gateway	47	53	49	4 16
3	5	15	Homewood	85	81	74	5 59
12	8	9	Joliet	76	76	79	4 153
42	52	39	Kankakee	55	47	58	4 37
8	11	19	La Grange	80	75	72	4 40
36	20	25	Lansing	59	67	66	4 14
18	8	37	Lisle	70	76	59	4 24
7			Lockport	81			3 56
18	22	19	Manteno	70	66	72	4 26
5	7	3	Matteson	83	79	85	4 22
11	16	6	Maywood	79	72	80	4 28
55	33	51	Melrose Park	44	56	50	4 9
12	2	10	Moraine Valley (Palos Hills)	76	85	77	4 15
44	39	47	Morris	54	54	54	4 31
28	30	30	Naperville	65	59	63	4 164
		41	Naperville Sunrise			57	4 102
34	28	23	New Lenox	61	60	68	4 26
37	58	44	Norridge-Harwood Heights	58	40	56	4 12
8	11	23	Oak Brook	80	75	68	4 10
35	24	16	Oak Forest	60	62	73	4 26
1	1	5	Oak Lawn	93	87	81	4 26
20	18	16	Oak Park-River Forest	69	69	73	4 103
25	46	41	Orland Park	68	51	57	4 66
		23	Oswego		63	65	5 47
16	8	21	Park Forest	75	76	69	4 35
47	49	44	Plainfield	51	50	56	4 31
20	46	35	Romeoville	69	51	60	4 22
49	55	56	Shorewood	50	43	48	4 21
44	30	33	Tinley Park-Frankfort	54	59	62	3 19
3	11	6	Western Springs	85	75	80	3 17
28	46	51	Westmont	65	51	50	4 34
32	24	34	Wilmington	64	62	61	4 20
56	51	61	Woodridge	43	48	40	4 21
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**\$10,000 Raffle Prize winner at Elmhurst Rotary Fundraiser**

Matt Delawder, Assistant Governor of District 6450, won \$10,000 in the Rotary Club of Elmhurst's April 21<sup>st</sup> fund-raiser at Butterfield Country Club in Oak Brook. Other winners at the "Diamonds and Denim" event included Susie Sands, winner of cooking classes at Café Amano; Richard Reichert, winner of the "Take Me Out to the Ballgame" package; and Scott Schuster, winner of the Holiday Inn Water Park package.

An estimated \$41,000 was raised to support Elmhurst Rotary's high school scholarship program and contributions to other charitable causes. The raffle consisted of over 78 items donated by businesses in Elmhurst and surrounding communities. About 200 participants attended the event, which also included dinner and dancing.

Among the other activities supported by the Rotary Club of Elmhurst are the annual Thanksgiving dinner for approximately 400 participants at the Diplomat Banquet Hall in Elmhurst, as well as sponsorship of a foreign exchange student.

For further information, contact Bill von Stein at 630.860.7619.



Ed Lucking (left) of the Rotary Club of Elmhurst presents a \$10,000 check to Matt Delawder, Assistant Governor of Rotary District 6450 while Matt's wife, Angela looks on.

*Photo by Lee Strouse*

## MICHAEL P. SLEVNIK



Michael Slevnik began to cultivate his leadership skills at a very young age. In junior high school he was elected to the Illinois Association of Junior High Student Council Executive Board. In his senior year in high school, Michael was selected to attend a Washington Workshop in Washington D.C. He has had the honor of attending President Reagan's inauguration.

Michael joined the Rotary Club of Homewood in 1990. Since becoming a member, Michael has held numerous positions and chaired many committees in his Rotary club. In 2000, he and District Governor Brian Andersen traveled to Mendoza, Argentina to tour a Matching Grant Project sponsored by Michael's club. In 2000-2001, he had the honor of serving as President of the Homewood Rotary Club. His year as President can be summed up in one word – phenomenal! Michael's quote "The more I learn about Rotary, the more I love Rotary" is spoken from the heart, and is heard throughout the Rotary world.

His club's achievement earned a proclamation from the Illinois State Senate and a resolution from the Illinois House of Representatives. Michael's leadership enhanced the Rotary Club of Homewood Foundation when he served as president for two terms. An Annual Giving Program was created during his tenure as foundation president, and has significantly provided additional funding for projects both locally and worldwide.

Michael's list of involvement in committees in the district is forever growing. He has served as Assistant Governor and Assistant Governor Coordinator, PETS Committee Chair and Membership Chair and on the Membership Committee, Dental and Medical Committee, Public Relations Committee and District Assembly Committee. Michael was the 2006 General Chair of the Land of Lincoln PETS. He has also been involved, at the club level, with every project in which the Homewood club has participated since 1990.

Professionally, Michael has been a Private Detective for almost 15 years.

Michael is a charter member of the Rotary Birthplace Paul Harris Society, and was the 2006 recipient of the District 6450 Cedric Pope "Spirit of Rotary" Award. Michael will serve as District Governor in 2008-2009.

Michael and Tina are both proud Paul Harris Fellows, and sincerely embrace their Rotary Family.



Michael receiving the Cedric Pope Spirit of Rotary Award from Pauline Pope at the 2006 District Conference.

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

————— 2006 —————

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|--------------------|--|
| <b>11-14 June</b>  | <b>International Convention</b><br>Malmö, Sweden and Copenhagen, Denmark |
| <b>7 July</b>      | <b>DG Installation</b><br>Bolingbrook Golf Club                          |
| <b>14-16 July</b>  | <b>Central States Youth Exchange Summer Conf.</b><br>Grand Rapids, MI    |
| <b>25 July</b>     | <b>Rotary Night at the White Sox</b><br>The "Cell" (vs Minnesota Twins)  |
| <b>August ?</b>    | <b>Interviews for GSE Team Leaders to Normandy, France</b>               |
| <b>August 18</b>   | <b>Ambassadorial Scholar Social</b>                                      |
| <b>August 19</b>   | <b>Ambassadorial Scholar Interviews</b>                                  |
| <b>September ?</b> | <b>Past District Governors' Dinner</b>                                   |

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### From the Editor's Desk

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

As we approach the end of a Rotary year and anticipate the beginning of the next, what is your club up to? 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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The Rotary Club of Hinsdale invites you to the  
**Installation and Celebration**

of

**Emma Sue Smallwood**

as

**District 6450 Governor for 2006-2007**

**Bolingbrook Golf Club**

2001 Rodeo Drive, Bolingbrook, IL  
Friday, July 7<sup>th</sup>, 2006  
6:00 PM to Midnight

6:00 PM Cash Bar and Hors D'oeuvres  
7:00 PM Champagne Toast and Dinner  
8:30 PM Installation  
Followed by Dancing to the Music of the  
Greg Favata Orchestra

Black Tie Admired, Not Required

Greg Donnelly – Events Chair  
President Elect  
Rotary Club of Hinsdale  
P.O. Box 395  
Hinsdale, IL 60521  
Tel: 630-573-9738  
Email: [Gregory.Donnelly@morganstanley.com](mailto:Gregory.Donnelly@morganstanley.com)

Emma Sue Smallwood  
District 6450 Governor 2006-2007  
Tel: 630-734-3634  
Email: [rotarysue@suesmallwood.com](mailto:rotarysue@suesmallwood.com)

**For my records:**

\_\_\_\_\_ # Reservations  
\_\_\_\_\_ # Dual Entrée: Beef and Chicken  
\_\_\_\_\_ # Vegetarian  
\$\_\_\_\_\_ Check no. \_\_\_\_\_  
\$\_\_\_\_\_ Credit Card Charge  
\_\_\_\_\_ Date mailed

**Please respond by June 23, 2006**



**RESERVATION**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Club: \_\_\_\_\_

Guest(s) Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Please reserve: # \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$65.00/person Total: \_\_\_\_\_

Meal Choices: # \_\_\_\_\_ Dual entrée, Beef and Chicken # \_\_\_\_\_ Vegetarian

Check Enclosed (please make payable to **Hinsdale Club Installation Event.**)

Credit Card: \_\_\_\_\_ MasterCard \_\_\_\_\_ Visa \_\_\_\_\_ American Express

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Signature for credit card charge: \_\_\_\_\_

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Greg Donnelly, Chair  
Hinsdale Rotary Club,  
P. O. Box 395  
Hinsdale, Illinois 60521

Reservations due by June 23, 2006

# The Rotary Birthplace Paul Harris Society District 6450 Membership Form



## THE PAUL HARRIS SOCIETY

Each donor who annually contributes US\$1,000 or more to The Rotary Foundation's Annual Programs Fund will be awarded membership into the Paul Harris Society. As the popularity of our Foundation's humanitarian, educational & cultural programs increase and we celebrate our successes, it is important to recognize that those outcomes are not sustainable unless we annually contribute the income needed.

- I wish to become a Member of the **Paul Harris Society**
- I promise to contribute \$1,000 annually to The Rotary Foundation's Annual Programs Fund.

**Please send this form to:** Ken Daemicke  
District 6450 Annual Programs Fund Chair  
835 McClintock Drive, Suite 100  
Burr Ridge, IL 60527-0860

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- I am enclosing a check
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