



# Team 2003-2004 Newsletter

Chuck Johnson, District Governor 2003-2004



Lend a Hand

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Reina S. Diamond, Editor

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## A New Beginning



**Rotary's 99th year begins today.** Each July 1st, a new International President, 530 District Governors, and over 31,250 Club Presidents start their one-year term of leadership. R.I. President Jonathan Majiyagbe started his planning over two years ago. Your District leadership started planning over 18 months ago, and forty-two of your Presidents-Elect attended Pre-PETS to start their formal training in January. During the Pre-Pets, I outlined twenty points that the District would do to aid in the new beginning of each club. This newsletter is one of those points. It has been mailed to each of your homes so your family can read it, too. We want families to learn about Rotary and enjoy it with you.

The new and exciting District Website is on line. It will be kept up-to-date and has links to Rotary facts and information. Another aid to the clubs is our orientation programs, which will be given several times a year by dedicated and knowledgeable Rotarians. In addition to having our best ever RYLA, we will have our first special RYLA, which will be designed to encourage leadership in handicapped students. Our Club Presidents will have strong experienced Assistant Governors for advice and support. Two experienced Rotarians will aid them. One will help the clubs with membership and the other with annual giving.

Our District Membership and families will be able to take vocational tours of manufacturing facilities, candy factories, media outlets, steel mills and cultural places. We learn about Rotary during camaraderie. We will have many social functions organized by our fun-loving Fellowship Committee.

This year's R.I. theme, "Lend a Hand," works hand in hand with our District's plans. Our District's strongest clubs are lending many of their strongest and most dedicated people to help other clubs to grow and strengthen. Just as we "Lend a Hand" to our communities and internationally, we must "Lend a Hand" to our weaker clubs and memberships. This Governor is proud of every Rotarian that has agreed to lend their hand, time, and knowledge to help our District to lead the Rotary world. Over 1.2 million Rotarians look to us to set the example of Rotary as the "Birth Place" District. With the help and cooperation of all of you, we will be a great example. GO 6450 ROTARIANS!!!!

I want to thank PDG Jim Ahstrom for his excellent administration of the District and his perseverance of my planning for 2003-2004. Our themes reflect that cooperation by "Lending a Hand" to "Sow the Seeds of Love." Jim, thanks from all of us.

*Chuck Johnson, District Governor*

## Rotary Youth Exchange in 2003-2004

At this time of year your RYE committee wants to remind all District 6450 Rotarians that now is the time to begin searching for qualified applicants for Rotary Youth Exchange. Sons and daughters of Rotarians and non-Rotarians alike are eligible. Basic requirements: age approx. 16 to 18; above-average student. For more information and enrollment forms go to our website: [www.csrye.org](http://www.csrye.org). This is a life-changing experience that should be offered to all qualified teen-agers.

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## July is Literacy Month in Rotary

For many years, Rotarians have been active in efforts to reduce illiteracy, from building schools and paying salaries of teachers to serving as tutors to collecting and distributing books and audiovisual materials to libraries. Rotarians are working with governments to create large-scale replicable literacy projects in the developing world. In 1997, the RI Board of Directors designated July as Literacy Month, a perfect time for Rotary clubs to develop their own literacy projects as well as raise awareness of Rotarian efforts worldwide to eradicate illiteracy.

Considerable progress has been made in recent decades in reducing illiteracy; yet, close to a billion people lack the most basic literacy and numeracy skills. Millions more are functionally illiterate, lacking the skills necessary to meet the demands of everyday life. UNESCO illuminates some of the greatest challenges for those tackling illiteracy:

- Ninety-eight percent of the world's illiterate population is in developing countries.
- Fifty percent of the world's illiterate people live in India and China.
- More than 50 percent of the population of Africa is illiterate.
- Two-thirds of all those who lack literacy and numeracy skills are women.
- More than 130 million school-age children are not attending classes.

**The ability to read, write, and do simple math is not only critical to progress and prosperity, it is necessary for the very survival of individuals in a modern society.** Literacy and numeracy projects allow Rotarians to make a creative contribution to building nations, reducing poverty, and opening up opportunities to those who need them.

**Demonstrate your commitment to literacy by developing a project in your community or supporting a club abroad in these efforts. For information, visit the World Community Service page at Rotary International's website: [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org).**

## For Club Officers:

Please share the news of your club with the district: ***new members, community service activities, participation in Rotary Foundation programs, fund raising events, etc.*** Your commitment, enthusiasm and inspiration should not be our best kept secret! E-mail your stories to [RMLDIAMOND@AOL.COM](mailto:RMLDIAMOND@AOL.COM).

## Towards Chicago 2005



On 23 February 2005, Rotary will celebrate its first 100 years of service to the world. On **19-22 June 2005**, Rotary will hold its international convention in Chicago. This convention will be a celebration of the past and a kick-off for a new century of success.

The **Rotary International 2005 Convention Host Organization Committee** has been appointed and consists of:

**PDG Dick Galitz – Chair**

**Rotarian Ken Nykiel – Comptroller**

**PDG Brian Anderson – Vice Chair**

**Past ADG Susan Raterman – Vice Chair**

**PDG Gordon Schrubbe – Vice Chair**

As plans continue to develop, we will bring you more information in future issues of the newsletter.



## The Johnsons

Chuck was invited to join the Morris Rotary Club in 1990. During his first five years, he was newsletter/publicity chairman, vice president, president-elect, president, and club service chair. During his year as president, Morris started an interact club and received the Significant Achievement Patch. He served as International Chair in 2000-2001, and Youth Exchange Officer 2000-2002. Morris hosted two in-bound students and sent five students outbound.

On the district level, Chuck was a Governor's Group Representative, and assisted District Governor Rich Ingalls in implementing the Assistant Governor Leadership Plan. He coordinated the assistant governors for four years and served as an Assistant Governor during three of those years. He has been a presenter at many Pre-PETS, PETS, assemblies and conferences. In 2000-2001, Chuck was the Task Force Coordinator and co-chaired the district orientation session. Chuck and Susie support and work at the District RYLA weekend. Susie directed the Reality Store activity.

### Susie and Chuck Johnson

Chuck and Susie were married in 1969. They raise and exhibit Alaskan Malamutes, enjoy traveling, fishing and sampling ethnic and regional foods. They were born and raised in Southern Illinois, he in McLeansboro and she in Mt. Vernon. They attended Murray State University where he received a Bachelors and a Masters in Geography and Susie a Bachelors in Library Science.

Chuck is a commercial/industrial real estate agent for Coldwell Banker Commercial – Primus Real Estate in Oswego. He has been a field engineer of a refinery, a SNG plant, and a fossil and two nuclear generating plants. He has served on three industrial citizen advisory panels, on the Chamber of Commerce Board, and seven Chamber committees. He was instrumental in the organization of Grundy County's Anti-Gang Task Force and served as its chairman for its first two years. The Task Force was included in R.I. President Brown's Community Project's booklet. Chuck was invited to President Brown's Community Forum where he highlighted the Task Force. Chuck is a Paul Harris Fellow and a sustaining member. Susie received her Paul Harris Fellow Award at the 2002 District Conference.

#### Group Study Exchange (GSE) Status

1. Trip to India: Jan. 5 to Feb. 5, 2004. Team member applications due August 7 to Richard Ziegfeld (see leadership table for details).

2. Future exchanges:

\* England--in mid-Sept to mid-Oct 2004; out Feb-March 2005

\* Iceland--in and out during 2005-06 Rotary year

3. Seeking area coordinators and club assistance for England inbound beginning Fall 2003--1 year advance preparation.

**Richard Ziegfeld**

#### *District 6450 Governor's Newsletter*

*August 2003 Issue*

**Deadline to submit articles: 15 July 2003**

***E-mail them to RMLDIAMOND@AOL.COM***

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### In Memoriam

We were greatly saddened by news of the passing of Ade Majiyagbe, wife of RI 2003-2004 President Jonathan, in London, England, on 6 June. All those who had the joy of meeting her will remember a kind and caring human being. Rotarians may send condolences to President Majiyagbe in care of the President's Office at RI World Headquarters. Memorial contributions in honor of Ade Majiyagbe can be made to "Ade's Hope Fund for the Education of Women and Children," c/o The Rotary Foundation, P.O. Box 75133, Chicago, IL 60675-5133 USA.



**Last January, at the Rotary International Assembly in Anaheim, CA, 2003-2004 District 6450 Governor Chuck Johnson and Susie Johnson are welcomed by 2003-2004 Rotary International President Jonathan Majiyagbe and his late wife Ade.**

**From the desk of Chris Reilly, District Governor-Elect**

July 1st is Rotary's Bastille Day but generally is a far less noisy changing of the guard. As Chuck Johnson begins to put into action his well-prepared plans, I am hearing the starter's gun for my Centennial Year, really Our Centennial Year. What a year I hope it will be! I plan on being right beside Chuck in all that he does this year, as learning is not a spectator sport. I have some ideas that will provide District 6450 and its Rotarians opportunities to build new legacies in the second century of Rotary. Why not bring the focus of the Rotary world back to the birthplace of Rotary for reasons other than our Founding Father, Paul Harris. But for now, I am looking forward to working with each of you in what I trust will be a fun-filled and rewarding Centennial Year.

For those of you who do not know Georgia and me, we are immigrants to Chicago, but our three daughters think really cold weather in the winter is normal and call this home. I am a native Arizonan, having grown up in Tucson, and Georgia calls Casper, Wyoming home. Having had enough of winter, she came to the University of Arizona for college, majoring in Microbiology. The University was almost literally in my backyard. As the story often goes, while obtaining my Doctorate in Microbiology, I found my life partner, Georgia. As an aside, Virology was my specialty, so I am particularly pleased to share in Rotary's successful Polio Eradication Program.

With my degree in hand, I was fortunate to get a great job opportunity at Argonne National Laboratory. As I tell people, I guess I was not smart



enough to find my way out of the Laboratory, spending my entire career in this challenging and often exciting research environment. I currently hold the Rotary Classification of Science Administration, as my day job is managing environmental research.

I am a second generation Rotarian. My father, a funeral director, was a member of the Tucson Rotary Club. I declined the first invitation to join the then forming Darien Rotary Club, but, fortunately, I reconsidered and became a charter member of the Club in 1974. This proved to be a wise personal decision as I have truly loved my Rotary experience. I, like you, have made life long friends of people I would have never met except for Rotary. First and foremost, I was and am, a Darien Rotarian. It really is at the Club level where everything great about Rotary gets its start. We've been "Lending a Hand" in our community for 29 years in ways unique to our Club. Discovery of this individual Club uniqueness is what I have found to be most enjoyable as I was privileged to perform some District responsibilities. I look forward to my year of leadership and service to District 6450 with humility and some awe of the challenges ahead. I am confident we will have a great year with my Partner and you, my fellow Rotarians, who have helped in the past and will stand beside me in 2004-05.

## ~ Club News ~

### Featured in this issue:

*Aurora Sunrise  
Chicago-Rogers Park  
Chicago/Rotary One  
Darlen  
Evergreen Park  
Naperville  
Naperville Sunrise  
Oswego*

### Welcome to our newest Rotary Club Chicago-Near South

The charter celebration took place on 25 June 2003 and The Rotary Foundation Trustee Chairman Glen W. Kinross, from Australia, was the keynote speaker. More than 150 Rotarians and guests were present.

The club, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Chicago/Rotary One and the Rotary Club of Skokie Valley, District 6440, meets at the Illinois Institute of Technology Faculty Club (3214 S Federal Street) every Wednesday at 12.15 pm.

**... A new club, another exceptional opportunity for us to be of service—service based upon filling needs, and increasing the quality of life with a compassion and concern unexcelled in any other organization...**

**Glen W. Kinross**

#### Club officers

President, Kevin Meade  
Vice-President, Gerard Voland  
Secretary, Laura Rounce  
Treasurer, Erica Chianelli  
Sergeant-at-arms, Cleofas Chaidez

### Help Save the World Through The (Your) Rotary Foundation

It's a brand new Rotary year, your club's opportunity to better people's lives through The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International. The Rotary Foundation is the charity that unites all Rotarians around the world in common humanitarian and educational endeavors.

**What does The Rotary Foundation do?** Provides grants & scholarships for a variety of global & local humanitarian projects and international educational exchange programs. Grants may be for hospitals or orphanage equipment, for job training, and much more. Educational awards are for university study or for young adults on short-term professional exchanges.

**Who picks a project?** You and your club do. If it's an international project, a partner club in another country works with you to identify and implement it. You submit a grant request to your district officers who review it on a competitive basis.

**Who seeks participants on the educational exchange programs?** You and your club do. You promote opportunities to your community. You collect applications, and you recommend candidates to district officers who interview and select on a competitive basis.

**This Foundation sounds great. Who funds it?** You and your club do. All Rotarians are encouraged to give a minimum of \$100 every year to The Foundation's Annual Programs Fund. If you are a high achiever and love to win note that average per capita contributions of \$250 per year (from club fundraising or donations) would make our district the top in the world.

**I'm one of those who want to know every Rotary Foundation program in detail. What should I do?** See <http://www.rotary.org/foundation/programs.html> and you will soon develop considerable expertise.

**What deadlines are almost upon us?** Group Study exchange applications are due 7 July. All other Scholarship applications are due 15 July.

**What Rotary Foundation related topics should I include in my club's weekly programs this year?**

Include in club presentations for the year:

- District 6450 Rotary Foundation Committee members to present on humanitarian and educational programs – grants – scholarships – the PolioPlus program – giving.
- Past and current Rotary Foundation Scholars
- Group Study Exchange participants
- Rotarians who have been or are involved in Foundation grant projects.
- A speaker on Rotary's PolioPlus program and its efforts to permanently eradicate polio.

**Enjoy the new Rotary year and support The Rotary Foundation.  
Contact District Rotary Foundation Chair Paul Carpenter at [carpentp@rotaryintl.org](mailto:carpentp@rotaryintl.org) with your key questions.**

**Rotarians Do Make the Difference**  
By Rick Thiernau, District Governor-Nominee

*The seed was sowed at a Homewood, Illinois, Rotary meeting, some time ago.*



*This article tells of the planting, nurturing, growth, labor and love that went into a bountiful harvest.*

A Medical Mission to provide quality medical and surgical care to the needy children and adults at the Cusco Regional Hospital was coming to fruition. The Boeing 757 left Chicago, IL, USA O'Hare International Airport on Friday, May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2002. More than 80 travelers, paying their own expenses, reached their final destination on Saturday morning. Tired, excited, and adjusting to an altitude of 11,400 feet (3,355 meters), 35 doctors, 15 nurses, 2 pharmacists, and a group of 38 Rotarians and volunteers were warmly welcomed with native music and festive dancing provided by our coordinating co-sponsor, the Rotary Club of Cusco Peru, District 4300. The hands-on stage of our 10-day Cusco Medical Mission 2002 had just begun.

The **Rotary Club of Homewood, IL, USA** and the **Rotary Club of Cusco, Peru**, in conjunction with the Peruvian American Medical Society (PAMS) sponsored a hands-on medical mission to Cusco, Peru, with support from **District 6450 Rotary Clubs of Bradley-Bourbonnais, Chicago Heights, Matteson, and Oak Park/River Forest, IL USA**.

The person behind this mission is Rotarian Dr. Ruben Chuquimia. He started planning this mission almost two years in advance. In November, 2001, Ruben asked the Homewood Rotary Club for their help and support. Needless to say, he received it 100%. As Rotarians normally do, Homewood Rotarians jumped in headfirst. With financial support from the Rotary Clubs of Cusco, Homewood, Bradley Bourbonnais, Chicago Heights, and Matteson, we applied to the RI Foundation for a matching grant. Our Matching Grant application was approved and provided Cusco's Regional Hospital with much needed medical equipment. In addition to the medical machines purchased with the RI Foundation's Matching Grant, we collected and shipped donations valued at three million dollars. Two 40-foot containers and two 20-foot containers were filled with medicines, antibiotics, medical and surgical supplies, diagnostic and therapeutic equipment (cardiac monitors, defibrillators, respirators, IV pumps) donated by local pharmaceutical companies, doctors and hospitals, some as far away as Ohio. Bud's Ambulance Service in Chicago not only donated an ambulance, but also rehabbed and fully stocked the ambulance, free of charge. It is truly amazing. You let people know what you are doing and they are more than happy to help out.

We had all the supplies shipped to Peru. This sounds much easier than it is. Countless hours were spent organizing, packing, negotiating, and confirming the shipping. After hearing the details of the Mission, Industrial Crating, Inc. in Itasca, IL donated their man-hours to the mission while asking questions about Rotary

While the Cusco Rotarians continued to coordinate the Mission with the Faculty of Medicine and medical staff of Cusco hospitals, and plan for our arrival, Homewood Rotarians were planning flights, work and leisure schedules, and training and lecture programs. We arrived in Cusco on a sunny Saturday with a heart-warming welcome provided by the Cusco Rotarians. That evening, they hosted a gala gathering where we had the opportunity to meet our planning counterparts. After a sound sleep at the Inca Hotel, that Sunday we traveled to Regional Hospital and started organizing and sorting through rooms filled to the ceiling with medical supplies. This was a massive task. We sorted and distributed supplies all week, but we had to be ready to start seeing patients on Monday and we were indeed ready. At 8:00 a.m. on Monday morning we arrived at the Regional Hospital, Cusco. I was shocked to see hundreds and hundreds of people waiting to see the American doctors. As our bus approached, the people started to clap and cheer. As we got off the bus, the crowd of people parted so we could get through. This was such a moving experience.

In the course of five days, we saw close to 3000 needy, mostly indigent children and adults. Thirteen surgeons performed 138 successful surgical procedures that included hernias, gall bladders, ophthalmology, hysterectomies, thyroid, varicose veins, thoracotomies, an abdominal aortic aneurysm and a large benign parotid tumor with facial invasion. This is just amazing! This mission really has impacted my life. I want to share two stories with you.

AJ could fix her eye but the Ear, Nose, and Throat doctor would have to remove the parotid tumor. After Chicago Heights Rotarian and Ingalls Hospital's Dr. Patel and Loyola's Dr. Sam Marzo, consulted, Dr. Marzo determined that he could remove the tumor. The following day AJ and Sam spent eight hours in surgery operating on this little girl. I am happy to share with you that the surgery was a success. She should be fine. What really moved me was the difference we were making. When AJ knew that they could perform the surgery, he looked at me and said, "Rick, we just saved a life." This was something new to me. I have never been directly involved in saving someone's life. Tears welled up in my eyes.

*To be continued in our August issue.*

**Volunteers Needed To Serve on the RI Convention in June 2005 in Chicago! Call Terry Mueller, Volunteers Chair, 2005 Convention Host Organization Committee, at 815-459-2176 or 815-477-0267 NOW. Your presence will make a difference.**

## *Chicago/Rotary One RC News*

**Centennial Bell at Rotary One for 2005 Kick-Off.** The Centennial Bell began its journey at the 2003 RI Convention in Brisbane, Australia. Over the next two years it will visit clubs worldwide, their chimes serving as a reminder of Rotary's rich history and traditions. Today, the Bell will be brought to the Rotary Club of Chicago by RI staff at the Installation luncheon meeting of Richard McKay, President 2003-2004 of Rotary ONE. The bell will conclude its historic travels back at Rotary's birthplace at the 2005 Rotary Convention in Chicago.

The Centennial Bell will be ringing in celebrations at Rotary Clubs worldwide reflecting the Rotary tradition of opening the weekly meeting by ringing a bell. The Centennial Bell underscores the important role club meetings have played in developing fellowship and service over the past 100 years. Like the Olympic torch, the traveling bell also symbolizes the international presence of Rotary.

Upon its return to the Rotary Club of Chicago in June of 2005, it will be used to open the proceedings of the 100th Birthday Celebration of the Rotary Club at the International Convention that will be held in Chicago that year. Estimates are that 50,000 Rotarians from the 166 countries will attend this international meeting.

## *Chicago-Rogers Park RC News*

**A Month of Service, a Year of Service Opportunities.** It is truly amazing what volunteers can accomplish in the matter of a couple hours. With a sense of purpose and a passion to achieve a goal, volunteers can make a difference. The month of June was an excellent example of the service provided by our club: Sunday 9 June, members of the RC of Chicago Rogers Park volunteered as part of the District 6450-6440 Race to the Finish. Saturday and Sunday 14 and 15 June, the Chicago Rogers Park club was represented in the Paint the Wall festival in Rogers Park. Our theme was **Volunteers Serving Side by Side** and the mural depicts hands sharing and serving by providing books, medical supplies, food and toys. Each of these represents some of the projects our club has sponsored over the last two years and the Lend a Hand theme for 2003-04. Thursday 26 June the club sponsored a potluck dinner for 20 volunteers from PUSH America as they tour the US building ramps for people with disabilities.

## *Darien RC News*

The Darien Rotary Club has a goal of participating fully in the spirit of Rotary by addressing the Avenues of Service to the best of our abilities. The economic engine that drives our charitable endeavors is our annual auction.

### **Club Service**

Our club is committed to increasing quality membership by seeking outstanding candidates and inspiring them with the ideals of Rotary. We have cooperated on joint endeavors with neighboring Rotary Clubs and plan to expand that cooperation this and every year.

### **Community Service**

We plan to continue our deep involvement in the Darien community with our community programs:

\*Self-development Grants-in-Aid to residents of Darien total about \$20,000 per year.

\*Top Ten Percent Luncheon to recognize the high school seniors who have excelled scholastically (We have been joined by the Burr Ridge / Willowbrook Rotary in this program and will strengthen that bond in the coming year).

\*Carmelite Carefree Village Luncheon program – we meet with residents of a retirement center once a month and provide them with fellowship and entertainment.

### **International Service**

Our commitment to International Service expands yearly. This year, in addition to the polio eradication commitment we have made, we are participating substantially in a literacy program in Panama and are considering a considerable involvement in the Temple Solar Oven Project.

***The news we received from the RC of Evergreen Park will be included in the August issue since we could not open the file. Our apologies!***

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### *From the Editor's Desk*

Thank you to all the Rotarians who made this first issue possible. **August in Rotary is Membership and Extension Month.** The key to our success in promoting world understanding and peace is more committed members willing to give their time, efforts and funds to the cause of humanity. **PLEASE SEND ALL YOUR MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT ACHIEVEMENTS, SUGGESTIONS, THOUGHTS TO US.** Our issue next month will focus in our efforts in District 6450 to increase our membership. All our good programs depend on the quality and dedication of our Rotarians.

Special thanks to Rotarian **Lou Volodka** for his help and advice.

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### **On the Lighter Side**

**Rotarian Don Staley**, Rotary Club of Chicago/Rotary One, has shared with us the following comments on the English language:

*Let's face it, English is a crazy language. There is no egg in eggplant, nor ham in hamburger; neither apple nor pine in pineapple. English muffins weren't invented in England or French fries in France. Sweetmeats are candies, while sweetbreads, which aren't bread, are meat.*

*Sometimes I think all the English speakers should be committed to an asylum for the verbally insane. In what language do people recite at a play and play at a recital? Ship by truck and send cargo by ship? Have noses that run and feet that smell? How can a slim chance and a fat chance be the same, while a wise man and a wise guy are opposites?*

*English was invented by people, not computers, and it reflects the creativity of the human race, which, of course, is not a race at all.*

## **DISTRICT 6450 CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

### **TAKE NOTE AND MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

#### **2003**

July 11-13      **Central States Youth Exchange**  
Grand Rapids, Michigan

September TBD      **President's ROUNDTABLE**  
TBA

October 9-12      **Zone 27&28 GETS/Institute**  
South Bend, Indiana

#### **2004**

January 17      **President's ROUNDTABLE**  
TBA

April 29-30      **Rotary International District 6450 Conference**  
The Abbey, Fontana, Wisconsin

May 23-26      **95<sup>th</sup> Rotary International Convention**  
Osaka, Japan

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**July – Literacy Month**

**August – Membership and Extension Month**

**September – New Generations Month**

**October – Vocational Service Month**

**November – The Rotary Foundation Month**  
Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial  
Scholarship Applications become available  
**Week of 5 November – World Interact Week**

**December – Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholarships Awardees notified of their study institutions**

**January – Rotary Awareness Month**

**February – World Understanding Month**  
Second Week – Rotary Family Week  
**23 February – Rotary's Anniversary**

**March – Week of 13 March - World Rotaract Week**

**April – Magazine Month**

**May – Entries for RI Public Relations Award**  
**Must be submitted to RI headquarters (mid May)**

**May/June – Rotary International Convention**

## Focus on Area 5

### Naperville

The Rotary Club of Naperville continues to strive to engage all its members through individual contributions of time, talents, and treasures. Given our Club's dynamic growth of the past several years, we are enthusiastic with the potential that so many helping hands can bring. We look forward to continuing our involvement and support of vocational service activities such as the **Career Insight Program**, as well as involvement with youth through the Naperville Central High School **Interact Club**, **Youth Achievement Awards**, and several **Scholarship programs** our club sponsors. We are committed to continue our financial support of local charitable organizations such as Du Page Pads, Families Helping Families, and the Community Career Center among many others. Internationally, our Club continues a keen interest in the distribution of **Temple Solar Ovens** and maintaining our three-year financial commitment to PolioPlus. We also continue our goal of 100% of club membership as Paul Harris Fellows or sustaining members. Our two main fundraising projects this year remain '**Oktoberfest of Naperville**', and Rotary Club of Naperville '**House of Dreams Raffle**' which demand yearlong planning and preparation activities.

### Naperville Sunrise

Incoming club president Mary Ann Bobosky's plans for the upcoming Rotary year will focus on increasing the already active participation of its 90 members with a focus on the 4 avenues of service, each populated with experienced and enthusiastic chairs. Each service will have a member of the Board of Directors assigned as the Director in Charge to better facilitate communications between each service and club leadership. With three major and two minor fund-raising activities planned, the club is looking for a record setting year. The **Oktoberfest** this year will include a car raffle, the February Black Tie Ball will enter its 4<sup>th</sup> year and the Harley Raffle will be expanded to include additional prizes. **The RotaryRide bike ride** in August will host over 400 riders with all proceeds to benefit **DuPage PADS**. Community Service projects include the annual coat drive, holiday gift giving, loaves and fishes and two Clean Sweep projects (hands-on labor and materials during a weekend cleaning/repairing/painting local shelters and/or individuals in need). The club is also expanding its International Service activities to include a Honduran school project and an electric generation project to a small community in the mountains of Haiti. A joint committee with the Rotary Club of Naperville has been formed to begin development of programs and activities for the Centennial Convention.

### Oswego

The Rotary Club of Oswego is hard at work, learning the ropes during our first year. We have been gaining new members at a clip of almost two a month, putting us at 32 as of June 1st. Our club's major concern for this year is to formulate a couple of fundraisers that we can use to help light a fire, and create excitement and enthusiasm. On Father's Day weekend we sponsored a Duck Race in the Fox River which should net approximately \$ 3000.00 for the club. We also participated in the local parade, showing off our new club banner and leading off the marchers. Our next major event will be "**Polo for Polio**," a day long celebration and tailgater that will raise funds for Polio, of course, and a fund for injured Polo players. It will be **6 September 2003** on the east side of Oswego. We will have tailgating, a polo match, steak dinner, a live band, refreshments, and much more. As we begin to raise funds, the fun of discovering worthy causes and will begin to balance out our efforts for club members inclined to get their hands 'dirty'. We are sponsoring an international student, and hope to expand this to outbound the following year.

### Aurora Sunrise

The Aurora Sunrise Rotary Club is going into the new year with hope for growth and activity. Over the last six months, the club developed a three-year plan and set of objectives to carry the club through the next three years of Officer transitions. **In September, in conjunction with the Aurora Rotary Club and the Aurora-Naperville Club, we will be holding the first joint Recognition Dinner.** Club members will be recognized for service and in conjunction with the three Aurora Area Rotary Clubs, a new "Friend of Rotary" award will be given to a deserving member of the community who has aided the clubs in the "spirit" of Rotary. In March, the second annual Wine Tasting and Fundraiser will be held. Each month a "Fireside Chat" has been scheduled as a fellowship event and to provide needed orientation to new members. Club members are divided into teams, aptly named the Cubs and the Sox to compete month by month, inning by inning to recruit new and viable members to the club. We will be sponsoring six young people from the Aurora Area as **Rotary Youth Exchange Outbound Students**. They are Leah Zine - Spain, Dusta Leo - Slovakia, Grace Oland - Argentina, Rachel Storm - Germany, Samantha Stephans - Poland, and Courtney Cook - France.

**The Rotary Club of Aurora** will send information in the months ahead.

Thank you to **ADG John Colucci** for compiling this information.

## Rotary Programs for Youth

This year, one of the goals of District 6450 is to bring together and enhance the Rotary Programs for Youth. **RYLA, Interact, Youth Exchange, Ambassadorial Scholars** have functioned well in our District, but have functioned very separately. The opportunity is there to bring communication and coordination between these programs together so that Rotary volunteer efforts may be more efficient and the programs may feed off of each other in their intensity and effort.

**Geoff Korous of the Woodridge Club has been selected to head the RYLA committee**, and strong efforts are being made to ensure information has been given to all clubs. 90 attendees are expected this year. Each club president-elect was given information and forms to submit the name of the club liaison to the RYLA committee. By June 1<sup>st</sup>, each club may have secured up to two spaces for this program by sending in \$340, which is \$170 per participant and preparing a member of your club to be the liaison to this program. The students are asked to pay \$50 with their registration. After June 1<sup>st</sup> clubs may secure more slots in the same fashion. It is important to start student selection at this time.

There tends to be little time at the beginning of the school year. Consider sending your Inbound Exchange student and look to your Interact club for candidates. This is a program designed to develop leadership skills and students on the verge of breaking into leadership roles in the community are excellent selections.

We have 26 **Interact Clubs** in our District. In looking at the needs of Interact and Rotary, two things come up repeatedly. One, the variable activity from club to club, and the lack of communication and joint effort from club to club. A few Clubs are inactive while many Clubs are completing excellent projects for the local and international community. This is something we want to share, Interact Club to Interact Club, and Rotary Club to Rotary Club. This coming year four veteran Interact Advisors will serve as the District Chairs for Interact. **Julia Mullikin from Herscher HS, Lynne Nolan from Naperville Central HS, Suzanne Smart from Nequa Valley HS, and Gerald Lordon from Fenwick HS.** Under their leadership, monthly articles will appear in the District Newsletter about the good works of Interact Clubs. Two Interact Club Assemblies will be held to share ideas, support each others programs and to train Interact student leaders, a communication network of Interact Club Advisors and Rotary Club Liaisons to Interact Clubs will be established and one month will be designated for all Interact Clubs to sponsor a local fundraising effort to benefit Polio Plus.

It is the objective to find and develop ways for Interact Clubs to work together on projects to enhance their capabilities. The Rotary Club Liaisons to the Interact Clubs can support these goals through regular contact with their Interact Club and searching for projects where the Rotary Club and Interact Club can work together during the year. Additionally, we want the Interact Clubs to receive information about Rotary and Rotary programs, and have a strong presence at next year's District Conference. Clubs should begin early selecting Interact leaders to attend the District Conference.

Guy Groot, Chairman  
District 6450 Rotary Youth Exchange  
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*To be continued in our August issue.*

### **DG Chuck Johnson's official visits to clubs in August:**

04, Evergreen Park – 05, Lisle and Bolingbrook – 07, Chicago O'Hare and Chicago Northwest – 11, Chicago Heights – 12, Blue Island – 13, Aurora Sunrise and Addison – 14, Kankakee – 19, Brookfield – 20, Countryside and Oak Park-Riverside – 21, Lockport – 22, Naperville Sunrise and Hinsdale – 26, Oakbrook AM and Oakbrook – 28, Chicago Midwest and Chicago Financial District.

## International Service Committee

I would like to urge each club to have some form of activity which can qualify as international service. In our district, we already have several projects which can so qualify. **The Temple Solar Project, the Angola Project, the Heiffer Project, Seeds of Hope, Gift of Life, and Polio Eradication** are all international in nature. Support for all of these efforts would certainly constitute activity in the International Avenue of Service.

There are several projects which need matching grants for their conclusions. Rotary International maintains a list of worthwhile projects around the world in its World Community Service program. This can be accessed through [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org). It would be advantageous to have each club register its international projects with me so that a full picture of our district's international efforts can be assembled.

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## RACE TO THE FINISH RAISES \$13,500!

On Sunday, June 8, the sun came out just in time to warm the 300 runners, walkers and volunteers who participated in the **third annual Race to The Finish in support of polio eradication**. Chicago NBC 5 anchor, Alison Rosatti, launched the runners on their 8k run at precisely 8:00 am. She then sent the walkers on their 5k tour at 8:15 am. The first place runner Paul Stogryn crossed the finish line in 28 minutes 50 seconds. The first place walker, Nani Boyce finished in 37 minutes and 59 seconds. **The Race to The Finish is sponsored by both Rotary Districts 6450 and 6440**. We have sent a check to The Rotary Foundation in the amount of \$13,500 which when added to the contributions from the last race has raised a total of \$48,500 for the polio eradication campaign this Rotary year!

Everyone was a winner in this race! The funds will be used to help eradicate polio. The runners and walkers were in great shape and thoroughly enjoyed these scenic races through the lakefront of Evanston and Northwestern University. We had raffle prizes galore and the grand prize of a round trip air ticket for two to Manchester, England on BMI British Midland Airlines, was won by Stephanie Arnold, President-elect of the Rotary Club of Rogers Park. The volunteers did an excellent job and had great fun organizing and supporting the runners and walkers.

We want to express our deepest thanks to a number of organizations who sponsored the Race. These include: BMI British Midland Airlines, Harris Bank, William Blair & Company, the Rotary Club of Chicago Financial District, Dominick's on Dempster in Evanston, and Central Grocer's Cooperative. In addition to their financial contributions, donations were made for water, power bars, fruit and some amazing raffle prizes. Special thanks has to be given to Jim Vrettos of the Rotary Club of Chicago Financial District for organizing and keeping this Race on track. This Race was dedicated to Jim for all his hard work and successful efforts. Thanks also must be given to the City of Evanston for giving permission to close the streets and to use the wonderful services of the Evanston Police. Also, Northwestern University gave permission to use their lakefront and campus. The Chicago Area Runners Association provided advice and counsel, and made this an officially sanctioned race. We will hold the **fourth Annual Race to the Finish on 13 June 2004**. Stay tuned for news and start your training now!

Respectfully submitted by Rotarians Jim Vrettos,  
Gus Samios and Michael Diamond.

## ROTARY DISTRICT 6450 CONFERENCE

**29 April – 2 May 2004**

### Mark your calendars!

We will be going to the Abbey Resort & Spa on beautiful Lake Geneva. Our plan is to have a fun filled weekend with lots of sharing and learning! Come and expand your Rotary friendships and understanding.

**Marilyn Turner, Conference Promotions Chair,**  
can answer all your questions at  
[mtturner106@aol.com](mailto:mtturner106@aol.com).

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## ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION Osaka, Japan

**May 23-26, 2004**

If you are planning on attending the Osaka Convention, contact Rotarian Bob Keegan, Rotary Club of Morris, at his home phone 815.941.1196 or his work phone 630.891.7634.

The August issue will provide information on this wonderful celebration. **Start making your travel plans now!**



**District 6450 Attendance and Membership Report in June 2003**

**THE ROTARY FOUNDATION  
ROTARY DISTRICT 6450  
CONTRIBUTIONS REPORT  
MAY 31, 2003**

The information will be included in the August issue.

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**THANK YOU!**

<u>CONTRIBUTIONS CATEGORY</u>	<u>6/30/01</u>	<u>6/30/02</u>	<u>5/31/03</u>
RESTRICTED GIVING (YTD)	\$ 52,820	\$156,174	\$ 49,547
PERMANENT FUND (YTD)	\$104,824	\$ 25,350	\$ 246
POLIO ERADICATION (YTD)			<u>\$254,248</u>
<b>TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS (YTD)</b>	<b>\$304,980</b>	<b>\$341,289</b>	<b>\$390,729</b>
ROTARIANS IN DISTRICT	2,335	2,323	2,270
ANNUAL GIVING PER CAPITA	\$ 63.10	\$ 68.78	\$ 34.74
DDF SHARE AMOUNT (60%)	\$ 88,402	\$ 95,859	\$ 47,312
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