



Team 2003-2004 Newsletter

Chuck Johnson, District Governor 2003-2004



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The Rotary Experience



This is membership and extension month. It means that we work extra hard on bringing in new members this month. Club Presidents are calling to report their Clubs are bringing in new members as fast as they can. Our membership committee is about to launch its program for the year. The basis for any program is simple, JUST ASK!

I was at the Central States Youth Exchange meeting in Grand Rapids on 11, 12, and 13 July. I talked to many parents of rebound students. Three couples felt so indebted to Rotary they asked me how they could help. I asked each why they weren't Rotarians in their local club. All three said the same thing, they would like to join but didn't they have to be asked? Have we asked our neighbors, friends, associates and competitors to join? My official visits to each of the Clubs have started. I look forward to meeting with each of you at that time. In addition to doing PHF awards, it would be great to welcome several new members to our wonderful organization.

Good news! Each of the clubs has received its copies of the **District Directory**. The first edition of the **District's Newsletter** has been received by all the District membership. They were mailed to the address provided by the Club Secretaries to the District Secretary. The **District Website** has been redesigned and should be up by the time this newsletter is issued. The Directory information will be kept current on it. The **Orientation Committee** has had it's first dress rehearsal. They plan on taking the "SHOW" on the road in September. They are there to help members better understand the experience. Enjoyment through learning! Our **Gift of Life Committee** is continuing its mission of saving lives through operations in Chicago. They are expanding the committee's previous goal by training doctors closer to the patients to do the procedures more cheaply than here. Our **youth committees** are meshing like the gears of a well-oiled machine. The **RYLA Committee** is actively selling places at the October seminar. Your Club doesn't want to be left out of this experience. We are going to double our inbound and outbound long-term exchange this year. The world is getting smaller by the day. If our future leaders are going to be effective, they need the outbound experience. That is the "Shock & Awe" we can provide for peace and understanding. The **Foundation Committee** (including the four club reps) will soon be ready to receive grant requests for local and international projects. It is an awesome responsibility to decide which projects are funded and which are not. In many cases the decision is who lives and who dies. Rotary's strength is an active, growing membership. Don't sit on the sidelines. Get in the game!

Chuck Johnson, District Governor

A New Rotary Year and a New TRF Humanitarian Grants Structure

by James Robinson, President of the RC of Chicago-Rogers Park

As a member of The Rotary Foundation staff and Rotarian, I am pleased to share with you an update on Foundation programs. I hope you will find this information useful in accessing funds from TRF for your club's local and international service projects as well as learning more about ways to give to The Rotary Foundation.

As of 31 December 2002, TRF phased out the following grant programs: New Opportunities Grants, Helping Grants, Transportation Grants, Discovery Grants, Grants for Rotary Volunteers and the Community Assistance Program. These grants were phased out in an effort to simplify the application and payment procedures among multiple grant types. In their place three new and improved grant programs were created.

Matching Grants continue in the new structure to support Rotary clubs and districts as they address humanitarian conditions that benefit communities in need and require a partnership between clubs in two different countries. TRF provides a 100% match to contributions from District Designated Funds and a 50% match to cash contributions made by clubs for a project. Grants are awarded from \$2000 to \$150,000. Applications requesting over \$25,000 are considered on a competitive basis at the trustee meetings and must be submitted by 1 August and 1 January each year. All other applications are received from 1 July to 31 March each year. Due to current economic conditions and poor investment returns as well as increased demand for funding, the Matching Grants budget has been exhausted before the end of the two previous years. Clubs are encouraged to submit complete applications as early in the year as possible to be considered for funding.

Sample international service projects eligible for Matching Grants might include:

- Shipping costs to transport medical supplies to a hospital
- Purchasing medical equipment, furniture, supplies for an orphanage
- Purchasing solar ovens for use
- Installing bore wells for clean drinking water

Individual Grants will support the travel of individual Rotarians planning or implementing service projects. Individual Grants will service the same needs as Discovery Grants and Grants for Rotary Volunteers which were phased-out. This is the only program that makes grants available for travel. With an Individual Grant up to five Rotarians, and their spouses. Rotaractors, or qualified TRF Alumni can receive up to \$6,000 for their airfare and eligible travel expenses. Grants are awarded based on the number of days of service, the minimum service term is 5 days and the maximum is 60 days.

Sample Individual Grants projects might include:

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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.

Towards Chicago 2005



The 2005 RI Convention celebrating 100 years of Rotary is a very special event for Rotarians all over the world. For Rotarians in the counties and districts surrounding Chicago, as well as all Rotarians in the state of Illinois (from SE Wisconsin to SW Michigan), is a very special honor and with this honor come a number of challenges. Committees are quickly forming.

All Rotarians in District 6450, as well as the other districts, will be called upon to join the team. It will take a team of thousands to produce a special event that Chicago is honored to have. Please contact **Terry Mueller, Volunteers Chair, 2005 Convention Host Organization Committee, at 815-459-2176 or 815-477-0267.** Terry will send you immediately the forms to register. Join the team!

PDG Brian Andersen, Vice Chair
2005 Convention Host Organization Com.
E-mail address: brian@brianandersen.net

Meet the Partners

**By Susie Johnson, wife
of DG Chuck Johnson**

The Rotary Family

In our household, Rotary is a regular feature, sort of like turning on the TV or the radio; and it pretty much has been since Chuck joined Rotary October 30th, 1990.

While he was President in 1994 –1995, Chuck was furiously trying to do so many things for the Morris Rotary Club, I made a point to be available and to help.

He would get inspirations and I would present them. He would need a brochure, I would design it with his help. He would need an outline typed or a speech typed and so on and on it went.

When he wanted to be a District Governor, I knew he couldn't do it while I was teaching. I said, "couldn't you wait till I retire." There just wasn't any way I could give him the degree of help that we knew it would require. So he waited.

I retired the summer of 2001 from teaching, a job I held for 30 years, to become my husband's Real Estate Office Secretary. When he threw his hat in the ring for the District Governor's job, I knew I was in for the long haul. My husband doesn't do things half way. So now, I am also the District Governor's private secretary.

So when Reina asked me to talk about what a Partner does in Rotary, I reflect back on what I have done for Rotary through Chuck and what I am doing for Rotary now. Simply put, I do whatever is needed...

I have started several local organizations and know the work that is involved in keeping organizations afloat and the care that is needed to keep members connected. I have a lot of sympathy for Chuck and the District leaders when they talk about the strengths and weaknesses of the District. So I have made it my goal to improve communications. I have published many lists for Chuck since his team began their work last year and will continue to see them updated if necessary.

After attending the workshops for Partners at the Zone Institute last year and the International Assembly in Anaheim this year, I picked up more hints on how Partners can help. Silly as it sounds, "Pillow Talk" and "Laying out the Wardrobe" are important jobs. I do those also. Much of being a District Governor is in being well presented and being on time. When you see me watching the clock that probably means Chuck has another meeting; or it has been a long day.

I am not doing anything any other Past District Governor's Lady didn't or wouldn't have done if she had the means. The teamwork that evolves from "Partners in Rotary" putting their best foot forward.....in my mind, is the epitome of "The Rotary Family" working together.

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A New Rotary Year and a New TRF Humanitarian Grants Structure

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- Air, hotel and food expenses to travel to another country to plan a future humanitarian service project (i.e. planning a potable water project in Ghana)
- Air, hotel and food expenses to travel to another country to provide direct service to a community in need (i.e. providing dental care to the poor in Thailand)

District Simplified Grants will support the international or local service activities or humanitarian endeavors of Rotary clubs and districts. District Simplified Grants will service the same needs as Helping Grants, Humanitarian Transportation Grants, New Opportunity Grants and the Community Assistance Program; all of which were phased out of the Humanitarian Grants Program. Only Rotary Districts are eligible to apply for these funds and once the funds are received, the District Rotary Foundation Committee is authorized to distribute these funds for local and international projects that they select based on the criteria that they establish. Sample District Simplified Grants projects might include:

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In Memoriam

We were greatly saddened by news of the passing of **Rotarian Jim Vrettos**, member of the Rotary Club of Chicago Financial District, whose remarkable leadership contributed to the eradication of polio through the Race to the Finish, a joint activity of Districts 6450 and 6440. We also received the sad news of the death of **Mrs. Margaret E. McKeon**, mother of Past District Governor Lollie McKeon. Our heartfelt condolences to both families.

Interact Corner

Focus on **Herscher High School Interact Club** by Julia Mullikin, District Interact Co-Chair

Over 70 Interactors in this rural community 60 miles southwest of Chicago, sponsored by the Kankakee Rotary Club, have built a memorial garden, helped the Salvation Army and the local chapter of the American Red Cross, organized bingo parties for the elderly, and donated clothing and needed items to people in the community. Each year, they hold car washes and raise money for the four rural fire departments. At international level, they have collected and sent 20 boxes of much needed items for American Armed Forces in Afghanistan. They have also contributed eight small solar ovens to Honduras and Dominican Republic. They have been named Unicef Ambassadorial Sponsor for their donation of \$ 1,100.00 to the PolioPlus campaign. Another favorite project is packaging food for "Feeding Children Worldwide." The Interactors and the Rotarians who sponsor them are a true example of our motto "Service Above Self."

For information on Interact, please contact Julia at Mullikin@hsd2.k12.il.us.

From the desk of Chris Reilly, District Governor-Elect



For me, August has always been a month for reflection. In my youth, it was enjoying the last delights of summer in preparation for the return to school. As an adult, it was to pause and reflect while taking a vacation from the workplace. During my entire life, it was the annual celebration acknowledging the fact of my birth. In a way, August has always meant savoring the past and present with an eye towards the future. Since 1974, Rotary has been a significant part of those reflections. As we continue to polish our plans for our Centennial festivities, it is neither too late nor too early to reflect on how we can make the Centennial Year the best yet!

All the wonders done around the globe by Rotary in the name of peace and understanding had their origins in the ideas of individual Rotarians or some small groups of Rotarians. Indeed, each Rotarian has the opportunity and responsibility to set the standards for Service Above Self. Did you ever look at yourself in that light? When you consider the depth of your commitment to service, Is It "the Truth"? If you do not take this responsibility seriously, Is It "Fair to All Concerned?" Almost every time I visit a Rotary Club, I marvel at the diversity Rotary Clubs display in their approach to service. I come away feeling good about Rotary, good about myself for being a part of Rotary, and knowing that the needs of the various communities are being served in a special way because of Rotary.

It really is very simple. Individual Rotary Clubs are what make Rotary Great. Take time this month to reflect on your Club. With almost 29 years in

the Darien Rotary, I have experienced numerous highs and some lows. Although we rarely had a membership exceeding 25, we always had great fellowship and we never lacked for doing great things for the Darien community. During lows, and even highs for that matter, it is easy to pat yourself on the back for your contribution, and judge the shortcomings of other members. I am an optimist by nature, but I learned early in the game that, at best, I really only have control and full knowledge of myself. I have some control as to what I contribute. Judging is of little, if any, value and is contrary to Building Good Will and Better Friendships.

As I said earlier, each of us has the responsibility to lead. We lead in our own individual way and according to our abilities at any given time. Thus, do your thing and others will do theirs. Do it at 110% and others are sure to follow. Quit worrying about what others are not doing, just do what you can do. What happens will be Beneficial To All Concerned. I did not start out to write a treatise on The Four Way Test, but doesn't it fit?

As we experience another great August and a good start to Chuck Johnson's Rotary Year, take some time to think how you and your Club can further the ideals of Rotary in your community.

Featured in this issue:

Aurora

80 years of leadership... Work Program Highlights: Quad County Urban League Golf Outing to promote the expansion of its Farnsworth Youth Services Campus; distribution of dictionaries to all 3rd graders in Aurora; career days in Aurora schools; 18 new members in 2003-2004; mentoring program at McCleary School; partnership with Aurora Cares Corporation; sponsorship of an overseas solar oven project; Christmas in April project; participation in district RYLA; Rosary Interact Club.

Oswego

On 6 September, from 02:30 to 10:00 pm, the Oswego Rotary Club is sponsoring a **Polo for Polio** event at the John Greene family's polo field at 34 Rance Road in Oswego. Tickets are \$ 125.00 per person and include parking, polo match, outback steakhouse dinner, drinks and entertainment. All proceeds go to polio eradication and other charities sponsored by the club. To participate please contact Andrew Harrod at 630-859-8793 (h) or 630-859-8848b (w).

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**Give the gift that keeps on giving:
Recruit a new Rotarian!**

Review your classification list

Contact PDG Irv Kaplan, District Membership Chair, if you need advice or have any questions concerning membership development or extension. PDG Irv has written a detailed essay on the subject. For copies and examples, please contact him at pdgikaplan@aol.com.

District 6450 Rotary Foundation Committee

How can our club get a grant for a humanitarian project? Grants are available on a competitive basis for your club to support humanitarian needs around the world as well as those within your own community. Matching Grants are for international projects. District Simplified Grants may be used internationally or locally. Individual grants are available for seeking/implementing overseas projects.

Information and applications:

www.rotary.org/foundation/grants/structure/index.html

Committee Chair: **Fred Otto**, email: ottolaw@ix.netcom.com, tel: 847-698-1160

What international exchange opportunities are supported by The Rotary Foundation?

Rotary Centers for International Studies in Peace and Conflict

Resolution: The Rotary Foundation's priority educational program is based on a partnership with eight leading universities around the world. Each year, Rotary will select 70 scholars to study at one of the seven Rotary Centers worldwide.

Information and applications:

rotary.org/foundation/educational/amb_scho/centers/index.html

Committee Chair: **Bob White**, email: minervawhite@aol.com, tel: 773-667-3039.

Ambassadorial Scholarships Program: The world's largest privately funded international scholarships sponsors several types of scholarships for undergraduate and graduate students as well as for qualified professionals pursuing vocational studies.

Information and applications:

www.rotary.org/foundation/educational/amb_scho/index.html

Committee Chair: **Rick Quackenbush**, email rwq46@comcast.net, tel: 630-844-5319.

Group Study Exchange (GSE): This program is a unique cultural and vocational exchange opportunity for young business and professional men and women between the ages of 25 and 40 and in the early years of their professional lives.

Information and applications:

www.rotary.org/foundation/educational/gse/index.html

Committee Chair: **Richard Ziegfeld**, email: ziegfeld@earthlink.net, tel: 815-436-9052.

Grants for University Teachers: They provide funds to higher education faculty to travel abroad to teach at colleges and universities in developing countries

Information and applications:

www.rotary.org/foundation/educational/un_teach/index.html

Contact **Rick Quackenbush**, email rwq46@comcast.net, tel: 630-844-5319.

Contact District Rotary Foundation Chair Paul Carpenter at carpentp@rotaryintl.org with your key questions.

Rotarians Do Make the Difference, 2nd part
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.

The other story has to deal with pediatrics. Dr. Jeff Blumenthal and Nurse Ann Scoigletti spent two days dealing with infant children in the clinic. The conditions were less than the standards we have in the United States. The experience left a lasting impression on Nurse Scoigletti. In her own words, she writes, “it’s been several months since I’ve been home and I can’t get the sights, smells, and sounds of the hospital in Cusco out of my mind.

We went down to Peru on a noble, worthy mission. I am sure that in the opinion of those we served during our short week, we came back heroes.

After I got over two days of altitude sickness, an experience similar to a prolonged hangover without the pleasure of the “night before,” I went to work in the pediatric outpatient clinic. This place is not like anywhere we would bring our kids here in the US — not if you loved them.” Nurse Ann continues, “those three rooms made our most impoverished clinic look state of the art! The exam rooms consist of a table, two chairs, and a torn up exam table. The floors, closets and windows are bare. There are no curtains or blinds to block the view of the curious adults and children waiting their turn outside the clinic doors. There are no disposable exam table covers or gowns for the children who need to undress. When parts of their bodies needed to be exposed for exam purposes, we had to strategically place our own bodies in front of theirs so that the onlookers from the windows and the hole in the door where the handle should have been cannot see.

Performing a physical was often a challenge. Equipment that we consider a standard, non-negotiable item is a luxury there. They had one blood pressure cuff, in one size only, for all of the kids. The otoscope, the light source used to look in the ears, was shared among three rooms and was taped together. The cover for it, which is a disposable item in any country was wiped with alcohol and reused again and again. They had one glass mercury thermometer available, the kind that has been banned in the US due to its potential hazards. We had to bring our own gloves and there was only one sink in the entire clinic to wash our hands. There was nothing to suction a sick baby’s snotty nose, nothing to collect a quick urine sample for a child with a probable urinary track infection, and no rapid throat culture swabs to check for strep throat. These standard items that could be found in any pediatric office in the US just didn’t make the top of the “must have” list

in Peru. Ironically, there may have been some sense to this, as we rarely saw a snotty nosed baby or a child with a urinary tract infection or a kid with strep throat. We saw worse, much worse. What came in through our doors was unbelievable. Some walked, but many were wheeled in or carried by their mothers. Many children with undiagnosed cerebral palsy and seizure disorders came to see us in these few days. Was it a result of poor prenatal care and unattended home births? The “American doctors”, as we were called, had to tell mothers that their children would never be able to walk, would never be like the other kids, and they may even die...soon. They would ask how children like theirs were cared for in the US and we would stutter while trying to find the words because we did not want to tell them that in America, even the sickest of our poorest children can get good medical care and have a chance at a decent life. Would it be right to tell them? It is not an option for them; it is not their reality. Kids with gastrointestinal parasites were also common. Clearly, they needed to be treated, as the distress they were experiencing was disturbing. However, what was to prevent the same problem from recurring? The health department, if there is one, cannot eradicate the problem. I don’t think Hinckley and Schmidt deliver to Peru. It’s a vicious cycle without a good solution. Children and their families walked up to 18 hours to have the chance to see the “American doctors.” They waited for many more hours outside the hospital. Sometimes they slept out on the street overnight waiting for their turn. As many as we saw, more just kept coming. No matter what we did; what medicines we gave; what we told them (good or bad); they were always grateful. They always said “thank you.” Finally, when we absolutely could not stay any longer to see any more patients, we had to turn people away. It was explained to the mothers that the regular doctors would be available to them in the morning, but the mothers said, “They’re not equal.” Why aren’t we equal? Isn’t health care and medicine a universal concept? Isn’t an exchange of ideas throughout the medical world the norm? Is it a problem of knowledge or resources? I would think it’s a combination of both, plus a multitude of other problems. I suppose that you cannot demand excellence, quality, and efficiency if you have never seen it and aren’t sure what it is. Here in the US, it is clear to all of the have-nots what the others have. In countries like Peru, where there is such a separation of services, where those who have look like working class people by US standards, the difference may be hard to see. I don’t know, I’m not a politician or a sociologist. I am not sure if our mission made a significant impact on the state of the world, but I do believe it made an impact on the lives of some very special people in a small city in Peru.”

Overall, the mission was a great success. We helped so many people and truly made a difference in their lives. I would strongly suggest every Rotarian go on a mission of some type, whether in your neighboring community or internationally. It gives you a better appreciation of what you have and you realize why you became involved in Rotary.

On the Lighter Side

Rotarian William Brace, Rotary Club of Oak Park-River Forest, has written a delightful **Interact/Harry Potter scenario**. Think about it.

As Harry approaches adulthood, questions arise: Is Hogwarts ready for a Interact Club? Internal conflict between the two major houses suggest that a good dose of The Four Way Test might be in order. On the other hand, the four Houses are fertile grounds for implementing great programs of Service Above Self. Opportunities abound in the magical kingdom to provide service to the illiterate, the socially distraught, the outcast and those less privileged. So, clearly, Hogwarts could benefit by a Interact Club. Can Harry be its President?

Although intellectually Harry is a born Rotarian, his early life with the Dursleys has conflicted him for leadership. Further, his reliance on the wand as a major administrative tool suggests that he might jump to conclusions providing solutions that later might not be the best. In other words, Harry does not utilize the customary Rotary committee approach. Harry's conflict with He Who Shall Not Be Named is in total conflict with the philosophy of Paul Harris and must be revised if Harry is to succeed as an adult. If this conflict is not resolved, it will hang over Harry long after he could possibly have served the Rotary cause. Let's take only one Rotary program and consider how Harry might solve it. Rotary's approach to PolioPlus has been to ask all to participate in the collection of money and many of us to line up volunteers in various countries to administer the program. Rotary has also approached organizations such as the World Health Organization for its cooperation. True, in many respects Rotary has practiced checkbook charity towards PolioPlus but it is (and will) getting (get) the job done. Harry and Hermione, on the other hand, seemingly will spend hours of research in the library searching for the universal spell which will render the polio virus ineffective with a twist of their collective wand. Effective? Yes but not very much like a Rotarian. Likewise, Harry must make some kind of peace with his relatives even at the expense of some of his independence. His uncle is not apt to listen to reason but Harry needs to give it the old fashioned "college try" and talk to him. He needs to trim the pigtail of his cousin and he needs, desperately, to lead his cousin to the custom of healthy eating and away from the gluttony which makes him repulsive.

Could Hogwarts tolerate a Interact? Well, it seems the students need it and the faculty can become a little more tolerant of differences. The stumbling block is, of course, Dumbledore. An old fashioned autocrat, benevolent but demanding, understanding but not communicative, intelligent but not very practical, so filled with power he doesn't need to consider his powers, so arrogant he doesn't need to consider humility. Somewhat like the Welsh mythological rulers, Dumbledore is all powerful when he doesn't need to be and doesn't exercise his powers when he needs to be. In other words, he is a meddler at times and a blind friend at other times. What does he do when the Interact President approaches? It could be the worst thing possible but with the best of intentions based on the way his sweet tooth is churning at the moment. The school can tolerate Interact but Dumbledore cannot and there is no other analysis--Dumbledore is ageless and irreplaceable; remove him and you'd destroy the school.

But, maybe Dumbledore could change? The best policy would be to try Interact first and hope for the best. In this context, Ron is the most desirable of potential Rotarians--kind, considerate, full of fellowship and consideration for others, an individual born of cooperation and consideration for others, Ron is a kind of walking The Four Way Test and his ability to use chess for the solving of problems is marvelous. He would, I'm sure, forsake the wand for the Committee Structure. He would reach out to Slytherin for the best of all possibilities though he would still be hell for Quiddich.

Sorry, Harry, but those headaches and that scar on the forehead mean the highest you can go is Chair of the Program Committee at which you will succeed because everyone knows you, loves you and will do anything for you. Good luck!

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From the Editor's Desk

Thank you to all the Rotarians who made this issue possible. **September in Rotary is New Generations Month.** Please send your articles on your experiences with Interact, RYLA, Youth Exchange. Our youth will shape the future of our communities. It is up to us to provide a supporting environment so they can build their roads.

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

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Gift of Life Program

Gift of Life, a program which offers life saving or life changing surgical procedures for children from around the world, needs your help. The program is operating this year as a combined effort of District 6450 and 6440. The Program is currently in need of old, accumulated and never used frequent flyer miles on United Airlines. The miles can help defer the cost to bring patients and their families to the Chicago area for scheduled surgeries. If you can help by donating your unused miles, please contact me, George Harris, MD, Chairperson, Gift of Life, District 6450, at my e-mail address, gfhmd@ameritech.net, or call 708-460-9003.

RI Presidential Citation

On 14 July, the **Oak Lawn Rotary Club** received a Presidential Citation for 2002-2003. The purpose of the Citation is to recognize and increase the Clubs' involvement in all four avenues of service. Past District Governor James Ahstrom presented the award to Jeanine Shotas at her first meeting as Club President. Other District 6450 Clubs receiving this Citation are **Naperville** and **Chicago Rogers Park**.

Congratulations to the three clubs for their accomplishments!

DISTRICT 6450 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

TAKE NOTE AND MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

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| August 9
8:00 am – 2:00 pm | Rotary Foundation Area Seminar – Zone 27
Hampton Inn, Gurnee |
| September TBD | President's ROUNDTABLE
TBA |
| September 22
7:00 pm - 8:30 pm | First Membership Orientation Meeting – Area 6 |
| October 9-12 | Zone 27&28 GETS/Institute
South Bend, Indiana |
| October 17-19 | RYLA
George Williams College, WI |
| October 25 | District Rotary Foundation Seminar - TBA |
| November 14 | Joliet Rotary Club 90th Anniversary Celebration
Renaissance Center, Joliet |

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| January 17 | President's ROUNDTABLE
TBA |
| April 29-30 | Rotary International District 6450 Conference
The Abbey, Fontana, Wisconsin |
| May 23-26 | 95th Rotary International Convention
Osaka, Japan |

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- 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 11

Chicago Heights

The Rotary Club of Chicago Heights is in its 82nd year of service. One of our member's Frank Mikos just received honors for his 43rd year of perfect attendance.

On July 22nd we had our annual Corn and pig roast for the past four decades at a local park. We also celebrate with other fellowship events such as a holiday party for our club, a holiday party for the Glenwood School kids in conjunction with the Homewood club, we have a day devoted to the kids of our Rotary Club on Columbus Day. We have two major fundraisers during the year: a citrus sale in the Fall/Winter and a Spring raffle. We are starting a new year round fundraiser for our club where we collect toner and ink jet cartridges and recycle them for cash.

The project we are going to work on this year are to finish a continuing water retention and distribution project in the Dominican Republic. We are looking at a pedestrian bridge project to cross a river in a remote area of India. Locally we are studying the needs of our community to see where we can help. Also we will be replacing some trees from our adopted Hwy called Rotary Way. The 40+ trees were from a previous project, some have been damaged or knocked down.

Our Club area serves four High Schools, we will be giving scholarships to one student from each school that lives and shares their lives according to The Four Way Test. We will also be promoting the Four Way Test essay contest to our local grade schools that is being promoted by our district 6450.

Lansing

The Lansing Rotary Club plans to continue its spouses' events, golf outing, club picnic in Rotary Park, perfect attendance months, and three fundraisers: the raffle, wine tasting party, and BBQ chicken sale, in the upcoming year. The club will also be planting three new trees in Lansing Rotary Park, participating in the Easter egg hunt, and being part of a float in the Lansing Good Neighbor Parade. They will also initiate a Lansing Citizen of the Year Award while continuing with the Annual Citizenship Awards for the Lansing Elementary Students, the Top 10% banquet for the high school students, the High School Scholarship donations, the Kleb's Scholarship donation, and the Educator of the year awards. The club also honors two high school students each month for their outstanding achievements.

Homewood

The Homewood Rotary Club was chartered in 1936. The club supports a wide variety of local as well as international projects. We are currently preparing for Homewood Days. The club will be sponsoring a booth, passing out literature about Rotary and baking cookies in a sun oven. In December the club will sponsor a very special Christmas at the Glenwood School. Rotarians purchase presents for the children from a wish list, stand around the Christmas tree and sing songs and share pizza, and quality time with the students. The Homewood Rotary club is preparing for its 20th Annual Free Family Health Fair in the spring. Last year, over 1300 people took part of more than 35 free screenings. In 2000, the Health Fair received the Significant Achievement Award from Rotary International. In May we will be taking part in a medical mission to Cusco, Peru. The mission will forever make a positive impact on the lives of people that have nowhere else to turn. This year the club will be reading books to grade school children, and sponsoring a senior luncheon, a booth at the Homewood Chamber Expo, and a dance at a local school. The Homewood Rotary Foundation supports all of our projects. The foundation has begun a very unique annual giving program.

The Homewood Rotary club is proud to be the home of District Governor Nominee Rick Thiernau, District Secretary Jerry Palm, and Assistant District Governor Michael Slevnik. For more information, please contact www.homewoodrotary.org

Matteson

The Matteson Rotary Club is preparing for an art auction fundraiser which will be held on 23 October at Sgt. Means Park in Olympia Fields, Illinois. The club is also considering several possible fellowship events. The club will continue to be involved in a number of community service and international service projects. Last year, the club gave a generous donation to the Homewood Rotary Club's Cusco medical mission in Peru. Each month the presidents of the Rotary Clubs of Matteson, Homewood, Chicago Heights, Lansing, and Park Forest meet for breakfast. They are currently exploring the possibility of having a joint project/fundraiser this year.

See **Park Forest Rotary Club** article on page 11.

Rotary Programs for Youth, 2nd part

Short Term Youth Exchange continues to be available and this year our District is sponsoring four Outbound Short Term Exchanges and will receive six Inbound Short Term Exchanges in return. The scope of this program is open to grow. Short Term Youth Exchange is typically for one month in duration, open to 15 to 18 year old youth and reciprocal in action. It is reciprocal in that it is expected that a student is hosted for each one sent. **Gary Woll of the Maywood Rotary Club is our District's Chairperson for this program.**

Long Term Youth Exchange continues as we are preparing ten students currently to our Outbound Ambassadors for the 03-04 Academic Year. At the same time eleven clubs are preparing to host students from around the World. As with all District Committees, the Youth Exchange Committee exists "to help the individual clubs advance the object of Rotary."

The opportunity of International Service offered by involvement in the Youth Exchange program is available to all clubs in the District. The District committee is ready and available to support the local clubs in their recruitment and preparation of local students to be Outbounds from our District to live and learn about culture and life in any one of forty countries where they will be hosted by fellow Rotarians. Most importantly, we are available to support local clubs in hosting a foreign student as an Inbound to our District for a year of study and learning.

To advance our ability to support and prepare local clubs for these endeavors, six Rotarians will serve as area Inbound or Outbound coordinators for specific areas of our District. Let me take a moment to mention that **Jim Chestnut, Chicago Heights RC**, will continue as Outbound Coordinator, a job he has held continuously for over twenty five years. **Judy Ellertson of Downers Grove** and **Peter Dominguez of Aurora** will each serve as Assistant Outbound Coordinator and be responsible for an area of the District. **Jon Haesler of Aurora Sunrise** will continue as Inbound Coordinator and **Mike Casey of Orland Park** and **Vince Castellanoz of Bradley-Bourbonnais** will serve as assistant Inbound Coordinators and be responsible for an area of the District. **Charley Zine of Aurora will serve the District Committee as Publicity Chair** and **Paul McHenry of Homewood will continue as Treasurer.**

Each President has been given information about Youth Exchange. Committing now gives ample time to secure host families and prepare to host. Particularly, we would like to increase our Inbound commitment for 04-05. Those are the students who will be here with us when we as a District have the opportunity to have the 100th anniversary RI convention, right here, in "The Birthplace of Rotary."

As part of Central States Rotary Youth Exchange, our District works with 15 other Midwestern Districts on this project. Although the most populace, of the 16 Districts, by far we do not lead the pack on this program. For example, District 6290, comprised of parts of lower and upper Michigan, probably has a population of some 600,000 people. Last year they hosted over forty Inbound students and thirty two clubs in that District participated in the program. Our numbers pale in comparison. So, I leave you with a challenge. Let's raise our number to 30 clubs in 04!!!!

Guy Groot, Chairman
District 6450 Rotary Youth Exchange
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DG Chuck Johnson's official visits to clubs in August/September: 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 – 22, Naperville Sunrise and Hinsdale – 25, Manteno - 26, Oakbrook AM and Oakbrook – 28, Chicago Midwest and Chicago Financial District – 02, Cicero – 04, Aurora-Naperville – 05, Lansing – 08, Oak Lawn – 09, Darien – 10, Bradley-Bourbonnais – 11, Berwyn – 12, LaGrange – 16, Western Springs and Bensenville – 17, Oswego and Dwight – 19, Tinley Park – 22, Plainfield – 23, Chicago and Chicago-Rogers Park – 25, Burr Ridge and Chicago-Southeast – 29, Aurora Noon – 30, Norridge Harwood.

Top Giver Clubs in District 6450

Top Per Capita Giving

Darien \$379.24
Hinsdale \$229.58
Moraine Valley (Palos Hills) \$200

Top Total Giving

Naperville \$15,550
Joliet \$12,585
Hinsdale \$12,168

Congratulations to the top giving clubs and Rotarians of District 6450. Thanks to their heartfelt generosity, many of our brothers and sisters around the world, young and old, will be fed, clothed, educated, and protected against disease. All this was made possible by people who care and who give to The Rotary Foundation. **In response to the generosity of these clubs, Governor Chuck has determined that representatives from each of them will be invited to participate in the decision making process for awarding District 6450 funds to club projects.**

Park Forest

From page 9, Focus on Area 11

Park Forest Rotary Club meetings are televised by the local cable station. Plans for this year include a Spring Concert to raise funds for PolioPlus while showcasing area youth and a few professional singers; Rotary presence at the local Farmers' Market and Air Fair where members sell their hand crafted wren houses and bird seed; the "Do-It-Yourself" Messiah in December; and the usual poinsettia plants sale.

The club partners with a local bank to support children through a mentoring program

Thanks to **ADG Michael Slevnik** for compiling the information on the five clubs in Area 11.

Use of Rotary Wheel Logo in Obituaries

In an effort to promote public awareness about Rotary, **Dick McKay**, President of the Rotary Club of Chicago/Rotary One, and **Barbara Dwyer**, Assistant District Governor, brought to our attention that the Rotary Wheel Logo was used for the first time by the Chicago Tribune in the obituary of Rotarian Jim Vrettos. Over a year ago, Barbara had sent the logo and RI contact information to the Chicago Tribune when she realized that our logo was not in the newspaper database for death paid announcements.

"When the community sees its leaders were Rotarians, as evidenced by the use of the wheel in the obituaries of deceased Rotarians, it is excellent public relations for Rotary," says Dick McKay.

All Rotarians should encourage their local papers to offer the same opportunities in their obituary sections.



ROTARY DISTRICT 6450 CONFERENCE

29 April – 2 May 2004

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 mturner106@aol.com.

2003-2004

**ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION
Osaka, Japan**

May 23-26, 2004

The tentative program includes pre-convention activities on 20-22 May, the opening ceremony of the convention on the evening of 23 May, and wonderful activities such as the House of Friendship, discussion workshops, host hospitality night, park fiesta, closing ceremony.

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.

Our website is up and running.

Go to

www.rotary6450.org

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For more information about the programs of The Rotary Foundation, visit the website at: <http://www.rotary.org/foundation/programs.html>

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- Purchasing books for your local library or school to improve literacy
- Shipping humanitarian aid to a country in need
- Installing playground equipment in a community park

In addition to these three programs, your club may also consider utilizing:

Blane Community Immunization Program grants to fund a locally sponsored immunization project. This program provides a match up to \$1000 for cash or District Designated Fund contributions made by clubs in the United States that form coalitions with local health agencies to sponsor immunization events in the community. Clubs are only eligible to receive one grant from this program.

All applications should be reviewed and signed prior to forwarding them to TRF by the District Grants Subcommittee Chair, Fred Otto. Any requests to utilize District Designated Funds for a project should be forward to the District Rotary Foundation Chair, Paul Carpenter.

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

Club	Attendance % for month	Meetings held	Members 6/31/03	Attendance rank	
Addison					37
Aurora					38
Aurora Sunrise	66.5	4	22		15
Aurora Naperville	70.0	4	18		20
Bensenville	55.0	4	14		27
Berwyn	73.0	4	13		12
Blue Island Crestwood		4			39
Bolingbrook	56.7	4	26		25
Bradley Bourbonnais	59.0	4	41		23
Broadview		4			40
Brookfield Riverside		4			41
Burr Ridge Willowbrook		4			42
Chicago/Rotary One	36.9	4			9
Chicago Financial District	78.0	5	32		43
Chicago Heights		4			44
Chicago Midwest		4			45
Chicago Northwest		4			46
Chicago O'Hare		4			36
Chicago Rogers Park	37.9	4	29		35
Chicago Southeast		4			47
Chicago Southwest		4			48
Cicero	67.25	4	24		19
Countryside		4			49
Darien	69.0	4	30		16
Downers Grove	56.0	4	51		26
Dwight		4			50
Elmhurst	64.0	4	53		22
Elmhurst Morning		4	15		51
Evergreen Park	64.5	5	22		21
Franklin Park	46.0	4	12		33
Hinsdale	76.6	4	52		10
Hinsdale Oak Brook Gateway	59.0	4	28		24
Homewood	73.2	4	65		11
Joliet	79.0	4	157		8
Kankakee	49.0	4	38		30
LaGrange	84.2	4	29		3
Lansing		4			52
Lisle	68.4	4	23		17
Lockport		4			53
Manteno	82.0	5	29		5
Matteson	68.0	4	25		18
Maywood	79.4	4	17		7
Melrose Park		4			54
Moraine Valley	87.5	4	8		2
Morris	51.0	4	36		29
Naperville		4			55

Naperville Sunrise		4		56
New Lenox	47.0	4		31
Norridge Harwood Heights	71.0	4	13	14
Oak Brook		4		57
Oak Forest		4		58
Oak Lawn	84.2	4	29	4
Oak Park River Forest		4		59
Orland Park		4		60
Oswego	72.0	4	30	13
Park Forest	81.8	4	29	6
Plainfield		4		61
Romeoville		4		62
Tinley Park Frankfort		4		63
Western Springs	93.5	4	15	1
Westmont	46.3	4	34	32
Wilmington	54.1	4	18	28
Woodridge	40.0	5	29	34