



# Team 2003-2004 Newsletter



Lend a Hand

Chuck Johnson, District Governor 2003-2004

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- Start an Interact Club and help it grow
- Send a student to visit another country
- Mentor the youth of today

## New Generations Month



**ROTARIANS ALL OVER THE WORLD  
ARE BANDING TOGETHER  
TO TRAIN THE NEW GENERATION.  
ARE YOU INVOLVED?**

September has been designated as the New Generations Month. When I am making my official visits, I love to talk about the youth programs and committees our District enjoys. In the past, each of our youth programs operated in isolation. Starting this year the district has instituted a youth coordinator approach. It is intended that each club assign a youth coordinator, also.

This year our new district youth coordinator, Guy Groot, is doing a splendid job meshing the activities of youth exchange, Interact, RYLA and Rotaract committees. They have been working for several months to prepare for the start of school in order to work with the students.

September is a time for Rotarians to celebrate our involvement with our District's youth. It gives us the opportunity to help shape the future. We can do that by getting their participation in these activities. I am very proud of the Rotarians who serve so tirelessly and are so dedicated to the youth of the world.

While I was YEO of the Morris Rotary Club, I sent five students to other countries. They braved their fears and trepidations, their insecurities and immaturities, to go to another culture to stay with total strangers for a year. They returned self-assured and involved adults.

We started the year with 27 Interact Clubs. We have already added one in Bolingbrook towards our goal of forty and 2000 Interactors. Imagine 2000 Interactors learning about community service and "Service Above Self." We will help them to learn to apply the Four-Way-Test to their lives.

Join us in helping the new generation.

Chuck Johnson, District Governor

## **Publicity**

**By Melanie Jones**

Have you ever wondered why some organizations get media coverage for their activities and others do not? Is it only because they have an inside source? Are their activities really so much more interesting than others? Is it the way the articles are written? Are their photos better? The answers to all of the above are yes and no. Of course it helps to "know somebody." Stories with a clever hook, not only get printed, but they get read too. Proofread, well written releases and clean photos that feature more than just a group of people lined up in a straight row are always appreciated. But if you don't eat lunch every day with the publisher of your local paper and haven't won any literary awards lately, don't lose heart. You can still get the word out about your Rotary club, its worthy activities and hard working members.

My first recommendation is to make friends with someone at the local paper. Simply look at the latest editions and notice the by-lines of the people who write most of the human interest stories. Call or email one or two of them and ask if you can meet to ask a few questions. What you want to find out is what they are looking for in PR releases. Do they prefer to write the articles themselves with you just giving them the background and rationale? Do they accept photos for their publication or only print those their photographers take? (Hint: The Daily Southtown and Star only use their own photographers.)

If you are having a special event, think about inviting the paper to send someone as a guest of the club - and tell them why it would be good/meaningful for the paper. For smaller publications, be sure your articles are written well, with the most important information right up front. This is the old - who, what, where, when and why theory. Often due to space issues, they edit long articles. If your vital information is near the end, it might never get printed.

All media needs to have a contact person listed, a phone, fax and email address, and a date it needs to be published - such as "for immediate release" or "for release within 10 days." Radio and TV are other good ways of getting your message out. Cable TV has local origination and community access available for announcing activities and promoting your events. Again, contact the person in charge, meet and ask questions, make friends and invite him or her to a Rotary event so they can see for themselves the good things your club is doing. You may even get a new member out of this. Certainly, use your club website (since I am sure every club has one nowadays) to promote the details of upcoming and just held events. Again, be sure to use good photos to attract people to read the information. Finally, I would strongly recommend video taping segments of key moments throughout the year. There is nothing better for showing people what is coming up than showing them how great it was the last time.

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## **Paul Harris Memorial Update**

PDG Richard Ingalls let us know that the temp web address is [www.geocities.com/mosaic20002003/p hm/phmindex](http://www.geocities.com/mosaic20002003/p hm/phmindex). Check it out and learn about our founder.

## **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**



## **Centennial Celebration It's just around the corner!**

2005 will be a very special year for Rotarians. Rotary's 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration is a once in a lifetime event, and how lucky we are in District 6450 that this momentous occasion will be held in our own backyard! The convention will be held at McCormick Place North from June 19-22, 2005. As a Rotarian, you are a member of the oldest service organization in the world. Rotary exists in 166 countries, and boasts 1.2 million members in over 30,000 Rotary clubs. Rotary members around the world are looking forward to the centennial celebration with much enthusiasm. For District 6450 Rotarians, hosting this celebration is a very special honor. We are grateful for the spirit of cooperation from Rotarians in neighboring districts; their participation in the event planning will make this a truly spectacular celebration. With your help, the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary will touch every Rotarian in District 6450. *Continues on page 6*

## Meet the Partners

By Caryl Andersen, wife  
of PDG Brian Andersen

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### STAND BY YOUR ROTARIAN

Today's fast-paced world keeps even the most organized person busy. Jobs, family responsibilities, recreation, and much needed vacations leave little time for much else. However, those people who are committed to helping others can usually find extra time in their lives. Rotarians (and their partners) are, indeed, a special breed!

When Brian and I started dating about eight years ago, all I understood about Rotary was that he went to a weekly meeting, ate lunch, and then returned to his office. I assumed that he merely enjoyed the camaraderie of his Rotarian friends. Soon Brian started inviting me to some Rotary functions (club social events, charter nights, installations, etc.). I met a lot of new and interesting people, but still didn't grasp the Rotary concept.

Then one day, Brian mentioned that they (whoever "they" were!) suggested that he throw his hat in the ring for consideration as District Governor. It sounded like quite an honor, so I encouraged him to follow his heart. Soon thereafter, Brian was nominated to become District Governor. Little did I know then how Rotary would change my life!

Brian's life became a whirlwind of meetings, meetings and more meetings! We were both indoctrinated into the role of District Governor and partner through training at the Zone Institute and shortly thereafter at the International Assembly in Anaheim, California. What an eye-opener the latter was for me! I witnessed 528 other District Governors-Elect and their partners coming together from all over the world – every imaginable language and custom -- with a common goal ... doing good for humankind. I was (and still am) in awe of the vastness of Rotary, how far-reaching it is, how people from every walk of life can share in a common bond. I was hooked!

The question sometime arises, "But where does the partner of a Rotarian fit in?" For me, it is pride in my husband's commitment to the community -- local, national, and international. It is gratifying to participate with him -- be it at his own club functions, hosting GSE team members and Youth Exchange Students, club fundraisers, Top 10 luncheon, helping with projects, big and small. You do not have to be the partner of a past district governor to participate!

So, you're the person whose interests lie in other areas? You can still support your Rotarian by your encouragement and support. You want to spend more time, not less, with your Rotarian? Join in and enjoy – you'll get rewards you never anticipated.

Personally, I believe RI president Jonathan Majiyagbe's theme -- *Lend a Hand* -- is an excellent approach for partners and Rotarians alike!

### Publicity – From page 2

- \* You can create a five or ten minute video to promote your fund raising event, by showing the last one. You can ask Rotary International for footage of their major fund raising causes to incorporate into your local activities.
- \* Use interviews of exchange students and their host families to introduce potential host family to the worthiness of participating.
- \* Show highlights of some of your best guest speakers to affirm to potential new members the value of attending meetings.

Over the course of the coming months, we will write again to offer suggestions for successful publicity. At the same time, if you have specific questions or challenges, feel free to ask. I am available at [griffisjones@aol.com](mailto:griffisjones@aol.com).

Good luck to all the publicity chairmen throughout the district. You have a great job that can be fun. Look at your task as being someone who provides interesting information to others, not as someone asking the media for a favor. Be sure to say "you're welcome" at the end of each contact.

*On the Lighter Side – From Don Staley, Rotary Club of Chicago/ROTARY One* You know you are living in 2003 when... 1. You accidentally enter your password on the microwave. 2. You haven't played solitaire with real cards in years. 3. You have a list of 15 phone numbers to reach your family of three. 4. You e-mail/page your friend who works at the desk next to you. 5. Your reason for not staying in touch with friends is that they do not have e-mail addresses. 6. When you go home after a long day at work you still answer the phone in a business manner. 7. When you make phone calls from home, you accidentally do "9" to get an outside line. 8. You've sat at the same desk for four years and worked for three different companies. 10. Your resume is on a disk in your pocket. *Continues on page 7*

## Interact Corner

**Stephanie Arnold, Editor of the Rotary Club of Chicago-Rogers Park Bulletin**, wrote: “On 12 August our club was fortunate to have several special guest speakers – **Interactors who participated in Youth Exchange this summer sponsored by our club**. We heard about the experiences of the **St. Scholastica Academy students** who went abroad and met their exchange partners who are now spending time in the U.S. It was certainly a very interesting program. Since 1927, students and host families all over the world have had their horizons broadened and their lives enriched by Rotary's Youth Exchange program. Administered by Rotary clubs, districts and multidistrict groups, the program today involves more than 82 countries and 8,000 students each year. The first documented exchanges date back to 1927, when the Rotary Club of Nice, France, initiated exchanges with European students. Exchanges between clubs in California, USA, and Latin American countries began in 1939, and exchange activities spread to the eastern United States in 1958. In 1972, the Rotary International Board of Directors agreed to recommend Youth Exchange to clubs worldwide as a worthwhile international activity promoting global peace and understanding.”

**Past St. Scholastica Interact President Noel Linden and Secretary Diane Retana, and incoming President Tatiana Meza**, who visited Belgium and Germany respectively, said that Youth Exchange has broadened their horizons and has been a life-changing experience. Thank you to those making this venture possible: **Ron Hoover and Suzanne Zuercher (St. Scholastica), Reina S. Diamond and Pat Govas (Rotary Rogers Park), PDG Fred Otto (District 6450)**.

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

Are we having fun yet! How often have you used this cliché when the current activity was not all that much fun? I am one of those who readily admit that having fun is the driver for much of what I do. I enjoy life and I enjoy people. In fact, I made a conscious decision to leave a research career in virology because laboratory life restricted my personal interactions. Choosing a life in management has proven to be a wise decision. I simply am happier working with people than with microbes.

What does this have to do with Rotary? I also am one who truly believes that most all the good we do as Rotarians has its beginnings in fellowship, in fun! When I chartered with the Darien Rotary Club in 1974, membership retention was no less a problem than it is today. Unless new Rotarians quickly develop a sense of belonging and then friendship, most will soon depart. I knew only the individual who invited me and had only just met the other members. The good thing about a new club is that most of the members are in the same situation. If we were going to bond and make Rotary work in Darien, fun activities were a must. The Darien Rotary Club developed a reputation for knowing how to have fun, and, in the early years, the Rotary District Brass were not sure we were serious enough to be a Rotary Club. We proved them wrong!

I fondly remember our first service project, repainting the town's historic one-room school house. Amazingly, sharing a ladder at 6:30am on a Saturday can be a great way to begin a relationship. Sipping a cold libation supplied by the club's president, a local restaurateur, makes conversation easy. From those early days, I truly enjoyed taking a break from the Laboratory each week and visiting with my new found friends. Those relationships are really why I am a 29 year Rotarian.



The Family Christmas Party (My kids loved it and still do), summer backyard picnics, and a now traditional Valentine's Day Sweetheart Dinner, just made the friendships deeper. The Darien Rotary Club traditionally cancels our meeting between Christmas and New Years but for the last several years a number of us have taken this open date opportunity to go to lunch at a different venue (seems we're stuck on Italian). We don't need a make-up; we just enjoy our fellow Rotarians company.

What does all this mean to you? The fun and fellowship of Rotary have made me a Rotarian for life. Rotary is not a sentence, it's a reward! The things clubs do to share fellowship are their foolproof ingredients for success. The time we spend with friends, the shared laughs, the libations, and the joint sweat equity, are treasures to be savored. It is who we know and are associated with that makes us what we are. Don't the best of these relationships start with fun and aren't they continually fueled by fun?

The next time your Club sets up a pot luck dinner, a trip to Ravinia, or whatever, think about clearing your calendar and saying "Yes." When your club asks for help in sprucing up a senior's house, packing food boxes, or taking a Cub Scout troop to the baseball game, seize the opportunity! Make sure to look over the many opportunities for fun and fellowship that District Governor Chuck is making available to you. Go ahead, add your name to the sign up sheet. You won't regret it!

**Featured in this issue:**

- **Chicago Heights**
- **Chicago ROTARY/One**
- **Chicago Southeast**
- **Downers Grove**
- **Maywood**
- **Morris**

**Chicago ROTARY/One**

**The Rotary Club of Chicago ROTARY/One PARTICIPATES IN MILLENNIUM PARK PROJECT.** The Art Institute of Chicago called Club President Dick McKay to ask for 12 volunteers to have their pictures taken for a Millennium fountain project. President McKay turned the project over to Don Staley. Don signed up the following members for what they thought was going to be a group picture: Ruth Ann Watkins, PDG Dick Galitz, Andy Kim, Elizabeth Grady, Ann Crevi, Jerry Donovan, Joann Horton, David Templin, Leona Mirza, John Ropski, Bob Marks and himself. They were in for quite a surprise. Famed artist Jaume Plensa had been commissioned by the City of Chicago and funded by the Crown Foundation, to create a most unusual fountain in the new park.

Located at Michigan Avenue and Adams Street, the fountain will consist of two 50-foot towers, separated by a wading pool. The towers will have cascading water with intermitted photos projected on them. They will be the photos of the 12 club members, along with 750 other Chicago citizens. During the "close up" facial shots, they were asked to form their lips in a circle so when the 50 foot faces appear, they will be "spurting" water from them. The fountain is expected to be completed in 2004 and their faces will appear for the next 10 years. Being a Rotarian just gave them their "15 minutes of fame."

See **Downers Grove, Morris and Chicago Heights RC news on page 8, and Chicago Southeast on page 11, and Maywood on page 9.**

**District 6450 Rotary Foundation Committee**

***Be the Best***

District 6450 is the birthplace of Rotary. What if it were the best in Rotary? What if each of us personally determined that we could do more to feed the hungry, to bring clean water to places where children die every day for the lack of it, to provide hospitals with equipment to alleviate suffering and save lives, to restore sight to the blind, to help amputees and the paralyzed to walk again with braces and artificial limbs? To address the violence and misunderstanding which plagues our world, what if we could host and send more promising individuals on international study exchange programs to be ambassadors of peace and goodwill? What if we could support training and literacy efforts to give the impoverished a more meaningful chance at life?

*In Rotary year 2001, the most recent year for which figures are available, the highest per capita giving by any district was \$227.57. Much credit goes to the Rotarians of District 3740 in Korea for having achieved this commendable status. We can be inspired by these Korean Rotarians for they have shown that to be the best in the world is an achievable goal for all.*

**On 23 July, at the Burr Ridge Ramada, members of the District Rotary Foundation Committee met and determined to lead by example. Each member committed this year to contribute a minimum of \$250 to The Rotary Foundation - the Foundation that unites all Rotarians in worthwhile service to humanity. Some of the members have and will give even more. Several past district governors have also agreed to a similar commitment. By now, seven generations of district governors, past, present and future have committed to leading us into a new era of generosity.**

Who may join in this endeavor? All Rotarians who deep down know they can do more. Whether you wish to think in terms of **69 cents per day, \$5 per week, \$21 per month**, you can help our district set a new standard of giving for the Rotary world and help so many in need by doing so. Those clubs and members whose contributions already exceed \$250 per year, thank you so much for demonstrating how much you care. In 2005, when Rotarians from around the world come to Chicago for Rotary's centennial celebration, let us demonstrate to them our leadership in the Rotary world and our commitment to being the best. Send your contributions or commitments of a minimum of \$250 to be the "best in the world" to your club treasurer. Commitments should be met by 15 June 2004. Let us know if you are willing to have your name published in a future edition of the district newsletter. **Club treasurers should forward contributions and commitments to District Annual Giving Chair Roylene Gallas at Rotary International, 1560 Sherman Ave., Evanston, IL 60201.** Let Roylene know at [gallasr@rotaryintl.org](mailto:gallasr@rotaryintl.org) that they are on their way.

**Come to the Saturday 25 October District Rotary Foundation Seminar at the Burr Ridge Ramada. Breakfast (8:00 to 8:45 am) – Program (8:45 am to 12:30 pm).** See attached flyer for details. Contact District Rotary Foundation Chair Paul Carpenter at [carpentp@rotaryintl.org](mailto:carpentp@rotaryintl.org) with your key questions.

## Attend a Rotary International Convention

By Rick Thiernau, District Governor-Nominee

In June Donna and I had the opportunity to attend the convention in Brisbane, Australia.



What a tremendous experience. This is a great opportunity to meet Rotarians from all over the world.

You are able to share club projects, get ideas on fund raising, membership, and just about anything else you want to discuss.

I had the ability to meet someone from the Des Moines, Iowa Rotary Club to discuss working together on a medical mission to Nepal. This never would have happened if I was not at the convention.

I would strongly encourage you to attend an international convention. In 2005 the convention is here in Chicago. I would hope you would attend that convention but please try to attend another convention elsewhere. The worst that will happen is that you will make some new Rotary friends. That's not too bad. Do what Donna and I do, wrap a trip around the convention.

If you have any questions about conventions, please do not hesitate contacting me. I look forward to seeing you at a convention in the not too distant future.

Rotary fellowship and sharing club ideas is always a great by-product of Rotary gatherings. Whether it is an International Convention, District Conference or making up a club meeting, there is always an opportunity for Rotary fellowship. Why don't you plan on attending Governor Chuck's District Conference on 30 April through 2 May? I look forward to seeing you there.

## FAO Seeks Rotary Volunteers

Is your club looking for an international project with a local focus? Would your club like to work in conjunction with the **United Nations Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO)**, which is the UN's leading hunger-fighting agency?

FAO is coordinating a pilot project involving the USA and Ghana, with a main concentration of US-based activities being implemented in and around Chicago. Because of Rotary's global network of community-based clubs, FAO hopes to include US and Ghana Rotary Clubs.

The project is entitled "The Growing Connection." The goal of the project is to build a functional hunger-fighting partnership between the private sector, non-profit groups, schools, families, and the community. The project links people and cultures by introducing low-cost innovations in food production and provides a solid foundation in life sciences education.

Participating middle schools, community gardens and resource points (research stations, universities, and markets) will use an extremely efficient food-growing innovation, the Earthbox. The Earthbox will become a common focus and tool for science-based learning and for household food security.

Consider getting your club or local Interact club involved in this opportunity to work with FAO on a grassroots level. Rotary International has maintained official liaison status with FAO since 1997 and last year Rotary and FAO signed a joint letter encouraging local-level collaboration between the two organizations.

For further information, please contact **Senior Liaison Officer Bob Patterson in the FAO/UN Washington DC office. Bob Patterson can be reached by email at [robert.patterson@fao.org](mailto:robert.patterson@fao.org) or by telephone at 202-653-2438.**

The information was provided to us by Jane Lawicki, Manager, Public Relations, Rotary International.

### Towards Chicago 2005 - From page 2

We all need to *Lend a Hand!* For almost 20 years, Rotary's major global focus has been on eradicating the poliovirus that has afflicted millions. The end is clearly in sight! The 2005 convention will focus on the great strides we have made to eliminate the few remaining cases around the world. Another focus will be District 6450's 3H grant in Angola, one of the coveted few awarded worldwide each year. Our grant encompasses construction of the infrastructure for clean water, electrical, and sanitary sewer systems for the impoverished children in Luanda, Angola. Additionally, there are a number of literacy and humanitarian projects that are ongoing in our District that will be highlighted. You will read more about these in future issues of this newsletter. Your club should focus this year on a program dedicated to the centennial celebration. It can be local or international in scope, with a goal of showcasing the great work our District does. This is a great opportunity to show your Rotary pride!

If your club would like to schedule a program on the 2005 convention, contact Brian Andersen at 630-985-4600, or [brian@brianandersen.net](mailto:brian@brianandersen.net). We need volunteers to help make this the greatest Rotary show on earth. To sign up, contact Terry Mueller at 815-459-2176 or [roterry@cs.com](mailto:roterry@cs.com).

## The Rotary Foundation Annual Giving for D 6450 in 2002-2003\*

District 6450's Annual Giving Goal was \$160,000. **Contributions totaled \$120,751.** While only 75.5% of the goal, contributions for this year need to be considered in light of the District's successful campaign for Polio Plus. A number of Rotary Clubs made decisions to solely support Polio Plus. **The District's very significant contribution to the Polio Plus program (\$363,237) was the largest total for restricted giving in over a decade. Contributions to the Foundation totaled \$486,455 the largest in at least the last decade and maybe historically.**

Seven Clubs had per capita contributions in excess of \$100. An additional 5 Clubs had per capita contributions over \$80. Fifteen of 61 Clubs\*\* (24.6 %) made no Annual Giving Contributions. This number was twice the number of non-contributing clubs in 2001/2002. Again, most of the rise in Annual Giving non-contributing clubs is attributable to the significant push for Polio Plus contributions. **Only three Clubs made no contributions to the Foundation. This is the lowest number in the past 4 years and is a compliment to the efforts of the Annual Giving Subcommittee and Ted Arey and the Polio Plus Committee.**

Of the eight non-participating Clubs in 01/02, four made annual giving contributions this year. Two made contributions to Polio Plus. With this year's contributions, all non-participating Clubs initially targeted in 99/00 became at least one year Annual Giving contributors.

Annual Giving District Chair, DGE Chris Reilly, made a number of presentations on Annual Giving (Berwyn, Chicago Southeast, Westmont, and at the District's Foundation Seminar). His Committee members (Reina S. Diamond, Monte Brandner, Mike Hennessey, and Steve Thomas) made additional formal and informal pitches for Annual Giving.

**\* The final report from The Rotary Foundation will be available some time in October.**

**\*\* The Chicago Southwest (disbanded) and Chicago Near South (chartered in June 2003) Rotary Clubs were not considered for this report.**

### History:

99/00	23 Clubs (36.5%) made no Annual Giving Contribution 16 Clubs (25.3%) made no Contribution to any Foundation Program 11 Clubs had per capita contributions in excess of \$100.
00/01	11 Clubs (17.7%) made no Annual Giving Contribution 7 Clubs (11.2%) made no Contribution to any Foundation Program 18 Clubs had per capita contributions in excess of \$100.
01/02	8 Clubs (13%) did not make an Annual Giving Contribution The same eight Clubs did not contribute to any Foundation Program 12 Clubs had per capita contributions in excess of \$100.
02/03	14 Clubs (22.9%) made no Annual Giving Contribution 3 Clubs (4.9%) made no Contribution to any Foundation Program 7 Clubs had per capita contributions in excess of \$100.

The Committee's General Goal was to get all Clubs making some contribution to Annual Giving Program. If the Rotary International Goal of \$100 per Rotarian per year is achieved by Rotary's Centennial in 2005, all Clubs need to be participants in Annual Giving.

With this year's \$53.18, we have a way to go. This was the first year of a five member subcommittee approach. The personal attention that can be afforded clubs through the subcommittee approach appears effective and should be continued.

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***On the Lighter Side - From page 3*** 11. Your biggest loss from a system crash was when you lost all of your best jokes. 12. Your boss doesn't have the ability to do your job. 13. Contractors out number permanent staff and are more likely to get long-service awards. 14. Board members salaries are higher than all the Third World countries' annual budgets combined. 15. Interviewees, despite not having the relevant knowledge or experience, terminate the interview when told of the starting salary. 16. Free food left over from meetings is your staple diet. 17. Your boss gets a brand-new state-of-the-art laptop with all the latest features, but you have time to go for lunch while yours boots up. 18. Being sick is defined as you can't walk or you're in the hospital. ***Continues on page 10***

### *From the Editor's Desk*

Thank you so much to all the Rotarians who made this issue possible. The list is too long to be included in this text box!

**October in Rotary is Vocational Service Month.** Vocational service focuses on needs related to businesses and professions, and ethical conduct. It also can be international in nature through [World Community Service](#) projects, [Rotary Volunteers](#), or [Rotary Fellowships](#). RI encourages Rotary clubs to establish communication with chambers of commerce and industry to explore service opportunities. Please send us information on what your club is doing in this avenue of service by 15 September for publication in our October issue. Thank you!

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### *More Club News:*

#### **Morris Rotary Raffle Is Sure To Be a Big Hit!**

It's one of the hottest cars around: **MINI Cooper**

Give yourself a chance to WIN with a \$20.00 donation to the Morris Rotary Club.

To order your ticket and see the car and contest rules, go to the Secure Website at [www.morrisrotary.org](http://www.morrisrotary.org). The drawing will be 29 November. You need not be present to win. A \$10,000 alternative is also available. **All proceeds benefit Rotary Charities.**

#### **Downers Grove Rotary**

Downers Grove Rotary will present **OktoberFest '03** at the Cub Foods parking lot at the northwest corner of 75th Street and Downers Grove Main Street (Lemont Road) **26 and 27 September evenings, and Sunday afternoon (Kids day) 28 September.** All proceeds will support community service projects. For information, please phone Kent Ebersold at (630) 968-2559 (home) or e-mail kebersold1@comcast.net.

#### **Chicago Heights Rotary**

Rotarian John Loumbas announced that **St. Paul Lutheran Church of Chicago Heights will serve lunch on Mondays at noon.** This is the 56<sup>th</sup> year that the ladies have served Rotarians from many parts of the USA and the world, including Japan, Brazil, New Zealand, India, Mexico, to mention only a few. Rotary is looking forward to meeting there again this year. For details, call John Loumbas at 708-799-5093.

## **DISTRICT 6450 CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

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

#### **2003**

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| September 20<br>08:00 am – 1:00 pm | <b>President's ROUNDTABLE</b><br>Burr Ridge Ramada Inn  |
| September 22<br>7:00 pm - 8:30 pm  | <b>First Membership Orientation Meeting</b> – Area 6 (Woodridge)                                |
| September 25<br>5:30 pm – 8:30 pm  | <b>Interact Leadership Assembly</b> – Naperville Central High School                            |
| October 9-12                       | <b>Zone 27&amp;28 GETS/Institute</b><br>South Bend, Indiana                                     |
| October 17-19                      | <b>RYLA</b><br>George Williams College, WI  |
| October 25<br>8:00 am - 12.30 pm   | <b>District Rotary Foundation Seminar</b> – Burr Ridge Ramada                                   |
| November 14                        | <b>Joliet Rotary Club 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration</b><br>Renaissance Center, Joliet |
| November 15<br>8:00 am – 12:00 pm  | <b>Rotary Youth Exchange</b><br>District Interviews Students<br>LaGrange Country Club           |

#### **2004**

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

**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 7

### Western Springs

As we enter our third year of the new model program we have made strides in club attendance, project participation, and community awareness. With one of our major goals completed in December of 2002, the return to Western Springs, we now look forward to developing a stronger membership development and retention program. Our **Veteran's Steak Fry is on 8 September** in Bemis woods (north side of Ogden Ave, just east of 294). Stop out and enjoy Rotary fellowship and say thanks to our local veterans. Lunch is at 12:00 noon. Information, 630-971-3356.

### Burr Ridge –Willowbrook

The club has set up a **Vocational Training Center** at the Balwant Ray Mehta Vidya Bhawan, New Delhi, **India**, through a joint effort by the Rotary Club of Delhi South Suburban and The Rotary Club of Burr Ridge – Willowbrook. The project aims at imparting printing technology training to students of the above school, who are generally from the needy section of society and include physically and mentally challenged children.

The Club sponsors two fund-raisers each year: Octoberfest, a wine tasting, and The Hearts That Care each March. The latter features a silent auction, dinner and dance entertainment. The funds received benefit JDF, Hinsdale South Scholarships, Giant Steps, Gower School Foundations and Illinois Assistance League.

### Countryside

On 5 and 6 September, the club is hosting bingo at the Village of Hodgkins annual picnic. On 13 September they are holding their 2<sup>nd</sup> annual night golf. On 11 October, they will be selling food at Pleasantview Fire Protection District's Annual Fire Prevention Week Open House. In December, they will assist the LaGrange Community Nurses Association prepare for their Secret Santa program. Their Diamond Achievement Award Dinner will take place in Winter to recognize local high school students who have increased their grade point average by two points in the previous year. At this dinner, the club will also award several scholarships to previous Diamond Achievement Award winners.

For more information, contact Dan Hermes at 708-352-1922.

### Brookfield-Riverside

This month the club sent off one of its members to **Sierra Leone**. She will be working with **polio patients**. And is doing this on her own time and money! Their major fund raising event will be their third annual **Mardi Gras** party to be held in **February 2004**. The proceeds will go to local scholarships, PolioPlus our major fund raising event will be our third annual Mardi Gras party to be held in February 2004. Our proceeds go to local scholarships, polio plus and other community programs.

### Hinsdale

Hinsdale ranks second in highest per capita Foundation giving in the District. The club also contributed \$25,000 to the special PolioPlus campaign. Hinsdale Rotary has provided major financial assistance and leadership for the District Sun Oven since its inception. Funds are also donated for disaster relief, medical care and other international humanitarian projects.

Locally, the club supports a wide range of community programs and organizations, including Hinsdale Community Service, Hinsdale Youth Center, Wellness House and the Hinsdale Food Pantry. Members serve as July 4th parade marshals and cleanup crews work on the banks of Salt Creek with an Adopt A Stream project. The club awards three annual scholarships to Hinsdale Central High School students and presents Youth Merit Awards to high school and middle school students with exceptional academic, athletic and leadership achievements.

In October some 500 kids and adults will participate in the Hinsdale Rotary Run featuring 3K, 5K and 10K races. Funds for these service projects are raised through an annual auction, art fair hot dog stand, the Rotary Run and other projects. Further information is available on the club's website at [www.hinsdalerotary.org](http://www.hinsdalerotary.org).

Our thanks to ADG Sue Smallwood for compiling these articles.



**More Club News:** **Maywood** – Charles Laabs announced that in October, the club will celebrate the **60<sup>th</sup> anniversary year of its member Elmore Boeger**. Following the example of his father who joined the club in 1928, Elmore became a Rotarian in 1943. He holds a record of 51 years of perfect attendance. On 8 November, the club will hold the fifth annual auction and supper at the First Congregational Church in order to raise funds to support college scholarships and student exchange program participants of the area. For more information, contact Gary Woll at 708-345-2706.

## The Rotaract Realm

By Kathy Kobak

Does everyone know what Rotaract does or what Rotaract is? As the saying goes, "knowledge is power." In general, Rotaract is a Rotary-sponsored service club for young men and women ages 18 to 30. As a rule these clubs are normally community-based or university-based and are sponsored by a local Rotary club making them true "partners in service" and key members of the Rotary family. The first Rotaract club began on March 13, 1968 in North Carolina. Their objective is to address the physical and social needs of their communities while promoting international understanding and peace through friendship and service.

Here in District 6450, we currently have only one club that was founded in March 2000. This is the Rotaract Club of Chicago chartered by Rotary/One Chicago in August 2002. With 18 very active, high energy members and always on the look out for more, this club is currently working on their project **Lend a Hand to Zimbabwe (ZIMPRO)**. They have teamed up with Rotary Club of Bulawayo District 9210, located in Zimbabwe to provide the many neglected areas of the southern part of that country with basic medical supplies that are so desperately needed. Due to the political unrest in Zimbabwe, Rotaract Chicago is focusing on the importance of humanity while forging strong relationships to create self-help programs for this rural population. With 15 to 20 rural clinics to upkeep with these medical supplies, your help is needed and will be much appreciated. In June, this club began holding pub nights at Galway Bay in Lincoln Park. It was the first of many to come. They use these pub nights as fundraising events for their project. Their theme this year is "Improve Our Boundaries" and they are more than willing to expand their boundaries by speaking at "your" club about the great work that Rotaract is doing. "Lend A Hand" is our universal theme this year. Let's do just that with our very active Rotaract Club of Chicago. They need us. Visit their website, [www.geocities.com/chicago\\_rotaract](http://www.geocities.com/chicago_rotaract). Juan Ortega, president of the club, can be reached at 312-523-5797 or [jorteg2@uic.edu](mailto:jorteg2@uic.edu).

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*On the Lighter Side - From page 7* 20. There's no money in the budget for the five permanent staff your department desperately needs, but they can afford four full-time management consultants advising your boss's boss on strategy. 21. Your relatives and family describe your job as "works with computers." AND THE CLINCHERS ARE... 22. You read this entire list, and kept nodding and smiling. 23. As you read this list, you thought about forwarding it to your "friends." 24. You got this email from a friend that never talks to you any more, except to send you jokes from the net. 25. You were too busy to notice that points 9 and 19 are missing!

## Former District 6450 Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar named Fulbright Scholar

Julia Mullikin told us that **Steve P. Lund** received a Fulbright Scholar grant to lecture at Presov University in Slovakia during the 2003-2004 academic year. Lund spent a year in Uruguay, sponsored by the **Kankakee Rotary Club** and District 6450. He spent an additional two years in Chile as an English Teaching Fellow for the United States Information Agency.

The Fulbright Scholarship is a great honor given to professionals on the basis of their achievements and for demonstrating extraordinary leadership in their field. The program was established in 1946 by the late Senator J. William Fulbright of Arkansas to encourage a mutual understanding between Americans and foreigners.

**DG Chuck Johnson's official visits to clubs in September/October:** 02, Cicero – 04, Aurora-Naperville – 05, Lansing – 08, Oak Lawn – 09, Darien – 10, Bradley-Bourbonnais – 11, Berwyn – 12, LaGrange – 16, Western Springs and Brookfield – 17, Oswego and Dwight – 19, Tinley Park – 22, Plainfield – 23, Chicago and Chicago-Rogers Park – 25, Burr Ridge – 29, Aurora Noon – 30, Norridge Harwood. 01, Chicago Near South – 02, Broadview and Chicago Southeast – 06, Downers Grove – 07, Woodridge and Franklin Park – 14, Matteson – 15, Homewood – 16, Maywood – 21, Melrose Park – 22, Romeoville – 23, New Lenox – 28, Moraine Valley – 30, Naperville.

## First 2003-04 Interact Assembly

We have 26 Chartered Interact Clubs in our District. In looking at the needs of Interact and Rotary, two things come up repeatedly: 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. To increase communication and networking, **the first of two scheduled Interact Club Assemblies will be held on 25 September** to share ideas, support each others programs and to train Interact student leaders. The session will be hosted at Naperville Central High School beginning at 5:30 P.M. and concluding at 8:30 P.M. Dinner will be served to the participants.

Rotary Club Liaisons to the Interact Clubs are **strongly encouraged** to attend to learn about possible projects and ways Interact and Rotary can interface, increase communication and support each other projects. Interact Advisors and Officers should attend as there will be sessions on leadership, record keeping, and resources/networking. Please respond to Julia Mullikin at [mullikin@hsd2.k12.il.us](mailto:mullikin@hsd2.k12.il.us) or 815-932-1769.

## Zone 27 Addresses World's Health Concerns

At the 2 August RI Presidential Celebration in Johannesburg, South Africa, more than 200 Rotarians shared their service experiences and brainstormed about ways to make long-term commitments to tackling Africa's many health concerns. The participants who represented Rotary clubs and districts across southern Africa and beyond agreed that the professional and business leaders on the continent must do more to help improve lives of hundreds of millions of Africans. **"It was not by chance, but rather by choice that we decided to meet in an African country to talk about health concerns," said RI President Jonathan Majiyagbe in a keynote address.** "Here we see suffering on the most massive scale — suffering caused by **armed conflicts, illiteracy, hunger, and the most abject poverty.** All of these things contribute to the dire health crises on this continent - **health crises that are of great concern for the entire world."**

**PDG Irv Kaplan, Coordinator for Health Concerns in Rotary International Zone 27,** told us that considering past Rotarians' immense contribution in the field of health and social development as well as health concerns in the world of today, this matter should be a priority for our district and the other districts in Zone 27. His suggestions to go into action are: **raising awareness, continuing supporting The Rotary Foundation, and participating in district programs such as**

- **Operation Limbs**
- **Gift of Life**
- **Heifer Project International**
- **Seeds of Hope**
- **Temple Solar Oven Project**
- **Disaster Relief**
- **Literacy**

Talk to your club president and find out how you can get involved.

For additional information on health concerns, please contact PDG Irv Kaplan at [PDGIKaplan@aol.com](mailto:PDGIKaplan@aol.com).

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## ROTARY DISTRICT 6450 CONFERENCE

**29 April – 2 May 2004**

**Something for everyone: Fun, Fellowship, Education, Networking, and Plenty of Opportunities to "Lend a Hand."** We would like each Club to have its present and incoming leadership attend the District Conference. Save the dates!

**Marilyn Turner, Conference Promotions Chair,** can answer all your questions at [mturner106@aol.com](mailto:mturner106@aol.com).

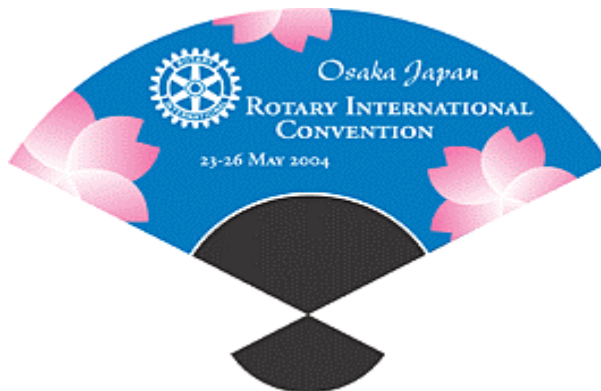
**2003-2004  
ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION  
Osaka, Japan**

**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.

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***More Club News:* Rotary Club of Chicago Southeast - Derrick K. Baker, President of the Rotary Club of Chicago Southeast, told us that several "ready-to-work" members donned the club's blue T-shirts on 16 August as they supported a lasting, worthwhile cause to benefit children on Chicago's south side. Members joined with KaBOOM!, the Juwan Howard Foundation (NBA player with the Orlando Magic), and other local organizations to build a playground in a matter of hours at the Lowden Homes, a Chicago public housing development at 95th & Wentworth streets. Congratulations Rotarians!**

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**It's time to get the word out**

It's time for local Rotary Clubs to recruit students to travel overseas in August of 2004 and spend an exciting year studying abroad as a **Rotary Youth Exchange** student. For over forty years young people between the ages of 15 and 19 have participated by spending a year studying and living abroad in this worthwhile international activity promoting global peace and understanding. Students should apply early, up to a year in advance of when they wish to leave. **District interviews will be held from 8:00 am to 12:00 noon on 15 November at the LaGrange Country Club.** Following their selection, the student is guided through a series of orientation sessions so they will be ready for their life in a new country. This year, ten students from District 6450 are studying abroad: Rachel Storm – Germany/Aurora Sunrise, Courtney Cook – France/Aurora Sunrise, Samantha Stephans – Poland/Aurora Sunrise, Grace Oland – Argentina/Aurora Sunrise, Leah Zine – Spain/Aurora Sunrise, Dusta Leo – Slovakia/Aurora Sunrise, Sarah Wagner – Japan/Kankakee, Simone Bullen – Chile/Chicago One, Sean Brown – Japan/Lockport, and Meagan Johnson – Germany/Oak Forest.

**Now, it is the time to recruit.** Make this one of your club activities. A little publicity and contact with school officials can go a long way toward introducing Rotary Youth Exchange to students. For information, contact **Jim Chestnut** at [jimchestnut@bigplanet.com](mailto:jimchestnut@bigplanet.com) or 708-799-8298, or **Guy Groot** at [g.groot@mchsi.com](mailto:g.groot@mchsi.com) or 630-466-1091. Applications are available at [www.CSRYE.org](http://www.CSRYE.org). (Equal opportunity for children of Rotarians or non-Rotarians.)

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## **District Funds Available for Matching Grants and The New Simplified District Grants**

DG Chuck has announced that there will be approximately \$39,145 available for **Matching Grants** this year from the District Designated Funds to work with clubs on matching grants. Each club can apply for up to \$3,000 for matching grants, if two clubs from our district are working together then they can get up to \$5,000.00 and three clubs can get up to \$6,000.00. The clubs will have to match the district \$1 for \$1, and DDF money will be matched by Rotary International \$1 for \$1 while new club money will only be matched \$2 for \$1 by RI. The money will be distributed by a committee made up of the following members: PDG Fred Otto, Matching Grant Chair; Paul Carpenter, Foundation Chair; Chuck Johnson, DG; Chris Reilly, DGE; Rick Thiernau, DGN; Lou Volodka, Darien; John Zaremba, Hinsdale; Richard Urchell, Moraine Valley; Walt Jenkins, Naperville; and Paul Blatti, Joliet as an alternate. The club members of the committee were chosen based on those clubs contributions to The Rotary Foundation last year. One can get the Matching Grant forms from [www.rotary.org/download/humanitarian](http://www.rotary.org/download/humanitarian). Please note there is a new form for Matching Grants below \$2,000.00 and for Matching Grants of \$2,000 to \$150,000.00. If you keep a matching grant below \$24,999.00, it does not require TRF Trustees' approval. Last year, the Matching Grant money was gone by mid February; therefore, the District will have selection meetings to consider grant applications for the DDF money on the following dates: 20 September, 2003, 25 October, 22 November, and 10 January, 2004. **10 copies of the application must be postmarked to Fred Otto, 3 South Prospect Avenue, Suite 206, Park Ridge, IL 60068 seven days before each meeting.** Funds for shipment of goods overseas can now be either a Matching Grant or a District Simplified Grant.

**District Simplified Grants** are new this year. The District has \$17,855.00 to dole out on projects. The District will match up to \$1,500 per club, \$2,500.00 for two clubs and \$3,500.00 for three clubs joining together. The grants can be used in your local community without an international partner, for international projects with an international partner, and for transportation grants. You can obtain copies of the application from any of the following Matching Grant Advisory members: PDG Fred Otto, 847-698-1160, [ottolaw@ix.netcom.com](mailto:ottolaw@ix.netcom.com); PDG Brian Andersen, 630-985-4600, [brian@brianandersen.net](mailto:brian@brianandersen.net); Terry Bartolini, 708-425-7474; [ultismile@visioni.com](mailto:ultismile@visioni.com); Pat Merryweather, [rotarysolarpat@aol.com](mailto:rotarysolarpat@aol.com). Additional information on the rules governing these grants can be obtained at [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org) and [www.rotary6450.org](http://www.rotary6450.org), as well as from the above members. **Applications must be post marked seven days prior to the meeting dates scheduled above.** Both Matching Grants and District Simplified Grants will require someone from the club's committee to be available to present the grants.

The earlier you get your Matching Grant or District Simplified Grant submitted, the sooner you can start on your project and the more likely matching money will be available for Matching Grants from The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International.

All forms are available at [www.rotary6450.org](http://www.rotary6450.org).

## **Object of Rotary**

The Object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

***First.** The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;*

***Second.** High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations; and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;*

***Third.** The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business and community life;*

***Fourth.** The advancement of international understanding, goodwill and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.*

## **The 4-Way Test of the things we think, say or do**

1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

## District 6450 Attendance and Membership Report – July 2003

Rank	% for Month	Held	Members
23 Addison	57	5	26
33 Aurora		3	
34 Aurora Naperville		4	
14 Aurora Sunrise	62	5	19
35 Bensenville		4	
36 Berwyn		4	
37 Blue Island Crestwood		4	
19 Bolingbrook	59	5	26
38 Bradley Bourbonnais		4	
39 Broadview		4	
40 Brookfield Riverside		4	
41 Burr Ridge Willowbrook		4	
42 Chicago Financial District		5	
20 Chicago Heights	59	3	48
43 Chicago Midwest		4	
44 Chicago Near South		4	
45 Chicago Northwest		4	
46 Chicago O'Hare		4	
31 Chicago One	46	5	247
32 Chicago Rogers Park	25	4	29
47 Chicago Southeast		4	
48 Chicago Southwest		4	
49 Cicero		4	
50 Countryside		4	
15 Darien	62	5	30
51 Downers Grove		4	
11 Dwight	66	5	18
17 Elmhurst	60	4	55
27 Elmhurst Morning	51	4	15
26 Evergreen Park	53	4	22
18 Franklin Park	60	5	13
7 Hinsdale	70	5	51
16 Hinsdale Oak Brook Gateway	62	5	26
5 Homewood	78	5	65
6 Joliet	74	5	157
30 Kankakee	47	5	37
21 LaGrange	58	4	39
52 Lansing		4	
53 Lisle		4	
54 Lockport		4	
55 Manteno		5	
4 Matteson	83	5	22
56 Maywood		4	
57 Melrose Park		4	

1 Moraine Valley	97	4	8
28 Morris	50	5	35
58 Naperville		4	
9 Naperville Sunrise	68	3	94
29 New Lenox	50	4	
8 Norridge Harwood Heights	70	5	13
59 Oak Brook		4	
13 Oak Forest	64	5	23
2 Oak Lawn	90	3	27
60 Oak Park River Forest		4	
22 Orland Park	58	5	
61 Oswego	71	5	33
3 Park Forest	84	4	29
12 Plainfield	66	4	27
62 Romeoville		4	
63 Tinley Park Frankfort		4	
64 Western Springs		4	
25 Westmont	56	5	32
10 Wilmington	67	4	18
24 Woodridge	57	4	18