



Team 2003-2004 Newsletter



Lend a Hand

Chuck Johnson, District Governor 2003-2004

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Vocational Service Month



October is Vocational Service Month, the most overlooked avenue of service. It's been a secret within most clubs, but that committee has always been responsible for having classification programs, promotion of The Four-Way-Test, tours of workplaces, and other projects and programs as devised by the club and district. Your district has put together many programs to help promote ethics in our youth and workplaces, to give pride in our place of work, and to provide insight into other vocations.

The youth committee has been promoting a poster contest and the Four-Way-Test essay contest. Ethics needs to be learned at an early stage of life while personality and morals are being formed. Outsiders often have more of an impact than parents and family. We may not be the deciding faces in ethics but we should be one of them.

We will promote tours of workplaces so others can see how other vocations do business. Your tour committee will be announcing their first tours in this newsletter.

The Four-Way-Test program is one which we have bought from the Fort Collins, Colorado Rotary Club. They have changed hundreds of lives with it. Clubs from around the world are starting their own programs based on the Fort Collins model. They brought the business community and young students together to help teach ethics through the Four-Way-Test. Some of our clubs are preparing to implement this year.

October is the time to have a club assembly to put the fourth avenue of service at the forefront of your club's activities. This is the month for all Rotary Clubs to shine their Rotary spotlight on the vocational committee and its effort to promote Rotary and our ideals.

Chuck Johnson, District Governor

Vocational Tours

The purpose of the new **District 6450 Vocational Tours Committee** is to arrange tours of District business establishments. We hope to accomplish several objectives:

- Provide interesting, eye-opening education about specific vocations;
- Enhance technical understanding of behind-the-scenes preparation and processes for various products or services;
- Enlighten members perceptions of possible vocational paths;
- Allow exposure to those offering their facilities for inspection; and
- Afford fun, fellowship and networking opportunities.

Depending on the interest generated in our program, we hope to arrange half or full day bus tours for Rotarians to visit facilities owned or operated within our boundaries. Presently we are soliciting businesses willing to open their doors for a 30-90 minute tour and presentation. To volunteer as a host company, to furnish a lead on someone else as a potential host or for additional information please contact:

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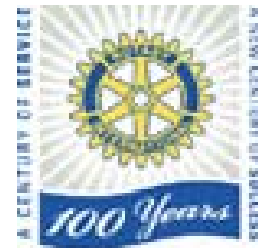
Paul Harris Memorial Web Site is Up and Running

PDG Richard Ingalls invites us to visit www.paulharrismemorial.org. 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.

Towards Chicago 2005



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

The Host Organization Committee, chaired by PDG Richard Galitz, met with the Rotary International 2005 Convention Committee a few weeks ago and successfully established a detailed plan of action. The November issue will include a report on the activities ahead.

From Your Foundation Chair: Haven't signed up for the Saturday, **25 October District Rotary Foundation Seminar at the Burr Ridge Ramada**? Take advantage of the low pre-registration fee of \$10 and offer a ride to your fellow club members. Enjoy a sumptuous buffet breakfast, a close encounter with Ambassadorial Scholars, friendship with committed Rotarians, a sharing of experiences on humanitarian projects, all the latest information on how to get a grant for your community or international project, and an opportunity for matching Paul Harris Fellow points on a contribution to The Rotary Foundation. For a registration form or other information, contact District Rotary Foundation Committee Chair Paul Carpenter at (847) 866-3343 or email: carpentp@rotaryintl.org.

Congratulations and thank you to our great **Assistant Governors** who lead by example. At their September meeting, all present committed a **minimum annual contribution of \$250 to The Rotary Foundation**. Not only does this gesture put our district on the road to being the best giver of Rotary's 530 districts, it also helps alleviate poverty and improve education around the world. Who will be the first club president(s) to make the next bold move in support of our Foundation? Contact District Annual Giving Committee Chair Roylene Gallas at (847) 866-3352 or email: gallasr@rotaryintl.org for further information.

Meet the Partners

By Donna M. Thiernau, wife
of DGN Rick Thiernau

...It all spells Rotary

Whether a Rotary Ann,
Spouse, Significant Other, Guest, or
Partner...it all spells ROTARY!

Have you ever been ready to confront someone and thought, "will it build good will?" Make a comment and thought, "is it the truth?" Started a project and thought, "is it fair to all concerned? Will it be beneficial to all?" After 11 ½ years of marriage to a Rotarian, the 4-Way Test is part of my conscience.

I have always lived 'service above self', but never thought of it in those terms. I've always volunteered in my neighborhood, church and to charities. Knowing God has blessed me, I've always believed it is my responsibility to share my gifts to others. Now, after marrying into a Rotary family, I have channeled my time and energy into the Rotary projects my partner is involved in.

Our relationship began with Rotary. I knew Rotary was a big part of my partners life and I came into our marriage knowing it was something I wanted to be part of. Rotary is helping others.

Whether it is in your club, community, rotary district, or world, Rotarians reach out to help make the world a better place. There are other organizations out there that help to promote your business, or recognize an individual for their achievements – that's not what Rotary is about. My husband, his Homewood Rotary Club and their families, are making a difference in peoples lives. Working with important people who have very busy lives, giving selflessly of our time, talents and resources to those around us and around the world, makes me feel even more blessed and wanting to give more.

The stories I can tell. The people we have met. The places we have traveled. The family experiences Rick, son Steven, and I have shared. The friends we have made. The people we have helped. This was possible only through Rotary, Rotarians, their families, and their friends – all working together. Whoever coined the word 'synergism' (the actions of two or more to achieve an effect which each individual is incapable) must have witnessed the efforts of Rotary – our efforts!

After reading about my excitement for Rotary, you might be wondering why I am a Rotarian partner and not a Rotarian. I am a retired market research analyst and consultant. Today, my family commitments come first, followed by my personal commitment to my church. You too may have a priority for your time and talents, but we can always make time, with our Rotarian partner, to share in Rotary fellowship and projects.

Hope to see you at a Rotary function.

Rotary Orientation Meetings

In an effort to give all Rotarians a **better understanding of Rotary, its structure and its many programs at local, district and international levels**, District Governor Chuck appointed a committee whose members will meet at least once with the clubs of each of the 12 district areas to make a presentation on these topics. **The first meeting took place on 22 September for Area 6 in Woodridge and it was a total success. The meetings scheduled for October (Areas 3 and 7) are included in the district calendar on page 8.**

The **Member Orientation Committee** is co-chaired by George Buck and Bill Lauer, both members of the Joliet Rotary Club, and its members are: DGN Rick Thiernau, Homewood Rotary Club; Tom Drake, Lockport Rotary Club; and Reina S. Diamond, Chicago-Rogers Park Rotary Club.

Rotarians and prospective Rotarians: talk to your club president and plan on attending the meeting scheduled for your district area. This is serious fun!

Area 6 – Westmont, Lisle, Downers Grove, Woodridge, Darien: 9/22/03 – **ADG Barbara Dwyer**

Area 7 – Hinsdale, Countryside, Western Springs, Burr Ridge-Willowbrook, Brookfield-Riverside: 10/13/03 – **ADG Sue Smallwood**

Area 3 – Maywood, Broadview, LaGrange, Cicero, Berwyn, Oak Park-River Forest: 10/15/03 – **ADG Lou Fabbri**

On the Lighter Side – From Don Staley, Rotary Club of Chicago/ROTARY ONE. Some pretty clever stuff for all of you lovers of words: 1. A bicycle can't stand alone because it is two-tired. 2. What's the definition of a will? It's a dead giveaway. 3. In democracy it's your vote that counts. In feudalism it's your count that votes. 4. If you don't pay your exorcist you get repossessed. 5. With her marriage she got a new name and a dress. 6. Show me a piano falling down a mineshaft and I'll show you A-flat minor. 7. A grenade thrown into a kitchen in France would result in Linoleum Blownapart. 8. You feel stuck with your debt if you can't budge it. 9. Local Area Network in Australia: the LAN down under. 10. He often broke into song because he couldn't find the key. 11. Santa's helpers are subordinate clauses. 12. Acupuncture is a jab well done.

Interact Corner-The **Rosary High School Interact Club** is sponsored by the **Aurora Noon Rotary Club**.

Rosary is an all-girls Catholic High School located in Aurora, Illinois with a student population of 450. The Interact Club is moderated by Sister Patricia and Sister Bernadette Marie, Dominican Sisters on the teaching staff at Rosary and by **Ms. Mary Dougherty**, Msd2050@aol.com, **Rosary Director of Development and Rotary club member**. The club boasts attendance at the bi-weekly meetings of more than 50 girls. Activities include:

- Playing Bingo at local nursing homes several times a year.
- The Heifer project – raising funds through bake sales and jeans days to donate to the Heifer Project
- “Adopting” 3 Catholic Grade schools in disadvantaged neighborhoods
- Adopting 4 young people in third world countries and sponsoring them each month financially – 1 child for each class; money raised for the sponsorship by passing banks during the lunch periods each month.
- Preparing vegetables every month for a meal for the homeless shelter Hesed House.
- Participating in Rotary sponsored activities such as RYLA, etc.

The most recent project that the Aurora Noon Rotary Club and the Rosary Interact Club participated in was the purchase, labeling and distribution of 3,500 dictionaries to every third grade student in the Aurora area. The Rotary Club purchased the dictionaries and Interact students helped place labels in them indicating that they were a gift from Rotary and Interact. The labels also contained the 4-Way Test.

From the desk of Chris Reilly, District Governor-Elect

Our District is enjoying the benefits of organization and teamwork, as Governor Chuck Johnson has fielded a strong administrative team for District 6450. There is a good blend of seasoned veterans and rookies on his District Team and most all Committees and support systems are functioning well. Chuck and I agree that continuity is critical to moving the District forward. Good things that need to be institutionalized do not happen in a single year. Many of the Districts in our Zone offer good models as to the real power of Rotary when Rotarians are organized and working together toward common goals. The committee structure we have in place, wherein most committees are staffed by volunteers with staggered 3 year appointments, is designed to provide District 6450 with the necessary continuity. It has not gone unnoticed by me that in a few short months, the Centennial team will be in action, and Chuck has implemented a strong model to follow.

OK, if you can agree that continuity is of critical importance, then what does this mean for you? In simplest terms, I will need new appointees for all the Committees, as at least one third of the committee members have served their time and need to be replaced. Do you really know the full range of opportunities that are encompassed by the term “Rotarian?” A sure way of finding out is to raise your antenna above your personal club. Become aware and get involved! While continuing to enjoy the fellowship and benefits of your Club, expand your horizons by learning what more is out there in the wider Rotary world. The often cited thought, “you will receive more than you give,” will not prove to be just words. Collectively speaking, most of the benefits of Rotary membership are being enjoyed in District 6450, but not all are necessarily visible in your Club.



Involvement in the District enhances the possibility of coming together with someone with complementary interests. Why not consider saying Yes? Share your skills. If sweat equity is your thing, somewhere in this District is a Club asking for sweat equity volunteers. If you a great club recruiter, why not share those talents with others in the District who need better recruiting. Hone your personal organization skills. Try managing volunteers; it is a new trip in management

By being a part of the District’s administrative team, you see up close and personal, the great variety of Rotary activities going on, meet interesting people, and enhance your own abilities. Help make the Rotary experience better for all! While you know in your heart that your Club is the best, in truth the District is blessed with a myriad of great clubs and no shortage of great personalities

Consider joining the District’s Centennial Team. I need your help. Give me a call (630-969-3640) or e-mail me (chris@chrisreilly.org) and tell me what committee or assignment you can help with. Nominations will also be accepted. There are still openings in the following areas: Assistant Governors (Areas 4, 8, 10, 11), Membership, Foundation, Newsletter, District Conference Committee, District Assembly Committee, Website, Youth Exchange, and Fellowship Committee. (This will also be a pseudo scientific poll as to whether or not there are any readers out there).

~ Club News ~

Featured in this issue:

- **Aurora**
- **Broadview**
- **Chicago Near South**
- **Cicero**
- **Hinsdale**
- **Western Springs**

Western Springs

John Gilbert, President of the Rotary Club of Western Springs, wrote about the Western Springs Rotary Club Annual Veterans Steak Fry which was held on Monday 8 September. The event was chaired by Secretary G. Grant Dixon, and working closely was equipment manager and chief cook Sharon Flaim. All of the 90 steaks were consumed. Eighteen raffle prizes were supplied by Past District Governor Rich Ingalls. Nearly all of our Western Springs Rotarians were involved in some capacity with the event whose purpose is **to honor veterans of all wars, police, firemen, and other public service people.**

For background to a brief commemorative service, they had two ambulances and an 80 ft crane that hoisted a large American flag at the appropriate point in the service. Western Springs also had a hook and ladder fire truck with elevated American flag. Many Rotarians from neighboring communities joined in this very successful celebration.

Hinsdale

The Rotary Club of Hinsdale **Charity Classic Race 5K, 10K and 3K Kids Run** will take place on 19 October 2003 at 8:00 am at the Monroe School on Madison Street in Hinsdale. Registration applications can be downloaded from www.hinsdalerotary.org.

Broadview

Edna Travis of the Broadview Rotary Club presents **Fight Night, a charity event**, at The Carlisle in Lombard on 22 November 2003 at 6:45 pm (open bar, dinner, boxing). \$ 85.00 a ticket. For details and reservations, call 630-678-0513.

More on pages 8 and 9.

Ambassadorial Scholarship Awarded

The Ambassadorial Scholar Chairman, AGC Rick Quackenbush, has the pleasure of awarding one Ambassadorial Scholarship for the 03-04 Rotary Year. His committee is made up of: DG Chuck Johnson, DGN Chris Reilly, Foundation Chair Paul Carpenter, AG & Peace Scholar Chair Prof. Robert White, AG Barbara Dwyer, and assisted by current outbound scholar Jenny Pavich from Hinsdale, and current inbound scholar Jana Randow from Germany.

August the 15th marked the completion of the selection of the candidates for this program. Eleven candidates were invited to an informal social event to give the committee members a chance to meet with them; to visit and get to know them. August the 16th was the formal interview process, which started at 8:30AM and didn't finish until 5PM.

What is the Ambassadorial Scholarship Program, you ask?

The Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholarship program is the world's largest privately funded international scholarship program. It began in 1947. District 6450 has been a participant in this program for many years and has sponsored several outgoing students and incoming students. The purpose of the scholarship program is to further international understanding and friendly relations among people of different countries. Scholars are expected to be outstanding ambassadors of goodwill to the people of the host country through both informal and formal appearances before Rotary and non-Rotary groups. Each scholar is assigned a host Rotarian counselor to facilitate involvement in Rotary and integration into the host culture.

This year the award was presented to **Sarah Tautin**. She will study International Relationships in the UK for one year. She is sponsored by the **Rotary Club of Chicago/ROTARY One**. The alternate is David Beeman. He is sponsored by the Rotary Club of Bradley-Bourbonnais.

In addition to being an investment in the education of tomorrow's leaders, The Rotary Foundation Scholarships create personal links between counties and are an important step toward greater understanding and goodwill in the world. District 6450 is a proud participant in this Rotary program.

This year our District is hosting 9 incoming scholars. They are from the following countries: **one from France, one from Italy, one from Belgium, one from Estonia, one from Japan, and four from Korea.**

Literacy in District 6450

Our District Literacy Committee is asking you to "**Lend A Hand**" in some of their great Literacy Projects. They have designed a menu of projects ranging from a few books brought to the District Conference to matching grant projects in Central America. Whether your club has a literacy project or not, these choices should be considered. "**Lend A Hand**" to help others read.

Please contact Eldon Tracy, our Literacy Task Force Chair, at alaetracy@msn.com.

Cusco, Peru Update

By Rick Thiernau, District Governor-Nominee

Wow! What a tremendous response I received about the article on the mission to Peru.



Many of you have asked for an update so here it is.

In August Bob Wilson, Ruben Chuquimia (Homewood Rotarians) Donna and myself flew to Cusco for 72 hours. We had two goals. Check on the previous hospital and look at the next hospital we will be going to.

The previous hospital has really taken advantage of our last visit. They basically did not have an ICU. I am happy to report that not only do they now have one, it is up and running and saving lives. I felt very proud to be a Rotarian and knowing that we are making a difference.

The next hospital is nothing like the previous one. This hospital is for the very poor. It is less than clean and the equipment is limited. The positive is that we know what they truly need and how we are going to organize the next mission scheduled for 28 May through 14 June 2004. They are anxiously awaiting our arrival and all the good work we are going to be able to provide to the poor.

Someone asked me why Peru? Why not help the poor here in the US? Great question! My response is that if you took the absolute poorest person in the US, they could get medical attention, a warm meal, or a roof over their head if they so desire. This is not an option in Cusco. Ideally we should do this type of mission here and also there. Perhaps your Rotary Club could be the one to start a mission here. If you do please let me know. I would like to be a part of it.

Please continue doing the great work you are doing. We, as Rotarians, are making a difference. If you are interested in learning more about the Rotary Club of Homewood's Cusco 2004 Medical Mission, please feel free to contact me at rick@thiernaufinancial.com.

Welcome new member Bruce K. Dixon, Naperville Sunrise Rotary Club

One of the first things that became apparent following my June 13th installment into the Naperville Sunrise Rotary Club was my rather unusual status as a work-at-home journalist. My warm welcome has included many polite questions about what I do and what freelancing is like.

"So you're a journalist," someone would say. "Whom do you write for?"

"I work primarily at home for several clients, including the Voice of America, Reuters Health and the Radiological Society of North America. Tell me about *your* business," I continue, turning the subject. I think it was Edward R. Murrow who said journalists don't like to talk about themselves...much. So how to explain this column?

When Governor Chuck Johnson spoke at our Sunrise assembly a couple of weeks ago, he saw the 'J' word on my badge and later asked if I'd like to write a column for the District Newsletter. Topic: Why did I join, and what it's like being a new Rotarian. Still reeling and rocking from a morning coffee binge, I volunteered. That evening, when the caffeine had worn off, I asked my wife and advisor "What have I gotten myself into?"

Why did I join Rotary? Since leaving my job in Chicago three years ago, I had been considering some sort of volunteer work. One day a resonant voice came to me saying, "Bruce, you've done pretty well. And you haven't had to put kids through college or pay for weddings. So it's time to give back...do public service...get out of the house and talk to someone besides yourself and SBC technical support."

The voice, which seemed to be channeling from our cat, Archie, sounded very much like Ron Buonauro, a longtime Sunrise member. Ron had touted Sunrise when I was at his restaurant enjoying a plate of baked spaghetti. And I had heard nothing but good things about Rotary from my sister-in-law in Connecticut. Otherwise, I was rather ignorant of Rotary's worldwide accomplishments. Ron invited me to attend a couple of assemblies and the next thing I knew I was committing The Four-Way Test to memory.

Solar Oven Celebration

Sunday 7 September was a day for celebrating! Representatives from several clubs of the 10 who are raising funds to send a **Villager-size solar oven to Lagos Teaching Hospital in Lagos, Nigeria**, gathered for a picnic at the South Island Park in Wilmington. Rotarians and Interactors were present from the **Herscher, Kankakee, Reed-Custer, and Wilmington clubs**. Other clubs who are participating are **Manteno, Morris, Bradley-Bourbonnais, Dwight Rotary Clubs and Morris High School Interact club**.

Raising over \$13,000 between the Kankakee and Wilmington clubs seemed impossible at first. However, receiving the support of the additional clubs, as well as District 6450 Designated funds and a Matching Grant from The Rotary Foundation made the dream a reality! Paul Munson, of Sun Ovens, gave a demonstration using a large oven to cook hotdogs and cookies for the picnic. **DG Chuck Johnson also presented Reed-Custer High School Interact Club's charter.**

THE “ROOTS” OF THE UNDERTAKER

By Kathy Kobak

October in Rotary is Vocational Service Month. Being Rotarians, we all understand how important our vocations are. The second Object of Rotary states: ‘High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations; and the dignifying by each Rotarian of his occupation as an opportunity to serve society.’ We all serve society in various ways but I am going to share with you what the life of an undertaker is all about.

As some of you know, my husband, David Kobak is a funeral director/embalmer – “the undertaker.” He chose this vocation when he was a teenager. Does he come from a family of funeral directors? No, not so. At the age of 16, Dave began working at a funeral home, part time washing cars. He worked for a man named, Mike Bruno. Some of you may know him. He has been around for quite a while. As Dave spent more and more time working at the funeral home, he started to think he might like to look into this line of work.

Mind you, this is not for everyone. A funeral director is indeed a very unique and special individual. The highest standard of ethics and morals, confidentiality and compassion must abide in the person who decides to take this path in life. Professionally speaking, a funeral director is always “on call.” One never knows whom the next phone call may come from: family, friend, neighbor, or stranger. The same goes for who ever may walk into the funeral home unannounced and without a prior appointment at any given moment during the day or night. Flexibility is a key; it is a must to being a dedicated undertaker.

Grief is shown in many ways for the persons who have just lost a loved one. Sadness, tears, anger, confusion, numbness, the inability to make decisions, family tensions regarding everything from money to the type of final disposition to what color dress Mom should

wear are all a part of why it is so crucial that the funeral director is flexible, patient and able to guide individuals through the process of making a funeral arrangement.

Deaths occur in many ways. Another “job” of the embalmer is to try in every way, shape and form to make the deceased look as presentable and satisfying to the family as possible given the circumstances. This is where you see the artistic talents come out and the deep sense of caring and feeling of “this could be my mom, dad, brother, daughter....”. In the prep room is where miracles can occur. I know this first hand. My father passed away 9 years ago, a victim of Parkinson’s disease, crippled up and in the fetal position, sunken in cheeks, pasty white.

I can never forget that picture. However after that I have another lasting memory, a vivid picture of my dad in the casket, his cheeks filled out, makeup on to give him a “healthy” color, his navy blue suit on and just looking great. He looked like my dad, the dad I had known all my life.

The miracle workers in the prep room of Blake-Lamb Funeral Home were Mike Bruno, a funeral director for many years who may be familiar to Rotarians in your area, and Dave Kobak. Yes, Mike is still very much so a part of Dave’s life. I was the one who called Mike before Dad had passed away and asked him to embalm and handle the preparation. He and Dave are men of integrity, character, ethics, morals, a deep sense of caring and compassion, maintaining the confidentiality of the family and the dignity of the deceased.

A great role model and mentor for my husband, Mike has helped to mold Dave into the person he is today. Knowing Dave as well as I do, a natural “next step” for him was becoming a Rotarian. He lives the motto “Service Above Self” each and every day. I am so proud to be married to a funeral director, a truly admirable profession. He is superb at his profession – vocation, a great husband and a fabulous Rotarian!

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DG Chuck Johnson’s official visits to clubs in October/November

01, Chicago-Near South – 02, Broadview and Chicago Southeast – 06, Downers Grove – 07, Woodridge and Franklin Park – 14, Matteson and Chicago-Rogers Park – 15, Homewood – 16, Maywood – 20, Orland Park – 21, Melrose Park – 22, Romeoville – 23, New Lenox and Orland Park – 28, Moraine Valley – 30, Naperville – 04, Joliet – 06, Park Forest – 11, Oak Forest – 13, Elmhurst AM and Elmhurst – 18, Westmont – 25, Wilmington.

From the Editor's Desk

Thank you so much to all the Rotarians who made this issue possible, particularly **Lou Volodka and Kathy Kobak** for their dedication, insight and hard work.

In **November** Rotary celebrates **The Rotary Foundation Month**. The Foundation is our charity. All its programs make a difference in the world and to continue making them happen the Foundation needs our full support. Please send us information on your club's activities related to the Foundation by 15 October for publication in our November issue. Share with the district all your accomplishments. Thank you!

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More Club News:

Aurora

"The Role of the U.N. in Today's Difficult and Changing Times" - Bartram Brown, Professor at Chicago-Kent School of Law, will speak on this important subject at Gaslite Manor Banquet Hall, 2485 Church Road in Aurora, on Tuesday evening, 21 October. The dinner, which celebrates United Nations Day, is being sponsored by the A.A.U.W. branch of Aurora. **Cosponsors will include the Rotary Club of Aurora.**

Rotary International has been an integral part of the U.N. since its inception, and is a leading NGO in projects such as PolioPlus, and the R.I. World Peace Scholarships. The agenda will include socializing and display tables at 6:30 PM, and dinner at 7:00 PM. Tickets are available in advance (\$25.00) from Sandra Hipp at 1034 West Downer Place, Aurora, IL 60506. The in advance deadline is 15 October; cost will be \$27.00 at the door. If you have questions, **call PDG Ed Fauth at (630) 499-7989.**

Cicero

The club is organizing a **Rotary Fellowship Gathering** on 9 November 2003 at 5:30 pm. \$ 45.00 per person including dinner. For information, contact Scottie Heelan at 630-582-7070 or Dorothy Allen at Dorothy.Allen@ABNAMRO.com.

DISTRICT 6450 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

TAKE NOTE AND MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

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| October 9-12 | Zone 27&28 GETS/Institute
South Bend, Indiana |
| October 13 | Area 7 Rotary Orientation Meeting , Burr Ridge Ramada,
7:00 pm |
| October 15 | Area 3 Rotary Orientation Meeting , Abbington Banquets,
Glen Ellyn, 7:00 pm |
| October 17-19 | RYLA
George Williams College, WI |
| October 25
8:00 am - 12.30 pm | District Rotary Foundation Seminar – Burr Ridge Ramada |
| November 14 | Joliet Rotary Club 90th Anniversary Celebration
Renaissance Center, Joliet |
| November 15
8:00 am – 12:00 pm | Rotary Youth Exchange
District Interviews Students
LaGrange Country Club |

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| January 17 | President's ROUNDTABLE
TBA |
| February 23 | Rotary 99 th Birthday |
| March 12 | 2004-2005 PETS for Districts 6450 and 6440 , Marriott
Hickory Ridge Conf. Center |
| March 13 | 2004-2005 District Assembly ,
Marriott Hickory Ridge CC |
| April 29-30 | Rotary International District 6450 Conference
The Abbey, Fontana, Wisconsin |
| May 23-26 | 95th Rotary International Convention
Osaka, Japan |

Focus on Area 8

Moraine Valley

The Rotary Club of Moraine Valley, located in southwest Cook County, represents five local communities. With a small, but experienced membership, the Club is active in many areas of Service:

Speakers Programs: Women's Crisis Center, Handicapped Adults, Semi-Pro Basketball, Personal Biographies;
Youth: RYLA Leadership Sponsor, Junior College Scholarships; Donations to Child with Dysmylinating Disease; Community: 4 Day Community Family Festival Participation, Helping Hands on Home Restoration projects; Foundation: Member District Funds Committee, High Annual Donations, Full Paul Harris Fellows;
International: Temple Solar Sponsor, Dental Equipment Sponsor; Full PolioPlus Participation; District: Past District Governor, Registrar of District Conference, Immediate Past Finance Chair. Upcoming: ART Auction, Motivational Speaker, Membership Development Program.

The Club meets on Tuesdays for lunch at the Camelot Restuarant in Hickory Hills. For information, please contact the President Wm. C. Groebe at 708-636-9700 or info@Groebeinc.com.

Evergreen Park

The Evergreen Park Rotary Club celebrated its Oktoberfest on 13 September. The event was a success and the proceeds will be used to fund participation in various civic, charitable, and community programs throughout the year.

The club meets every Monday at lunch time at Barraco's Restaurant.

The **Rotary Club of Blue Island-Crestwood** will send an article for our November edition.

Oak Lawn

The Oak Lawn Rotary club will be hosting an art auction, appropriately named "Fall" In Love With Art on **Sunday 26 October**. You are all invited!! Browse through dozens of famous works from Monet to Picasso. Traditional to ultra-modern, original oils, watercolors, silkscreens and more will be featured. We will have over 250 pieces to feature. The event will begin at 1:00 p.m. and is going to be held at Hawk-Lincoln Mercury, 10201 S. Cicero, Oak Lawn. One of our members, Ron Kappel works for the dealership and Tom Hawk, owner, has graciously accepted our request of the use of their showroom. This is a fundraiser for our Centennial project, which is to assist Park Lawn Assn., Jim Weise, Executive Director, and one of our Rotarians, in renovating one of their facilities. Park Lawn is a facility for the developmentally disabled and they do a remarkable job helping others. All proceeds will go toward our project. **Admission is free.** Refreshments and hors d'oeuvres will be served. We will be raffling off two original pieces of artwork. If you are thinking of coming, please RSVP by October 22nd to Dave & Kathy Kobak, 708-361-1177 or e-mail kathy_kobak@hotmail.com.

Our club is growing. We now have 27 active members, up 5 from 2002. We just launched our website www.oaklawnrotary.org thanks to Rotarian Dr. Sandra Bury. We are also in the process of having the Village of Oak Lawn 2004 – 2005 city sticker designed to depict Rotary Centennial and polio eradication. Dave Kobak, president of the Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce and past club president, spoke to the "village people" about the sticker and they were honored to have Rotary as a symbol for the sticker. Keep an eye on Oak Lawn Rotary; there will be more news coming...

Thanks to **ADG Bob White** for coordinating with the clubs in Area 8 the sharing of all these great news!

More Club News: **Chicago Near South** – Past RI Director Ted Gifford brought to our attention an article published by the Chicago Tribune on 16 August. The article, **Tech gets on the ball for sports fans** (page 3 of section 2), refers to **Tom Jacobius**, charter member of the club, and director of inter professional studies at the Illinois Institute of Technology. He gathered a team of IIT civil engineering, architecture and computer science students and faculty, and helped develop software to measure home runs at U.S. Cellular Field. *"Technology really enriches fans' experience, giving them new and different ways of viewing the same event."*

Every Rotarian Every Year

Nearly one century ago – Rotary was but a mere thought in Paul Harris’ mind. His dream – to bring the peace, friendship and goodwill he valued from his small hometown upbringing to the big city known as Chicago.

What was it about Paul’s dream that transformed Rotary into the world’s most international service organization in the world? It was a dream based on hope. Hope that is contagious. Hope that is life-changing and life-saving. Hope that makes a difference. Hope that is ours to share. And, we can share that hope through our Rotary Foundation.

Paul Harris once said, “The power of combined effort knows no limitation.” He was right. Alone we can do so little. Together we can do so much.

Today, we live in a world filled with wars, natural disasters, disease and abject poverty. You need not look very far to see pain and suffering, to know that many people need our help. That is why all of Rotary is putting forth a critical effort to rebuild our Annual Programs Fund -- *Every Rotarian, Every Year* – so that we can make a profound difference in the world.

Let’s all strive to come together in friendship and fellowship this year to build bridges of hope filled with possibility for a better life and a better world for all. Strong bridges need strong financial support – support from *Every Rotarian, Every Year* – if we are to ensure the strength of our Foundation programs, now and in the future to keep hope alive.

Can we count on you to become a Rotary Foundation Sustaining Member with your gift of \$100 or more to our Foundation this year? Just imagine the possibility of what you “alone” could accomplish when we work “together,” *Every Rotarian, Every Year*.

Roylene W. Gallas
Chair, Annual Giving Subcommittee

Are you a Benefactor or a Bequest Society Member of The Rotary Foundation?

Past RI Director Ted Gifford, member of the Rotary Club of LaGrange and District 6450 Benefactor Chair, explains that a **Benefactor** is anyone who informs the Foundation in writing that they have made provisions naming the Foundation **Permanent Fund** as a beneficiary in their will, or anyone who makes an outright contribution of **\$ 1,000.00 or more** to the Permanent Fund. Currently, our district has 74 Benefactors.

A **Bequest Society Member** is an individual or couple who fills out a Bequest Society Membership Card stating their intention to bequeath **\$ 10,000.00 or more** to the **Permanent Fund** by will, living trust, charitable remainder unitrust, whole or universal life insurance, or IRA/401K retirement plan assets. Currently, our district has nine Bequest Society Members.

Please consider remembering The Rotary Foundation in your estate plan. The legacy you leave helps provide innovative and compassionate programs to improve and enrich the lives of people throughout the world.

You can’t take it with you so why not take advantage of the painless method of supporting our Rotary Foundation.

For more information, contact PRID Ted Gifford at exfixemtooth@aol.com.

HAS YOUR CLUB GOT PART OF THE MONEY AVAILABLE FOR GRANTS THROUGH DISTRICT 6450?

The District Matching Grant Committee Announces Grants of District Simplified Grants and Matching Grants

The District Matching Grant Committee met on 20 September and approved the following grants: Chicago Rogers Park Centennial Project of documenting photos and other historical material which will be put in a data base on CDs for distribution to the schools in the Rogers Park area of Chicago, District Simplified Grant \$750. Chicago O’Hare was granted \$500 toward an after school project for 30 children in Porto Vallarta, Mexico as a District Simplified Grant. Chicago Rogers Park and the St. Scholastica Interact Club were granted \$2,500 of District Designated Funds toward the projected \$6,000 of shipping costs for a 40 foot container to be sent to an orphanage for children of AIDS victims and people with AIDS; this project is in conjunction with the Rotary Club of Muthaiga in District 9200 in Nairobi, Kenya.

The deadline for the next presentations on 17 October and to be presented on 25 October, then 15 November for the 22 November presentations, and 31 December 2003 for the 10 January 2004 presentations. There is approximately \$15,750 of money available for District Simplified Grants and \$35,500.00 available for Matching Grants from the District Designated Funds. Find out how your club can stretch your club’s money by applying for a District Simplified Grant or a Matching Grant. Contact PDG Fred Otto, Matching Grant Chair at 847-698-1160 for more details or go to www.rotary6450.org/Download, and www.rotary.org/Download/Humanitarian for more information.

THE 4-WAY TEST ESSAY CONTEST AND CENTENNIAL POSTER CONTEST

Oak Lawn Rotary is presently in the process of implementing Governor Chuck's District 4-Way Test Essay and Centennial Poster program. In my discussions with Assistant Governor Bob White, Chairman of the committee, he has informed us that Chicago One and Rogers Park are also participating in this project. We are very pleased as Rotarians to help with this. It is a great way to invite children, junior high students to be exact, into the world of Rotary. Too many negatives in society today influence our kids and it is the responsibility of the adults to help children all over the world as they grow and mature. We must lead them in the right direction but as we attempt to accomplish that feat, we must never squelch their creativity and sense of innocence. Don't we all wish we could be children again? Yes, life was much simpler, happier, and carefree. As adults, we tend to lose some of our creativity and sense of wonder. I think a great type of therapy for stressed adults would be to hang out with kids, big or little, laugh, play, and horse around.

Each child has his or her own special talents and I believe these talents can and will be expressed with the 4-Way and Centennial Poster contests. They will promote good citizenship in the Middle Grades. They will give athletes as well as non-athletes an opportunity to excel in their school. These contests will help us as Rotarians increase Rotary's public image in the community, while at the same time getting our philosophy of service and ethics to them.

The clubs that are initially participating in these contests will be contacting their local junior high schools to explain the rules. The contests will run from September 15, 2003 to November 14, 2003. There are guidelines to follow for both projects and first, second, and third place cash prizes will be awarded. The top 3 entries from each contest will be submitted to the District and the top 3 winners from each category will have their entries exhibited at the 6450 District Conference at the Abbey in Fontana, Wisconsin 30 April - 2 May 2004. The first place winners will be honored at the Conference.

This is just a terrific way to help channel the creativity of our kids' in the right direction. It is an educational experience for them; they will learn about "us" and they can explore their minds to come up with with unique words and pictures depicting Rotary. To the 3 clubs piloting this project, HAVE A BALL! RUN WITH IT! BE EXCITED! THINK LIKE A KID AND HELP THESE KIDS TO GET EXCITED ABOUT ROTARY!!!

Kathy Kobak

ROTARY DISTRICT 6450 CONFERENCE

29 April - 2 May 2004

Attention! Attention! - Check it out
District 6450 Website will have Conference forms and information, including registration, posted very shortly. For information contact **Marilyn Turner, Conference Promotions Chair**, at mtturner106@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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THANK YOU!



More From Your Foundation Chair

Seeking an international partner?

A **Brazilian Rotary Club** is seeking a Matching Grant partner to provide computer equipment to assist visually disabled children in Sao Paulo Brazil. Your club's support is needed. For further information, contact Paul Carpenter at 847-866-3343 or email: carpentp@rotaryintl.org.



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15 Addison	64	4	25
Aurora		3	
Aurora Naperville		4	
Aurora Sunrise		5	
24 Bensenville	56	4	16
Berwyn		4	
Blue Island Crestwood		4	
10 Bolingbrook	68	4	27
31 Bradley Bourbonnais	45	4	42
Broadview		4	
Brookfield Riverside		4	
Burr Ridge Willowbrook		4	
Chicago Financial District		5	
26 Chicago Heights	55	4	49
Chicago Midwest		4	
Chicago Near South		4	
Chicago Northwest		4	
Chicago O'Hare		4	
32 Chicago One	41	4	209
33 Chicago Rogers Park	13	5	28
Chicago Southeast		4	
Chicago Southwest		4	
Cicero		4	
Countryside		4	
10 Darien	68	4	28
Downers Grove		4	
12 Dwight	66	5	18
15 Elmhurst	64	4	54
12 Elmhurst Morning	66	4	16
30 Evergreen Park	49	4	23
14 Franklin Park	65	4	13
Hinsdale		5	
Hinsdale Oak Brook Gateway		5	
5 Homewood	77	4	65
8 Joliet	74	4	157
23 Kankakee	58	4	37
15 LaGrange	64	5	39
4 Lansing	80	5	20
20 Lisle	63	4	23
27 Lockport	54	4	52
Manteno		5	
5 Matteson	77	4	24
Maywood		4	
Melrose Park		4	
3 Moraine Valley	81	4	8
Morris		5	

Naperville		4	
9 Naperville Sunrise	70	5	89
27 New Lenox	54	4	
24 Norridge Harwood Heights	56	4	13
Oak Brook		4	
15 Oak Forest	64	5	23
1 Oak Lawn	88	4	27
Oak Park River Forest		4	
15 Orland Park	64	4	62
7 Oswego	76	4	34
2 Park Forest	82	4	29
22 Plainfield	59	4	28
Romeoville		4	
Tinley Park Frankfort		4	
Western Springs		4	
20 Westmont	63	4	30
29 Wilmington	50	4	18
Woodridge		4	