



# Team 2003-2004 Newsletter



Lend a Hand

Chuck Johnson, District Governor 2003-2004

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**Happy Holidays!**

## New Programs



What a great year we are having! The **Vocational Tour Committee's** first effort was intellectual. We learned physics at the Argonne National Laboratory's Advanced Photon Source. About seventy-five of us had a wonderful time and are looking forward to the next one. Ken promises that it will be a blast!

The **Fellowship Night Out** at Tommy Gun's Speakeasy was enjoyed by almost sixty of us. We ate, we drank, we laughed, and we provided the poor souls that

were dragged onto the stage. Scottie, where do we go next?

These are the first two events in which the goal is camaraderie, fun and education. We are having more opportunities to get together with members of other clubs, learn from each other, and become part of the Rotary family. Potential members participated in both activities.

The **RYLA** weekend had 85 students and over 40 adults. It was fun for the adults and character building for the students. The Sunday wrap-up comments made all the work worthwhile. The students really expressed their heartfelt thanks. Congratulations to the committee and all the helpers.

Our **Four-Way-Test Program** is gaining momentum. We hope to get several schools to utilize the program this year. We may have to get it organized in the schools this year and in operation for the next year. Several clubs plan to make it happen in the fourth quarter of this school year.

The **Interact Sponsor and Advisor Roundtable** met to plan strategy and projects. We are going to bring several more Interact clubs into our Rotary family this year. Our Interactors are wound up and only need to be pointed in the right direction.

Our next new program is **EarlyAct**. It is like an Interact Club except it is located in the middle schools. It is a wonderful place to teach ethics and service and to prepare our youth for Interact, Rotaract, and an ethical life. Our program is a proven one that has been utilized in some East Coast districts for several years.

The **District Conference (29 April – 2 May 2004)** will be our biggest and best conference ever. We will have great hospitality suites and two headline shows. We will have classes in heavy Rotary, light Rotary, and no Rotary subjects. We will have fun, fun, fun, while meeting our District's future leaders.

Mark your calendar and make it happen.

*D.G. Chuck*  
Chuck Johnson, District Governor

## **We are Responsible for Children**

By Ina Hughes

*We are responsible for Children*

*Who put chocolate fingers everywhere,  
Who like to be tickled,  
Who stomp in puddles and ruin their new pants,  
Who sneak Popsicles before dinner,  
Who erase holes in their math workbooks,  
Who can never find their shoes.*

*But we are also responsible for those*

*Who stare at photographers from behind broken windows,  
Who can't bound down the street in a new pair of sneakers,  
Who never "counted potatoes",  
Who were born in places we wouldn't be caught dead,  
Who live in an x-rated world.*

*We are responsible for children*

*Who bring us sticky kisses and fistfuls of dandelions,  
Who sleep with the dog and bury goldfish,  
Who hug us in a hurry and forget their lunch money,  
Who cover themselves with Band-Aids and sing off-key,  
Who squeeze toothpaste all over the sink,  
Who slurp their soup.*

*But we are also responsible for those*

*Who never get dessert,  
Who have no safe blanket to drag behind them,  
Who watch their parents watch them suffer,  
Who can't find any bread to steal,  
Who don't have rooms to clean up,  
Whose pictures aren't on anybody's dresser,  
Whose monsters are real.*

*We are responsible for children*

*Who spend their allowance before Tuesday,  
Who throw tantrums in the grocery store and who Pick at their food,  
Who like ghost stories,  
Who shove dirty clothing under the bed and never Rinse out the tub,  
Who get visits from the tooth fairy,  
Who don't like to be kissed in from of the carpool,  
Who squirm in church and scream on the phone,  
Whose tears sometimes make us laugh and and whose Smiles can make us cry.*

*And we are responsible for those*

*Whose nightmares come in the daytime,  
Who will eat anything,  
Who have never seen a dentist,  
Who aren't spoiled by anybody,  
Who go to bed hungry and cry themselves to sleep,  
Who live and move, but have no being.*

## **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).

*We are responsible for children*

*Who want to be carried and for those who must,  
For those we will never give up on and  
For those we smother and for those who will grab the  
hand of anybody kind enough to offer it.*

This poem was sent to us by Guy Groot, District 6450 Chair of Rotary Youth Exchange, home phone 630-466-1091, voice mail/mobile 630-602-4126. Guy wrote that part of his responsibilities includes organization and he is finding that a large portion of it involves motivating clubs to be involved. Sometimes, that is a daunting task and he finds that he loses some of his own motivation. When that happens, he looks to this poem that is framed and on his office wall. ***Thank you Guy for sharing with the entire district this wonderful source of motivation!***

## ***Club News* — Plainfield**

The Rotary Club of Plainfield has a **new meeting place: Larry's Dinner, 1131 W Lockport St. (Rt 126 & Rt 30).**

## ***In Memoriam***

**Members of the Chicago Northwest Rotary Club mourn the loss of their 2003-2004 Club President, Jovan Stanisic.** Jovan, 51, was taken from us suddenly at a very young age. As a Club President he was a great leader who had the love and respect of all the Rotarians in his club. Jovan always exhibited a great smile, extended a warm handshake and was anxious to help when a community service project request came his way. The celebrated joy in June at his Club President installation was equally matched by the degree of sadness felt by all at his untimely passing in November. Members of the Chicago Northwest Rotary Club and those of us that came to know him will always remember him as a wonderful and generous human being. Each Rotarian belongs to the worldwide family of Rotarians and so it will be that Club President Jovan Stanisic shall be truly missed by all Rotarians throughout the Rotary World. His wife survives Jovan. Our best wishes for all members of the Stanisic family and the good friends that Jovan has left behind.

**Members of the Rotary Club of Maywood mourn the loss of Dorothy S. Schaeffer,** 83, beloved wife of the late Past District Governor Bernard R. Schaeffer. Memorial donations to the Bernard R. Schaeffer Scholarship Fund may be sent c/o Rotary of Maywood, 316 Randolph, Maywood, IL 60153.

**Members of the Rotary Club of Chicago-Rogers Park mourn the loss of James Arnold** in Galesburg, Illinois. Mr. Arnold was the father of Stephanie Arnold, President-Elect of the club. Memorial donations may be sent to Warren Achievement School, to help people with developmental disabilities, at 1220 E. 2nd Ave., Monmouth, IL 61462.

## Meet the Partners

**By Doug Steward, husband of  
Past Club President Linda  
Sahagian**

### RC of Oak Park-River Forest

A funny thing happened on the way to the altar. I, like most of you, bought into a relationship that continually evolves. We started off getting to know each other. We found out what was meant by “for better or worse”. This letter to my fellow / sister spouses and Rotary friends is all about the “for better” part. On the record, my spouse — Linda Gail Sahagian of the OPRF Rotary Club — and I have moments of absolute grandeur. Some of our best moments, times and friendships are with our Rotary friends.

Rotary became a part of Linda’s life and, in turn, mine, sometime back in the last century—probably it was 1992. I remember giving a toast to you Rotary members in which I said that, thanks to Rotary, I had met some of the best human beings that had ever touched up my life. Then, I followed that by saying that if there weren’t Rotary, someone would have to invent it.

In Rotary, you act the “Service Above Self” and live “The 4-Way Test.” I could talk for paragraphs about how this transcends reality and becomes an underpinning of so many experiences I, am just a spouse (or am I now an accompanying partner?).

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I have observed you Rotarians at a safe distance. You are becoming my new reality. You Rotarians have it right.... Right on! So, here I am, the spouse of a past club president who stays active in the District. I make every Rotary event that involves spousal attendance. I have often thought if I weren’t in a different city every week, how great it would be to become a card-carrying member of a Rotary Club. Then, I wake up from my dream. That’s when I wish I could be as good as you Rotarians.

## District Leadership for Youth with Disabilities Project

District 6450 has coordinated the RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards) program for several years. It is an objective of our DG Chuck Johnson, that Rotary provide a similar opportunity for youth with disabilities. Certainly any youth can participate in the current RYLA program. In chairing this project, I have proposed as a first step that Rotary work collaboratively with the State-Wide Independent Living Council in sponsoring the 2004 **Illinois Youth with Disabilities Leadership Summit**.

The Illinois Youth with Disabilities Leadership Summit, held in Springfield, includes the following opportunities for participants:

- \* Meet other young people with disabilities in Illinois who are interested in leadership development.
- \* Participate in educational programs such as: developing increased self-esteem, choosing a career, learning about the history of disability as a culture, and using technology for independence.
- \* Identify existing barriers to personal and professional success and develop plans to deal with the barriers.
- \* Develop a “Personal Advocacy Plan,” which will include specific action plans for the youth participants when they return to their communities.
- \* Hold small group discussions with other youth participants, a tour of the State Capitol, a march to the annual Springfield ADA Celebration and a dance with karaoke.
- \* Interact with adult mentors who have disabilities.

Rotary clubs are being asked to participate based on their individual level of funds or volunteers in the following ways:

- \* Assist in identifying youth applicants for the conference. (Applications will be mailed out in early 2004 to Club Presidents).
- \* Help participants who need transportation.
- \* Provide funds to help cover lodging and meals (2 nights, 3 days).
- \* Volunteer for the seminars where needed.
- \* Coordinate a presentation by the youth/family to the local Rotary Club following the conference.

On behalf of Rotary, I have joined the planning committee for this event. I am interested in knowing of others to add to our current committee. Mary Ann Egger, Pamela Heavens, and Herman Haase from the Joliet Rotary Club are working with me. Thank you for your consideration of this Project. I can be reached at Easter Seals (815) 773-9362 or e-mail at [dcondotti@joliet.easter-seals.org](mailto:dcondotti@joliet.easter-seals.org). Comments, questions and suggestions are welcome!

Debra Condotti, Joliet Rotary Club

**Interact Corner-District 4 Way Test Contest Update** – The 4 Way Test essays should be judged by the sponsoring club and awards given. The top finalist from each club should be submitted to ADG Bob White by 10 December. The submittals will be judged by a committee consisting of Cliff Crone, Naperville; Gene Drendell, Naperville; Kathy Kobak, Oak Lawn; Julia Mullikin, Kankakee; Terry Bartolini, Oak Lawn; Craig Payan, Oak Forest; John Spitkovsy, Chicago; and Dennis Sluga, Elmhurst Noon. For additional information, contact **ADG Bob White at 773-667-3039 or e-mail [lmwhite6049@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lmwhite6049@sbcglobal.net)**.

## *On the Lighter Side – From Don Staley, Rotary Club of Chicago/ROTARY ONE*

If you can start the day without caffeine,  
If you can be cheerful, ignoring aches and pains,  
If you can eat the same food everyday and be grateful for it,  
If you can understand when loved ones are too busy to give you time,  
If you can overlook when people take things out on you,  
If you can take criticism and blame without resentment,  
If you can face the world without lies and deceit,  
If you can conquer tension without medical help,  
If you can do all these things,  
Then you are probably the family dog.

*Thanks to all Rotarians who submitted their chuckles. We will publish one every month.*

### **The Rotary Club of Evergreen Park**

*Cordially invites you to share in the celebration of its 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary*

*On Wednesday 3 December 2003 at 6:30 pm*

*Ridge Country Club, 103<sup>rd</sup> St and California, Chicago - \$ 45.00*

**RSVP to Mary Jo May at 708-229-5022**

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

December, Rotary's Family Month, is both an ending and a beginning. It is the time to find a new calendar, as December's holiday celebrations draw the curtain on the current year. It is the time to prepare our New Year's resolutions for the coming year. In our house even before the last leftover turkey sandwich becomes part of us, hearts and minds become focused on that blur generically called "the Holidays." Who doesn't look forward to time off from work, gatherings of friends and kin, a present or two, cards from friends of past times. In the Rotary world, we plan club parties and some clubs plan events for others (food drives, presents for kids without them, visits to hospitals, etc.). Unfortunately, there is so much happening, I too often miss fully enjoying all the opportunities "the Holidays" provide.

I think that it is fitting to also consider our Rotary family during Family Month. For me, this December is a time of reading, studying, preparation, and planning for Rotary's Centennial year, a mere seven months away. Could Paul Harris have dreamed that what he was creating would blossom, in a hundred years, to the Rotary World of today? Over 500 Governors-Elect are each pondering ways of rousing their average of 60 clubs and 2400 Rotarians to meet the challenges of Rotary's second century. Georgia and I have already completed a three day Governor-Elect Training Session in South Bend. Other than never having time for a breath of outside air, it was an educational and uplifting experience. We are looking forward to attending the District Governor training sessions in Anaheim in February.

December is also the window before the end of the Rotary year, the time when all Clubs should complete their Officers for next year (as I write, 8 clubs have yet to identify their President-Elect). It is about time to prime the pump of enthusiasm for our District's Presidents-Elect,



District 6450's only group of Centennial Presidents, and their Club Officers. I will be meeting with the Presidents-Elect in small groups (by areas) in January to get to know them and begin the process of working together to strengthen or establish club structures that enable success. That's really the principal job of a District Governor, "to help make all Clubs as successful as they can be." I am calling these meetings Pre-PETS (Pre-President-Elect Training).

The free time December provides each of us should be an opportunity to prepare New Year's resolutions for our club - to take a look at our club and see what might be done better. Take the time to offer your ideas to your President-Elect and, more importantly, offer your help! Many clubs are finalizing their slate of club officers. With a new year coming, there will be opportunities to try something new. Many clubs in our District are trying novel and interesting approaches. Some other club may have an idea your club can use. Sharing of success and failures is part of the upcoming PETS and Assembly process. This March, both events will be held jointly with our northern neighbors, District 6440. A plethora of new ideas seems assured. Please join me in making a resolution that, this December, we view things through Holiday-tinted glasses and make this year's season the best of all seasons. Let's use these same glasses to look at our clubs and identify ways of serving our communities better. Happy Holidays!

## ~ Club News ~

### Oak Forest

The Rotary Club of Oak Forest has a **new meeting place: Lavery's Restaurant, 6657 South St., Tinley Park.**

### Chicago Northwest

The new President and President-Elect of the Rotary Club of Chicago Northwest is **Juan Carlos Martinez**: Home Phone: 312-225-9843 - Work Phone: 312-421-2345 - Fax: 312-421-8037/E-mail: [elsuperior1@aol.com](mailto:elsuperior1@aol.com).

### Chicago Financial District

Tom Baltz, President of the Rotary Club of Chicago Financial District, has informed us that **Jack Pickett, the son of Rotarian Dick Pickett** (a former member of the RC of Chicago and a founding member of Chicago Financial District) was recently involved in a very serious accident and is fighting for his life. An explosion of a propane-fed water heater at Jack Pickett's house has left Pickett and Todd Owens, each of Stowe, Vermont, with severe burns over most of their bodies and bandaged from head to toe as doctors attempt to stave off infections that often follow severe burns. Each remains heavily sedated as doctors treat their wounds. Please keep Jack, Todd and their families in your thoughts and prayers. A fund has been established to help Jack Pickett, Todd Owens and their families with various expenses after their devastating accident. The fund is being organized by the Stowe Area Association under the Stowe Area Foundation Endowment, a nonprofit corporation set up specifically to help those in need. [Donations may be sent to The Jack Pickett and Todd Owens Fund, The Stowe Area Association, P.O. Box 1320, Stowe, VT 05672.](#) Any money donated will go directly to both men or their families.

### Bradley Bourbonnais

The RC of Bradley Bourbonnais has a **new meeting place: Quality Inn, 800 N. Kinzie Ave. (IL Route 50), Bradley.**

## Youth Service Programs

District 6450 is the midst of developing two new programs to serve young people. Below you will find a capsule report on each. Please look toward activating these programs in your club.

### EARLYACT

EarlyAct is a program similar to Interact that is targeted for Middle School students. Clubs are developed in Junior High Schools and Middle Schools that focus on serving the needs of the local and global community. Under adult guidance, young people develop "helping" projects that serve the community. What better way to spread the Rotary *Ideal of Service* than to have young people plan and implement service projects to aid those who are less fortunate and in need? The students, the adults, and community members can benefit greatly from these experiences.

EarlyAct is just gaining popularity in a few of the Rotary Districts in the North Eastern United States. In many ways, it is in the formative stage. DG Chuck Johnson would like to see District 6450 go full speed ahead with this project. Three Rotarians in our District have volunteered to work on this project: **John Keane – Oak Forest; Gene Drendel – Naperville; and Ray Urrutia – Aurora Sunrise.** We are currently looking for additional committee members and a Chairperson for this committee. The committee will be developing model plans for EarlyAct Clubs from available materials, encouraging clubs to become involved in this project. In addition, we are looking for Rotary Clubs that are interested in developing and sponsoring EarlyAct Clubs in their area. Please contact Guy Groot at [g.groot@mchsi.com](mailto:g.groot@mchsi.com) to learn more and get involved.

### ROTEX

Rotex is an alumni group for Rotary Youth Exchange (RYE) Students who have completed their year abroad and are now living in our District. Rotex students share a common bond and many have a life long commitment to Rotary. They are young people who have experienced life as a member of a different culture and understand the global impact of Rotary. Rotex students can share many alumni fellowship activities. They can speak to schools and Rotary groups about RYE and their experiences, support student and host family recruitment, and support RYE student training.

A core group of Rotex students is developing in our district. Megan Hubbard, Beth Gill and Sarah Wiley are the RYE youth to set up this project. Anne Kacerovskis, Orland Park will be the Rotarian Advisor to the group. One of their first tasks is to update the current information such as the addresses of prior District RYE students. If you have correct names and addresses of RYE students in your area or ones that your club has sponsored, please send that information to Megan Hubbard at [meg\\_hubbard@yahoo.com](mailto:meg_hubbard@yahoo.com).

### DG Chuck Johnson's official visits to clubs will end in December as follows:

02, Norridge-Harwood Heights – 04, Lockport and Chicago Northwest – 09, Franklin Park.

## Paul Harris Memorial

By Rick Thiernau, District Governor-Nominee

\* Did you know that Paul Harris is buried within our District? Many Rotarians do not know this.



\* Have you visited the Paul Harris' gravesite? Most Rotarians haven't.

\* Do you know where Paul Harris is buried? Most Rotarians don't either.

Paul Harris is buried at Mount Hope Cemetery. The cemetery is located at 11500 South Fairfield Avenue, Chicago, IL 60655. Here is an idea. Why not take a Rotary Club trip to the gravesite. The first time I went I was quite impressed. I didn't know what to expect and I was glad I made the trip.

Most Rotarians in our district may not know where Paul Harris' gravesite is located, but many support it. The Paul Harris Memorial Committee (PHMC) asks each Club to support the upkeep by donating \$1.00 per member each year. A Rotary Club can become a lifetime sponsor with a contribution of \$500. A Rotarian can become a lifetime sponsor with a contribution of \$100. As a member of the PHMC and on behalf of the Committee, we thank you for all your support.

With our Centennial Celebration coming up, you will be hearing more about the Paul Harris gravesite. Many Rotarians coming into Chicago for the Convention have expressed a desire to visit this destination (along with RI headquarters and Rotary One). You and your Club should consider a trip to the gravesite soon. You can learn more about the Paul Harris Memorial by visiting the web site: [www.paulharrismemorial.org](http://www.paulharrismemorial.org).

On a personal note, Donna and I would like to wish each of you a very happy and healthy holiday season. While we believe "service above self" should be part of our everyday life, the holiday season creates the ideal atmosphere to share with others that Rotarians care. We wish you and your family the very best in 2004 and encourage you to follow your Rotary dreams.

## Attendance at District Meetings

By Susie Johnson

Everyone knows that perfect attendance in Rotary is a very important goal of every Rotarian. But were you also aware that if you work on the District level in Rotary, you could count all those committee meetings you attend and all the meetings called by the District Governor as make-ups?

The Manual of Procedure from Rotary International states that there are several ways to keep your attendance in good standing. District Activities, such as PETS, Assembly, etc. and meetings held under the direction of the District Governor, or a group of Rotary Clubs meeting together can all be correct ways to do a make up.

DG Chuck tells us that the Past District Governors used to carry make up slips in their pocket and hand them out to people in the hospital so they would not have to miss meetings because they were hospitalized. Sometimes they even brought along another Rotarian or two on the visit to constitute a meeting. The old ways weren't so bad.

The moral to the story is that if you choose to work on the district level in any of the committees, it will not hurt your attendance record in your club. In fact, it may help it.

## Towards Chicago 2005



Rotary's Centennial  
RI Convention - 19-23 June 2005

### Club News – Hinsdale

Greg Donnelly, Race Committee, informed us that the Hinsdale Rotary Club staged a 5K, 10K and 3K Fun Run on Sunday 19 October: **The Hinsdale/Clarendon Hills Charity Classic.**

"We had beautiful weather and over 600 runners of all ages. Trophies and medals went to the winners. An overwhelming amount of donated food, drinks and prizes were enjoyed by everybody. The **Clarendon Hills Middle School** and **Oak Elementary School** won the competition between local schools and took home the traveling trophies. Over \$20,000 was raised with the majority of the money going to the Hinsdale Youth Center. The balance of the proceeds will go to our club's causes including Scholarships and the fight against Polio. We had over 50 local sponsors. Our top level sponsors included the local newspaper, **The Doings**, the regional newspaper, **Liberty Newspapers**, the Oak Brook branch office of **Morgan Stanley** and local bank, **Hinsdale Bank & Trust**. This race and the large amount of money raised was the culmination of 6-8 hardworking Rotary committee members and the entire club's support with donations of money, time and goods and services. On 14 November, we hosted a sponsors' lunch where we recognized the race sponsors. We presented the four long-time gold sponsors with **Paul Harris Fellowships** which were truly appreciated. This was our 13th year and it is becoming one of our community's most anticipated Fall events. Please take a look at [www.hinsdalerotary.org](http://www.hinsdalerotary.org) for great pictures and more information on the race."

## Take Money Now – We Have Funds, We Have Projects -- People Need Your Help

**Take and help:** As Rotarians we're often asked to contribute to The Rotary Foundation and indeed now is a wonderful time to do so. However, The Rotary Foundation would also like Rotarians to take money. Yes, take money. It is when we take money and use it to benefit others that we begin to understand that The Rotary Foundation is our foundation. We take money in the form of educational exchange awards to assist members of our community and humanitarian grants we use to help people in dire need around the world. Right now, our district and our Rotary Foundation have funds for your club to use to help others. Not only are funds available but so are projects. Our district actually has project requests from Brazil, the Philippines, India, and other countries representing people who need your assistance. They need clean water, food, artificial limbs, solar cooking capabilities, more education, hospital equipment and more. If you do not assist them, perhaps no one will. Contact District 6450 Grants Committee Chair PDG Fred Otto now and request a project for your club. Fred can be reached at [ottolaw@ix.netcom.com](mailto:ottolaw@ix.netcom.com) and telephone number (847) 698-1160 and he wants to help you.

**Experience The Rotary Foundation:** Want personal experience of what The Rotary Foundation does, three Rotarians are organizing groups to India in February to participate in National Immunization Days. All are doing so at their own expense. Feel free to contact them (below). They would love to talk with you. Elias Thomas III, District Governor at e-mail: [ethomas@metrocaster.net](mailto:ethomas@metrocaster.net); Barrie Howie from Canada at e-mail: [barry@transcanadadental.com](mailto:barry@transcanadadental.com); and Dave Groner from Michigan at e-mail [gronerfh@beanstalk.net](mailto:gronerfh@beanstalk.net).

**Give and be proud:** It's the holiday time for many, a time to give. How much to give is always a tough question and a deeply personal one. My recommendation would be that your gift be one of which you can be proud. The chief hope is that every Rotarian will give every year a gift of \$100. In our district, we've talked about making a gift of \$250. That's because such a level of giving would exceed the level of contributions of all other districts in the world. We would be number one in the world of over 500 districts. It is obvious from the time that the Bulls succeeded with a "three-peat" that people of our area take pride in being number one, so why not be number one in generosity and be proud about it. Question/comments: Contact District Rotary Foundation Chair Paul Carpenter at (847) 866-3343 or [carpentp@rotaryintl.org](mailto:carpentp@rotaryintl.org).

## *It is the Time to Give*

*"It was weeks before Christmas and all through RI,  
not a creature was stirring – except for I.  
I came here to write to Rotarians afar,  
To see if I could get their wallets ajar.*

*I turned on my computer so lively and quick,  
To say to all Rotarians, for a night be St. Nick.  
But why wait 'til Christmas I thought with a start,  
The world's needs are many, what thoughts can I  
impart?*

*Gifts to The Rotary Foundation are called for right now  
to provide lots of families with a Heifer, a cow. Or  
maybe a solar oven for an orphanage or a few,  
A scholar or GSE team could make a difference too.*

*Your gift can work wonders, a miracle and more. Open  
your heart, dig deeper and learn what's in store. See a  
child's eyes sparkle, a smile so dear.  
See the families who'll benefit from our gifts this year.*

*So come all ye Rotarians in District 6450.  
Make us the best in the world with your gift of \$250.  
Every Rotarian, Every Year is our fame to claim.  
If only you would please give something in your name.*

If you have not contributed to your Rotary Foundation before, now is a good time to start and give something back. Your gift to the Annual Programs Fund in any amount is welcome and can bring hope to people in need. You can contribute to the Foundation through your Rotary club or directly to The Rotary Foundation, 1560 Sherman Ave., Evanston, IL 60201-3698. If you would like further information about Annual Giving, please contact **Roylene Gallas, Annual Giving Subcommittee Chair, at 847-866-3352 or by e-mail at: [gallasr@rotaryintl.org](mailto:gallasr@rotaryintl.org).**

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## Elmore Boeger celebrates 60 years in Rotary of Maywood

On 23 October, the **Rotary Club of Maywood honored Elmore Boeger as one of its members for 60 years of uninterrupted service.** State Representative Karen Yarbrough presented him with a citation from the State of Illinois. Mr. Boeger joined the club in 1943. His father had joined it in 1928. His classification is Civil Law. He was editor of the "Light," program and international service chair, and club president in 1948. He has more than 50 years of perfect attendance. He is defined by his fellow Rotarians as faithful, fair, honest, a man of integrity, one who freely "Lends a Hand." *Thanks to Chuck Laabs for sharing this wonderful news with us.*

### *From the Editor's Desk*

Thank you so much to all the Rotarians who made this issue possible, particularly **Lou Volodka, Charles Laabs, Kathy Kobak, PDG Irv Kaplan.**

**January is Rotary Awareness Month.** Send your articles at [rmldiamond@aol.com](mailto:rmldiamond@aol.com) by 12/15/03.

***Merry Christmas! – Happy Hanukkah! – Joyful Kwanzaa!*** Whatever you celebrate or if you do not celebrate, it is our hope that ***the year 2004*** will bring you and yours health and happiness. Let's all make a resolution for the New Year: ***open windows of opportunity for those in need – offer your time and resources.*** Enjoy December and share Rotary: A different world is possible.....

.....**Reina S. Diamond**

### *Club News - Naperville and Naperville Sunrise*

The **Rotary Clubs of Naperville and Naperville Sunrise, the Naperville Rotary Charities Foundation, and District 6450** have come together to contribute \$20,000 for funding of a project to provide electric power to the town of Duchity, Haiti. John Ball, past president of Naperville Sunrise, has been working on this project for the past 18 months, through his local church, St. Thomas the Apostle, in Naperville. He has been to Haiti twice to study the town's needs for electricity.

Duchity is a small village of about 3,000 people in the mountains of southern Haiti. This remote region of the country gets virtually no assistance from the Haitian government nor from Non-Government Organizations. Most of the families subsist on farming of food crops and coffee beans on the mountain slopes. The only source of income for most families comes from the sale of coffee beans. The farmers typically get less than 25 cents per pound for their unprocessed coffee beans. The town has no electricity and no sanitary facilities. The only drinking water comes from an open pipe that drains a cistern further up the mountain. There are three schools that serve the 1,500 children in the village. There are also three churches.

This project will provide electricity to light the schools for nighttime, adult use and for churches for worship services. The electricity will also be used for street lighting to allow for nighttime social gatherings. Finally, the electricity will be used to power some simple machinery to shell the coffee beans. The process of shelling the coffee beans will allow local farmers to sell their crop for 2-3 times more than they currently receive for their beans. When completed in June 2004, the diesel electric generator will supply about 20 kW to the town. The funds will be used to purchase the generator, transmission and distribution wiring, safety systems and controls. Two more trips to Haiti are planned for John Ball and his crew, one in January for final measurements and design, and another in May for installation and start-up. This is another example of our district reaching out to our Third-World neighbors with Rotary service.

John Ball, Naperville Sunrise, 630-357-0903

## **DISTRICT 6450 CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

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

#### **2003**

1 December **Orientation Meeting/Area 2**  
Alta Villa Restaurant, Addison

7 December **Western Springs Rotary Club**  
2:00-4:00 pm **Annual International Christmas Reception** – Meet the Outbound GSE Team

#### **2004**

January **Rotary Awareness Month**

23 February **Rotary 99<sup>th</sup> Birthday**

12 March **2004-2005 PETS for Districts 6450 and 6440**, Marriott Hickory Ridge Conf. Center

13 March **2004-2005 District Assembly**, Marriott Hickory Ridge CC

29 April-2 May **Rotary International District 6450 Conference**  
The Abbey, Fontana, Wisconsin

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

### *Club News — Hinsdale Miracle*

On 23 September, Charles W. Snyder, President of the Rotary Club of Hinsdale, received a letter from James M. Williams, PhD, in the Department of Anatomy of Rush-Presbyterian-St. Luke's Medical Center of Rush University, Chicago, thanking the club for a gift of a service dog to his son who has cerebral palsy a few years ago. It was a life-changing event. Margot, the black lab, pulled up the shade and showed Sam, who is now in college, beyond the horizon and stimulated his thinking about the many possibilities that this life offers.

Lack of space prevents us from including all the text of this wonderful letter. For a copy, please contact Chuck Snyder at 630-325-2043 or e-mail him at [lamisutu@aol.com](mailto:lamisutu@aol.com).

## Focus on Area 9

### Aurora Naperville

The Rotary Club of **Aurora-Naperville** meets every Thursday at noon for fellowship, entertainment, education and lunch at White Eagle Club. Upcoming events are:

6 December: **Big Brothers Big Sisters**; a couple of hours for kids. The personal rewards are eternal and unforgettable. Kirk Russell is organizing.

8 December: Annual **Pearl Harbor Day Survivor Luncheon/Ted Brattin Awards** at Aurora University.

3 January: Dorothy and Chris Gaines are again hosting our annual **Christmastime Get Together**. It's always a favorite of ANR Rotarians.

### Joliet

The Rotary Club of **Joliet** has just celebrated their **90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**. It was a great celebration. Joliet Rotary will be sponsoring the eleventh **new club** in their history. A new club in **Channahon**, which meets at 7:00 a.m. on Tuesdays, will join **Ottawa, Morris, Kankakee, Streator, LaSalle, DeKalb, Aurora, Manteno, Wilmington, and Lockport** as clubs initially sponsored by the Joliet Rotary Club.

The **Joliet Area Community Hospice** was recently presented with a check for \$30,000 by the Joliet Rotary Club, from proceeds from this year's **raffle**. The club, which has sponsored the raffle for 20 years, has made major donations to a number of local projects, as well as awarded **scholarships** to students at Lewis University, Joliet Junior College, and the University of St. Francis.

The Board of Directors of Rotary International recently presented the Joliet Rotary Club with the **Membership Development and Extension Award** for achieving the highest retention rate in District 6450 during 2002-2003.

**Thank you to ADG Howard Hamilton for coordinating this effort.**

### Bolingbrook

The Rotary Club of **Bolingbrook** sponsored a new **Interact** club, chartered on 30 September. DG Chuck Johnson was the installing officer. Bolingbrook is opening a brand new high school in 2004 and this chapter of Interact will be a solid force in this new building. In addition, Bolingbrook Rotary was a prominent entry in the 38<sup>th</sup> **Pathways Parade** held on 21 September with a red convertible adorned with their club banner and the 4-Way Test. Candy and brochures telling about Rotary and our mission were distributed in plastic bags with the Rotary logo. Also, a first was the **Sun Oven** on display at the **Bolingbrook Picnic** where several Bolingbrook Rotarians helped bake chocolate chip cookies. Rotary hosted the first ever "**Run in the Brook**" on the morning of the Picnic, with all proceeds going to "**At Risk Youth**."

Bolingbrook's most recent endeavor has been an **international project**. They found a source to donate **11 computers, monitors and keyboards** to one of our past presidents of the Bolingbrook Club who is a retired pastor and runs both a school and an orphanage in **Ajjic, Jalisco, Mexico**. He is also the current president-elect of his club there. The **software** has been donated by still another source.

### Lockport

Exciting things are happening at the Rotary club of **Lockport**. The club grew by three new members during the month of September. It has implemented an **induction formula** that includes two informational meetings with prospective members, greeting members as they arrive for the weekly meeting, attending a board meeting as well as four consecutive meetings all to give our new members a jump-start into Rotary. Lockport Rotary held its **first fundraising golf outing** at the end of September. The results were excellent and President Elect, Diane Seiler, has already given the go-ahead to have it on the schedule again next year. The Lockport club meets on Thursdays at noon at the **Prairie Bluff Golf Course**.

*Focus on Area 9 Clubs continues on next page.*

### 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 are meeting with the clubs of each of the 12 district areas to make a presentation on these topics. The first five meetings took place in Areas 3, 6, 7, 9 and 11 as organized by their respective Assistant District Governors (ADG). The next scheduled meeting will take place as follows:

**Area 2** (Addison, Elmhurst, Elmhurst Morning, Hinsdale-Oakbrook Gateway, Oak Brook) – **1 December at 7:00 pm - ADG Monte Brandner – Alta Villa Restaurant, Addison.**

For information on locations, contact your club president or your ADG.

## Focus on Area 9 continues

### Plainfield

The Rotary Club of **Plainfield** has been looking for a local project that would support members of the community, utilize the talents of its Rotary members and establish a better known presence in the community. They chose the **Plainfield Academy** (PA) as a program of mentorship. PA is the alternative education program in Plainfield and is in need of **vocational mentorship**. Participating in this is an excellent way to share the Rotarians' skills with the students in the program and other community members who may be enticed to join Rotary when they see the wonderful successes of these students. Each member is required to participate, so that the program will have the full benefit of the all Rotarians.

Plainfield Rotary is also working on a partnership with Romeoville on the **Temple Solar Project** so that they can combine and make a contribution to the purchase of an oven. They just completed their quarterly **road cleanup**, the **auction** will be held on 28 February 2004, and their **Top 10 Dinner** is scheduled for May 2004. They have met with the **Interact Club of Plainfield Central** to start the dialog for a project with them, possibly for exhibit at the District Conference in the Spring. They are considering stocking the local **Food Pantry** with the Interact Club, who has already chosen this as one of their initiatives. Plans are in process to set up an **Interact Club at Plainfield South**.

### Romeoville

The Rotary Club of **Romeoville** meets in the Lewis University Faculty Dining Room on Wednesday mornings at 7:15 am. They offer the best breakfast in town, which is why they frequently have guest Rotarians from neighboring clubs! Their club was established in 2000 and currently has 19 members. They participate in the **Adopt-A-Highway** Program, sponsor the **Cinco De Mayo 5K Race** for the Recreation Department, and sponsor a **Little League** team and a community **youth basketball team**. They are also one of the sponsors for the "**Safety Town**" Village Trick or Treat Night. Their newest venture is to sponsor a park in Romeoville, which is appropriately named "**Rotary Park**". They work closely with the village to make improvements to what they affectionately call "our park"!

In addition to these projects, they give **four scholarships** to local high school students, sponsor an **Interact Club** and send two students to the **RYLA** Camp each year. The Rotary Club of Romeoville is learning to "**drive the wheel!**"

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**Club News - Bensenville Rotary Brews  
up an Amazing Fundraiser**

Are you looking for an exciting, different and extremely profitable fundraising opportunity? Bensenville Rotary has developed the perfect program. They have created a program called *Serving-the-World*, which is dedicated to providing the finest gourmet coffee to assist Rotary Clubs in fundraising.

***Serving-the-World* offers a painless, unique approach to the ongoing task of raising money. Every time a bag of coffee is sold more than 15% of the purchase price will be donated to your Rotary Club.**

The only thing you have to do is let coffee drinkers know there's a gourmet coffee that not only tastes great, but gives them the opportunity to support a worthy cause. *Serving-the-World* was designed as a perpetual fundraising event that supplements your annual functions.

#### **Why *Serving-the-World* Coffee is the perfect fundraiser?**

Next to water, coffee is the most consumed beverage in the world. Millions of Americans drink coffee daily, so there already exists a need for the product, making it that much easier to sell. Your customer spends no "new money", just re-directs an existing purchase – for a worthy cause.

*Serving-the-World* coffee is the highest quality available, specialty grade Arabica coffee. Not only is the coffee superb, it's freshly roasted based on order. And it's all Fair Trade Certified; this guarantees that farmers and workers received a fair price for their product. Best of all, the price is very competitive to similar gourmet-quality coffee in the marketplace.

#### **How it works**

This program is an extremely easy fundraiser: All you do is make the original sale and *Serving-the-World* does everything else. There is no upfront cost and no inventory to stock. All orders are processed through the on-line service [www.ServingtheWorld.com](http://www.ServingtheWorld.com). Orders are fulfilled and shipped directly to the recipient. There are no contracts, no minimums, no order forms, no pick-up, no delivery, no collections, no receivables, no payables and no record keeping. If your customer wants to change their order, they do it through the website, they control their own account. One sale generates an on-going, continuous revenue stream. Customers may choose to subscribe and receive a regular monthly delivery, which provides your club with a regular monthly income. *Serving-the-World* pays a very generous 15% commission. In addition, to encourage referrals, when your club refers another Rotary Club, *Serving-the-World* pays your club an amount equal to 10% of the commission of the referred club. It pays to share a great idea! With every steaming cup of gourmet coffee you will feel the satisfaction of knowing that your fundraising has made it possible for Rotary to continue its important work.

For information on how to get involved in this fundraiser, call **John Miller at 312-946-0772**.

## There is a Story in Giving

Melanie Griffis Jones, District Publicity Chairman

This is the time of year when busy people switch into high(er) gear to get their myriad of tasks accomplished and even usually bored people start to feel stretched to the limit. It is also the time of year when good things are going on in our clubs that should be noted in local newspapers and other media outlets.

What kinds of acts of kindness is your club doing for the less fortunate around the holiday time? I know each year, the Orland Park Rotary incorporates giving into our Christmas party. A few years ago, each child or family was asked to bring a teddy bear that was then donated to a facility for young children with emotional problems. Another year, they were encouraged to bring books for a children's hospital. Not only did the Rotarian children learn about giving as well as receiving, but some other less blessed kids benefited from that experience.

From an awareness (publicity) perspective, this was a wonderful way to let the community know through a press release that Rotary was thinking of others during this busy time of year. A short story with a few photos and a positive feelings for all helps take a little of the stress out and might even make others think about doing something kind (and think about getting involved in Rotary.)

Besides whatever your club does, look closer at what members might be doing that is newsworthy at this time of year. The local association of Realtors in my area each buys a few wished for items for individuals with disabilities at Sertoma Centre, where I work. These are some of the poorest clients and many have no families. I know at least a few of the Realtors are Rotarians. Hopefully their clubs are using this kindness to promote Rotary.

Remind people that contributions to Rotary, The Foundation, or your club's fundraising project are excellent end-of-year tax deductions as well as money well spent for a most worthy purpose. Such donations can make for a good story.

And on a final note, be sure to take a little time during this season to reflect on your blessings and enjoy whatever in your life that brings you happiness.

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## ROTARY DISTRICT 6450 CONFERENCE

**29 April – 2 May 2004**

**Register NOW!**

The registration form has been e-mailed to you all and a printed copy is now enclosed. You can also download it from our district web site ([www.rotary6450.org](http://www.rotary6450.org)). If you register by 31 December 2003, the fee is \$ 475.00. On 1 January 2004, the fee will go up \$ 50.00. For additional information, contact **Marilyn Turner, Conference Promotions Chair**, at [mturner106@aol.com](mailto:mturner106@aol.com).

**2003-2004**

**ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION  
Osaka, Japan**

**May 23-26, 2004**

Japan Airlines is the official carrier for the 2004 RI Convention in Osaka. Discounts are based on geographical region, type of ticket, and method of purchase. Go to the special Osaka Convention Web Site (<https://www.b-there.com/breg/rotaryosaka/index>) operated by Rosenbluth International, the designated ticketing agent, to find the affiliate nearest you or purchase on-line by scrolling to the bottom of the page to find the appropriate language link. Don't forget to mention "Rotary Osaka Convention."

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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## *Club News-* Chicago Southeast

The Rotary Club of Chicago Southeast recently welcomed **two new members, Joseph Bibbs and Herb Henderson**, and continues recruiting new members through weekly invitations and informal quarterly "Meet & Greet Information Sessions" to introduce the club and RI to prospective Rotarians. The club recently raised its district profile by **sponsoring Group Study Exchange Team member Yolanda Cursach**, assistant director of Performance Programs at the Museum of Contemporary Art in Chicago. Yolanda will visit Hyderabad, India, for several weeks beginning in January. Speaking of sponsorships, Chicago Southeast is **sponsoring the Manzini Youth Project in Swaziland**, as a part of the **Temple Solar Oven Project** and in conjunction with the Rotary Club of Manzini. Manzini Youth Care is a program run by the Salesian Community of the Catholic Church and provides food, shelter and assistance to orphans. The oven will be located at a sheltered workshop estate being built to help young people become self employed. The oven will provide food for soup kitchens and six residential facilities housing street children and orphans with AIDS.

### **District Program Operation Limbs**

"Operation LMS", the District 6450 Rotary Program to aid victims of land mines, has changed the name to **"Operation Limbs."** This new designation will allow the committee to look at other areas of the world where prosthetic devices are needed to aid victims of accidents and birth defects and not limit our involvement with only land mine victims.

This project was started by the RC of Chicago nine years ago when Dr. William Kennedy Smith, president of "PALM," Physicians Against Land Mines, came to us with horror stories of the devastation land mines were causing in the world. A land mine explodes every 26 minutes, maiming or killing innocent women, children and farmers. Today there are 70 million land mines in 64 countries that pose a threat to the people that live there.

"Operation Limbs" has expanded into a District 6450 project and is presently working with the Rotary Club of San Salvador, El Salvador, to fund a clinic who will manufacture and treat victims of land mines and other injuries that require a prosthetic device.

There are many Rotarians around the world who are interested in the land mine problem. Some have projects in Vietnam, Cambodia and Central America. We expect to meet with them in Chicago at the 2005 Convention.

**District 6450 clubs that have contributed to aid the poor unfortunate land mine victims include Aurora, Aurora-Naperville, Bolingbrook, Burr Ridge Willowbrook, Chicago Financial District, Chicago, Chicago Midwest, Chicago O'hare, Hinsdale-Oak Brook Gateway, Joliet, Maywood, Naperville, New Lenox and Wilmington.** If your club would like to become involved with this program or donate to an "Operation Limbs" project, please contact Donald f. Staley, phone & fax 773-665-25399 or e-mail [donaldf339@aol.com](mailto:donaldf339@aol.com). The committee members are: Michael Diamond, RC of Chicago, chair; Maritza Frieser, RC of Chicago Financial District; Bud Ames, RC of Oak Park-River Forest; Manuel Galvan, RC of Chicago; and Donald Staley, RC of Chicago. They can provide a speaker and video to show the importance of this district project.

### **District 6450 Attendance and Membership Report October 2003**

Attendance Club Rank	Attendance % for Month	Meetings Held	Members 10/31/2003
14 Addison	64	5	25
34 Aurora		3	
35 Aurora Napperville		4	
6 Aurora Sunrise	82	5	17
21 Bensenville	60	4	16
1 Berwyn	96	4	13
36 Blue Island Crestwood		4	
37 Bolingbrook		5	
38 Bradley Bourbonnais		4	
39 Broadview		4	
40 Brookfield Riverside		4	

17 Burr Ridge Willowbrook	63	5	14
27 Chicago Financial District	56	5	28
30 Chicago Heights	52	3	46
41 Chicago Midwest		4	
42 Chicago Near South		4	
43 Chicago Northwest		4	
44 Chicago O'Hare		4	
31 Chicago One	46	4	208
33 Chicago Rogers Park	32	5	29
45 Chicago Southeast		4	
46 Cicero		4	
47 Countryside		4	
20 Darien	61	4	28
48 Downers Grove		4	
12 Dwight	69	5	22
22 Elmhurst	60	5	55
24 Elmhurst Morning	58	5	15
15 Evergreen Park	64	3	22
23 Franklin Park	59	4	13
8 Hinsdale	75	5	52
18 Hinsdale Oak Brook Gateway	63.0	4	27
9 Homewood	74	5	66
11 Joliet	73.0	4	163
32 Kankakee	45	5	35
10 LaGrange	74	5	39
3 Lansing	90	5	20
49 Lisle		4	
29 Lockport	54	5	53
50 Manteno		5	
7 Matteson	78	4	26
51 Maywood		4	
52 Melrose Park		4	
2 Moraine Valley	94	4	8
53 Morris		5	
54 Naperville		4	
16 Naperville Sunrise	64	5	89
55 New Lenox		4	
25 Norridge Harwood Heights	58	4	13
56 Oak Brook		4	
57 Oak Forest		5	
4 Oak Lawn	90	3	26
58 Oak Park River Forest		4	
28 Orland Park	55	5	62
59 Oswego		4	
5 Park Forest	84	4	
26 Plainfield	57	4	28
60 Romeoville		4	
61 Tinley Park Frankfort		4	
19 Western Springs	63	4	16
13 Westmont	68	4	32
62 Wilmington		4	
63 Woodridge		4	

