



# Team 2003-2004 Newsletter



Lend a Hand

Chuck Johnson, District Governor 2003-2004

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## Six Down and Six To Go



Six months have gone by and many clubs and Rotarians are thinking that they are over the hump, that it's time for new guys to take over, and that it's too cold and miserable to start anything new. Rotary is fun all year around. Rotary is needed; needed to **Lend A Hand** in our communities, needed to **Lend A Hand** around the world. Rotarians can't decide to just warm a bench, to take it easy, to watch the world go by until July.

We can't let another six months go by with so many people still needing cataract operations, with so many students needing books and mentoring, with the world's forests being burned for cooking fires, with cows and chickens needed to jump start family businesses, and with simple medical equipment needed to allow a better quality of life.

Can we sleep soundly when our high school students need an Interact experience, or when our seventh and eighth graders are awaiting EarlyActs? Can we let another month go by without offering to teach ethics and responsibility with our Four-Way-Test Program?

No! We must redouble our efforts in finding projects to add to our efforts to change lives. We must energize our membership to find projects that appeal to them; projects that will make an impact in the community, projects that will **Lend A Hand** to create Rotary awareness and improve Rotary's image.

We have reached the halfway point in this Rotary year. Ahead we have the start of the Four-Way-Test initiative, the creation of EarlyActs, expansion of our Interact Program, educating our new officers, and attending the District Conference.

During the last six months, our clubs will give away hundreds of college scholarships, build parks and playgrounds, rehab buildings, mentor students, and clean-up streets. The clubs will install many new members to reach their membership goal. The clubs will donate \$170,000 more to our Foundation.

No! We will not sit idly by for six months. We have too much Rotary work to do. We must continue to **Lend A Hand!**

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

**Happy New Year!**

## Christmas in January

By Kathy Kobak

*Rotarian Kobak wrote this inspirational article for the December issue but space limitations did not allow us to publish it. However, this is a message for all times and can remind us that the Christmas spirit should be with us all year around.*

The Holidays are here!!! Hustle and bustle, shop till you drop, decorate the Christmas tree, put the lights up outside, wrap the mountain of gifts, bake the Christmas cookies, stuff the turkey or bake the ham, hurry, scurry... and enjoy . Santa is coming!!! Don't forget to put out the milk and cookies!

Christmas is my favorite time of year! We all have our own traditions and our own customs and they are special – to us. No matter how old I get, I still believe in Santa, in the miracle. Think of the children all over the world. We are so very fortunate to live here in “these” United States. Wouldn't it be wonderful if we all lived in the world of “T” was the night before Christmas”?

Christmas is a time of hope, of miracles, of doing good deeds, of sharing and loving and caring. Spending time with loved ones and those less fortunate than we are is also a part of the holidays. As Rotarians, we have an obligation but more so a golden opportunity to let our light shine and to promote peace and understanding in a time of fear and unrest. To look at the big picture can be overwhelming but to make a conscious decision to serve others that we can “touch” will help in making our planet a better place to live.

In our Oak Lawn Club, we have a tradition that goes back many years. Each Christmas season, we host a party for our brothers and sisters from Park Lawn. Many of you are familiar with this wonderful organization. Park Lawn Association helps developmentally disabled people. Their disabilities come in many different forms. These darlings are truly the angels of the earth. They believe in Santa, too! At our Christmas gathering, we literally “serve” these folks a wonderful meal, which includes all the trimmings of a traditional holiday dinner. They are so grateful, with smiling faces and peace in their eyes. One cannot help but love them. They depend on us and others to help them through life but they don't realize it because they are truly innocent. After our meal, Santa comes in ringing the Christmas bell, shouting HO! HO! HO! MERRY CHRISTMAS! Their faces light up like Christmas trees! What a wonderful picture! Yes, they do know Santa Claus and that he brings presents. We sing Christmas carols; take lots of pictures, and dance, too. We bring in a DJ and boy, do they love to rock 'n roll! Christmas with Park Lawn is by far one of my favorite activities. It is truly a joyous occasion. Let's not forget the dedicated staff at Park Lawn. They work day in and day out serving those who are in need. They “lend a hand” all the time. They live the Rotary motto, “Service Above Self.” Their executive director, Jim Weise, one of our Rotarians, deserves much of the credit of the success of this organization, giving his time, energy, heart, and oh yes – money to make this all work.

Rotary is such a magnificent organization. There are thousands of Rotarians all over the world who embody the Rotary spirit and live the gift of giving each and every day. Think of us as Santa's elves, working furiously to make sure that the gifts of polio eradication, literacy programs, sun ovens, dental offices, food, water, and peaceful solutions are put together just right. We wrap those gifts up with ribbons of love, understanding, joy, caring, and generosity to make our very large but really oh, so small a world a better place for all humanity. Our gifts may not be delivered by sleigh but we do use planes, trains, automobiles, ships, and feet to get done what we need to get done.

In closing, I wish you a season and a new year filled with peace and joy, a sense of accomplishment, a rededication to our Rotary goals, a realistic vision of how you can make your little piece of the pie better, and a renewed belief in miracles. They do indeed happen every day. Abundant blessings to all.

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***Hinsdale Miracle, article published in our December issue (page 2):*** The wonderful letter addressed to club President Chuck Snyder by Dr. James M. Williams, Rush-Presbyterian - St. Luke's Medical Center, is now attached. This is what Rotary is all about!

## 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).

## Presidents-Elect Training Seminar (PETS)

**Location:** Hickory Ridge Marriott Conference Center, Lisle, Illinois

**Date:** Friday 12 March 2004

**Time:** 8:00 am to 5:30 pm

**Evening:** 5:30 pm on - Pizza Party, Cocktails, Networking.

This year we will be meeting with the Presidents Elect from Rotary District 6440 as well as our District 6450. It is of paramount importance that all Presidents Elect plan to attend. Each one will be notified individually and receive all registration materials starting in January.

**Presidents-Elect should immediately contact Rotarian Bob Blackburn**, who in charge of registration, with their name, address, phone numbers, and e-mail addresses so that he can get the registration materials to them. Bob Blackburn can be reached as follows: phone: 630-963-3020; fax: 630-963-4840; e-mail: [beebalarm@hotmail.com](mailto:beebalarm@hotmail.com).

## Congratulations to PDG Albert “Chip” Chipman

1981-1982 District 6450 Governor Albert Chipman and his wife Esther live now in Florida. He has just been honored by the City of Indian Harbor Beach, Florida, in recognition of his “wonderful showing in the recent Senior Games, by winning numerous medals in various swimming events and bringing outstanding recognition to the City of Indian Harbor Beach by his truly significant accomplishments.” Signed by the City Mayor, Mary Anne O'Neill. Esther and Chip would enjoy the visit of Rotarians driving on I-95. They can be reached at 802 Parkside Pl, Indian Harbor Beach, FL 32937.

## Meet the Partners

**By Georgia Reilly, wife of  
District Governor Elect Chris Reilly**

### RC of Darien

The first time I heard about Rotary was at Natrona County High School in Casper, Wyoming. The “student of the month” was honored by accompanying the principal to the Rotary club for lunch to meet community leaders and learn “up close and personal” about Rotary and service opportunities in the community and world.

My next experience with Rotary was at the Charter Night for the Darien Rotary Club in April 1974. Chris’s dad was a Rotarian and Chris, while reluctant at first, was enthusiastic about the opportunity to be a Rotarian. I was seven months pregnant, had an 11 month old at home and wasn’t particularly excited about getting dressed up to go anywhere, especially a “Rotary function.” I think my exact words were, “what’s a charter night???” Little did I know how that evening would change my life.

Time passed quickly and a year later we now had three young daughters. Chris came home after a Rotary meeting and said he was going to be president of the Darien Rotary Club. My thoughts were, “you want to do what???”

Chris and I have always enjoyed meeting new people and having fun. Soon Rotary and our

new friends were providing us with many fellowship opportunities. I found myself having a coffee for the Darien Rotary spouses to get to know one another better and to see what we as “partners” could do to help the club in their community endeavors. There have been many of those opportunities over the years: working on a float for the Fourth of July Parade, setting up table displays for the annual Auction, lunching with the senior citizens at the local retirement home, being awed by our local high school students at a Top Ten luncheon, enjoying the Christmas party with our families, enjoying a Valentine dinner or an evening at Ravinia. While helping our partners, we really were a Rotary family. We have enjoyed many of those friendships for almost 30 years, always having fun and always getting more out of the events than we put into them!!

We attended our first District conference at the Abbey in Lake Geneva. Those district conferences soon became our annual weekend away and a time to relax with friends and find ourselves. Soon we were encouraging our club members to join us for this great weekend of fun and fellowship. I remember being so impressed with the Youth Exchange students and the wonderful opportunities they had because of Rotary. I am still amazed at this organization called Rotary and how far it reaches in our world, helping with polio immunizations, promoting literacy, and world peace.

District conferences led to International Conventions and then one day Chris came home and said he thought he would like to offer his name for service as District Governor. You must know by now what my response was, “YOU WANT TO DO WHAT????”

Rotary has changed my life. Being partnered with a Rotarian and affording myself the opportunities, even when they seemed to be overwhelming, has been rewarding and fun. I am glad that Chris’s response to my question was always, “because it will be fun, because we will meet new friends, and because it is another opportunity we can’t pass up.” I look forward to our new adventure and look forward to meeting more Rotarians and their partners.

### In Memoriam

**Edith Irwin**, wife and lifetime partner of our very dear Rotarian friend Bob Irwin, died in December. Rotarian Bob has requested that memorials be sent to Joliet Hospice, 335 W. Jefferson St., Joliet, IL 60435.

### Interact Corner – Interact Club of Wilmington

The Interact Club of Wilmington, under the direction of Rotarian Judy Wurglitz, Interact Advisor, put together an international project to send a Sun Oven to Nigeria. With the help of all the Rotary Clubs and Interact Clubs in Area 12, and a Matching Grant from The Rotary Foundation, this became a reality. **Thank you Wilmington Interactors!**

*On the Lighter Side* – Sign in a loan company window: *Now you can borrow enough money to get completely out of debt.*

## *Club News*

– The **Rotary Club of Western Springs** recently had its 23rd Annual International Christmas Party, honoring many young people as they get ready to go off shore; and others who have come to the United States to study. They had introductions and brief talks from The Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholars from several countries. These students are here for one academic year. They had the opportunity to talk with several of the Group Study Exchange professionals who will be traveling to India for several weeks, accompanied by their leader, Rotarian Guy Groot. This program promotes international understanding through organized travel, personal contact and home stays. Also in attendance, the Peace Program young person. DG Chuck Johnson was present as well as PRID Ted Gifford, ADG Coordinator Rick Quackenbush, ADG Bob White, GSE Chair Richard Ziegfeld, and PDGs Rich Ingalls, Fred Otto, Irv Kaplan, Brian Anderson, Ted Gifford and Art Muehlhausen. For information on the many service projects that this club implements, please contact John Gilbert, club president, at 708-482-6666, or Tom Teegarden at 708-246-6578.

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

January is Rotary Awareness Month. For me, that conjures up some questions: What exactly is Rotary Awareness Month? Who are we trying to make Aware? Aware of what? Why does Rotary dedicate a whole month to it? After a little thought and some net surfing, I concluded that it is pretty straightforward and simple. It is about getting our members and community more aware of what Rotary is, what Rotary does, and what Rotary can do. First, it is a call to focus on making sure that we Rotarians know what Rotary is all about. Second, it is a call to make concerted efforts to assure that our communities are well informed about Rotary, its programs, and Rotarians. With the fluid nature of Rotary and Rotarians, it has to be a continuing process. January and the beginning of a new year seems a fitting time for us to work on Rotary Awareness. The breadth of this issue and its importance makes it easy to see why it can take a whole month.

Have you said, or heard someone say, “Rotary is a well kept secret?” Most of us are uncomfortable talking about our good deeds, our acts of “Service Above Self.” We were taught as children not to be boastful, to let others discover us. Let our actions do our talking. While this is true in a general sense, and certainly on a personal level, there are a lot of reasons why it is important to let our communities know that Rotary exists to serve. For example, public awareness of Rotary’s presence and programs allows others to know where they can come in an hour of need. It also can help identify and attract others amongst us who share similar service values, allowing us to sustain our clubs.

So if you agree with me that one can and should make others aware of Rotary, what can each of us do?



Whose job is it? I would suggest it begins with each of us. Most of us are not Public Relations professionals, but we can all do the simple things. Do you wear your pin proudly each day? Being a Rotarian really is something special. I have often been asked what that pin on my tie represents. Usually, it leads to a conversation where I can make someone aware of Rotary. While, I am surprised how many Rotarians do not have their pin on at a weekly meeting, it seems to me that it is more important to wear your pin outside of a Rotary meeting.

Do you display Four-Way Test and/or the Object of Rotary Plaques in your office or place of business? What a simple and powerful way of making others Aware of Rotary. These plaques have profound messages. If a business or profession practices the principles in those messages, customers or clients should have a special confidence in the business.

How often is Rotary talk on your tongue? Do not be afraid to share your fun experiences in Rotary with others in your life. Make them aware that Service can be fun. We can leave Rotary Awareness to our Public Relations pros, and they can and do help. However, if all Rotarians wear Rotary on their sleeves, much of the “well kept secret” will disappear.

### **Rotary Orientation Meetings**

In an effort to give all Rotarians a **better understanding of Rotary, its structure and programs at local, district and international levels**, DG Chuck appointed a committee whose members are meeting with the clubs of each of the 12 district areas. Presentations have already taken place in **Areas 2, 3, 6, 7, 9 and 11**. Club presidents in the remaining areas interested in presenting this program should contact their respective Assistant District Governors to schedule a meeting.

### Rotary Club of Maywood

The Rotary of Maywood has conducted a rather **unique Rotary-service activity to raise money for its various projects as financial assistance to exchange students and post-high school scholarships.** Volunteer members offer their services to provide transportation for air travelers to the two Chicago airports, Midway and O'Hare. For a charge of \$20, one-way service is provided with the traveler making his own arrangement with the volunteer. The price includes pick-up at the time requested by the traveler and can include more than one passenger. The approximate time of return and pickup at the airport is arranged beforehand. Usually the traveler will call the volunteer upon arrival at the airport.

These volunteers are retired individuals with flexible schedules. Besides volunteering services to raise money for the club, the Rotarian "chauffeurs" have met many interesting individuals. For example, recent travelers included foreign exchange students, a Mexican missionary to the United States, government representatives, and a variety of business people.

### Chicago-Rogers Park

#### 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Taste of Rotary Rogers Park

Friday 27 February 2004, 6 pm to 10 pm

Loyola Simpson Center

6333 N Winthrop, Chicago

Sponsored by **Devon Bank, Loyola University, High Ridge YMCA**

International food from more than 30 local restaurants, Lithuanian Dance Group, Silent Auction, Raffle, and much more! Tickets: \$ 30.00 (two for \$ 50.00).

To purchase tickets, contact President-Elect Stephanie Arnold at [msarnold@gsb.uchicago.edu](mailto:msarnold@gsb.uchicago.edu). To sponsor the event, contact President James Robinson at [Robinsoj@rotaryintl.org](mailto:Robinsoj@rotaryintl.org) (presidential level, \$ 500; ambassadorial level, \$ 200; consular level, \$ 100; committed citizen level, \$ 50. All levels offer ads in the program book; first three levels also offer two tickets to the event).

### Rotary Club of Chicago Near South Gives to St. James Food Pantry

The Rotary Club of Chicago Near South presented a \$640.00 check today to Fr. Edward Linton and Sister Barbara Rastattler, PBVM, of St. James Food Pantry to go towards the purchase of toiletries. St. James, located at 2942 S. Wabash, is the only food pantry in the 60616 and 60605 zip codes, and serves over 700 families a month.

"When we heard the pantry was only able to give one roll of toilet paper a month per family of four, our hearts were broken. We realized we take the little things for granted, so we took action," said Club President Valarie Conrad.

The club collected donations from members internally, which was then matched by the Club's Treasury. Sister Barbara, Director of the Food Pantry said, "We are so grateful to the Rotary Club of Chicago Near South for their generous donation. For such a new organization, it's great to see them already giving back to the community."

The Rotary Club of Chicago Near South's major service projects thus far include:

*Community Service*—Collecting food and toiletries for St. James Food Pantry, and Fitting low-income youth athletes with appropriate safety eye goggles in partnership with the IL College of Optometry.

*Vocational Service*—Scholarship fund for low-income youth to attend Vandercook College of Music classes.

*International Service*—Donating materials/funding to help with spinal re-alignment bracing to those in need in El Salvador.

For more information on the Rotary Club of Chicago Near South, call Valarie Conrad, President, at 312-949-7304.

### Short Term Youth Exchange

There are many high school students in your club areas that cannot possibly do the yearlong youth exchange. There are two programs available in the **Summer of 2004** through which they can live with families in other parts of the world for a few weeks.

The first program is a two-way exchange sponsored by the **three Wisconsin and Michigan U.P. area**. This marvelous program sends 15 to 18 years olds, for \$1795, for four weeks in countries such as France, Germany, Spain, Thailand, Italy and Mexico. Our students would go there in July and the overseas host student would come back here for the month of August (approximately). The student would need to be sponsored by one of our district clubs. Whether the club also helps pay part of the \$1795 is entirely optional. This program gives the participants a full eight weeks of international exchange as they live together in their country and ours.

Through the good graces of several leading members of our district such as **PDG Fred Otto**, we are also able to place a limited number of students in countries such as Belgium and Japan. This program would cost about \$260 plus the roundtrip airfare.

If your club would like a presentation or is ready to register the students they will sponsor, contact **Gary Woll, Chair, at (708) 345-2706 or [garywoll@comcast.net](mailto:garywoll@comcast.net)**. The major Wisconsin / Michigan program **REQUIRES** that we complete, on our end, the entire application process by **15 February 2004** to meet their deadlines. *More information on page 9.*

## Your Rotary Pin

By Rick Thiernau, District Governor-Nominee

ROTARIANS,  
WHAT'S ON  
YOUR  
CHEST?  
January is  
Rotary  
Awareness



Month. Look down. Do you have your Rotary pin on? If not, why not? I would hope each and every one of us,

yes myself included, would wear our Rotary pin every day with pride. If you are not wearing your pin, I challenge you – HERE AND NOW – it's the time of year for resolutions – make a resolution to wear your Rotary pin every day.

What could be a better way to let others know about Rotary than by wearing your Rotary pin? I brought two people into my Rotary Club because I was wearing my Rotary pin. I was at business functions when they asked about the pin on my lapel. I told them what it was, invited them to a meeting, and they ended up joining Rotary. Once at church, a non-Rotary friend asked where my pin was. I was shocked that someone noticed it was missing.

Whether on a suit lapel or (golf) shirt collar, wearing your pin is a great icebreaker. Many times I am at functions where I do not know people. I always look for someone wearing his or her Rotary pin. I will walk up to them, introduce myself and ask them about their Rotary Club. I have yet to meet a Rotarian that doesn't like to talk about their club!

While we're making resolutions, what about making a resolution to attend one Rotary meeting every week. You might make-up at another club, meet new friends and share ideas – you might even get an idea for a joint club project! Let's summarize:

1. I am going to wear my Rotary pin every day.
2. I am going to make a Rotary meeting (somewhere, sometime) every week.
3. My entire family is going to have a healthy, happy New Year.

The next time we meet, I will look forward to seeing you with your Rotary pin on. Remember: DON'T LEAVE HOME WITHOUT IT.

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### *Club News* – Westmont Rotary Makes the Difference - New Recycling Program

The club –together with the Interact Club it sponsors-- started an **ink cartridge-recycling program**. There are almost 1,000,000 printer cartridges discarded into landfills every day. It takes over 1,000 years for just one cartridge to decompose! This program helps save our resources and earns \$ 1.00 for every printer cartridge and \$ 0.50 for every laser cartridge collected for recycling. Westmont Rotarians expect an income of \$ 4,000.00 per year and want to share this opportunity with other clubs. For more information, please contact M & M Services, 900 Ogden Ave., # 363, Downers Grove, IL 60515, tel. 630-842-1458. *Thanks to PDG Irv Kaplan for sharing the information with all of us.*

## Towards Chicago 2005



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

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### Rotarians of District 6450 Saving the World Through their Rotary Foundation

1 January 2004, a group of promising young individuals, their career lives in front of them, head off to India to build bonds of understanding between our people and the people of a country whose cultural heritage extends back thousands of years. In 2004-2005, a promising student will serve as an Ambassadorial Scholar to England. The student was selected earlier this year.

This Rotary year, Blackfoot Native Americans and Cuzco, Peruvians will receive equipment for hospitals. Kenyan women with AIDS and their children will receive solar ovens, AIDS test kits, and a cargo container full of clothes, furniture, toys, hygiene products and other items. A rural town in Haiti will receive electricity for the first time allowing its residents to progress in their educational and economic development. Low income children of our own district will receive clothing and school supplies. A Chicago neighborhood historical society will receive equipment to scan and catalog thousands of photographs recording its cultural heritage for local residents and school children. Slovakian youth will develop computer skills. Organizations in Mexico will receive cooking and computer equipment to serve low-income youth. Disabled Salvadorans will receive limbs helping them to walk again.

All these projects have been made possible by the goodwill and volunteer spirit of our Rotarians and their generous contributions to The Rotary Foundation. Those who have supported these endeavors, be proud. Those who haven't yet, we've saved seats for you at the table. Come quickly. Dinner's ready. Paul Carpenter, District Rotary Foundation Chair, [CarpentP@rotaryintl.org](mailto:CarpentP@rotaryintl.org).

## **Emma “Sue” Smallwood 2006-2007 District Governor**

Emma Sue and her husband Bob are originally from Columbus, Ohio where she grew up in Upper Arlington, a suburb in the Northwest quadrant of Columbus. They have also lived in Delaware, Ohio; Jacksonville, Florida; Glens Falls, New York; Austin, Texas; and Minneapolis, Minnesota. Sue sold real estate in Ohio, Texas and Minnesota. They have four grown children and four granddaughters. In 1991, they started their own business in the staffing industry in Oak Brook, IL. The name of their firm is CSI Staff and they place medical claims examiners, billers, collectors, coders and case management nurses in the healthcare and health insurance industry.

Sue is active as an Elder and on the Board of the Women’s Bible Study at Christ Church of Oak Brook. She attended Ohio University, Ohio State University, Austin Texas Community College and Minnesota School of Real Estate.

Sue’s involvement in Rotary started in 1995 when Past District Governor Bill Temple asked her to consider the Hinsdale Rotary Club for membership. Her husband Bob was and still is very active in the Hinsdale-Oak Brook Gateway Rotary Club. She joined the club in June of 1995 and was awarded Rookie of the Year in 1996 due to committee involvement. From there she moved through the various chairs on the Board of Directors and was awarded Rotarian of the Year in 2000 and President of the club for the Rotary year 2000-2001.

It was during her presidency that the Hinsdale Rotary Club was awarded the Presidential Citation by then R.I. President Frank Devlyn, and the District Public Relations Award. The club was selected to become a “New Model” for Rotary Clubs and sponsored their first Ambassadorial Scholar and first In-Bound and Out-Bound Long Term Youth Exchange student. She was instrumental in embracing a new fundraiser and community awareness event for the club, the Rotary 5K Run. She was published in Past RI President Frank Devlyn’s book, “Frank Talk,” for her letter on what Rotary means to her.

Since her year as President, Sue has been active on several District Committees as well as Assistant District Governor for Area 7 and this year she is the PETS chair for our district. She is also the Business Expo Chair for the 2005 Rotary International Convention.

Her interests in addition to her family, entertaining in her home and classical music, include hosting Rotarians through her membership in the Rotary International Hosting Fellowship and the Rotary Friendship Exchange. She and Bob enjoy international travel to Rotary conventions.

Sue is a five time Paul Harris Fellow and a member of The Rotary Foundation’s Bequest Society. She is very excited for the opportunity to serve as the Governor of District 6450 in 2006-2007.

### **Sue’s Goals and Areas of Focus**

#### **Continuity** **Business to Business Relationships** **Membership Development** **Foundation**

The very first thing I will focus on is the continuity of the District organization. The projects and models that have been and are being developed by the District Governors prior to my term need time to fully mature and I want to be sure that we reach our potential on all projects started before my 2006-2007 term. By completing what we start we will have a solid foundation on which to build the best District in Rotary.

Another area that I feel important to focus on is the better utilization of our classifications. I want to assure that all Rotarians have access to each others skills in the workplace and in the District. That means networking opportunities, business expos for Rotarians and for our community. This will draw attention to each other and create new business opportunities for Rotarians as well as bring in more community awareness and new members. I’d like to develop a Rotary business directory that will showcase our classifications and encourage business friendships beyond our own clubs. We should strive to service or refer business to each other on a District level. I know what a pleasure it is doing business with fellow Rotarians in my club, so why not expand our networking to the entire District.

There is strength in our relationships and growth opportunities for Rotary by knowing each other better. I believe this will encourage membership development for all the clubs.

Another goal for my year is to increase awareness of the Foundation and the programs that it supports. Video presentations, speakers, and programs need to be easily accessible and encouraged monthly. The Foundation is the heart of Rotary and is the best avenue we have to helping at home and abroad. I believe if the average Rotarian actually saw the critical needs in the world they would contribute more towards the Foundations causes. Education on those needs and on the Foundation programs must continue year after year.

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### *From the Editor's Desk*

I hope you all had a wonderful Rotary Family Month in December. Now it is time to start planning our **99<sup>th</sup> birthday on 23 February, World Understanding Month**. I look forward to receiving your articles on your celebrations as well as on your service activities in your communities. Please e-mail them to me at [rmdiamond@aol.com](mailto:rmdiamond@aol.com) by 01/15/04.

Thank you so much to all the Rotarians who made this issue possible, particularly **Lou Volodka**.

**Reina S. Diamond**

### *Rotary Awareness Examples*

The **Hinsdale Rotary Club** got a jump on Rotary Awareness Month and celebrated it in November! They set up a tent at the Hinsdale Christmas Walk and distributed Rotary Candy bars. They posted the programs of their club and the programs of Rotary, (highlighting the Rotary Foundation) for all to see. As a result, they had 3 people expressing an interest in joining the Hinsdale Rotary Club! On 16 January, they are planning a membership day. Small invitation cards have been printed and Rotarians are passing them out. The cards invite people to come to the 16 January meeting to see what Rotary does as an organization. In addition, the Hinsdale Rotary Club is continuing to explore other additional ideas in promoting Rotary Awareness Month.

The **Chicago O'Hare Rotary Club** is planning a joint new member orientation session together with the Franklin Park Rotary Club. The session was organized by Assistant Governor Chuck Ezell. The session will be open to interested potential members and will take place in January 2004.

At its 10 December meeting, the **Bradley-Bourbonnais Rotary Club** distributed Rotary bumper stickers to members, and several weeks ago distributed "Bradley-Bourbonnais Rotary Club" pocket planners for 2004 to all members for use with prospective members. They are actively trying to attract new members and already have a prospect likely to be initiated in January.

**Chicago ROTARY/One** is negotiating with a Public Relations firm for the purpose of assisting ROTARY/One during the next 18 months "to raise the public awareness of Rotary in the Chicago business, government, and professional communities through June 2005."

## **DISTRICT 6450 CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

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

January	<b>Rotary Awareness Month</b>
23 February	<b>Rotary 99<sup>th</sup> Birthday</b>
12 March	<b>2004-2005 PETS for Districts 6450 and 6440</b> , Marriott Hickory Ridge Conf. Center
13 March	<b>2004-2005 District Assembly</b> , Marriott Hickory Ridge CC
27 March	<b>New Generations Seminar</b>
29 April-2 May	<b>Rotary International District 6450 Conference</b> – The Abbey Fontana, Wisconsin
23-26 May	<b>95<sup>th</sup> Rotary International Convention</b> Osaka, Japan
13 June	<b>Polio Race to the Finish</b>
27 June	<b>Installation of Chris Reilly as District Governor</b>
22-24 October	<b>Rotary International District 6450 Conference</b> Wyndham Lisle

### *Club News* — **Road to Morocco - Urgent Attention Required**

The **Joliet Rotary Club** is looking for additional clubs to join them for an **International Service Project**. In conjunction with the VOSH-Illinois Chapter (**Volunteer Optometric Services To Humanity**), the club is spearheading a project to provide eye examinations and prescription glasses to children with special vision problems in Casablanca, Morocco. VOSH is planning on returning to Casablanca in March 2004. This project will cost a total of \$5,000. The Joliet Rotary Club has pledged \$2,500 to this project. They are looking for five or more additional clubs in need of an International Project, to join and donate \$500 each to this project. For more information, contact **Dan Vera, International Service Director, at 815-729-1425, or Steve Klafter, International Project Chair, at 815-741-1200, ext. 4.**

## Focus on Area 12

### Rotary Club of Morris

The eighty-eight year old Morris Club, the home club of District Governor Chuck Johnson has conducted two fund-raiser events: **a mini-cooper raffle and a greenery sale**. Their Interact Club is very much involved in the community and in international projects with their 135 members.

Both clubs did a Fall clean-up at the Sheltered Care Housing Units, froze while bell ringing for the Salvation Army, worked the relief schedule for Meals-On-Wheels, and other projects. The Morris Club is very involved in Youth Exchange and one is sponsoring one Brazilian In-Bound now and another sponsorship is planned for January. They are looking for two Out-Bounds.

Projects in the future will be the scholarship distribution in the Spring and the Relay for Life Cancer Walk.

### Rotary Club of Wilmington

The club supported the international project of the **Interact Club** its members are sponsoring (see *The Interact Corner* on page 3) and also planted a garden out at the local school.

### Rotary Club of Dwight

The club is setting a record in Area 12 for new members. **They have installed seven new members** this year, one of which is the daughter and granddaughter of past club presidents. Welcome to District 6450!

### Rotary Club of Manteno

The club had two major fundraiser events this year: **phone book distribution and candy sales**. Manteno Rotarians are extremely proud of their Inbound Exchange student.

**Thank you to ADG Herb Hunn for coordinating this effort.**

### Rotary Club of Bradley-Bourbonnais

One of the Bradley-Bourbonnais Club major goals is to set up a Camp Park for physically challenged kids. To achieve this goal and to continue rendering service in the community, its 45 members have done the following during the last five months: **MOVED** their regular meeting location from Olivet University to the Quality Inn on route #50, one mile south of I-57's exit #315; **RAISED** over \$5000 through a golf outing, a pancake dinner, the sale of entertainment books, and holiday nut sales; **SUPPORTED COMMUNITY** soccer, provided school supplies for needy students, participated in RYLA, and began work on a handicapped playground; and **INDUCTED** two new members.

In the coming months, they will sponsor three couples and our Rotary Exchange Student from Germany to the District Conference and participate with the Homewood Club in the medical mission to Peru.

### Rotary Club of Kankakee

The club carried out two major fund-raiser events to fund their many charitable activities: a pork chop sandwich stand that operated at the annual Labor Day boat races along the Kankakee River, and their annual Fall fruit sale. Its adopt-a-highway project continues along Route 17 just west of Kankakee. Two cleanups were completed in the Spring and Fall, and the activity provided an ideal opportunity for club members to mingle with members of the Herscher High School Interact Club. The Interactors also participated in the annual Memory Walk, a primary fundraiser for the Alzheimer's Association. Herscher has developed into a model Interact club over the past few years under the leadership of Julia Mullikin. This year has also seen the Kankakee High School Interact Club become a more viable force completing a number of successful projects.

The club sponsors an ambassadorial scholar, Kathleen Mahoney of Kankakee. She is currently in Spain. An inbound student, Amy Watson of Australia, will arrive this month. She will attend Herscher High School. Forthcoming events include the annual Four-Way Test scholarship presentations in May. The annual wine tasting and silent auction will take place in the Spring.

### Youth Exchange

The **District 6450 Youth Exchange Committee** have selected the following students to go abroad during the Summer of 2004 as part of the short-term Youth Exchange Program: **Paige Bovard, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Aurora-Naperville; Divannah Adams, by Aurora Sunrise; Kristin Siegfried, by Aurora Sunrise; Jennifer Julian, by Naperville Sunrise; Adonais Gonzalez; by Aurora Noon; Alexander McCrory, by Aurora Sunrise; Miriam Gandarilla, by Aurora Noon; and Sara LaMantia, by Orland Park.** For additional information, contact Jim Chestnut, Outbound Coordinator, at 708-799-8298.

*More opportunities to participate in this program on page 5.*

*Sendoff Event on New Year – Please join us*

**Group Study Exchange (GSE) Team  
Leaves for India on 1 January**

Richard Ziegfeld, District Chair for GSE, sent us details on the departure of our GSE team for India. **We hope that you can join us for a sendoff event at the airport.** He believes that since the team leaves on the evening of Thursday 1 January, most of us will not have Rotary conflicts, though there may be a few cases of brown-bag flu, acute culinary el-bloato, or football-itis.

**Location:** O'Hare; Terminal 5 (international); food court outside security gate

**Time to gather:** any time after 5:30 pm

**Flight info:** 7:05 pm departure on Air India, #126

**Rotarian team leader**

\* Guy Groot, member of the RC of Aurora Sunrise

**Non-Rotarian team members:**

\* Jacqueline Berger, sponsored by the RC of Chicago Near South \* Yolanda Cursach, sponsored by the RC of Chicago Southeast \* Mike Hoadley, sponsored by the RC of Chicago O'Hare \* Jill Paider, sponsored by the RC of Chicago Rogers Park \* Michele Steele, sponsored by the RC of Chicago Financial District

**RSVP by e-mailing Richard Ziegfeld at [ziegfeld@earthlink.com](mailto:ziegfeld@earthlink.com).**

**IFMR –** *International Fellowship of  
Motorcycling Rotarians*

The International Fellowship of Motorcycling Rotarians, (IMFR) North American Chapter, has rebuilt its web site: [www.ifmr-na.org](http://www.ifmr-na.org).

The new site provides discussion groups, photo albums, and membership lists. Registration is free, please stop by and let us know your thoughts.

Discussion forum subjects are general items, things for sale, trade or wanted, jokes & trivia, and rides & events. The rides and events are divided into 9 areas which are: 2005 Convention, Canada, NW U.S., N Central U.S., NE U.S., California, SW U.S., SE U.S., and Mexico.

Plans are currently being made for Rotary's Centennial celebration at the International Convention in Chicago in June 2005. For the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary, its our hope to get as many riders there as possible and make a showing in the parade.

Rotarians in California are looking into a Route 66 ride, gathering riders along the way ending up in Chicago for the convention.

What about you? Please take a few minutes and check out [www.ifmr-na.org](http://www.ifmr-na.org). We think you'll like what you see. PDG Rick Ingalls.

**Two District Programs Join to Reach Goals – Urgent Attention Required**

Long-standing **SEEDS OF HOPE** (SOH - 1980) joins forces with **FEEDING CHILDREN WORLD-WIDE** to assist their program of teaching gardening to Angolan families to help them deal with widespread problems of hunger.

Before their "revolution" of 20 years ago, many Angolan families were farmers who grew crops and raised animals. Intense, localized guerilla warfare displaced these families, destroyed their homes, livestock and gardens, and made nomads out of the survivors. With the stabilizing of their countryside, some of the surviving families have turned to a number of agencies for assistance in re-establishing their homes. **Rotarian Eldon Tracy (RC of Chicago O'Hare)** has been involved in the education and training of these families.

When **Rotarians Bo Lawrence and Loren Woods (RC of Park Park Forest)**, Co-Chairmen of SEEDS OF HOPE, heard that Tracy had access to free shipping, thanks to Chevron Oil, they contacted him to see if his program could use some of their seeds. This led to SOH supplying almost 300 pounds of seeds last summer. It also led to Bo inviting Tracy to speak to a breakfast group of Faith United Protestant Church in Park Forest last September. In his talk, Eldon explained and showed how a small group could undertake the mixing, portioning and bagging of a food mixture intended to provide the nutritional need of six persons for a day. In fact, with their breakfast that morning, the group tasted a sample of the prepared basic food.

Some members of the Elizabeth Circle were at the breakfast meeting and arranged to have Tracy bring the ingredients, mixing vessels, scales and plastic bag sealers to their October meeting so that they could prepare one hundred bags. Bo stayed through out the session and assisted by counting and boxing the filled bags. A "filling session" serves several goals: simply filling some bags is a **community service** as well as a **world community service**; whichever group does the filling gains a hands-on reality of the meaning of "Service Above Self," and whatever publicity the session sponsors get helps spread the good word about Rotary International's service to humankind.

*Continues on page 12.*

## Continued Observations of a New Member

By Bruce Dixon, RC of Naperville Sunrise

Here it is 13 December, already my six-month anniversary as a Rotarian. I'm amazed by the sheer scale of Rotary's accomplishments, from the International PolioPlus program down to Christmas Gift-giving at the local level. Over at Naperville Sunrise, Jo Jerak and her band of elves sorted, bagged and delivered gifts club members had purchased for 14 disadvantaged children and teenagers at 14 schools grades K-12. This holiday gift-giving mission is one of seven community service projects given renewed priority by the Naperville "Sunshine" Rotary. The others include:

- Annual Clean Sweep home repair/cleanup project
- DuPage PADS (Public Action to Deliver Shelter)
- Holiday Coat Drive
- Fine Arts Grants (gave out \$60,000 in 2002-2003)
- Community Grants (gave out \$23,000 in 2002-03)
- Loaves and Fishes monthly food collection

The Club's vocational projects include college scholarships (\$24,000) for high school seniors and the Career Insight Program, a partnership with school districts that provides mentors and speakers in support of K-12 career education curricula.

International efforts include the Haiti Electrical Project, the Honduras School Project, the Ambassadorial Scholars program that sends students to the University of Chicago for one year (\$550.00), and the PolioPlus program.

Six months into her tenure as President of the Rotary Club of Naperville Sunrise, Mary Ann Bobosky oversees a total budget in excess of \$300,000. But Mary Ann says it is not the money so much as the "spirit of volunteerism" behind the giving of both money and time that makes her job so rewarding. "It's especially evident around the Thanksgiving season when so many members step forward to help with the Christmas gift project, Loaves and Fishes, PADS and the coat drive. That really says something." If only we could be there when those kids open their presents!

PLEASE SUBMIT ALL NEWSLETTER ARTICLES TO BE PUBLISHED IN A GIVEN MONTH BY THE 15th DAY OF THE PREVIOUS MONTH TO: REINA S. DIAMOND, 9300 Forestview, Evanston, IL 60203, BUS: 847-425-3786, FAX: 847-679-3862, E-MAIL: [RMLDIAMOND@AOL.COM](mailto:RMLDIAMOND@AOL.COM).

*Club News* — Naperville Sunrise 4<sup>th</sup> Annual **Beaux Arts Ball** – The club is gearing for its Beaux Arts Ball in support of its Sunrise Rotary Fund for the Arts.

The Fund provides grants to fine and performing artists, arts organizations and arts educators in the Naperville community. The Ball will be held on **Saturday 21 February** at the Signature Room at Seven Bridges in Woodridge beginning at 6:30 p.m. This year's theme is The Art of Romance where guests will tour some of the most romantic cities of the world! The evening will include cocktails, silent auction, live auction, dinner and dancing. Romantic attire is encouraged. The past events have raised a total of \$140,000. We would love you to join us. If you are unable to attend, there are many ways to support our cause through sponsorship opportunities or donations. For information and tickets, **contact the Naperville Sunrise Rotary at 630-375-7701.**

## ROTARY DISTRICT 6450 CONFERENCE

29 April – 2 May 2004

*"Friendship is the comfort, the inexpressible comfort of feeling safe with a person having neither to weigh thoughts or measure words, but pouring all right out just as they are, chaff and grain together, certain that a faithful friendly hand will take and sift them, keep what is worth keeping and, with a breath of comfort, blow the rest away."* Dinah Maria Mulock Craik. Many times we find that with the programs, reports, announcements and just the design of our weekly meeting we are unable to take/make time to really get to know one another, to develop a true friend.

The District Conference will provide you with the opportunity to really get/take the time to know your extended family in Rotary. If you have not registered, please, do so today! If you have already registered, then please take the time to encourage other members --with whom you would like to share time with-- to complete their application. For additional information, contact **Marilyn Turner, Promotions Chair**, at [mturner106@aol.com](mailto:mturner106@aol.com).

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ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION  
Osaka, Japan

May 23-26, 2004

If you are planning on attending the Osaka Convention, contact **Rotarian Bob Keegan**, Rotary Club of Morris, at his home phone 815-941-1196 or his work phone 630-891-7634.



# District 6450 Business Source

From page 10 - **SEEDS OF HOPE** is seeking contributions of seeds from the clubs of the district to be included when in the next batch of food packets to Angola. This is a good time to ask merchants for the donation of their '03 seeds, for even though they were packed for this past season, they still have enough vitality to be quite useful when they get to Angola. Both vegetable and flower seeds are gratefully accepted. The stories of both of these programs make excellent programs for club meetings. Eldon Tracy can be reached at 630-539-5480 or [Eldon@feedingchildrenworldwide.com](mailto:Eldon@feedingchildrenworldwide.com). Bo Lawrence, at 708-747-2590 or [rotobo@earthlink.net](mailto:rotobo@earthlink.net).

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# *Districts 6450 and 6440 Joint Effort*

SAVE THE DATE: SUNDAY 13 JUNE 2004

## RACE TO THE FINISH

### 8K RUN AND 5K WALK FOR POLIO ERADICATION

Get your running shoes ready for the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Race to The Finish, to show our support and raise funds for the eradication of polio!

This year, the Race will be bigger than ever! We need your help! We want to have participants from every Rotary Club in our two districts, running, walking, or volunteering. Official announcements and registration forms will be sent to each Rotary Club President and you can watch for the Race To The Finish tables at the President Elect Training Seminars (PETS); at the Club Officers Training Seminars (COTS) and at our District Conferences. We will also be making regular announcements each month in the Governor's Newsletters

We need volunteers to help! We need help in promoting the Race; in getting sponsors; and to volunteer on the day of the Race for registration; as course monitors; and to help with the water tables for the runners and walkers.

Let's make this the biggest year for the Race and let the world know that we care about the eradication of polio. There are only a few countries left in which polio continues to circulate. We are so close to our goal that we must make every effort to succeed. Let's show the world that Rotary cares and put our support to help protect the children of the world. For further information, please contact Paul Carpenter, Foundation Chair, at [CarpentP@rotaryintl.org](mailto:CarpentP@rotaryintl.org).

### District 6450 Attendance and Membership Report November 2003

Attendance Rank	Club	Attendance % for Month	Meetings Held	Members 11/30/2003
15	Addison	73	4	26
21	Aurora	67	3	63
39	Aurora Naperville		4	17
6	Aurora Sunrise	82	4	17
27	Bensenville	62	4	16
2	Berwyn	92	4	13
40	Blue Island Crestwood		4	17
35	Bolingbrook	53	4	29
23	Bradley Bourbonnais	64	3	42
41	Broadview		4	13
42	Brookfield Riverside		4	23
33	Burr Ridge Willowbrook	57	3	14
17	Chicago Financial District	70	3	23
24	Chicago Heights	64	4	45
43	Chicago Midwest		4	16
44	Chicago Near South		4	28
45	Chicago Northwest		4	17
46	Chicago O'Hare		4	27
38	Chicago ROTARY/One	41	4	212
37	Chicago Rogers Park	46	4	23
47	Chicago Southeast		4	18
48	Cicero		4	24
49	Countryside		4	16

36 Darien	50	4	29
50 Downers Grove		4	52
18 Dwight	69	5	22
51 Elmhurst		3	55
25 Elmhurst Morning	64	3	13
52 Evergreen Park		4	22
28 Franklin Park	61	3	13
10 Hinsdale	76	3	53
53 Hinsdale Oak Brook Gateway		5	26
9 Homewood	77	4	66
11 Joliet	75	4	161
54 Kankakee		5	37
7 LaGrange	80	4	37
1 Lansing	95	4	20
32 Lisle	58	4	24
34 Lockport	57	3	53
55 Manteno		5	32
12 Matteson	75	4	26
14 Maywood	74	3	18
56 Melrose Park		4	10
3 Moraine Valley	92	3	8
57 Morris		5	35
58 Naperville		4	142
19 Naperville Sunrise	68	3	89
59 New Lenox		4	21
31 Norridge Harwood Heights	60	5	13
60 Oak Brook		4	16
29 Oak Forest	61	5	24
5 Oak Lawn	84	4	26
61 Oak Park River Forest		4	104
16 Orland Park	71	3	62
8 Oswego	78	4	37
4 Park Forest	86	3	29
26 Plainfield	63	4	30
13 Romeoville	75	4	19
62 Tinley Park Frankfort		4	14
63 Western Springs		4	16
22 Westmont	66	4	35
30 Wilmington	61	4	18
20 Woodridge	68	4	18

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### Note from the District Secretary

My records show 2264 active members in the district. Since we are not getting attendance reports from some clubs, please send them to me immediately after 3 January 2004 at the address below. The number of members listed in the report is the number that will be used for district billing. Jerry L. Palm, [jpalmelect@aol.com](mailto:jpalmelect@aol.com)T (home phone number 219-838-7911; office phone number 708-798-0051; fax number 708-798-0057).