



Team 2003-2004 Newsletter

Chuck Johnson, District Governor 2003-2004



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Our District Conference



This is the last issue of the newsletter before we meet at our District Conference at the Abbey in Fontana, Wisconsin. The committee has spent many hours putting together a really fantastic long weekend experience for you and your family. We believe 2003-2004 will be District 6450's biggest Conference ever.

We will begin on Thursday night with a dinner attended by Rotary International President's Representative, PRID Bob Menconi. This will be quite similar to last year's when each course was exquisitely

complimented by a specially selected wine. The fellowship for the weekend really gets kicked off that night. The conversation can continue with cocktails in the dining area or strolling along the moonlit lakefront. It's your choice, take fellowship or romance.

Friday morning is the District Business meeting. This meeting is very important to our Rotary year. We vote on By-laws changes, resolutions, District Governor Nominee, Nominating Committee, and other items important to the District. The meeting starts at the reasonable hour of 10:00 am. This allows those who came up the night before to work up a sweat with an early walk, run, or relax in the hot tub and pool with me.

The noon Foundation meeting will be extra special this year. We have some very interesting people to talk about the GSE trip, Foundation Scholars, updates on the Foundation, and some surprises that only five of us know about. This is worth coming up early in itself.

Friday evening will kick-off with a ribbon cutting of the expo and a wine tasting. The dinner will be the second of our great dinners. A few short speeches and awards for great work before hitting the hospitality suites. These will be the first time we have had hospitality suites in several years. I hope you are able to enjoy them to the fullest. The John Hunt Trio will entertain in the Waterfront lounge, next to the ice cream social.

Saturday morning, the Presidents-Elect have to be at their breakfast early, while the rest of us can arrive much later. After all, they are just kids aren't they. After breakfast a few more awards, fun and Rotary Awareness. The boat trips, golfing, tennis, and walking follow the morning session.

The afternoon is dedicated to more than twenty classes of interesting Rotary and non-Rotary subjects. The classes are designed to let you know why you are in the Rotary Family. They will be mind-expanding and some will be heart wrenching.

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Our District Conference (From page 1)

Our Saturday evening meal will be fantastic with the main entertainment following afterwards. The entertainment will be spectacular. There will be singing and dancing – you supply the dancing – with Tom Keith and Sidney with the band. In honor of the 200th Anniversary of the Lewis and Clark Expedition and an Orland Park/District Project, we have a Blackfoot Indian who will sing songs and relate Plains Indian Lore. This will be a night to remember.

Sunday morning will be a wrap up with final awards and fond farewells until we meet again.

If you haven't signed up yet for a great conference, you won't know what you missed until we get back and tell you.



Chuck Johnson, District Governor

Well, What Do You Know?

How often have you heard the comment, "I've been in Rotary for X years and still don't really know what Rotary is all about!" While such a remark can be attributed to the failure of the Rotary Club's orientation committee, it is often just a rationalization. That is one of the reasons why **April is designated as Rotary Magazine Month**. In April, Rotary clubs are encouraged to promote the reading of *The Rotarian* and the other official magazines of Rotary.

The intent is twofold: to enlighten the uninformed, and to keep the well-informed up to date. The fact is that Rotary, despite its long traditions, is a very dynamic organization whose landscape changes dramatically from year to year. As a result, any Rotarian who wishes to stay informed cannot view it as a passive process. It requires initiative to stay current on Rotary topics. It requires reading about what is happening today in Rotary.

The *Rotarian* started publication in 1911, but there are now 31 major associated regional publications, published in 24 languages and distributed in 129 countries with a circulation of 750,000. Each issue of these magazines shares a core of Rotary articles with *The Rotarian*, including Rotary news, of course. In addition to the news are a number of articles highlighting projects that clubs and districts are spearheading. Each magazine becomes a forum for sharing ideas for successful projects. At the same time, it informs Rotarians of the needs that exist around the world; needs that a club across the globe may have the resources to address.

At one time, *The Rotarian* and associated regional magazines of Rotary were the only avenues of communication between RI and individual Rotarians. This is no longer the case. The Internet provides the means to a wealth of Rotary information on every imaginable Rotary topic to everyone with access to a computer or a library. The Rotary website is available in a number of languages in addition to English and has links to *The Rotarian* and all the Rotary publications in that language. Among these are the quarterly *Rotary World*, the biweekly *Rotary News Basket*, *Web Exclusive News*, and a press center. In addition to periodicals, a number of Rotary publications and graphics are available for download on the website. →

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.

Provisional Rotary Club of Channahon/Minooka

Sponsor: Rotary Club of Joliet
Officer in charge: PDG Art Muhlhausen

The provisional Rotary Club of Channahon-Minooka meets Tuesday mornings at Ivo's Family Restaurant at 7:00 am. The restaurant is located on Rte 6 at I-55, southeast corner. They had a successful first service project, a Coat Drive, which was well received in the community. They have begun their first fund-raiser in the form of a raffle for a fold-down Camper. Visitors are most welcome! They currently have 15 charter members and are working very hard to have the number required in April. Be prepared for a wonderful charter night in May!

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Well, What Do You Know! (cont.)

These days, it may be more proper to designate April as Rotary Literature Month rather than Rotary Magazine month. In addition to reading the Rotary magazines, Rotary could also urge Rotarians to visit the Rotary website.

In this information age, there is no reason why any Rotarian interested in Rotary should make a statement such as the one that starts this article. The information is at your fingertips, in the magazine and on the internet. Take the time to drink it in. You won't regret it. Who knows, maybe one day it will be common to hear, "I've been in Rotary only a few weeks and I already know a lot about it! What a great organization".

Anonymous Rotarian

Meet the Partners

By Bob Smallwood, Rotary Club of Hinsdale-Oak Brook Gateway

They call us “double-dippers” because Sue and I both belong to Rotary but to different clubs. That way we both get to enjoy all the activities of two clubs.

On some events I am the Rotarian and she is the spouse and on others, she is the Rotarian and I am the spouse. I don’t mind being “the spouse” so long as I don’t have to attend any fashion shows. (Please excuse me for that. Actually, Rotary has come a long way in that it is no longer always assumed that the female is the spouse.)

That we are each members of different clubs is cause for some good-natured ribbing between us. Her club (Hinsdale) actually sponsored the club I belong to (Hinsdale Oak Brook Gateway) and will not let me forget it...like I’m supposed to be forever in debt to her for that. The fact that she was not a member of her club when it sponsored my club is not a detail factored into her sense of parental magnanimity. I have to remind her that my club sometimes makes more money at fundraisers than her club. “Fundraisers schmundraisers”, she says. I predict that before this contest is finished our two clubs will confront each other in downtown Hinsdale with Rotary bells for a fight-to-the-finish “clang-off”.

I joined Rotary first but Sue has excelled in her commitment and contribution to it. She is dedicated to the principles of The Four-Way Test partly, I believe because she sees them as important to her personal growth. But, she is also a missionary of sorts and wants others to be aware of, and to participate in all that Rotary has to offer. That’s why she rapidly cycled through most of the officer positions in her club and has gotten very involved in District activities including being the District Governor Nominee Nominee (to be the DG in 2006-2007). She is also very excited about being part of the Host Organization Committee for the 100th Year Anniversary Convention in June, 2005. I am proud to be this Rotarian’s spouse.

Rotaract Club of Chicago

Sponsored by the Rotary Club of Chicago

International Service Project Opportunity: “Lend a hand to Zimbabwe”

The Rotaract Club of Chicago and the Interact Club of Lincoln Park, both sponsored by the Rotary Club of Chicago, have partnered to send a 40ft container of general medical supplies to Bulawayo, Zimbabwe, a particularly neglected part of Southern Zimbabwe. Medical supplies will be received, stored and distributed by the Rotary Club of Bulawayo. The recipients of this aid are three major hospitals in Bulawayo that serve the rural clinics in impoverished areas. The target date for shipping the supplies is the 2nd quarter of the year 2004.

Due to a number of factors, including a recent spike in shipping costs, their shipping partner has discontinued the aid program that was to cover shipping costs. Therefore, they are seeking partners to help them raise additional funds to ship the supplies. The ideal partner, either an Interact Club or a Rotary Club or both, will match the remaining funding needs. At this point they have raised \$7,700.00 and they need \$4,300.00 more in order to be able to cover the shipment costs.

If the idea of an international project sounds appealing to you, feel free to contact one of the following project team members: Elizabeth Mhangami, project chair at (312) 217-2085, ndigere@yahoo.com; Monica Nawal, club vice-president at (312) 609-9008, monicamurarak@hotmail.com; or Juan Ortega, club president, at 312-523-5797, jorteg2@uic.edu.

Club News – Rotary Club of Brookfield-Riverside. The club is offering \$250.00 to a Riverside Brookfield Freshman who writes the best essay on the importance of a high school diploma. Also, the club is offering \$250.00 to a Junior at Riverside Brookfield High School on the best essay as to the necessity of a college degree. Entries should be submitted to the Brookfield-Riverside Rotary Club, c/o Linda Sokol Francis, Chair, at 3439 Grand Blvd., Brookfield, IL 60513. If you have any questions, please call Linda at 708-485-3439.

Interact Corner – To Interact Advisors and Club Liaisons: Time is drawing near to the Rotary District 6450 Conference from 30 April to 2 May 2004 at The Abbey in Fontana, Wisconsin. It is extremely important to bring some of your best and active Interact students to the District Conference. They can experience networking with the Rotarians, share their projects with others, and learn how other Interact clubs operate. They also will be able to share visual evidence of their projects in the Rotary EXPO.

It is time register them NOW! Please contact and work with your Rotary Club to register deserving students for this fantastic experience. Clubs have registration forms or they are on District website at www.rotary6450.org. Please call or send me a note if you have any questions.

Guy Groot, Chair, Rotary Youth Exchange
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The second issue of the **District Interact Newsletter** has been recently distributed and is available on the district website on the Interact page. Please share it with everyone. Many thanks to **Lynne Nolan**, lnolan@NCUSD203.org.



From the Desk of Chris Reilly, District Governor-Elect

Spring, if such a season exists in the Midwest, is upon us. At least the trees think so, and my grass is greening. Chuck Johnson's Team is coming down the home stretch and we are about to celebrate the bloom of their successes at the Abbey in Lake Geneva.

The Centennial Leaders for your District are also beginning to sprout. The Joint District 6440/6450 PETS and Club Officer Training (Assembly) kicked off the planning of their club goals. Both events were very well attended and early comments indicate that sharing training with District 6440 was very valuable. The meetings were alive with excitement about the opportunities inherent in Rotary's Centennial Year and a sense of awe at the responsibilities.

Dave Groner, Past District Governor from Dowagiac, MI was the keynote speaker for both events. Although Dave is a Funeral Director by profession, he inspired his listeners with a vision of the lives that Rotary rescues and assists. At PETS he focused on leadership and challenged each President to step up and "swing at every



pitch" while standing in Rotary's batter's box. At the Assembly, Dave (having just returned from a month of polio immunizations in India) spoke of the pride each Rotarian should feel as we are about to conquer Polio.

As your Centennial District Governor, it was thrilling start to my interactions with the centennial leaders in our District. They are a great group and I am confident it will be a special year. The enthusiasm that we share in working together is truly infectious. As we conquer the Polio virus, let us work to make the District 6450 Rotary Enthusiasm Virus an epidemic.

~ Club News ~

District 6450 Literacy Projects

The District Literacy Committee introduced two projects for this year. Your club's participation in either project will meet your literacy requirement for the President's Citation.

The first project is to assist the St Pius V School in the Pilsen School District. The Committee will be purchasing reading books to be used in the classrooms during the 2004-05 school year. This project requires monetary support and more information is available.

The second project is to support the Pilsen district with books for their libraries. This asks the conference attendees to select 2 to 3 books that match a book selection criteria that will be made available to attendees through a mailing done closer to the District Conference date.

While the district wholeheartedly supports these two projects that the literacy committee has designed, DG Chuck and Susie are thrilled to hear of the many dictionary and reading projects that are in existence throughout the district. *We must not forget that the gift of books can encourage a lifetime of literacy, hope and health.* Join us in District 6450's endeavor to bring books to children.

Eldon L. Tracy, Literacy Committee Chair, is available for programs concerning the local book projects. He can be contacted at alaetracy@msn.com. Contact District Governor Partner Susie Johnson for the second project at cjohnson@uti.com.

Rotary Club of Kankakee

10th Annual Wine Tasting and Silent Auction

Saturday 15 May 2004

6:30 – 8:30 pm

Riverside Medical Center Pavilion Lobby

\$ 12.50 per person

To purchase tickets, please e-mail

becky.haldorson@alz.org

or call 815-936-0464

**Come to find out about the mission
of Rotary and enjoy our wines!**

Four Clubs Reach a Giving Milestone

Why be number one? Say to yourself "Because when I am first, and I have earned it, I am justifiably filled with pride. And if my efforts and sacrifice bring food to the hungry, sight to the blind, education to the illiterate, housing to the homeless, employment to the destitute, comfort to the elderly, lonely and infirm and build international peace, friendship, and goodwill then my efforts are worthwhile."

Four of our clubs are to be congratulated for having already reached the "Every Rotarian, Every Year" milestone of \$100 per capita giving to The Rotary Foundation. Who are these per capita achievers?

- 1) La Grange, \$162.82
- 2) Aurora, \$105.41
- 3) Naperville, \$102.03
- 4) Woodridge, \$100.00

And they're still going strong. Where can we all still go? \$250 per capita contributions would likely make our district one of the three "Best in the World" for per capita giving. This is based on figures recently made available indicating that the top 2002-2003 per capita giving district was District 3450/Hong Kong-Macau-Mongolia with \$355.69. In second place was District 3750/Korea with \$262.07. In third place was District 9210/Southeastern African countries with \$162.23.

We get to use some of the money we give. Now that's certainly unique. How many times have we given to a charity and then asked the charity to return some of our contributions to us so we can fund a project of our choosing? Probably never, unless we were dealing with The Rotary Foundation.

If each of our club members gave \$100 to The Rotary Foundation, our Rotarians would eventually have access to \$112,100 to fund scholarships and humanitarian projects of our choosing and we would have given an additional \$112,100 to The Rotary Foundation to support programs such as the Group Study Exchange and the matches of Matching Grants which benefit people in dire need all around the world. Of the \$112,100 we receive we would be authorized to spend \$22,420 (20% of \$112,100) of those funds for projects in our own communities.

What if we each gave \$250? We'd have \$280,250 to designate for Foundation programs of our choosing and could use 20% of that or \$56,050 for local community projects. What about \$400? We'd probably be number one in the world for giving. We'd have \$448,400 to designate towards projects of our choosing including up to \$89,680 for us to have a real and recognized presence in assisting our communities.

Congratulations to the four clubs. Keep it up. As for the others, let's get to work.

Paul Carpenter, District Rotary Foundation Chair
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Is it a time or commitment issue?

By Rick Thiernau, District Governor-Nominee

Have you been missing many Rotary meetings lately? You might be thinking,



“I make the meetings, but I don’t know why; I don’t have the time to make Rotary meetings;

there is nothing-new happening at my meetings; I make the important meetings; they won’t miss me...”

Well, let me ask you this: if you were offered \$10,000 for each meeting you attend, would you be there? If you had to attend your meeting to receive a pill that would keep you alive each week, would you attend? If you have answered yes to these questions, attending a weekly Rotary meeting is not a time issue, but a commitment issue.

Prioritize your Rotary Club. When you are done reading this newsletter, grab your calendar and write-in your Rotary meetings. I always find it easier to attend meetings if they are on my calendar. Every January the first thing I do with my calendar is write-in my Rotary meetings. In addition, my staff does the same thing.

Rotary is a participation organization. Rotary stresses regular attendance (at least 60% of all meetings). If you cannot attend your own club meetings, you are welcome to attend one at any of thousands of other clubs around the world. These “make-up” visits often provide great fellowship and opportunities for service.

Throughout the year, business may bump some of my club meetings. I have the days and times of other club meetings in our District to make-up the meetings I miss. With 12 years of perfect attendance, I have met many of you at one of my make-ups and brought back many club program/project ideas.

Attending Rotary meetings on a weekly basis keeps you excited about Rotary. “Service Above Self” becomes a reality. Before long, you become active in Club, Vocational, Community and/or International service. You begin to enrich your own life and that of family, friends and the world. We are all members of Rotary, but are we active Rotarians?

Donna and I look forward to seeing you at District Conference. Come and share family fun and Rotary fellowship, friendship and inspirational programs and discussions.

Rick

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Towards Chicago 2005



18-22 June 2005
Mark your calendars

**WE NEED YOUR HELP
TO ERADICATE POLIO !!!
VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED FOR
THE RACE TO THE FINISH
IN SUPPORT OF POLIO ERADICATION**

The eradication of polio will be Rotary’s greatest legacy! We are so close to the finish, but we are not there yet. There are still some major challenges in a few countries such as Nigeria. The whole world is cooperating on this final push for the eradication. Now is the time for all Rotarians to provide one last effort in this Race to the Finish.

On Sunday 13 June, the Rotary Race to the Finish will be held in Evanston, starting at the Rotary International Headquarters. As in the previous three years, the race will be both an 8k run and a 5k walk. We expect to have over 300 runners and walkers. You can **register on line** at www.racetothefinish.org.

We need volunteers to help organize and support this Race. In addition to the runners and walkers, we need volunteers to set up three water stations, act as course guides, assist in the start and finish of the race, and help with a number of other critical task to ensure a safe, enjoyable and successful race.

You can **volunteer on line** at: www.racetothefinish.org.

If your Rotary Club would like to sponsor a water station, and have five members of your club, this is a great opportunity to build good fellowship and promote your club to both Rotary Districts 6450 and 6440. If you want to volunteer, we have jobs for you!

Please contact Michael Diamond, Rotary Volunteer Coordinator and member of the Rotary Club of Chicago at mike@racetothefinish.org.

District 6450 Gift of Life (GOL) Program

Soon the Gift of Life (GOL) program for District 6450 will move in a new direction. While no one can dispute the satisfaction Rotarians derive from helping children from around the globe with correctable medical problems, the Rotary funds that need to be raised from willing and generous donors to transport patients and their families and to pay discounted fees to hospitals are now limiting the program. Most children's hospitals in the region will no longer discount costs to Rotary for large surgical procedures. Hope Children's Hospital at Christ Medical Center in Oak Lawn, under the leadership of Rotarian Rabi Suleiman, MD, has been the only participant with GOL for the last few years.

The current cost of GOL for complex cardiac surgery has been \$10,000.00 for procedures valued at \$30,000- \$40,000. Advocate Hope Children's Hospital has absorbed the remainder of the cost. Understandably, we are limited to the number of cases that the hospital will consider. More importantly, the \$10,000.00 cost per case quickly depletes the available district funds and severely limits the overall goodwill that could be achieved with the program. In the past, GOL brought children from countries that now have advanced surgical centers that can perform these procedures safely and reliably. One of these countries is China. The cost to perform these procedures in China would be approximately \$1000.00 per case. Rotary districts from around the US are now using surgical programs in Shanghai and Beijing. Aside from the economics, the disruption to the family and the stress on parents of these children is greatly decreased. Transportation costs for child and parent are also greatly decreased. Overall, good stewardship would suggest that when possible GOL procedures be done as close to home as possible. In April, Dr. Rabi Sulayman and Dr George Harris will travel with a City of Chicago "Sister Cities" delegation to Shanghai, China. There they will meet with the Provisional Rotary Club of Shanghai and doctors from the Chest Hospital of Shanghai to facilitate further GOL activity from District 6450.

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Club Bulletin Awards

District Governor Chuck has established three awards for those three clubs with the best weekly bulletin according to the following criteria: content - presentation - weekly distribution. He will present them at the district conference. A committee has been formed to review your entries. The committee consists of DGN Rick Thiernau, PDG Art Muehlhausen, Past Club President Victor Cuellar, and District 6450 Governor's Newsletter Editor Reina S. Diamond. They will meet in the next couple of weeks and will submit their recommendations to DG Chuck.

Entries were received from the following Rotary Clubs:

RC of Western Springs - The Rotator
RC of Chicago Heights - The Camshaft
RC of Bradley Bourbonnais - The Sprocket
RC of Bolingbrook - The Syncromesh
RC of Chicago-Rogers Park - ...as the rotary wheel turns...
RC of Aurora Naperville - Newsletter
RC of Aurora - ROTAURORA
RC of Naperville Sunrise - The Sunrise
RC of Aurora Sunrise - Sunrise Serenade
RC of Oak Lawn - Oak Lawn Rotary News
RC of Orland Park - The Driver
RC of Downers Grove - KEYWAY
RC of Joliet - The Wheel
RC of Hinsdale-Oak Brook Gateway - The Wakeup Wheel
RC of Lansing - Cogitator
RC of Chicago-ROTARY/One - Gyrator
RC of Hinsdale - The Wheel
RC of Cicero - The CICEROTARIAN
RC of La Grange - TALES
RC of Homewood - SPOKESPERSON
RC of Oak Park-River Forest - The Rotary Razz
RC of Maywood - The Light
RC of Darien - Wheels

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On the Lighter Side - A tongue twister from "Fox in Sox" by Dr. Seuss:

*Through three cheese trees three free fleas flew.
While these fleas flew, freezy breeze blew.
Freezy breeze made these three trees freeze.
Freezy trees made these trees' cheese freeze.
That's what made these three free fleas sneeze.*

If you can't say it fast enough, ask the EarlyActors! You will be surprised!

From the Editor's Desk

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

April is bringing to us the idea of a whole new audience: CHILDREN. Ignite the volunteer spirit in today's youth by sharing your experiences. Order *Tell Children Your Rotary Story* (603-EN) at <http://shop.rotary.org>.

May will bring us the District Conference at The Abbey in Fontana, Wisconsin, and the Rotary International Convention in Osaka, Japan. Please send us your comments on both events for our June issue.

Reina S. Diamond

EarlyAct Is Coming to District 6450

District Governor Chuck Johnson appointed an **EarlyAct Committee** in February to begin organizing immediately in order to bring EarlyAct Clubs to the communities we serve in District 6450. The committee consists of Chuck Snyder, from the Hinsdale Club; John Keane from the Oak Forest Club; Dave Carlson from the Lockport Club; and Gene Drendel from the Aurora Club. The committee met for the first time on 23 March at the Burr Ridge Ramada. The focus was how best to educate local clubs and communities of the powerful benefits of the program. Also a point of discussion was how to identify and motivate clubs in the district to become "Pioneer Clubs" in sponsoring an EarlyAct program in their community.

What is EarlyAct? Well it might best be understood as an Interact program for elementary and middle school students. Built on the same concept, it is an organized part of the school's activities program emphasizing service. The mission of the program is to promote goodwill, understanding and peace while improving the quality of life for everyone. The program teaches caring, tolerance, respect, empathy, responsibility, tolerance, citizenship, compassion, friendship and leadership, all of which we can use more of in our schools and communities.

Your Rotary Club can be the catalyst in starting an EarlyAct Club. What an opportunity to be a part of something that will enhance your club's service activities, promote the ideals of Rotary, and serve as a resource of future leaders for Interact and Rotary everywhere. District Governor Chuck Johnson has said, "...EarlyAct is a phenomenal opportunity for each and every club to build a community resource base for the future". If you would like more information on EarlyAct, please contact anyone of the committee members or Chuck Snyder directly at 630-325-2043.

DISTRICT 6450 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

TAKE NOTE AND MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

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| April | Rotary Magazine Month |
| 29 April-2 May | RI District 6450 Conference,
The Abbey, Fontana, WI |
| 23-26 May | 95th RI Convention,
Osaka, Japan |
| 13 June | Polio Race to the Finish,
Evanston, Illinois |
| 13-18 June | RI Council on Legislation,
Chicago, Illinois |
| 27 June | Installation of Chris Reilly
as District Governor,
Abbingdon, Glen Ellyn |
| 9-11 July | Central States Youth Exchange,
Grand Rapids, Michigan |
| 19 July | Honoring Rotary's Founder
Paul P Harris, Rosewood West
Banquet Hall, Crestwood |
| 13-14 August | Ambassadorial / Peace Scholar
Interviews |
| 24-29 August | Zone Institute, Mackinac Island,
Michigan |
| 3-31 October | GSE Inbound Team from
Manchester, England |
| 15-17 October | RYLA |
| 21-24 October | RI District 6450 Conference,
Wyndham, Lisle, Illinois |

2005

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| 23 February 2005 | Centennial Birthday of Rotary |
| 4 April-2 May 2005 | GSE Outband Team from
Chicago to England |
| 18-22 June 2005 | Rotary International Centennial
Convention, McCormick Place,
Chicago |

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Focus on Area 3

Rotary Club of Cicero

The Rotary Club of Cicero has celebrated a long and successful career with Rotarians who have given more than 50 years of commitment to serve their community. Although membership has seesawed the enrollment, the faithful members work to meet their goals of building better friendships and making it beneficial to the families of Cicero.

Looking back to 2003, the club sponsored their annual fund-raiser for scholarship donations for students from their local high school and college. This was not their only contribution to education. Their "Rotary Readers" are sponsoring an after school program with their local youth commission to assist young people in academics and a safe and fun-filled recreational time. They also contributed to a program that encourages dads to take part in school events. This program is called "Watch D.O.G.S." (Dads of Good Students). They assisted families with food baskets by giving to their local food pantry. Their community has many needs because of low income residents with large families. Rotarians have attempted to encourage others to reach into their pockets to add to their gifts to local groups and agencies. In the spring, they shall honor an "unsung hero" with an award. Local community people, who are never recognized, are nominated for their community service. Like all Rotarians, Cicero Rotarians follow The Four Way Test. But their real motto came from a Rotarian who is now in Rotary heaven. He always reminded them that real Rotarians get a head full, a stomach full and, finally, a heart full of Rotary.

Rotary Club of La Grange

Roses were presented to Caroline and founder PRID Ted Gifford on 24 October in celebration of 45 years of "service above self" for the La Grange Club. Final clean-up for the 2003 season left a section of La Grange Road in pristine condition. The Interact Club threw in their enthusiasm and energy in aiding the construction of a community ice-skating rink, substantially funded by the club. Other projects included the Pilgrim Pacer 5K Fun Run and a coat drive benefiting the Pilsen neighborhood in cooperation with the Rotary Club of Chicago-Midwest. Another cause for celebration was welcoming three new members in December. Continuing a strong support of youth services, the club sponsored Interactors to Ryla. The club was very pleased to welcome a new in-bound student from Brazil just in time for the January cold snap. The Family of Rotary theme was celebrated at a major fund-raiser on 13 February benefiting area high school grad scholarship funds. Visit their newly renovated website: www.lagrangerotary.org.

Rotary Club of Maywood

The Rotary Club of Maywood has begun a very ambitious year of activities, projects, and recruitment. Election of officers and the appointment of committees have taken place for 2004-2005.

At its recent Board of Directors meeting, the officers outlined ways the club could dispense the nearly \$4,000.00 which was earned at the recent auction/pasta dinner. The local recipients will include Maywood Fine Arts, Maywood Youth Mentoring, and the Zephyrs Youth Track Club. The international project will possibly include a partner club in Africa committed to the reduction of AIDS in that country.

The annual club sponsorship of the youth exchange program continues with the recent interviews and selection of three individuals from local high schools. These young people will be sent to Germany, Italy, and France. Next summer the club will then entertain three reciprocal visitors from these countries.

Recent meetings included the induction of two new members: young executives, one from a local bank and the other a member of the Village of Maywood development office. Each week a meaningful program is offered with such topics as investments, wills and bequests, recent legal decisions-issues, and Rotary topics (PolioPlus, membership, Foundation, etc.)

On-going projects include: taxi-service to the airports by four volunteers (fund-raiser), weekly quiz regarding current events (\$1 fine whether or not you know the answer), weekly raffle (proceeds go to the entertainment fund), and "Rotary moment" – one aspect of Rotary new to most members reported by one of the officers. A report of the locally sponsored high school Interact club is made regularly.

Rotary Club of Oak Park-River Forest

The Rotary Club of Oak Park – River Forest has a goal of increasing individual involvement by focusing on the Four Avenues of Service. Four new Avenue of Service Resource Committees have been established by the board and staffed with Past Presidents and senior members. These committees are charged with assisting project committee chairs by providing expertise, research, continuity, and documentation services. They are hoping that these new committees will provide the structure to allow momentum to carry over from one year to the next. They also hope that this will allow the club to take on local and international service projects that require multiple years of effort. Additionally, four orientation programs will be presented as a part of their regular luncheon programs.

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Rotary Club of Oak Park-River Forest (cont)

The program committee has been working very hard to provide substantive and entertaining programs each week. This committee has been very successful as their attendance is improving dramatically. Their new location at Holley Court Terrace (1111 Ontario, Oak Park) is working out very well. The location on the 13th floor with its view of downtown is an attraction itself and the food has been outstanding.

Rotary Club of Berwyn

The Rotary Club of Berwyn holds a major fund raising Annual Grand Raffle at which they raise between \$10,000 and \$15,000. These funds are used to support local projects such as scholarships and food baskets. The club has supported an outgoing exchange student and they have contributed annually to both The Rotary Foundation and the Polio Plus program.

Rotary Club of Broadview

This club is being reorganized.

Thank you to ADG Lou Fabbri for coordinating this effort.

District 6450 Youth Exchange and GlobalFest

First District Event Commemorating Rotary's Centennial

Monday 19 July 2004 at 12:00 pm – The first event commemorating Rotary's Centennial Year in our district will be attended by our 2004-2005 International President Glenn Estess from Birmingham, Alabama, and Rotarians from several districts. *This celebration will honor Rotary's Founder Paul P. Harris and the first president of the Chicago Rotary Club Sylvester Schiele, and will be hosted by the Blue Island-Crestwood and Western Springs Rotary Clubs.* The luncheon meeting will be held at the Rosewood West Banquet Hall, 4756 West Cal Sag Road in Crestwood followed by a visit to Mount Hope Cemetery where Paul and Sylvester are buried. (The Banquet Hall is just a mile from the 127th Street-Cicero Avenue exit from I-294, and Cal Sag Road is the southeast extension of IL 83. The cemetery is three miles from the Rosewood West.)

Register now! Send a check for \$ 15.00 per person, payable to Paul Harris Memorial, to PDG Irv Kaplan at 22 N Cass Ave., Westmont, IL 60559.

For additional information, please feel free to contact committee members PRID Ted Gifford (La Grange), DGE Chris Reilly (Darien), PDG Rich Ingalls (Western Springs), 6440 DGE Don Redmon (Schaumburg), or RI staff members Lynne Purcell and Natal Konowal at the world headquarters in Evanston.

District 6450 Youth Exchange Students and Committee Members attended GlobalFest at Urbana High School on 12-13 March. GlobalFest is a state-wide festival that celebrates the cultures and languages of the world. It is in its 16th year of existence and is held every Spring. This year was the first year that the exchange students and committee members from Districts 6450 and 6490 attended GlobalFest. Our debut was visible and appreciated. The Opening Ceremony was highlighted by the flag procession led by the 6450 and 6490 Rotary Youth Exchange Students wearing their blazers. The weekend was full of wonderful activities. Immersion Rooms ran both Friday and Saturday, where Lasse from Denmark taught Danish, Eren from Turkey taught Turkish, Terese from Finland taught Swedish, and Elisa and Patricia taught Portuguese. On Saturday, both districts hosted a Discovery Room featuring the countries where our students are from. Guillaume and Aaron hosted "Welcome to France & Germany," Eren "Welcome to Turkey," Elisa and Patricia "Welcome to Brazil," Anton "Welcome to Russia," and Piti "Welcome to Thailand." District 6450 and 6490 presented the session "Learn About Rotary Youth Exchange."

The Herscher Interact Club was instrumental in reaching the Urbana High School student body, organizing all the registration materials, and registering the 50 schools attending from across Illinois. Herscher Interactors Danielle Cooper and Leann Papineau performed two dance selections from the "Lion King."

Having Rotary involved at GlobalFest was the dream of Julia Mullikin, Rotary Club of Kankakee, and Karl-Ludwig Konrad, Rotary Club of Charleston in District 6490. Julia has served as the GlobalFest Chair for eight years and Karl also serves on the GlobalFest Committee, composed mostly of foreign language teachers from across Illinois. Another District 6450 connection is that Jim Chestnut, Rotary Club of Chicago Heights, designed the GlobalFest buttons and committee badges.

On behalf of the GlobalFest Committee and the 6450 Youth Exchange Committee we would like to thank Chicago Heights Rotary for paying the registration fees, and the following Rotary Clubs for paying the hotel expenses: Aurora Sunrise, Homewood, Orland Park and Kankakee. Thanks are also extended to the Chelle O'Connell, Rotary Club of Elmhurst, Mike Casey, Rotary Club of Orland Park, and Jon Haesler, Rotary Club of Aurora Sunrise, who drove the students to Urbana.

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

23-26 May 2004



For information, contact Bob Keagan of Morris Rotary at 630-891-7634 or 815-941-1196.

**District Conference (cont.)
Hospitality Suites**

5. Sing-A-Long – Sponsored by the Rotary Club of Orland Park
 - Electronic keyboard player with sheet music for people to join in singing
 - Contact Bob Straz, at 708-448-6532
6. Room sponsored by Areas 10 and 12
 - They have confirmed that they are hosting a room. Details will follow.
 - Contact Mike Slevnic at 708-672-3349

Check the District Website or call Marilyn Turner, Promotions Chair, at 708-957-4122 or e-mail her at mturner106@aol.com.

**2003-2004
ROTARY DISTRICT 6450 CONFERENCE
The Abbey, Fontana, Wisconsin**

29 April – 2 May 2004

Hospitality Suites

1. Margaritaville – Sponsored by the Rotary Club of Morris
 - Jimmy Buffet music
 - Margaritas made with smoothie machine
 - Contact Allen Ferrari, 815-584-1044
2. Lend a Hand Café – Sponsored by Areas 9 and 10
 - Hand Massage
 - Alcohol drinks with hand theme, i.e. Four in the Hand, Hand Shaken Martini, Two fingers of Whiskey
 - Palm reader
 - Contact Howard Hamilton , 815-730-3444
3. Picture Yourself – Sponsored by the Rotary Club of Naperville Sunrise
Fun & Games – Sponsored by the Rotary Club of Naperville
 - Digital Camera and photo printer. Photos will be placed in a small cardboard frame
 - Various Fun Games (to be determined)
 - Contact John Colucci, 630-954-7312
 - Contact Barb Dwyer, 630-829-6003
4. Quiet Room – Sponsored by the Rotary Club of Chicago
 - Coffee, tea, and quiet music
 - Contact Dick McKay at 312-654-0028



Club News –

Rotary Club of Woodridge. The Woodridge Rotary Club --along with the Village of Woodridge and the Woodridge Park District-- is co-sponsoring a **Parade Celebrating the First 100 Years of Rotary**. The parade will take place on **Saturday 17 July 2004**. All Rotarians in the district are invited to join. For information, please contact Chet Szerlag, Club Secretary, at 630-910-0597.

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District 6450
Attendance and Membership Report
February 2004

attendance club rank	attendance % for month	meetings held	members 1/31/04
8 Addison	77	4	28
26 Aurora	60	2	62
20 Aurora Napperville	63	4	20
6 Aurora Sunrise	86	4	15
24 Bensenville	61	4	16
3 Berwyn	89	4	13
X Blue Island Crestwood		3	17
20 Bolingbrook	63	4	29
13 Bradley Bourbonnais	68	4	42
X Broadview		4	13
X Brookfield Riverside		4	20
X Burr Ridge Willowbrook		4	14
19 Chicago Financial District	65	3	27
30 Chicago Heights	52	3	47
X Chicago Midwest		4	16
X Chicago Near South		4	27
X Chicago Northwest		4	17
X Chicago O'Hare		4	27
36 Chicago One	42	4	202
37 Chicago Rogers Park	36	4	23
20 Chicago Southeast	63	3	16
X Cicero		4	24
X Countryside		4	14
17 Darien	66	4	30
X Downers Grove		4	52
14 Dwight	67	4	18
26 Elmhurst	60	4	57
32 Elmhurst Morning	50	4	16
32 Evergreen Park	50	3	22
34 Franklin Park	44	4	13
X Hinsdale		4	53
X Hinsdale Oak Brook Gateway		4	28
X Homewood		3	66
10 Joliet	75	4	163
30 Kankakee	52	4	33
14 LaGrange	67	4	41
1 Lansing	100	4	21
X Lisle		4	24
28 Lockport	58	4	53
X Manteno		4	32
9 Matteson	76	4	25
10 Maywood	75	4	17

X Melrose Park		4	10
2 Moraine Valley	91	4	8
X Morris		5	35
X Naperville		4	142
14 Naperville Sunrise	67	4	93
X New Lenox		4	21
X Norridge Harwood Heights		4	13
X Oak Brook		4	16
29 Oak Forest	57	4	23
5 Oak Lawn	88	3	25
12 Oak Park River Forest	73	4	101
20 Orland Park	63	4	64
X Oswego		4	38
3 Park Forest	89	4	32
17 Plainfield	66	4	29
X Romeoville		4	19
X Tinley Park Frankfort		4	14
7 Western Springs	82	4	14
24 Westmont	61	4	38
X Wilmington		4	18
34 Woodridge	44	4	20

