



"SERVICE ABOVE SELF" - "HE PROFITS MOST WHO SERVES BEST"

### The Four Way Test

1. Is it the Truth?
2. Is it Fair to all concerned?
3. Will it build Goodwill and Better Friendships?
4. Will it be Beneficial to all concerned?

# The Big Wheel

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## Bill Kmiecik's Classification Talk

Article by Bob Paddock, Jr. Photo by Lynn Jensen.

New member **Bill Kmiecik** gave an engaging Classification Talk, demonstrating that accounting and finance can have a warm and friendly feel to it . . . not bad for a former IRS auditor !

The stats? He is a fee-only, non-commission financial planner in Arlington Heights at Wisdom Investments, 2015 S Arlington Heights Rd. ([Bill@wisdominvestments.com](mailto:Bill@wisdominvestments.com); (847) 290-0753.

Married 27 years, Bill and spouse Betsy successfully adopted two wonderful kids as infants via his own marketing plan. Brian is 20, and daughter, Emily, 17. Said Bill, "We didn't think we could do an adoption on our own, but we hired an attorney, placed ads in four states, and told friends of friends about our search."

Having grown up in Chicago, he's a proud graduate of Lane Tech with a degree in business administration from Illinois State, a CPA, and a Master's from DePaul . He met his wife-to-be, Betsy, while working at the IRS, with prior jobs including bussing at a family Polish Chicago restaurant on Fullerton and being a Jupiter Store manager in Freeport, Illinois.

A head hunter sought him out at the IRS to work with Allstate Insurance. Bill stayed there for 16 years dealing with their tax returns, foundation and agent contracts.

He felt he had had enough of large corporations and decided to go out on his own when his wife landed a job with insurance coverage. Though he loved doing rehab work on his home, he chose his love of finance and now provides fee-based financial planning services. He also teaches financial management and accounting classes at Harper, corporate finance at Northern, and consults through Harper. He is active at Willow Creek with the Good Sense Ministry which helps people make God-honoring choices with their money.

Something that didn't work out in life? Said Bill, "Chicagoans will know my pain when Riverview was knocked down just after I started at Lane Tech !"



## Wellington Staff Thanks Club

Barbara and the Wellington staff expressed appreciation for our choosing the Wellington as our meeting place, and for the seasonal gratuity given last week.



## Upcoming Programs

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| <b>Jan 10</b> | <b>Congressman<br/>Mark Kirk</b>              |
| <b>Jan 17</b> | <b>Linda Borton<br/>Classification Speech</b> |

## Paul Hester Resigns From Rotary

Article by Bob Paddock, Jr. Photo by Bill Kmiecik.



Sadly, **Paul Hester** announced his resignation from the club, noting he takes with him lots of cherished memories.

Best Wishes to Paul and Judy; always feel welcome to visit (and we'll even let you pay a fine ! ).

## Fine Master's Corner

Article by Bob Paddock, Jr. Photo by Bill Kmiecik.



Stay tuned next week to see how the **Morman-Whisler** wager on Illinois turned out.

This week Fine Master **Scott Whisler's** fund raising was helped by, among others, **Bob Heller** and **Bob Blaseck** regretfully celebrating the seasonal trek to warmer weather.

We Rotarians apparently know how to party – many of the questions about marking New Year's Day were answered correctly.

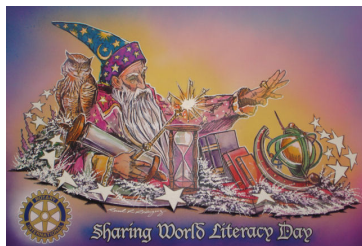
## Rotary and Roses . . .

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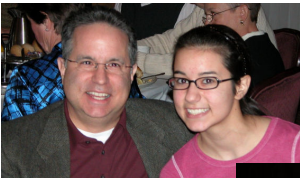


There has been much ado this season for Illini fans and alums with regard to the Rose Bowl. For the first time in 24 years the Illini are playing in this event, which has some of our club members in high spirits!

Additionally, Rotary International sponsored a float in the Rose Parade representing Sharing World Literacy Day.



## Club Members and Guests



Jon Ridler with guest Mike Engmann, right.



Ron Popp and daughter-in-law Julia, left.

Jim Bertucci and daughter Kim, above.



## Club Member Updates

**Rotarians Absent From the Club's December 27<sup>th</sup> Meeting:** Behrens, Bodinus, Burnidge, Chisholm, Dawson, Duchek, Ennes, Field, French, Higgs, Johnson, Koebernick, Landwehr, McMahon, Mallek, Miller, Mulder, Murray, Nash, Nuccio, Oakes, Ohrstrom, Pearson, Sampson, Scaletta, Schweers, Seiler, Silverman, Stabler, Upmeyer, Vaswani, D. Whisler, R. Whisler

**Guests at the Club's December 27<sup>th</sup> Meeting:** Kim Bertucci, Boll Borst, Steve Engmann, Julia Popp

**Rotarians Who "Made Up" Past Absences in December:** Borton, Nash.

## Upcoming District 6440 Events

From District 6440 Website—[www.rotary6440.org](http://www.rotary6440.org)

**Jan 19-21, 2008**

**Train Trip to Lincoln Museum—Springfield**

**Jan 26, 2008 - Feb 04, 2008**

**Guatemala Dist. 6440 Service Project**

**April 24-27, 2008**

**District 6440 Conference**

## Upcoming Club Events

**Valentine's / Sweetheart Party**  
**Details Coming**

## Greeter Schedule

<b>January</b>	<b>Mulder &amp; Schultz</b>
<b>February</b>	<b>Passannante &amp; Kmiecik</b>
<b>March</b>	<b>Borton &amp; Dawson</b>
<b>April</b>	<b>Tauber &amp; Mulder</b>
<b>May</b>	<b>Schultz &amp; Kmiecik</b>
<b>June</b>	<b>Tauber &amp; Borton</b>

## Pledge, 4-Way Test & Invocation Assignments

<b>January Stand-In</b>	<b>Scott Johnson</b>
<b>January 3</b>	<b>Lynn Jensen</b>
<b>January 10</b>	<b>Bill Hoff</b>
<b>January 17</b>	<b>Scott Johnson</b>
<b>January 24</b>	<b>Jim Hassenplug</b>
<b>January 31</b>	<b>Marie French</b>