



“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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Classification Speech

Survey Results Guide Planning For 2008-09

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On March 28, 2008, Rotarian **Jim Miller** presented the results of the member survey that was taken during the February 28th and March 13th lunch meetings. **President-Elect Ron Crawford** also presented the results of the March 19th planning meeting.

The member survey addressed the topics of Programs, Service Opportunities, Newsletter, Fine Masters, and the Club Overall. The survey results indicated that the average age of our members is 57 years, and the average membership tenure is 7.4 years. Eighty-three percent of the members are male, and 17% are female.

The results also showed that the members generally want fewer programs devoted to “not-for-profits,” and more devoted to community, state and local government, and rotary topics. Eighty-seven percent of the members with at least 6 years of membership were satisfied with the type of service opportunities, whereas only 50% with fewer than 6 years of membership were satisfied.

A remarkable 78% of members report that they read the Big Wheel newsletter every week. Ninety five percent of members report that they are satisfied with the newsletter, and a remarkable 85% report that they are **very** satisfied. Regarding the weekly meetings, 93% are satisfied with the fine masters and their “fun and frolic,” and 95% are satisfied with the club’s lunch programs. In general, ninety three percent (93%) of members are

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Is That A Mouse In Your Pocket ???

Article by David Schultz. Photo by Rick Koebernick.



No, it’s a Rat.

Terry Ennes was awarded the distinguished “Rat” award this week. This award is circulated from week to week with the lucky recipient paying \$5 to the Fine Master. At a subsequent meeting, the Rat Holder can “Rat-Out” another member of his/her choosing. Failure to do so will cost the Rat Holder another \$5 at each meeting, until the Rat is passed on.

Morale of the story... Watch-out for the Rat!



Upcoming Programs

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| Apr 10 | Donna Gulley
Shelter Box USA |
| Apr 17 | Cory Upmeyer
Spring is here!
Get your yard ready |
| Apr 24 | Mayor Arlene Mulder
State of Arlington Hts. |
| May 1 | TBA |

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satisfied with the club.

At the March 19th planning meeting, the attendees were asked what one issue or activity the club should focus on for the next year. The top vote getters, in order, were:

1. organize a unique community event.
2. more publicity and visibility for the club.
3. develop a club calendar.
4. focus on fun activities.

The attendees then brainstormed and launched an effort for our club to sponsor a 5K Santa Fun Run/Walk on December 7, 2008. (Yes, this means that you run or walk the race in a Santa suit). Thanks to **Lynn Jensen** (set up and organization), **Mark Tauber** (facilitator) and **Kris Stabler** (arranged facility) for their efforts.

Fine Master Corner



Fine Master **Joe Mussolino** quizzed members about this day in history. March 27th marked the official formation of the Navy, and the Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter Day Saints.



Other fines included those that were “Happy.” Like **Bob Nuccio** . . . who was ecstatic about the falling snow!

From Governor Mike . . .

In the most recent *District 6440 Governor’s Circular*, **DG Mike Ericksen** highlights a few items for each club and its members to consider:

- Once a year we get together as an entire district to acknowledge the accomplishments of our clubs at our district conference. The district conference is not only for club leaders, but for all Rotarians. **Plan to attend. Register now.**
- Rotary International has a strong historical link with the United Nations? It continues today with **Rotary Day at the U. N. every November**. The next one will be **November 3, 2008**. To participate without incurring any travel expenses, just go to www.rotariansforworldpeace.com and download the declaration found there. By signing the declaration, your club expresses your ongoing

Upcoming District 6440 Events

From District 6440 Website—www.rotary6440.org

April 24-27, 2008

District 6440 Conference, Itasca, Illinois

Jun 25, 2008

Installation Dinner for DG Pam Kerr

Upcoming Club Events

May 15, 2008

Club “Ten Grand” Raffle

May 22, 2008

Arlington Park Day at the Races

Greeter Schedule

April

Lombardo & Mulder

May

Schultz & Kmiecik

June

Lombardo & Borton

July

Mulder & Schultz

Pledge, 4-Way Test & Invocation Assignments

April Stand-In

Sandy Baker

April 3

Jennifer Burnidge

April 10

Bill Bodinus

April 17

Bob Blaseck

April 24

Bill Billimoria

commitment to the fourth object of Rotary: The advancement of world understanding and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.

- Our district web site (www.rotary6440.org) has a great **Speakers’ Forum** where you can list good speakers who’ve presented to your club and get information on other effective programs for weekly club meetings. Click on FORUMS at the top of the home page, then DISTRICT WEB SITE, then SPEAKER INFORMATION EXCHANGE.
- Just a reminder that you have until 30 April 2008 to make **your contribution** of \$100 or more to **The Rotary Foundation’s Annual Programs Fund or PolioPlus Program** in order to receive the district match of Foundation Recognition Points in an equivalent amount. This is a great way to get your Paul Harris Fellow, be it your first or your ninth.