



"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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## District Governor Pays Club Surprise Visit, Offers to Buy Lunch for Paul Harris Fellows

Article by Lynn Jensen. Photo by Bill Kmiecik.

The club had a rare treat when our District Governor, **David Waring**, joined us last meeting. He encouraged attendance at the District Conference, which begins Thursday evening April 19<sup>th</sup> and runs through Sunday noon on April 22<sup>nd</sup>.



**David Waring**  
*District Governor 2006-07*

The governor reminded all of the club's Paul Harris Fellows that they were invited to a complimentary luncheon with Bill Gates, Sr. that will be held on Friday, April 20<sup>th</sup>. He encouraged all Rotarians to attend the meeting and indicated that online registration will be held open through this weekend.

Dave also gave us an update on his recent visit with **Scott Davis**. Dave felt Scott was in amazingly high spirits, ready to tackle whatever challenge he faces.

The Governor then sat in with the Project Services Committee as they began their planning for Rotary Year 2007-08. At the end of the meeting, he indicated that he was very impressed with the way our club was using our Club Assembly to do long-range and annual planning.



## Club Assembly – Planning For Rotary Year 2007-08

Following the Pledge and the Four-Way Test, President **Ron Popp** called our April 12<sup>th</sup> meeting to

order. He thanked all of the attendees in advance for selecting one of our major planning committees and working on the club's annual plan for next year. He indicated that we would have an abbreviated club business meeting, allowing time only for the Fine Master, before the individual tables began their planning meetings.

Ron stressed that the five standing committees are charged with:

- identifying,
- prioritizing
- selecting and
- planning the projects to work on in their areas

**The actual implementation of the activities that are approved by the Board will require volunteers from across the entire club. Usually each of the other committees will be asked to identify members to support high priority projects.**

Following is a summary of the discussions that took place in each committee.



### Club Administration Committee

Article by Lynn Jensen.

This Club Administration Committee was chaired by **Lynn Jensen** and consisted of the following committee members: **Ron Popp**, **Terry Ennes**, **Scott Johnson**, **Tim Corrigan**, **Bill Bodinus**, **Linda Borton**, **Rick Koebernick** and **Pat McMahon**.

Initially, **Ron Popp** articulated that he wanted to make the focus of his presidential year to be:

- "Having more fun, involving our families more in our activities and increasing camaraderie in general"
- Increasing communication within the club and among committees

Ron promised that the dissemination of information to our fellow Rotarian's would be a top priority for him.

Committee members engaged in a conversation about why individuals join local Rotary clubs. The consensus was that Rotary clubs provide an opportunity for members to meet community leaders, provide service to others and enjoy fellowship and camaraderie.

There were also a number of observations about how we might improve our weekly meetings; they included:

- Having one of the committee chairs give a brief report to the club on their activities each meeting
- Encouraging each table to make sure they have invited a new or different club member to join their table every week
- Encouraging everyone to attend regularly and, in addition to the work of the Care Committee, we should each make calls to missing members to let them know they were missed

President Ron Popp and next year's President-Elect Ron Crawford will continue to work on the "themes" they will stress during their respective presidential years. They will also ask committee members to give them input on how they can improve continuity in our club's leadership. The Club Administration committee will continue its planning work on programs, the website and the newsletter.



## Membership

*Article by Jim Miller.*

The Membership Committee was chaired by **Jim Miller** and consisted of committee members **Jennifer Burnidge, Sue Dawson, Jim Hassenplug, Joe Higgs, Mike Mulder, Joe Musolino, Mike Silverman** and **Harry Vaswani**.

This committee set the following goals for this coming year:

- Recruiting 12 new members,
- Holding losses of existing members to a maximum 6 members,
- Giving the club a net growth of 6 members per year.

This will help our club achieve the goal set at the February 2007 planning meeting of 100 members by 2012.

Our club's Member Care Program was rolled into the Membership Committee. **Joe Musolino** has agreed to do Member Care beginning in July.

Recognizing that membership recruitment and retention rely heavily on the positive efforts of Club Administration, Public Relations, Club Administration and the Foundation, it was suggested that a designated person from Membership act as a liaison to each other club committee.

All future Membership Committee meetings will be held during our regular lunch meetings on Thursdays. It was recommended that our club devote one regular Thursday club meeting a month to Club Committee meetings.



## Project Services: (Community, Vocational and International Avenues of Service)

### Project Services: Community Services

*Article by Bob Nash.*

The Community Service Committee (PS-C) was chaired by **Bob Nash** and consists of committee members: **Bob Morman, Sandy Baker, Mary Cay Chisholm, Roger Key, John Scaletta, Jon Wilson, Tom Berry, Jim Bertucci, and Daniel Schweers**.

This committee discussed the existing projects, solicited new ideas for two hands-on Community Service Projects per quarter and then brainstormed ideas for additional fund raising.

Some of the existing projects include the following:

1. Arlington Heights Health Department's Village Immunization program: Our club provides administrative volunteers and support for these immunization clinics held at the Senior Center. Generally we provide 5 volunteers for each clinic, except in August when we need 7 volunteers to meet increased back-to-school demand. See the schedule below for dates. All clinics run from 4:45 pm until 7 pm.

**Contact Bob Morman to volunteer.**

	2007				
	Apr	Jun	Aug	Oct	Dec
<b>Immunizations Clinics</b>	16	18	21	16	18

2. Thanksgiving Dinner Project: Support to the Village and Wheeling Township. This project

was initially started by Chuck Adler and is currently coordinated by Kris Stabler.

3. Holiday Gift Project: Held in December, there is a need for many volunteers for this event.
4. Kids on Track Project–Arlington Race Track & District 214. Specifics yet to be determined.

Possible projects to supplement existing projects

5. Panera Bread: Weekly pickup and delivery of left over bread for local Churches supporting PADS shelters. Members would alternate the pickups.
6. Replenish a Food Pantry. Terry Ennes subsequently sent Bob Nash information on a recent request for support through St. Edna for St. James Church and community on the south side of Chicago. The Committee will organize a canned food drive in the near future.
7. Support for the Village Health Services Department: Bob Nash will call James McAlister to discuss the department’s needs and how we may be able to help them.
8. Old Bike Donations: Ron Crawford knows of a person who refurbishes old adult bikes and provides them to CEDA. We will check into organizing support for this project annually.
9. Our Club’s 4th of July Float: Need to publicize our club on signs posted within the village. Will discuss with the Public Relations Committee.

Fund raising ideas identified: Car Raffle, Casino Night. The Committee would like input from other club members and will further refine this idea.



### Project Services: International Services

Article by Paul Hester.

The International Services Committee (PS-I) was chaired by Paul Hester and consists of committee members Ron Crawford, Tom Forncrook and Ron Walter.

The priorities established in the planning meetings will be the focus of the International Service Committee, as well as maintaining our current activities, such as our ongoing Solar Oven Project.

Emphasis will be put on:

- Supporting the Youth Exchange Program and
- Identifying an Ambassadorial Scholar candidate



### Project Services – Vocational Service

Article by Bob Nash. Photo by Bill Kmiecik.

The Vocational Services Committee (PS-V) was chaired by Pete Cavoto and consisted of committee members Bob Whisler, Scott Whisler, Mike Field and Roger Key.



The committee agreed that the club should continue to sponsor:

- Literacy (Rotary Reads)
- Vocational Scholarship
- George Harris Book scholarship and
- Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA)

Bob and Scott recommended that the club eliminate World Affair Conference from our vocational service program. For this year, however, Bob Whisler will pursue the completion of our World Affair activities, which are in the budget for \$800. World Affairs is the last open activity we have for Vocational Services this year. All others have been successfully accomplished.

For next year Bob and Scott would like to replace the World Affair project with a Shadow Program. This program would be mainly for junior high students. It would be aimed at providing the participants an opportunity to participate in real time work experience at our Rotarian’s work places. This would give the students a practical way to learn about potential careers. Following involvement in this program, the students would be asked to come to a club meeting and give a talk about their work experience.



### Rotary Foundation

Article by Lew O'Donnell. Photo by Bill Kmiecik.

The Foundation Committee (F) was chaired by Lew O'Donnell and consisted of committee members Bill Billimoria, Bill Hoff and Kerry Pearson.



The group will be discussing further the goals that were identified in the club’s February 2007 planning

meeting and from the member survey; specifically that

- 100% of club members are Paul Harris Fellows and
- Our club members on average donate \$100 per year

The committee will also refine for the Club our:

- Objectives for Group Study Exchange (GSE)
- Objectives for Foundation PR



### PR & F.U.N. Committee

*Article by Jon Ridler.*

The PR and F.U.N committee was chaired by **Jon Ridler** and consists of committee members **Ken Alger, Nick Chrisos, Bill Hoff, Bill Kmiecik, Bob Paddock, Deb Whisler, Bill Seiler, Sandy Baker, Kris Stabler, Sue Duchek, John Scaletta and Steve Sampson.**

At last weeks meeting, the committee discussed several ideas to educate the Arlington Heights community about Rotary. They discussed the possibility of a “Four Way Test” essay contest with students from our Junior High schools. The committee would create some great press around the idea and get the message across about what the “Four Way Test” means to Rotarians in their personal life, business and family relationships. They also discussed having additional information on existing Rotary signs around the community to communicate what it is Rotarians do.

The F.U.N. discussion included how to increase participation in our annual special events and what outings we would like to introduce to the club for the coming year. The committee would like to change the format of our events to be more than just another dinner, but add excitement and special themes. As they continue these discussions, they will communicate to the club what changes to expect.



### Getting To Know Your Fellow Rotarians

*Article by Ron Crawford. Photo Steve Sampson.*

#### **Profiling Club Officers**

Our club’s current Secretary, **Ron Crawford**, is celebrating his sixth year as a Rotarian and his fourth year as a member of the board of directors. Ron retired from Com Ed in 2001 after working there for 31 years. During his career, he had a number of

management assignments and worked at ten different Com Ed offices around the Chicago area.

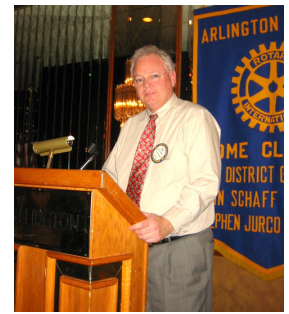
His last job was Community Relations Manager in the northwest suburbs. In that capacity, he joined several Chambers of Commerce and met a number of local business and political leaders in Arlington Heights and the surrounding communities. He served as President of the Arlington Heights Chamber Board of Directors in 1998. Ron later served as Interim Executive Director for the Chamber on two different occasions.

Shortly after retiring from Com Ed, he was sponsored by **Paul Hester**, joined our Rotary club and became interested in solar ovens and their beneficial impact on global environmental problems such as, green-house gas production, deforestation, and soil erosion. Through another group of Rotarians, the Temple Solar Project, he has made presentations to several other Rotary clubs to raise funds for solar ovens to be sent to third world countries.

His interest in international service led to Ron becoming a part of District 6440’s mission to Guatemala in January of this year along with **Scott Davis** and **Bob Paddock**. Part of that mission was to install more efficient wood burning stoves in homes. Deforestation is such a problem that Guatemala is fearful of the loss of its forests—another reminder that deforestation is a worldwide problem that solar ovens help to address. Along with Scott and Bob, Ron learned from this mission about Rotary’s influence around the world.

Ron grew up in St Louis, listening to Harry Cary broadcast Cardinal baseball games on the radio. He attended the University of Missouri at Rolla and received a B.S. in Engineering Management in 1970. He also received an MBA from Roosevelt University in 1979. Ron and his wife, Diane, live in Arlington Heights. They have two children—a son, Ryan, who graduated from Purdue and now works for Skidmore, Owings and Merrill, and a daughter, Andrea, who attends Indiana University.

Ron enjoys cycling and works part time at a bike shop. Last summer, he and a friend rode 440 miles across Iowa on the RAGBRAI bike ride. He plans another long ride this summer.



**Ron Crawford**  
*Club Secretary*  
*2006-2007*

On July 1, 2007 Ron will become the club's President-Elect. Between now and July 1, 2008, when he actually assumes the position of club president, Ron will be working with our current president, **Ron Popp**, to:

- establish leadership development opportunities for current and prospective board members
- ensure continuity in our club's leadership and
- re-establish a clearly defined leadership track leading to the position of club president.

Looking ahead to his year as President, Ron would like to stress the opportunities that Rotary offers to make a difference both here and around the world. Participating in international missions, and even visiting other Rotary clubs here, gives us all a better appreciation for the strength of Rotary.



### The Webmaster's Home Page

*Article by Tim Corrigan.*

The strategic planning team areas are now available on the Club's web site. In order to access this new area of the website we are implementing a personal login for all Club members. The general username (Rotary) and its super-secret password will continue to work for general Club information, but the new strategic planning areas will require a personal login. Currently only the Team Leader for each of the five strategic planning teams have access to the team areas.

We will be e-mailing personal login information to all Club members. You should have yours by the time you read this. The e-mail we send out will include instructions on how to use the new login and where to look for the new strategic planning information. If you haven't received yours yet, we may not have an e-mail address for you. You can call Tim Corrigan at 847-394-0266 to get your e-mail added to the Club roster. Or, even better, you can go on-line to the Members Only area of the web site and click on the Club Roster Update Form link in the navigation links on the left. This page allows all Club members to send us updates to the information we have on file for the Club Roster.



### Club News

**President Ron Popp** wants to bring to the club's attention two recent activities by our club members that represent the model for how our club carries out projects. [That model is:](#)

**Activities are organized by members of one committee, but rely on members from our club's other committees for implementation.**

The first article describes our club's support for a British Group Study Exchange (GSE) team. Our involvement in the multi-club hosting of the team was organized by the International Service Committee but relied on involvement from members of the Club Administration, Vocational Services and PR Committees.

The second article describes our support of the Village Immunization Clinics. The activity is organized out of the Community Service Committee, but relied on involvement from members of the PR, International Services, Membership and Club Administration committees.

This is the way we will strive to organize all of our undertakings, with club-wide support.



### **International Service Committee (PS-I)**

#### **British GSE Team Hosted by Four Rotary Clubs in the Northwest Suburbs**

*Article by Paul Hester. Photo Michael Putz, Mount Prospect Rotary Club.*

On Wed, April 11th, a Group Study Exchange (GSE) team from Manchester England was hosted by the Arlington Heights Sunrise Club, the Mount Prospect Club, the Prospect Heights Club and our Club for a luncheon meeting at the Wellington. **Paul Hester, Ron Crawford, Tim Corrigan, Mike Field, Bob**

**Paddock and Lynn Jensen** were in attendance and represented our club.

**Rhonda Serafin of the Arlington Heights Sunrise Rotary Club** introduced the Rotary Foundation-funded

team of British First Responders. The team of five consisted of the group leader, Rotarian Phil Jones from Lancashire, and four other team members, each involved in Emergency Disaster Response Planning.

Mr. Jones is currently the Head of Service Risk & Safety at Blackburn



with Darwen Borough Council and is based in a suburb of Lancashire. He draws on his 32 plus years experience as an Emergency Medical Technician and Emergency Planner.

The remainder of the team consisted of:

- Lieutenant Nadia Brew, a fourteen year veteran of the Cheshire Constabulary (Police Department), who is married with two small children
- Roger Carter, who has worked in Egypt, Kenya and Somalia with the World Health Organization, and is an eleven year veteran in Emergency Management
- David Cowley, the only non-public servant in the team, who is currently in his final year of obtaining a Bachelor of Science in Disaster Management at the University of Teesside
- Keith Robbins, a thirteen year veteran of the Police Department who has been the Civil Contingencies Sergeant for the past year.

After the luncheon at the Wellington of Arlington and brief self-introductions, the group went to the Northwest Community Hospital for a tour of its emergency facility. Following that, they traveled to the Rob Roy Country Club for dinner and a full presentation. **Ron Crawford** from our club attended this event as well.

The team arrived on April 2nd and will remain in the States until April 27th, studying First Response methods in the USA.



### Community Service Committee (PS-C)

#### Our Club Supports the Village's Immunization Clinics

Article by Lynn Jensen and photo by the Village Nurse.



The Community Service Committee organized our club's involvement with the Village's Immunization Clinic held on April 16<sup>th</sup>. Our club volunteers included (right to left in the picture) **Bill Kiemcik, Bob Nash, Mike Silverman, Ron Crawford** and **Lynn Jensen**.

They assisted the village nurses in helping clinic clients through the various steps of this process and had fun doing it.

For those of you who missed this opportunity to participate in a Community Service project, there are

still three more opportunities this year. As indicated in the calendar in a previous article, Immunization Clinics will be held June 18<sup>th</sup>, August 21<sup>st</sup>, October 16<sup>th</sup> and December 16<sup>th</sup>. Contact **Bob Morman** about taking part in one of these projects.



### Raffle Update

Even though we enjoyed hearing from District Governor Waring during his surprise visit to our club, we made him work for his lunch by literally lending a "helping hand" for our raffle.



**Jim Bertucci** had the Governor draw the two \$5-Chance Raffle Tickets for this week. The happy winners were **Lew O'Donnell** and **Paul Hester**. This was the second time in two weeks that Paul has won the \$5-Chance Raffle Ticket.



### Board to Recommend Modifications in Club's By-Laws

Article by Kerry Pearson.

Rotary International (RI) has published an updated and revised model set of Club By-Laws that would allow local clubs to implement RI's recommended *Club Leadership Plan (CLP)*. RI is encouraging all clubs to implement the *CLP* and adopt the corresponding new Club By-Laws. (See earlier Big Wheels for articles describing in detail the *CLP*.)

Accordingly, the Board of the Rotary Club of Arlington Heights has directed drafting of modifications to our Club By-Laws based on the new RI model By-Laws. The soon-to-be proposed, revised Club By-Laws will allow our club to:

- keep what has worked successfully for us to date, and
- add the new club director positions recommended by RI for Membership and Public Relations

In the near future the Club will be presented with a copy of the draft revised By-Laws and be asked to vote on the proposed modifications.



## From the Board Meeting

The Club's Board of Directors met on Tuesday, April 10<sup>th</sup>. A significant action taken by the Board was to authorize our club's subscription to *ClubRunner*, a web-based software package, for the purpose of managing the club's affairs. District 6440's website utilizes ClubRunner software.

The software package, however, does much more than publish a website. To find out more about [ClubRunner](#) visit their website by clicking on the link in this sentence or going to the following Internet address:

<http://www.clubrunner.ca/CRWeb/home/home.asp>

Our webmaster, Tim Corrigan, will be implementing this new software package over the next several weeks and months. Look for more information on this in future "From the Webmaster's Home Page" section of the *Big Wheel*.



## Fine Master's Corner

*Photos by Steve Sampson.*

After collecting happy and sad fines from the club, Fine Master **Jim Hassenplug**, returned to the question he posed last week: What do the club members **Kerry Pearson**, **Tom Berry**, **Mike Silverman**, **Bill Bodinus** and **Bob Paddock** have in common?



And the correct answer is: They have all attended one or more District Conferences. This was Jim's subtle way of encouraging (some would say nudging) us to attend District conferences.

Then the Fine Master tested our knowledge of sociodemographics and American History. Through his questions, we learned that:

- Half of all Americans live within 50 miles of their birthplaces
- Mark Twain's novel *Tom Sawyer* was the first book written on a typewriter
- 25% of Africa is wilderness
- 38% of North America is wilderness



## From Rotary International & District 6440

*Republished from Rotary International website.*

Luis Vicente Gay, Foundation Trustee Chair for 2006-07, is the keynote speaker at our District Conference (April 19-22, 2007). We are republishing his open letter to all Rotarians.



**Giving is hope in action**

April 2007

**Luis Vicente Gay**

Dear family of Rotary,

No matter where you live, you need not look very far to see suffering children who are dying of hunger and disease. Their images are in the news, in magazines, and often in our communities.

In so many countries, children and their families have no choice but to drink water contaminated with human and animal waste. It's their only available drinking water. Other children go for days without even a spoonful of food to sustain their lives — their swollen bellies proof of the malnutrition consuming their tiny bodies. Many children who live beyond five years of age might finally be honored by being given a name in their village because they proved they are worthy of one — because they survived.

Children don't have to die from hunger and thirst when a simple [Matching Grant](#) can work so many wonders. A bore well or water filter can help provide safe, clean drinking water. The introduction of an agricultural program or fish farm can provide seed and fish stock to feed a village. It simply takes Rotarian volunteer time to identify areas where crises exist. Partnering with your fellow Rotarians from different countries on a Matching Grant makes a difference to children throughout the world.

Children who grow up strong and healthy can give something back to their communities and make our world a better place. One day, that child might even become a [Rotary World Peace Fellow](#) or a Rotarian and continue the good works that you started.

It all happens with generous contributions to our Rotary Foundation from [Every Rotarian, Every Year](#). This Rotary year, our Annual Programs Fund worldwide goal is US\$120 million, which translates to a mere \$100 per Rotarian. It's not much to ask from Rotarians who have been blessed with opportunity, heart, and hope and joined this organization to put Service Above Self.

My friends, we need to continue our important work. When each of us takes the Every Rotarian, Every Year message into our hearts, there isn't anything that our Rotary Foundation can't accomplish. Please work with me to accomplish our \$120 million goal. Your gift is hope in action. Thank you!

Sincerely,  
Luis Vicente Giay  
Trustee Chair, The Rotary Foundation, 2006-07



Rotarians absent on 4/12/07

Alger, Barnish, Behrens, Blaseck, Boggs, Chrisos, Davis, Field, French, Heller, Key, Koebernick, Landwehr, Mahoney, Mallek, Murray, Nebel, Nuccio, Oakes, Ohrstrom, Paddock, Ryan, Stabler, Stuckmeyer, Walter

Pledge of Allegiance, 4-Way Test and Invocation

2007

April 26 – Ron Crawford

May 3 – Tim Corrigan

May 10 – Nick Chrisos

May 17 – Mary Cay Chisholm

May 24 – Peter J. Cavoto

May 31 – Jennifer Burnidge

May Stand In – David Boggs

*Scheduled Rotarians are responsible for contacting their stand-in should they not be available for their assignment.*

Upcoming Programs & Events:

2007

April 26 – Mayor Arlene Mulder – State of the Village

May 10 – Rotary Raffle

*Any ideas for programs? Know someone that would be a good future speaker? ...Contact Tim Corrigan at (847) 394-0266, or e-mail him at [tcorrigan@corriganinc.com](mailto:tcorrigan@corriganinc.com)*

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