



“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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April 17<sup>th</sup> Program: Cory Upmeyer  
Spring is here! Get your yard ready

## ShelterBox—An International Rescue Kit

Article by Bob Paddock, Jr. Photo by Rick Koebernick.

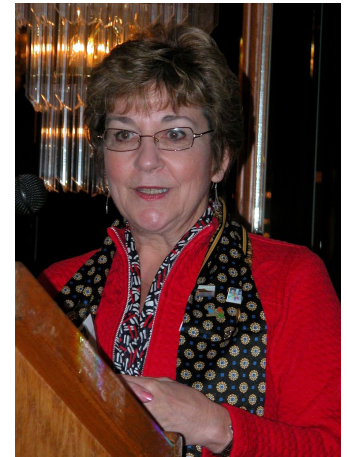
All of us know the importance of food and shelter, but what if one day while brushing our teeth we looked around and had nothing left, not even the tooth brush? Thursday’s program showed us a way we Rotarians can use for those in such a situation through no fault of their own. Northbrook Rotary’s **Donna Gulley** told us of the **ShelterBox** program.

Christmas Eve, 1999, Englishman Tom Henderson watched the news, saw coverage of disaster aid distribution and felt there had to be a better way. He came up with a grass roots program that gets a 10-man tent and supplies packed into a large re-usable plastic box and shipped to disaster sites . . . and this being done with little bureaucracy or delaying “red tape.” 1300 were sent in hurricane Katrina’s aftermath, arriving before the U.S. army did!

One thousand dollars outfits such a box and pays for shipping it anywhere in the world. 250 of these boxes are packed and ready in a warehouse in England. In addition to the tent, they contain sleeping gags, blankets, tools, stove, cooking utensils, a children’s activity kit. The contents are tailored to meet climate or geographic needs, sometimes alternate materials such as mosquito netting or pickaxes. Food isn’t included because it is the one thing that usually is sent, whereas shelter and related equipment aren’t.

Boxes can be requested by Rotary clubs in affected areas or by international relief agencies. Delivery is made by agencies or by Rotary volunteers. In a video presentation we saw some of the impact of this direct aid--boxes, two at a time, strapped to the back of mules carrying them up washed-out mountain roads.

The program provides fast, practical help. 130,000 people were helped in the winter in Pakistan after a recent earthquake. 25,000 people were sheltered in Sri Lanka after the tsunami. Rotary clubs around the world have helped expand the program. A U.S. effort is being made through several Rotary districts. Ms. Gulley is one of the District 6440 representatives. Our club was encouraged to contribute. You can find out more by calling 847-208-4107 or writing [Shelterbox6440@gmail.com](mailto:Shelterbox6440@gmail.com).



## Fine Time

Article by Bob Paddock, Jr. Photo by Rick Koebernick.



Congrats to **Jim Miller** and **Bill Billimoria** as winners of this week’s raffle drawing. Also “happy” and fined were **Jim Hassenplug** for **Mike Silverman’s** presence . . . Mike said ditto and paid, too! **Ron Walter**, last week’s keeper of the “Rat,” said it’s only right to charge **Stacey Mallek** with its care, saying she seemed to place a higher value on a Cubs’ bat than a win ! Others donated or were fined



for good deeds or for (be forewarned) not reading the newsletter carefully enough.

## Upcoming Programs

- Apr 24** Mayor Arlene Mulder  
State of Arlington Hts
- May 1** Robert Nash  
Classification Speech
- May 8** Edward Yohnka  
ACLU
- May 15** \$10 K Raffle Gala  
At the Wellington

## Rotarian of the Month Jim Bertucci



**Jim Bertucci** is awarded **Rotarian of the Month** for his outstanding work on the Rotary Raffle.

## "Kids On Track"

The board has approved a \$5,000 contribution to **Kids on Track**. **Mike Field** of H.S. District 214 Community Education and Arlington Park's **Kris Stabler** have worked on this "backstretch" program. **Jim Miller** will be working on public relations for it.

## Sign-Up for Dinner on 4/25

District Conference festivities will include a 4/25 Friday-night dinner with heart-warming entertainment by the District's exchange students . . . and an after-dinner tour of the hospitality suites. There's still time to sign up for these events at the Westin in Itasca. Contact **Ron Crawford** for details.

## Wanted!!!

The Raffle committee is looking for used Gift Baskets in good condition. The baskets will be used to present Raffle prizes at our Raffle Event. Please contact **Ron Crawford** if you are able to donate any baskets.

## Care Committee

We wish **President Ron Popp** a quick and thorough recovery from a roller skating arm injury at a granddaughter's party.

## "Save Abandoned Babies" Day



Club member **David Schultz** shows Mayor Arlene Mulder, Susan Walker and Cindy Hartwig the Fire Department's Abandoned Newborn Kit.

These kits will be needed in the event a newborn baby is dropped off at any one of the Village's Fire Stations. Fire Stations across the country are designated Safe Haven's where a mother in crisis can drop off her baby . . . no questions asked.

**Save Abandoned Babies Day** is an annual event to foster awareness of Safe Haven's across the State, and to let parents know that there is a choice. Forty-one newborns have been saved since the law went into effect in 2001.

## Upcoming District 6440 Events

From District 6440 Website—www.rotary6440.org

**April 17-22, 2008**

**GSE Team from France in our District**

**April 24-27, 2008**

**District 6440 Conference, Itasca, Illinois**

**Jun 25, 2008**

**Installation Dinner for DG Pam Kerr**

## Upcoming Club Events

**April 21, 2008** **Immunization Clinic**

**May 15, 2008** **Club "Ten Grand" Raffle Gala**

**May 22, 2008** **Arlington Park Day at the Races**

**June 27, 2008** **Installation Dinner**

## Club Member Updates

**Rotarians Absent From the Club's April 10<sup>th</sup> Meeting:** Behrens, Berry, Burnidge, Cavoto, Chrisos, Davis, Fink, Forncrook, French, Heller, Johnson, Kmiecik, Landwehr, Lombardo, Mahoney, McMahon, Morman, Murray, Nash, Nuccio, Oakes, Ohrstrom, Paddock Jr., Popp, Ryan, Scaletta, Schweers, Seiler, Upmeyer, Vaswani, Walter, Whisler D., Whisler R., Whisler S.

**Guests:** Donna Shelley (Speaker/Northbrook club), Shel Hyman, Walter Wollnik, Jack Lucas



## Greeter Schedule

|               |                                  |
|---------------|----------------------------------|
| <b>April</b>  | <b>Lombardo &amp; Mulder</b>     |
| <b>May</b>    | <b>Schultz &amp; Kmiecik</b>     |
| <b>June</b>   | <b>Lombardo &amp; Borton</b>     |
| <b>July</b>   | <b>Mulder &amp; Schultz</b>      |
| <b>August</b> | <b>Passannante &amp; Kmiecik</b> |

## Pledge, 4-Way Test & Invocation Assignments

|                       |                        |
|-----------------------|------------------------|
| <b>April Stand-In</b> | <b>Sandy Baker</b>     |
| <b>April 17</b>       | <b>Bob Blaseck</b>     |
| <b>April 24</b>       | <b>Bill Billimoria</b> |
| <b>May Stand-In</b>   | <b>Jim Bertucci</b>    |
| <b>May 1</b>          | <b>Tom Berry</b>       |
| <b>May 8</b>          | <b>Ken Alger</b>       |