



"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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Next Week: April 12 – Ron Popp & Committee Chairs – Annual Planning Meeting

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President Ron Popp Kicks Off Club's Strategic Planning For Rotary Year 2007-08

Article by Lynn Jensen. Photo by Steve Sampson.

At the club's April 5th meeting, Ron Popp and the chairs of five planning committees made a presentation to the club in preparation for developing our 2007-08 annual plans.



Ron emphasized to the club that Rotary International (RI) would like to revitalize the entire organization. RI feels the best route to do this is through increased member involvement at all levels —from local clubs all the way up to the International Headquarters.

Ron made a call for everyone's involvement and requested everyone's help. Specifically, he asked every club member to sign on with one of the club's principal committees:

- Club Administration
- Membership
- Public Relations
- Project Services (include the Community, International and Vocational Avenues of Service)
- Rotary Foundation

At the April 12th meeting, club members will then have an opportunity to sit with the committee of their choice over lunch and give their input on what our priorities for 2007-08 should be.

See the complete write-up of the April 5th meeting in this week's *Big Wheel – Supplement* (distributed separately) which is devoted exclusively to our club's long-range and annual planning efforts for 2007-08.

The complete PowerPoint Presentation, "Report to the Club: Member Survey & Strategic Planning Results," is available on our club's website. If anyone would like a hard copy of the presentation, they should contact Lynn Jensen.



The Webmaster's Home Page

Article by Tim Corrigan.

We have recently made several improvements and updates to the web site for the Rotary Club of Arlington Heights. The home page now has a column on the far right of the page for notices. These notices can contain news and pointers to new content within the Club's web site.

Please contact **Tim Corrigan** (847-394-0266 or tcorrigan@corriganinc.com) if you would like to add something to the home page notices column.

We have also added a new category of information to the Members Only area of the web site. The new Strategic Planning section will be used to provide the Club's members with information relating to Club's strategic planning efforts. This information will be general in nature.

We are working on additional website improvements that will play a more direct role in facilitating the Club's strategic planning efforts. We will be implementing a "team room" for each of the five Club planning areas. These team rooms will allow committee chairs to enter goals, meeting minutes, assign action items and enter status reports. Team members will also be able to enter action items and status reports. We expect to have the team rooms in place by Thursday's meeting, so please watch your e-mail for information regarding the Club's strategic planning team rooms.

Raffle Update

Article by Terry Ennes.

This year, the Rotary Club of Arlington Heights has announced a major change to its annual "\$10-Grand Raffle." The mechanics of our raffle will be quite different compared to previous years. Instead of drawing all 400 tickets sold to get to the "\$10-Grand" prize winner as we have done it the past, only the 115 cash and prize winning tickets will be drawn. We expect this will significantly reduce the time it takes to hold the raffle.

About mid way through the evening, there will be a brief intermission. "At that time, we will give the audience a short 'infomercial' to help them understand what the proceeds of this fundraiser go to support" said raffle co-chair Scott Whisler. Through fund raising efforts such as ours, Rotary is able to partner with such groups as the World Health Organization (WHO), United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF) and the Centers for Disease Control (CD). These partnering arrangements allow Rotary to leverage its support of programs such as Polio-Plus, which seeks to create a polio-free world.

If all 400 tickers are sold, the amount of total cash prizes will be increased to \$15,000 this year. In addition to the cash prizes, numerous valuable other prizes will also be awarded. And, yes, there will still be the wonderful buffet for all attendees to enjoy during the raffle.

Anyone donating items as non-cash prizes should bring them to Scott Whisler at the next regular meeting of the club.

The event will be held at the Wellington on May 10th. Doors will open at 5:30 pm and the drawing is scheduled to start at 6 pm. Winning ticket numbers will be published in the issue of the *Big Wheel* following the Raffle.



Winners of This Week's "\$5 Chance Raffle Tickets"

Article by Bob Nash. Photo by Steve Sampson.

Our visiting Sunrise Rotarian, David Palmer won one of the two chance tickets. For him it was double sweet because his fellow visiting Rotarian, Rod Adams, bought both himself and David a



"chance" to win the raffle ticket. Our own Paul Hester won the second \$5 chance raffle ticket.



Call For Members To Help The Distributors Sell Raffle Tickets

Article by Jim Bertucci. Photo by Steve Sampson.

Jim Bertucci encourages club members to work with our ticket distributors help sell raffle tickets. The raffle is our one and only fundraiser of the year. To make this event successful it is essential that our members either buy tickets themselves or assist in the sale of tickets.



Ken Alger

Jim Bertucci

Bill Billimoria

Ron Crawford

Mike Field

Jim Hassenplug

Pat McMahon

Joe Musolino

Jon Ridler

Ron Walter

Scott Whisler

Please contact directly any one of the following distributors listed above and offer your help in selling raffle tickets.



Other Club News

Arlington Heights Sunrise Rotary Club Hosts GSE from England

Article by Lynn Jensen. Photo by Steve Sampson.



For the second time in as many weeks, we were honored to have representatives from the Arlington Heights Sunrise Rotary Club join us for lunch as visiting Rotarians. Rod Adams (left), Director of Club Service, and David Palmer, President, of the Sunrise returned again this week in order to personally invite members of our club to a luncheon and presentation

by the Group Study Exchange (GSE) team of "First Responders" from Manchester England. This event will be held at the Wellington this Wednesday (April 11th) at 11:30 am. The cost is \$12 and will be collected at the door. All are encouraged to attend.

There was also an unanticipated bonus for David that is described in the Raffle update section of the newsletter (above).

Getting To Know Your Fellow Rotarians

Articles by Lynn Jensen. Photos by Steve Sampson and Bill Kmiccik.

Profiling Club Officers



Ronald G. Popp
Club President

Our club is extremely fortunate to have **Ron Popp** serving as our club president through Rotary Year 2008.

When our club experienced the loss of most of its officers and some of its directors last year and early this year—six people in total—Ron stepped up to the plate and was willing to take on an almost impossible job of leading this

club and rebuilding its leadership ranks. We owe him a debt of gratitude.

Ron and his wife Helen have lived in Arlington Heights since 1971. They have three children—Marisa (37), Joshua (35) and Bettina (33)—who all grew up in Arlington Heights. Marisa, her husband Tim Sattley and their two children, Kaitlin and Nathan, still reside in Arlington Heights. Joshua, who is engaged to Julia Fry from Dove, England, also lives in Arlington Heights. Bettina, who is working on her doctorate at University of Illinois, is expecting her first child in August; she will be moving in the near future to Boston to be with her husband who is doing a fellowship in orthopedic surgery at Harvard Medical School.

Ron grew up on the Northwest side of Chicago. In 1961 his family moved to Des Plaines. He graduated from Foreman High School and attended the University of Illinois, Navy Pier, and Loyola University, North Shore Campus. Following college, he served in the United States Army as a Military Policeman (MP). From 1967-1969, Ron was stationed in Viet Nam.

Ron and Helen have been affiliated with Century 21 Advisors since 1987. Ron believes the old maxim that a very wise man once told him: “you do not own the business, the business owns you.” He loves his work and is usually at the office seven days a week. Over time, Ron has been adding services so that he can be a “one stop shop” for residential home sales, commercial, construction, property management, and investors. In 1994, he opened up *Amerinet Financial Services*, a mortgage brokerage company. In 1997, he opened up *Advisors Title* to provide more services to his clients. His company has been one of the top selling offices for the past 20 years. Currently, he

employs 85 real estate agents and 17 loan officers. His goal is to provide full services to the entire Chicago land area.

In 1999, Dane Hopper sponsored Ron to be a member of our club. Since joining, he has:

- Served as the Community Service Director
- Organized the homecoming celebration for the Returning 279th squadron of United States Troops at Arlington Park Race Track
- Helped with our Holiday Giving efforts

Ron likes the camaraderie of Rotary. He finds the selfless giving of time, money and effort by the club's members to help people in need and to help people grow is especially rewarding.



Meeting New Members

Rick Koebornick grew up in Buffalo Grove and attended Buffalo Grove High School. He went to Eastern Illinois University and graduated in 1988 with a Bachelor's Degree in marketing. He met my wife-to-be, Kari, at Eastern. They were married three weeks after graduation.



Richard Koebornick
Member Since 2006

Rick did not have a job yet, so he went to work for my parents on a temporary basis until he could find a job. Rick has now worked for my parents for about 14 years. He did try leaving a couple of times, but always found his way back one way or another. His wife, Kari, is a school teacher in Schaumburg. She did her student teaching there and got a job with them after graduating.

They have twins, Bailey and Tyler. They were born December 3, 1991. They got their boy and girl the first time around and out grew their first home much quicker than anticipated. Rick and Kari now live in Palatine and their children go to Palatine High School. Bailey is involved in “pom-poms” and student council and Tyler is in band and gymnastics. They are doing very well in school. According to him, Rick is very thankful “they take after their Mom!”

Our family business is Dakota K Auto Repair, located in Arlington Heights. Rick's parents started the business in 1974. His older brother, Steve, and he are currently involved in running the operation. Steve's son Jason started to work for the company last year.

Bill Hoff sponsored Rick's joining the Arlington Heights Rotary Club in Spring 2006. Rick works with Steve Sampson and Bill Kmiecik currently on the club's photography team. According to him, he "was just standing in the right place at the right time to get the photographer's job."

Rick has been a Rotarian before at another club. He used to be in the Buffalo Grove and Huntley clubs. He was Rotarian of the year for fund raising for families that suffered losses from the September 11 attack on the World Trade Center. Rick enjoys Rotary because of how much he sees everyone giving of themselves. It is truly amazing to see a group of people who are able to get past any cultural or other differences to work together so well help so many people on a global basis. Rick is proud to be a part of such a dynamic group. When he is working at Dakota K Auto Repair or helping with a club project, Rick can be found enjoying one of his hobbies—camping, gaming and scuba diving.



Fine Master's Corner

Article by Bob Nash. Photos by Steve Sampson.

Due to the time required for the Leadership presentations, **Jim Hassenplug** creatively expedites his Fine Master duties by encouraging an open bidding war for a picture of **Harold (Curly) Nebel** taken with his wife **June**. Curly had little choice but to trump the top floor bid in order to keep the picture. Jim did throw in \$20 himself to make the total donation \$70.



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Still Time To Register for Conference

There is still time and room for you to register to hear **Bill Gates Sr.** speak at the Paul Harris Lunch, learn to square dance, hear from Rotarians who fought in World War II and enjoy fellowship and fun all in beautiful Lake Geneva. Make sure you sign up for the District Conference TODAY! Rooms at special rates are still available. Visit enjoyrotary6440.com today!

Showcase Your Club Project at the District Conference

Does your club have a neat service project that you want to show the rest of the district? Then show it off at the district conference on April 20-22. Space is limited in the exhibit hall. If you want to display an exhibit, please contact Kristina Laib at admin@rotary6440.org and let her know your club name, the size of your exhibit and a contact name and number so we know who to talk with when you bring it up there.

Pledge of Allegiance, 4-Way Test and Invocation

2007

April 19 – Susan Dawson
 April 26 – Scott Davis
 April Stand In – 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 19 – Patrick McMahon – Classification Speech
 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

If you have any announcements that you would like to see in the newsletter please email them to cquebbemann@arlingtonpark.com