



“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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Aug 14th Program: **Cindy Anselmo & Kelly Kennedy**

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St. Mary's Services

Health Care Is Literally “Going To The Dogs”



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



A Fine Master might ask, “How can three program presenters have eight legs?” The answer was this week’s program from the Canine Therapy Corps, with **Janet Eaton**, **Callie Cozzolino** and therapy dog, “**Scotch**.” The organization places volunteers and their dogs into rehabilitation and treatment regimens at hospitals and facilities throughout the area. It is different from those that have pets visit or which supply animals to assist the handicapped.

Work is done with individuals who are injured or ill, such as those suffering from brain injuries, the developmentally disabled and autistic youth. Patients and clients work with the volunteers and their dogs to run through exercise and training routines for the animals. Working with a pet and being in the company of others can increase cognitive abilities. It can contribute to building relationships with others and help bring some out of their shell, thus improving their quality of life. For substance abusers, working with a pet teaches patience, gives the satisfaction of accomplishment, and has a calming influence. “The effects aren’t miracles,” Ms. Eaton said, “but they can be seen.”

The group, formerly known as Chenny Troupe, screens potential volunteer dog owners, and even more vigorously screens their dogs to determine if the animals have the right temperament, obedient behaviors and manners. This thorough evaluation and training has helped ensure there have been no animal-caused injuries over the 17 years of the organization’s existence. It’s a grass roots group with only two paid staff.

Said Ms. Eaton, the executive director, “In many cases, the simple act of grooming a dog can increase mobility in a hand. Throwing a ball can enhance a patient’s strength and flexibility. Giving verbal commands can help restore speech after a stroke or head injury. By adding the unique element of a warm nose and wagging tail to a difficult and repetitive routine, the volunteer teams help clients try harder, work longer and stay motivated to continue the hard work of rehabilitation.”

Canine Therapy Corps is located at 1700 W. Irving Park – Suite 311, Chicago. 773-404-6467. www.caninetherapycorps.org

Holy Batman! Club Mascot On Vacation or “Napped”?

Article by Lynn Jensen. Photos by Rick Koebernick.

Is “**Rotary Rat**” on vacation or has he met a more nefarious fate? **Fine Master Ron Walter** brought evidence to the club that Rat may have been “rat-napped.”



Judge Ryan did not buy the story, hurriedly communicated to the club electronically, that Rat is on vacation. He said “the ‘vacation story’ doesn’t hold water.” Many other members of the club suspect that Rat is being held hostage by **The Ridler**, the last person known to have seen Rat.



Upcoming Programs

- Aug 21** Wendy Davis
Classification Talk
- Aug 28** Maria Coons
Harper College
- Sep 5** Steak Fry
No Meeting Sep 4th
- Sep 11** Mike Driskill
Arlington Heights
Memorial Library

Club Happenings & Announcements

Articles by Bob Paddock. Photo by Rick Koebernick.

Ron Crawford officially presided over his second meeting today, expressing special appreciation to Immediate Past President **Ron Popp** for filling in. Too bad IPP Ron had been on good behavior: President Ron was willing to pay IPP Ron's fines -- there will be a test on this next week to see who was paying attention.

And a special welcome was extended to Arizona-clad **Doug Mitchell** . . . but some things never change, such as Doug's pony tail.

The AH Chamber's Young Professionals will host a **Kick-off blood drive at Life Source** (next to Trader Joe's on Rand), Sat. August 16 from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Birch River Grill will be co-sponsoring, so come out for a good cause and some good fun. The only question remaining is whether it's better to have beer before or after ? !

Next week we'll ask **Bill Kmiecik, Jon Ridler** and **Deb Whisler** about the **Mane Event and Eighth Million Softball tournament**. We understand that Santa Sleigh Run Flyers as well as hot dogs were distributed.

Save the date -- if you didn't enjoy getting poked at the blood drive, you can enjoy helping and watching others "get stuck" by volunteering at the **Immunization Clinic on August 18th**.

Club Recognizes George Harris Book Scholar



Past Vocational Chair, Pete Cavoto, introduced **Case Jackson**, a George Harris Book Scholar, and his mom to the club. Case is a Wheeling High School graduate and will be attending the U of Illinois. He will be rooming with his twin brother and majoring in Graphic Design. Best wishes, Case and Mom !

Susan Duchek 1st

Bob Whisler 1st

Mike Mulder 4th

Bob Nash 4th

Mike Silverman 9th

Harry Vaswani 9th

Bill Billimoria 13th

Jim Hassenplug 15th

Ron Walter 23rd

Debora Whisler 23rd

Jim Miller 27th

Birthdays

Upcoming District 6440 Events

From District 6440 Website—See www.rotary6440.org

Aug 17, 2008

Night at Ravinia

Oct 2, 2008

District Golf Outing

Oct 3 - 5, 2008

District Conference
Marriott Lincolnshire

Feb 28 - Mar 9, 2009

Guatemala Service
Project

Upcoming Club Events

August 18, 2008

Immunization Clinic

September 5, 2008

Steak Fry

December 6, 2008

Santa Sleigh Run

February 12, 2009

Valentine's Day Party

Club Member Updates

Rotarians Absent From the Club's Aug 8th

Meeting: Alter, Billimoria, Bodinus, Borton, Corrigan, Field, Forncrook, French, Key, Landwehr, Mallek, McMahon, Mulder, Murray, Musolino, Nash, Nebel, Nuccio, O'Donnell, Passannante, Pearson, Sampson, Scaletta, Schweers, Seiler, Silverman, Stabler, Upmeyer, Vaswani, Whisler D., Whisler S., Whisler R., Stuckmeyer

Guests: Doug Mitchell (Former Club Member)

Make-Ups: David Schultz, Tim Corrigan, Linda Borton, Bill Borst, Bill Hoff

Resignations: Samuel Lombardo and Steve Sampson

Greeter Schedule

August
September
October

Graeff & Kmiecik
Borton & Dawson
Graeff & Mulder

Pledge, 4-Way Test & Invocation Assignments

August Stand-In

August 14

August 21

August 28

September Stand-In

September 5

Bob Nash

Michael Mulder

Bob Morman

Jim Miller

Pat Mc Mahon

Stacey Mallek

August 12th Board Meeting

At its August 12, 2008 meeting, the Board voted, among other things, to give a \$1,000 grant to **Journeys PADs to HOPE** and to post approved minutes of its meetings on the "members only area" of the club's website.