



"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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Membership Committee Update

## Buzz: An Organization of Professionals Who Do Well By Doing Good In Our Community

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

"Buzz"ing around town are **Maureen Googin** and a group of professionals who are happy to join "The Rat Race." As our program speaker, Maureen described the Arlington Heights' *Buzz* organization, its goals and efforts, including their September 15<sup>th</sup> fund-raising event—described as a cross between a scavenger hunt and "The Amazing Race."

Maureen, who works with Harris Bank, said the folks involved believe "that giving back to the community

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## New Members: A Club's Life Blood and Vitality

Article by Lynn Jensen.

As **Jim Miller, Chair of The Membership Committee**, so aptly pointed out in his article in the August 7th issue of the *Big Wheel*, there is more to "membership" than recruitment. The other key elements include **new member development** and **retention**.

Our club has done exceptionally well at adding new members. In addition to the twelve new members the club recruited since January 1, 2006, we are on track to add three new members within the first two months of this new Rotary Year. However, we have lost nearly as many members as we have recruited during that period of time, so our club has increased by only two members.

Rotary International (RI) believes that an important key to revitalizing clubs and retaining members is thoughtful and well executed **new member development**. RI feels that this one activity is so important that they have developed a number of tools for properly orienting new members.

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### Upcoming Programs

Sep 7	Steak Fry (No Meeting Sep 6)
Sep 13	Greatest Wealth Sandra Tice
Sep 20	New Generations Martha Weiss
Sep 27	IRAs—Handle With Care Bill Billimoria

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RI's website provides extensive information and significant resources on membership in general and new member development in particular. To access this information, use your web browser to go to the following Internet address:

[www.rotary.org/membership/index.html](http://www.rotary.org/membership/index.html)

The navigation bar on the left will open menus for in-depth information on each topic. For example, clicking on the **New Members** link brings up the following listing of topics:

- Get Involved
- Information
- New Member Feedback
- RI Structure
- RI Library
- Membership ID Cards
- Responsibilities of Membership
- Meeting Make-up
- Downloads

A click on any one of these topic links brings up the requested information.

A recent RI publication of particular interest is **New Member Orientation**, a document that provides a step-by-step guide for bringing new members smoothly into your club. It is recommended reading for new members as well as those responsible for helping them assimilate into the club.

## RI Recommends Mentoring Program For New Members

Rotary International strongly recommends that clubs set up a mentoring program, preferably one-on-one, to help new members assimilate into the club quickly, with minimum stress and confusion. Since the beginning of calendar year 2006, our club has added twelve new members (see list on the left).

### New AHRC Members Since January 1, 2006

- Linda Borton
- Nick Chrisos
- Susan Dawson
- Tom Forncrook
- Rick Koebernick
- Stacey Mallek
- Pat McMahon
- Michael Mulder
- Jay Passannante
- Steve Samson
- David Schulz
- Mark Tauber

We need established members of our club to mentor our newest additions. RI provides great resource materials to facilitate this process.

**If you are able to serve the club in this capacity, please contact Jim Miller by phone (847-222-8022) or email ([jmiller@mrgservices.com](mailto:jmiller@mrgservices.com))**

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doesn't have to be boring." She described this Arlington group's goals and efforts, noting they "strive to raise money and host volunteer events for local charities in need, while having fun and developing new professional relationships."

It was inspiring to hear of their fun, varied activities throughout the year for their selected cause. Organized in 2005, *Buzz* raised \$6,500 for Wings and \$10,000 in 2006 for Shelter's adolescent group home. This year's focus is support for Clearbrook's employment services.

Hands-on work entailed painting and cleaning a home for older adolescents. Members worked Tag Days, staffed a Fun Fair, provided help for Katrina victims, and are considering a clothing drive to provide appropriate business attire for people in need.

In addition to "The Rat Race," hands-on fun and fund-raising has included a Golden Tee Tourney, Day at the Races, Midnight at the Movies, working the Beer Tent at Frontier Days, and a Dodge Ball tourney at which Rotarians **Ron Crawford** and **Scott Whisler** officiated.

Testimony to being "professionals" is the way the organization is run & "lubricated" -- committees and the group as a whole meet monthly at Peggy Kinnane's with a 7-7:30 social hour, 7:30-8 committee meetings, and 8-8:30 the regular meeting. The committees are Fund Raising, Social, Charity and Membership.

As Maureen expressed it, "we try to create a *Buzz* about local things like charities, a *Buzz* about the group through its activities, and a *Buzz* about and with its members through interactive activities. It seems to be a young professionals group, but it's young at heart, not necessarily age (there's no age limit).



## Club Meeting News

Articles by Bob Paddock, Jr. Photos by Rick Koebernick.

### Mike Silverman Attends First Club Meeting in Nearly Two Months

Like everyone else in the Club, **Bob Whisler** (right) is pleased to have Mike join us for lunch again. Mike gave us a status report on his treat-



ment and expressed his deep appreciation for the support of the club. We're all rooting for a successful operation for Mike, and truly appreciate his enthusiasm and generosity as part of our team these many years. May he be on our first string for many years to come !

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### The Fine Master's Corner

With **Ron Walter** (right) presiding as Fine Master, there were "happy fines" galore. **Bob Paddock** (below) gladly paid a fine in recognition of the *Daily Herald's* newly redesigned Website and requested feedback if club members found any anomalies on the website.



A fund has been established in the memory of Scott Davis. **Lynn Jensen** set a good example by pledging \$500 to it—a joyous start that Scott's wife, Wendy, was able to see as she attended as a guest of the club.

In case you missed the meeting, ask **Mark Tauber** what helps keep his "spirits" up while recovering from his torn meniscus.

Giving "**Legs**" **Heller** a run for his money were shorts-clad **Bill Ma-**



**honey** and **Ron Crawford**. And who says Accountants are too conservative – **Bill Hoff** happily paid his fine for stylish club and beach wear. Someone asked, "When will this summer season end ! ? ! " ... but was reminded it's fine for fines.

Fine master Ron Walter raked in extra cash with questions almost as arcane and obtruse as **Judge Ryan's** – such as women getting the right to vote in New Zealand in 1889, and Icelanders drinking the most Coca Cola (attested to by lawyer **Susan Dawson**).

**Joe Musolino** was given the choice of singing a *capella* or paying a fine. **Jim Ryan** offered to pay a fine if Joe did not sing.

### Upcoming District 6440 Events

**Sep 15, 2007**

**Football Tailgate & Duke Football Game at Northwestern University**

**Nov 01, 2007**

**ABCs of Rotary  
Rotary International Headquarters  
Evanston, IL**

**January 26 - February 4, 2008**

**Hands-On Guatemala Project**

**For details go to District Website:**

[www.rotary6440.org](http://www.rotary6440.org)

### Rotary Basics 2007 Is Here

The 2007-08 edition of *Rotary Basics*, the annual guide to all things Rotary, is here! The eight-page publication has been updated with new facts and figures for the Rotary year, and now boasts a more user-friendly look. Find it in the August issue of *The Rotarian* or download it from RI website by going to: [www.rotary.org/newsroom/downloadcenter/pdfs/595en.pdf](http://www.rotary.org/newsroom/downloadcenter/pdfs/595en.pdf)

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**Proposed for Membership**

**Wendy Davis** (left), a former educator who resides at 1102 W. Clarendon Road, Arlington Heights, IL 60004 has been sponsored for membership by **Lynn Jensen**.



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**Club Member Updates**

**Rotarians Absent From the Club's August 23<sup>rd</sup> Meeting:** Alger, Bertucci, Boggs, Burnidge, Chrisos, Corrigan, Field, French, Hester, Mallek, Murray, Nash, Nuccio, Ohrstrom, Pearson, Ridler, Sampson, Schweers, Seiler, Stuckmeyer, Wilson

**Guests At Club's August 23<sup>rd</sup> Meeting:** Wendy Davis, Laurie Lathrum and Corey Upmeyer

**ABCs of Rotary Nov 1, 2007**

Take advantage of the "ABCs of Rotary Workshop" and a tour of the Rotary International World Headquarters in Evanston. The tour begins at 11:00 am; the workshop begins with check-in at 12:45 pm and the program at 1:15 pm.

The afternoon will conclude with a fellowship reception with RI President Wilf Wilkinson and RI Board members. Watch for information on how to register in the near future.

**Pledge, 4-Way Test & Invocation Assignments**

- Aug 30** David Schultz
- August Stand-In** Mark Tauber
- Sep 13** John Scaletta
- Sep 20** Steve Sampson

**Mark Your Calendars: Steak Fry**  
**On September 7, 2007**