



"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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Steak Fry
 September 7th at 5:30 pm
 Luther Home

Membership Is Everyone's Business

At the Club's August 30th meeting, **Jim Miller** and **Joe Musolino** gave a state of affairs summary of the activities of the Membership Committee to date.



Jim began, as usual, mentioning that membership is the responsibility of everyone and not just the membership committee. Membership can be defined in six simple words, and each of us play a part at each stage:

- Identify
- Introduce

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September: Rotary's Month of New Generations

Letter Republished From Rotary International's Website



Dear Fellow Rotarians,

September is New Generations Month. We could just as well call September "the month of our future" because investing in our youth is our future. We can take pride in the fact that we have youth programs for just about every age group with Rotarians serving as active, caring sponsors.

One of our first contacts with youth begins with **Interact, a program for students ages 14-18**. Interact clubs can be based in the community or in schools. The school does not "take over" entirely, but works closely with the sponsoring Rotary club to implement meetings and projects. Interact clubs support many of the same causes that Rotary clubs do. For example, Interactors have

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Upcoming Programs

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| Sep 13 | Greatest Wealth
Sandra Tice |
| Sep 20 | New Generations
Martha Weiss |
| Sep 27 | IRAs—Handle With Care
Bill Billimoria |

District 6440 Planning A 2008 Guatemala Mission

By Carlos Frum, International Service Advisor
From District 6440's Website

The trip will be limited to 44 travelers, with registration on a first-come, first-serve basis.

The group will depart from O'Hare on Saturday, January 26, and will return on Monday, February 4. The destination is Project Ak'Tenamit, located in Eastern Guatemala on the Rio Dulce. .

Plans are still being worked out, but the expected cost will not exceed \$1,500 per person, double occupancy, including airfare and all meals. Work effort will be at different levels. Stay tuned for more news and the opening of registration.

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- Invite
- Induct
- Inform
- Involve

We all know people, we know people who know people, through our personal lives and business activities. **Identify** people we come to know and let them know about Rotary.

Introduce them to the concepts and basics of Rotary. We all know enough about Rotary for a basic introduction, and if not, just tell them that "Rotary is a group of good people who believe in helping other good people who need help." Give the membership warm leads, not just names, and they will take it from there.

Invite these people to a meeting, to a social event, or better yet, to help with one of our many community projects, like the inoculations, cleaning up roadways of debris, or rehabbing a local home.

Finally, help **induct** these people into membership. Bring them to one or two meetings as a guest of the club. **Our club has set up the following procedures for admission to membership:**

1. **A pamphlet about Rotary and our Club will be given to each prospective member.**
2. **The Rotarian completes the Membership Proposal and gives it to the membership committee who passes it on to the Club Secretary, presently Jennifer Burnidge.**

3. **The Board votes on extending an invitation to the prospective member by asking him/her to complete the membership application.**
4. **The proposed member's name and classification are posted for one week in the club's newsletter.**
5. **If no objections, the prospect is admitted to membership.**

By sponsoring a member, you become their mentor.

Joe Musolino talked about his participation on the membership committee. Joe is handling Member Care this year. He keeps track of our members in different ways. If one of us is absent from meetings for a period of time, he/she might receive a call from Joe, just to keep in contact, to see if anything may be wrong, to see if there is a problem that we are unaware of. We find it easier sometimes to bring in new members than to retain them for a long time. By keeping track this way, early on especially, we may find that a member has a problem with our club that can easily be fixed. Keeping track this way, he may also find that the member has been ill, or that there is an illness in the family. If so, and a get-well card is in order, he sends one out and lets the club know about it. "We care."

Jim closed the meeting by sharing the meaning of the final two words of membership. We need to better **inform** both prospective members and current members of our club in the basics of Rotary. The old Fireside Chat presentation will be re-written as a New Member Orientation, giving an overview of: Rotary International, the Rotary Foundation, District 6440, and our Club. It will specifically outline the four avenues of service: club administration, community service, international service, and vocational service. The heads of all these committees will help in updating this orientation.

A new member brochure will be a high-priority item this year which will be a take-along piece similar to the new orientation format. The Skokie Valley Club has a blueprint which we may follow for this first piece.

Finally, **involve** new members at an earlier stage. It's been proven that involved members are easier to retain. It's easier to induct new members than to retain current members. By sponsors taking a more active role in mentoring, by paying attention to the status of our current members, by creating a focused orientation program, and by creating a new member brochure, maybe we can make some progress in membership statistics this year.

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helped raise funds for tsunami victims, organize outings for poor children, and renovate homes in developing countries.

Interact serves as a natural lead-in to **Rotaract, a service club for students ages 18-30**. Like Interact, Rotaractors can meet either at a community establishment or at a school, usually a college or university. Rotaract clubs are able to take on more ambitious projects and work more independently. In addition to their service agenda, Rotaract clubs also focus on professional development, public speaking, and career development. One concern is that there can be a “drop off” point after members turn 30. If a club has primarily older members, the sponsor Rotary club should encourage the invitation of younger members to maintain the club’s vitality and flow. Rotaractors are a connecting bridge to Rotary because they understand Rotary values and often help participate in joint projects.

While Interact and Rotaract help to develop leadership skills, there is another program devoted exclusively to this purpose: **Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (better known as RYLA)**. This training seminar is the third flower in our bouquet of youth programs. RYLA usually operates as a camp and is sponsored by multiple districts. This allows Rotarians and young people from all over the region to meet and exchange ideas. Rotarians run the seminars and incorporate recreational and cultural activities.

Perhaps the most popular program of all is **Youth Exchange, which allows students ages 15-19 to experience another way of life by living abroad with a host family**. He or she is often immersed in a new language, new religion, new political system, new currency, and new traditions. But most important, he or she will find friends in the host country and create a friendship that will last forever. Youth Exchange students will learn to resolve differences peaceably, not through war. You could not build a better foundation for understanding and peace, because it begins at someone’s home.

Interact, Rotaract, Youth Exchange, and RYLA all build upon the goals of personal growth and leadership of youth by youth. In short, these programs build character. They also represent a wonderful source of future Rotarians, already acquainted with the ideals of Rotary International.

The old Rotary slogan “Every Rotarian an Example to Youth” is as relevant today as it was more than a

half-century ago. Rotarians can help young people reach their full potential. We can instill our motto of Service Above Self at a young age – and let it continue to guide Rotary through the next century.

Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar
President, Rotary International 2005-06

From The President’s Message
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The Rotarian

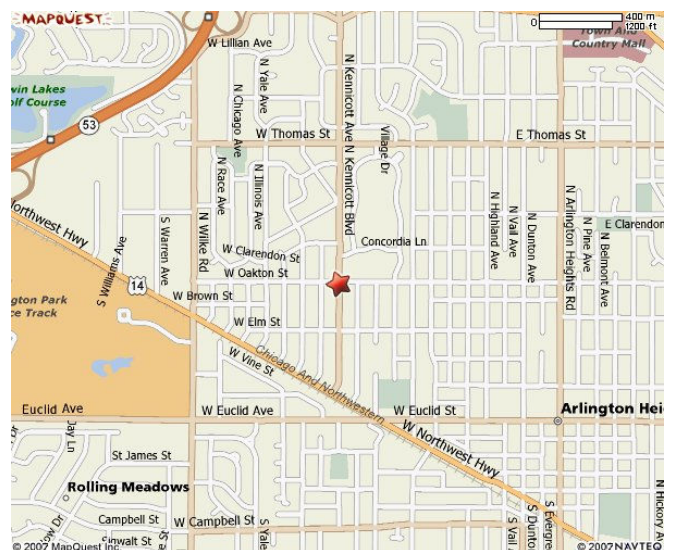
Club News

The Club’s Annual Steak Fry

Article by Jon Ridler, Chair, PR & FUN Committee

“An Evening of Fellowship” is the theme for this year’s Steak Fry on Friday, September 7th. The social time along with cocktails will begin at 5:30 pm followed by dinner at 6:30 pm. The event will be held at Lutheran Home under the big top at 800 West Oakton Street in Arlington Heights (corner of W. Oakton St. and N. Kennicott Blvd; see map below).

We are asking for everyone attending to bring along an unwrapped prize donations valued at \$15 or more to be raffled off during the evening. Along with the raffle will be games and entertainment for all. If you have not registered online or at lunch this week, contact **Jon Ridler** at 847-253-1703 by 12 Noon on Tuesday, September 4th.



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Club Member Updates

Rotarians Absent From the Club's August 30th Meeting: Alger, Borton, Blaseck, Boggs, Burnidge, Cavoto, Chrisos, Duchek, Field, French, Hester, Hoff, Landwehr, Murray, Nuccio, Oakes, O'Donnell, Ohrstrom, Paddock, Scaletta, Schultz, Schweers, Silverman, Stuckmeyer, Vaswani, Walter, Whisler D., Whisler R., Whisler S., Wilson.

Guests At Club's August 30th Meeting: Andrea Stafford, Wendy Davis and Bill Tookey.

In the picture below Bill (on left) is enjoying lunch



with his daughter and our club member, **Susan Dawson**, and **Judge Jim Ryan**.

Upcoming District 6440 Events

Sep 15, 2007

Football Tailgate & Duke Football Game at Northwestern University

Sep 18, 2007, 6:00 - 8:00 pm

District 6440 Annual Literacy Meeting

Indian Trails Public Library District
 355 S. Schoenbeck Road
 Wheeling, IL, 60090

Nov 01, 2007, 11: 00 am - 6:00 pm

ABC's: Rotary International HQ Tour

ABC's of Rotary Workshop

ABC's Reception with

Pres. Wilkinson & RI Board

Rotary International HQ
 Evanston, IL 60201

Register for any of these events online at www.rotary6440.org

September Birthdays

Dan Schweers 2nd

Scott Johnson 21st

Linda Borton 22nd

Ron Popp 30th

Pledge, 4-Way Test & Invocation Assignments

Sep 13

John Scaletta

Sep 20

Steve Sampson

Sep 27

James Ryan

September Stand-In

Jon Ridler