



"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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Happy Holidays

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Merry Christmas

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December 27th Program: Bill Kmiecik
Classification Speech

Report on Iraq—Major General David Harris, Ret.

Photo by Bill Kmiecik.



At our club's December 20th meeting, **Major General David Harris** talked to us about his 14 months of service in Iraq. He outlined the sectarian and ethnic differences that are having an impact in the country. He spoke about the impact of the troop "surge" of US troops that took place earlier this year. He went over some of the key elements of the US reconstruction efforts and the success and/or failure of some of them. And he touched on the challenging nature of the Iraq battle-field for soldiers with private contractors like Blackwater Security and KBR performing roles that would normally have been performed in the past by the military.

David Harris has lived in Arlington Heights for nearly 30 years. He attended St. Viator High School and Georgetown University. From 1983 to 1992, he served in the Illinois General Assembly as a State Representative representing portions of Arlington Heights, Mt. Prospect, Elk Grove Village, and Rolling Meadows. He became the Senior Vice-President of the Illinois Hospital Association after he left the General Assembly, and in 1999, he returned to state government as The Adjutant General of the Illinois National Guard.

When he left the Adjutant General position, he retired from the military after 33 years of service with the rank of Major General. He then took a temporary position with the US Department of State and served for 14 in Baghdad, Iraq, from June 2005 to August 2006.

He and his wife live in Arlington Heights. He has two sons, one of whom graduated from the US Military Academy at West Point in May of this year and is now stationed at Ft. Bliss, TX. His younger son will graduate from St. Viator in May next year and will attend Northwestern University in the fall.

December's "Photarians Of The Month"

Article by David Schultz. Photo by Lynn Jensen



Bill Kmiecik and **Rick Koebernick** were presented with the Rotarian of Month award for December. Both Bill and Rick have been honing their photography skills to create a photo record of the Club's activities and Program accomplishments. They have used the nickname of "Photarians" to describe themselves and their work. Their contribution to the newsletter cannot be understated. As the old adage says, a picture is worth a thousand words!

Congratulations Bill and Rick!

Upcoming Programs

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| Jan 3 | Adam Zarazinski
Ambassadorial
Scholar |
| Jan 10 | Congressman
Mark Kirk |

Matt Fink Inducted Into Club

Article by David Schultz. Photo by Bill Kmiecik.



At last week's meeting, **Matt Fink** was inducted into membership of our Club. **Kris Stabler** is Matt's sponsor and applied his Rotary Member Pin. Matt's classification is Banking. He works at People's Bank and is looking forward to telling us more at his classification talk.

Claire Troutman Joins Us For Lunch

Article by David Schultz. Photo by Rick Koebernick.

Claire Troutman (center) joined the Club for lunch last week. Claire is one of the 2006-07 George Harris Book Scholars.

She is a Prospect High School graduate currently attending Indiana University.



Bill Kmiecik and **Ron Crawford** are neighbors of Claire.

Visiting Rotarian From England

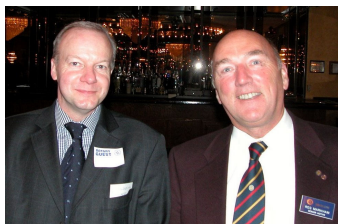
Article by David Schultz. Photo by Bill Kmiecik.



Reg Markham, a visiting Rotarian from Marlow, England, brings greetings from his Club and exchanges banners with **President Ron Popp**.

Reg jokingly presents that his club has the dubious notoriety of being Club #666.

Nigel Blakely, a guest of Reg and also from England, is currently residing in Arlington Heights while working in Schaumburg.



Immunization Clinic Update

Report by Bob Nash.

The last Immunization Clinic of the year was held at the Senior Center with volunteers **Linda Borton**, **Ron Crawford**, **Wendy Davis** and **Bob Nash** in attendance.

The next Clinic is scheduled for February 18th at the new Village Hall. Those who would like to volunteer should contact Bob Nash.

Ken Hood Passes

Ron Walters read the obituary for Rotarian **Ken Hood** who passed away recently at the age of 100. The Club respected Ken with a moment of silence and fond memories.

Club Member Updates

Rotarians Absent From the Club's December 20th Meeting: Alger, Baker, Behrens, Borton, Boggs, Chisholm, Chrisos, Dawson, Hester, Landwehr, McMahon, Mallek, Miller, Mulder, Murray, Nebel, Nuccio, Oakes, Ohrstrom, Pearson, Sampson, Scaletta, Schweers, Silverman, R. Whisler, S. Whisler.

Guests at the Club's December 20th Meeting: Bob Arnold, Nigel Blakely, Bill Borst, Matt Fink, Reg Markham, Chris Meier, Claire Troutman, Jock Whitacre.

Rotarians Who "Made Up" Past Absences in December: Borton, Dawson.

Upcoming District 6440 Events

From District 6440 Website—www.rotary6440.org

Jan 19-21, 2008

Train Trip to Lincoln Museum—Springfield

Jan 26, 2008 - Feb 04, 2008

Guatemala Dist. 6440 Service Project

April 24-27, 2008

District 6440 Conference

Upcoming Club Events

Valentine's / Sweetheart Party
Details Coming

Greeter Schedule

December	Dawson & Tauber
January	Mulder & Schultz
February	Passannante & Kmiecik
March	Borton & Dawson
April	Tauber & Mulder
May	Schultz & Kmiecik
June	Tauber & Borton

Pledge, 4-Way Test & Invocation Assignments

December 27	Roger Key
December Stand-In	Pat McMahon
January Stand-In	Scott Johnson
January 3	Lynn Jensen
January 10	Bill Hoff
January 17	Paul Hester