



"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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Last Week's Speaker



Today, Tim Corrigan gave a short demonstration of the new Club web site. He anticipates having the site available this coming Monday. New features of the site include:

- More content available to the general public.
- Photo galleries of our luncheon

meetings and other important events.

- The schedule of events will be viewable on-line without having to launch a spreadsheet.
- Cyndi Quebbemann, who publishes the Big Wheel newsletter, will be able to send e-mail links to the latest edition of the *Big Wheel*, rather than sending out large PDF attachments to everyone's mail file.
- More modern look and feel for the web site.
- Easier to maintain than the previous site.

For now, Tim Corrigan will keep the site up to date. He will train Cyndi on how to update the web site with the *Big Wheel* newsletter later next week, after the site has been up for a while.

Today's meeting gave us the ability to see "virtual" Rotarians and Rotarians "in the flesh". The well-rounded presentations included announcements about service, congratulations about fellowship activities, inductions of new members, and

presentations about our new web site and a recent new member. Bob Mormon sought volunteers for the next Inoculation Day. Birthday "Cake Man" Pat McMahan announced this month's birthday Rotarians Bob Morman (sponsor Bill Seiler in 1988) and Joe Musolino (sponsor Chris Meyer in 2001).

Pledge, 4-Way Test, and prayer were offered by Roger Key, with words offered for the complete recovery of Scott Davis and Mike Silverman. Mike seems to be coming along well and was in fine form at today's meeting. We've heard that Jim Mitchell's wife, Sophia, is in the hospital after a serious auto accident. Jim Ryan, too, is recovering from one. Our prayers and wishes for a speedy recovery go to all.

Nick Chrisos presented visiting Rotarians and Guests.

New members should contact Jennifer Burnidge to see the new-member orientation materials at her office. The PowerPoint presentation had been done for a recent "fireside" and explains our club and its relationship to Rotary District and International.

Fine Master Ron Walter was on top of his game, harassing some, educating and entertaining others with Lincoln's February birthday material. Do you know what Lincoln's favorite sport was?



Our sincere condolences to **Jon Ridler** on the death of his father this week.

Interested in bowling? **Paul Hester** reported that there will be a bowling fellowship March 11 at noon in Buffalo Grove; ask Paul for more information. He also said our club might cooperate with the Morning Club in a combined meeting for a Group Study Exchange presentation April 11. "First Responders" from Manchester, England, will be here with a presentation following at NW Community Hospital. Paul said candidates for a November/December exchange to France will be sought. He'll give more information soon.

Virtual Rotary was shown by **Tim Corrigan** as he presented the draft design of the new web site. Some information can be posted to this good looking, functional site directly by us – such as the newsletter by **Kris Stabler's** assistant, **Cyndi Quebbemann**. Some updating functions will be made by Tim's office. A useful question, answer and suggestion session followed. Our thanks and congratulations go to Tim. He received the Rotarian of the Month award for his work.

The second half of the program was **Nick Chrisos'** classification talk. He filled in for **Jon Ridler**. Nick, who has two sons, **Jacob**, 11, and **Alex**, 7, lives on the north side of Arlington Heights with his wife and college sweetheart, **Kathi**. His first Rotary service, coincidentally, was in the reading program, presenting at his son's school. Growing up on the north side of Chicago, and Florida, he gave a lawyerly response saying he roots for the Cubs because of loyalty, but appreciates the southsiders in other ways.

Though formerly a general practice attorney who had also worked at Chicago Title, Nick is pleased with the nature of his practice now with its recent expansion. His practice is located at 5 E. College Drive, Suite 112 in Arlington Heights, IL 60004, and deals with real estate transfers as well as other matters. In addition to working with real estate firms and agents, he enjoys helping investors, developers, and owners of distressed properties. Office phone is (847) 259-7325. E-mail is nick.chrisos@gmail.com.

Nick shared humorous asides while sharing his background. He told us of his family, their Greek

and Turkish background, of the challenges in the lives of his grandparents and parents. Among their businesses were several restaurants and a night club in Florida that helped pay for his law school. He's on the parish council at St. Nectarios in Palatine. He plays guitar and sings, and said he is still getting over the break up of the Beatles!

Politics seems to have been an entertaining and heart-felt interest as well. As some of us may recall, in 2004 he ran for State Representative in the 53rd District, getting a third of the vote.

Other Club News

On Tuesday, February 19th, **Bob Morman** and five other club members assisted the nursing staff at the Village of Arlington Heights's Immunization Clinic. Over 50 clients took advantage of this important village service. This is just one example of our club's Community Service projects.

Here **Bill Billimoria** and **Bob** show the incoming clients the way to the clinic. At the first station, **Lynn Jensen** gave each incoming patient the required forms to fill out. (Lynn is not shown in any pictures here because he was the group's photographer.)



Roger Key was crucial to the orderly processing of the clinic patients. He directed patients, "by-the-numbers" to the interview with the nurses.

Ron Crawford served as the cashier. And **Bill Kmiecik** helped direct the flow of traffic to the station where the nurses gave the patients their immunization shots.

This clinic is held four times a year. Our club has adopted the Immunization clinic as one of our favorite Community Service projects. Anyone who

would like to become involved with this project should contact Bob Morman.

Rotary International Proposes a New Administrative Structure for Clubs

In 2005 Rotary International published a report the *Club Leadership Plan* that outlines a recommended administrative structure for Rotary clubs. In diagram form, the structure is as follows:



*Additional committees can be appointed as needed on an annual basis

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In this model, the Club Board would consist of—as it does now—the President, Vice President, President-Elect, Secretary, Treasurer and Immediate Past President.

The remaining directors' slots on the Board would, however, consist of individuals who chair the committees shown in the diagram above:

- Club Administration (where Club Service would now be housed)
- Public Relations
- Membership
- Service Projects (where Community, Vocation and International Services would now be housed as subcommittees) and
- The Rotary Foundation

Members of the club would be asked to be involved in one or more of these committees during the course of the year.

As each Rotary club is unique, the *Club Leadership Plan* is flexible enough to support the individual needs of clubs around the world. It is not mandatory for any existing club to adopt this plan, but Rotary International believes that every club, new and old, will benefit from standardizing its administrative procedures based on these best practices. Clubs can also make modifications to this structure as they see fit.

District Governor-Elect Mike Ericksen told us at the Strategic Planning Meeting at the beginning of this month that all new clubs in District 6440 will be required to adopt this structure.

Anyone who would like to read the document in its entirety can download a copy from the Internet by going to:

<http://www.rotary.org/newsroom/downloadcenter/pdfs/245en.pdf>

For the March 10, 2007 District Assembly in Mundelein, the District 6440 leadership has set up a day-long workshop to familiarize local clubs' leadership with this new leadership plan and how it might be implemented.

As you will see in the following section, your Board will be taking steps to evaluate this proposal to see if it would be beneficial for us to adopt.

From The Club's Board

The Club's Board of Directors held its monthly meeting on February 13 at Luther Village. Present were: Ron Popp, Pete Cavoto, Paul Hester, Lynn Jensen, Ron Crawford, Terry Ennes, Jennifer Burnidge, Lew O'Donnell and Scott Whisler.

The Board voted to:

- Have the Club President set up a committee to review and make recommendations back to the Board on implementing Rotary International's *Club Leadership Plan*.
- Support Edgar Gifford of LaGrange to serve on the 2007-2008 Nominating Committee for the President of RI.

- Subsidize any Club member attending the District Conference in Lake Geneva on April 21-22. The club will pay the \$20 registration fee and either the cost of dinner or of lodging for one night.
- Submit one candidate to District for consideration of a vocational scholarship and one candidate for RYLA. We are still looking for a second candidate for each award.

Paul Hestor reported that we have been contacted by the Morning Rotary club and invited to a joint meeting on April 11 to host the incoming Group Study Exchange (GSE) team from Manchester, England. Please mark your calendars.

President Ron Popp was Pleased to Induct the following New Members:

Susan Dawson, Attorney, lives in Arlington Heights, and works with Riffner, Barber, Rowden & Manassa in Schaumburg. Sponsor was Deb Whisler.

Thomas Forncrook, Commercial Real Estate, lives in Arlington Heights, and works with Century 21 Advisors, Inc., Arlington Heights. Sponsor was Pete Cavoto.

Michael Mulder, Commercial Banking, lives in Arlington Heights, and works with Harris Bank, Arlington-Rolling Meadows. Sponsor was Sue Duchek.

Member Care Update:

Wendy Davis forwarded the club an email letting us know she created a CaringBridge site, to keep you up to date on Scott. CaringBridge is a nonprofit organization that helps friends and families stay connected.

You can visit Scott's CaringBridge site at <http://www.caringbridge.org/visit/scottdavis>.

When you're asked for a site password to visit Scott's site, enter: **normanscott**.

Please visit our CaringBridge site anytime. You can use the site to check in on Scott, read the journal entries and send us messages by signing our guestbook. When you register with CaringBridge and sign our guestbook, you will automatically receive e-mail notifications each time our journal is updated. Or, you can subscribe to receive these notifications even before you sign the guestbook. (Of course, you can unsubscribe from these e-mail updates at any time.)

Please keep Scott and his family in your thoughts and prayers.

Former member **Jim Mitchell's** wife was in a serious accident, and is not doing well. She is currently in a drug induced coma. If anyone would like updates, please feel free to contact the store.

We are sending out a rotary card today.

New Set up and take Down Teams and Their Schedules are the Following:

Roger Key/Peter Cavoto: Feb 22nd, Mar 1st, Mar 29th

Rick Koegernick/Tom Forncrook: Mar 8th, 15th, 22nd

Please notify Peter Cavoto if there is a conflict with these dates or call Mike Mulder who should be available as a sub.

Profiling Past Presidents

Bill Bodinus and his wife Pam have lived in Arlington Heights for forty years. They have two grown and married children, Robert and Dawn, and three grandchildren. They have remained a tight-knit family.

Bill didn't join the Arlington Heights Rotary Club until 1980, when he was sponsored by Stephan Jurco. From 1984 through 1986, he worked with the Sauk Woods District Boy Scouts to organize their

Community Service Luncheons. This was a natural project for Bill because both he and his son Robert are Eagle Scouts; they earned this distinction in 1952 and 1985, respectively.

The year of Bill's presidency was busy and he presided over a lot of changes. Some of the highlights include:

- Inviting wives (yes, "wives" not "spouses" since there were only male Rotarians in the club) to what had been the "stag" steak fry
- Working with Police Chief Rod Kath to sponsor the Arlington Heights "Sunrise" Rotary Club
- Enhancing the club's operations with:
 - A new meeting place—the Wellington
 - A first-ever pictorial directory
 - A "Rotarian of the Month" Award
 - A new classification for "Senior Active" members



Roland "Bill" Bodinus
Club President
1986-87

In Bill's presidential year, Margaret McDonald was the first woman to apply for membership in our club. The following year she joined this club of 87 male members and went on to become the club's president in 1993-94.

As is true today, the club gave active support to many worthwhile causes—such as

CEDA's Thanksgiving Dinner and holiday gift project, the outbound and inbound youth exchange programs, Lutheran Home, Clearbrook, Polio Plus, the Leukemia Society and many more.

In 1987 Bill, his wife and 25 other Rotarian couples attended the District Conference, even though Bill was still wearing a cast from a snowmobiling accident. What dedication! Pam and Bill also attended the Rotary International Conference in Munich, Germany, which had to be the highlight of his year in office.

For over 30 years Bill sold Carrier heating and air conditioning systems in this area. In 1991 he became the owner /operator of Watertower Marina in McHenry, Illinois. The whole family, including wife Pam, son Robert, son-in-law John Galway and daughter Dawn, are involved running this family business.

Clearly Bill has made significant contributions to making our club what it is today. Newer members should make an effort to know Bill better.

Meeting New Members

Pat McMahon grew up in Mount Prospect, where he graduated from Prospect High School in 1984. He received his Bachelor of Science degree from Indiana University School of Business in 1988, and his Doctor of Jurisprudence (JD) degree from John Marshall Law School in 1993. While at John Marshall, he was a law review staff member and a national moot court competitor.



Patrick McMahon
Member Since 2006

Even though he is one of the club's newer members, Pat has gotten quite involved in club activities. He has often been a greeter at our weekly meetings. He serves on both the "birthday"

and raffle committees. Along with Rotarians Ron Crawford and Bob Nash, Pat recently helped to

collect over 1800 books from School District 25 students. These books were donated to Chicago schools to help students who are reading below their grade level. (See the article in last week's *Big Wheel*.)

Along with Bob Paddock and Bob Nash, he is one of the club's "scribes" who writes articles for the *Big Wheel*. These articles recap the presentation of the club's speaker and summarize that week's meeting.

Pat is a partner in the Arlington Heights law firm of Drost Kivlahan McMahon & O'Connor, LLC. He concentrates his practice in the areas of corporate transactions and estate planning. Prior to joining Drost Kivlahan McMahon & O'Connor in 1996, he was an associate with the Chicago firm of Rooks, Pitts and Poust. He has been Co-Chairman of the Corporate/Business law committee of the Northwest Suburban Bar Association.

Pat is a volunteer at Willow Creek Community Church in several roles, including serving at the Journeys from PADS to Hope site at the church. Pat resides in Hoffman Estates with his two boys, Ryan (age 9), and Evan (age 5).

Rotarians absent on 2/15/07

Alger, Baker, Barnish, Behrens, Blaseck, Boggs, Chisholm, Davis, French, Grana, Heller, Hood, Landwehr, Mahoney, Malleck, Miller, Murray, Nuccio, Oakes, O'Donnell, Ohrstrom, Pearson, Ridler, Ryan, Schweers, Seiler, Stabler, Stuckmeyer, Vaswani, Whisler, R., Whisler, S., Johnior

HAVE A HAPPY DAY!



Pledge of Allegiance, 4-Way Test and Invocation

2007

March 01 – Joseph Higgs
March 08 – Paul Hester
March 15 – James Hassenplug
March 22 – Matt Grana
March 29 – Marie French
March Stand In – Michael Field

Scheduled Rotarians are responsible for contacting their stand-in should they not be available for their assignment.

Upcoming Programs & Events:

2007

March 01 – Dr. (Zhu) Yu
March 08 – Ron Popp – Rotary Club of Arlington Heights Strategic Planning
March 15 – Stacey Mallek – Classification Speech
March 22 – Open
March 29 – Jeff Grant – Home Inspection

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