



"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

Judi Goldman spoke to our club about Project Linus, an organization that "provides security through handmade blankets for children." Project Linus is a 501(c) 3 non profit organization that collects blankets and distributes them to critically ill and traumatized children. All of the blankets are new and handmade by donors. For convenience washable. The blankets may be quilted, tied, knitted, crocheted or fleece.



Judi Goldman
*Chapter Coordinator
 North & Central
 Chicagoland Chapter
 Project Linus*

The organization was started in 1995 and now maintains 400 chapters nationwide. Since its inception, Project Linus has distributed over 1,800,000 blankets. It is staffed and operated entirely by volunteers who receive no compensation.

Locally, Project Linus donates blankets at more than 15 hospitals, and its blankets are also carried in the Glenview and Northbrook police cars to be used by children who find themselves in tragic situations. Immediately after the events of September 11, 2001, Project Linus delivered 10,000 blankets to children of

families that lost loved ones in the tragic events of that day. The nationally organization delivered 22,000 blankets to children in the gulf coast area after Hurricane Katrina.

Judi accepts donated blankets at her home everyday, and also conducts a "Blanket Day" every two months where 80 to 100 people gather to make blankets. Project Linus also accepts donations of cotton fabric, yarn and batting. For those who prefer monetary donations, Project Linus will accept stamps and checks, which are tax deductible. Donations should be made payable to Project Linus and sent to:

Project Linus
 c/o Linda Neuman,
 1230 Thornapple Lane,
 Northbrook, Illinois 60062

Judi asked all of us to please consider being a donor of a blanket, money, or other item listed above. For more information, please visit the group's website at www.orgsites.com/il/projectlinuschicago, or call Judi Goldman at (847) 498-3987.

Other Club News

Pete Cavoto Reports on the Club's Vocational Services Activities

Two candidates have been submitted to the District Vocational Committee for the Vocational Scholarship. The District Committee will select the winners of this \$1500 scholarship.

One student application has been submitted for the Rotary Youth Leadership Award, (RYLA). If our candidate is selected, she will attend the RYLA conference held in March or April at Camp Edwards in East Troy, WI.

The Literacy Award Application has been sent to Ken Gross, Literacy Chair. Our application highlights our club's very successful book drive (which brought in 3500 books) and our club members' reading to seven classes (140 students) on Literacy Day. The winning project should be announced in the middle of March.

Member Update

Lynn Jensen let us know that Scott Davis is receiving radiation treatment and physical therapy at Evanston Northwestern Hospital, and is doing better. Scott hopes to be home in a week or so.

Club Sets Date For Annual Rotary Raffle

Terry Ennes announced that the date for the Annual Rotary Raffle is *Thursday, May 10, 2007 at the Wellington*. Rotarians should plan to gather at 5:30pm for fellowship, and the raffle will begin promptly at 6:30pm. Kris Stabler informed the club that all club members will receive one raffle ticket, which has been paid for through dues payments throughout the year. Rotarians who became members after June 2006 will not yet have paid for an entire ticket, and therefore will still owe some portion of the \$100 ticket cost.

Rotarian for the Month of February 2007

Jim Miller was recognized as Rotarian of the Month for chairing the club's membership committee and conducting the survey requested by District 6440 as part of our club's strategic plan effort.



Newly Inducted Club Members

Last week's Big Wheel contained the article about our most recent club inductees. Unfortunately, we forgot to include their picture.



So we are rectifying that this week. Our newest club members are Mike Mulder, who was sponsored by Sue Duchek; Sue Dalton, who was sponsored by Deb Whisler and Tom Forncrook, who was sponsored by Pete Cavoto. Last week you officially became members; this week you have received the recognition you deserve—picture and all. Congratulations and welcome to the club again!

Hearts of Gold Award for Fellow Rotarian

A number of our club members helped Mike Silverman celebrate his selection as the Hearts of Gold "Business Leader of the Year."



Bill Seiler with Mike Silverman



The Walters, Hassenplugs, Burnidges, Ennes and Matt Grana and his fiancée, Kelli Gottschalk celebrating with Mike at the Hearts of Gold Ball.

- Laying the groundwork for the club's "Centennial Project," a five-year undertaking to fix up a home for adult males administered by Clearbrook
- Providing forty families with food and gifts for the holiday
- Dedicating Rotary Softball Field in conjunction with the Arlington Heights Park District
- Awarding ten new Paul Harris members with \$10,000 contributed to the Rotary Foundation

Getting To Know Your Fellow Rotarians Profiling Past Presidents

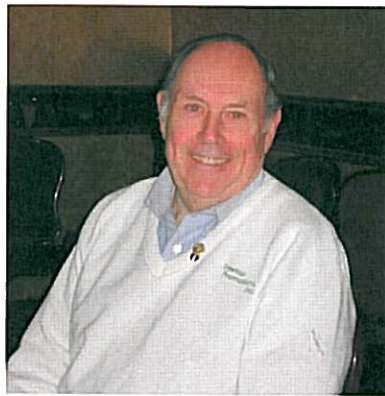
Lew O'Donnell and his wife Helen are long-term residents of the area. Over his many years here, Lew has been the "gold standard" for volunteerism. He has a long history of involvement in civic, church, school and Rotary activities.

Lew served as club president during 2001-02. He characterized his presidency as focusing on the "Year of Education."

One meeting a month was designated as a District Program.

The net effect was to create awareness of what Rotary is all about for all members, new and old. Club projects that year included:

- Working the pizza both at the Arlington Heights July 4th Festival
- Renaming the Book Scholarship in memory of George Harris, a charter club member, and awarding six grants
- Building a well in Lagos, Nigeria using an RI matching grant of \$5,000 and the help of local Rotary Club in Nigeria



Lewis W. O'Donnell
Club President
2001-02

Lew has been a Rotarian for over 37 years. He has been the president of three different clubs (Park Ridge and both Arlington Heights Clubs). He has served in numerous positions at both the local and district levels, including three terms as an Assistant District Governor.

Lew was recognized in 2004-05, when he was awarded The Rotary Foundation's Citation for Meritorious Service by the Foundation's trustees. Fewer than 200 Rotarians worldwide are honored with this award each year.

In addition to his efforts on behalf of Rotary, Lew:

- served the Village of Arlington Heights as a Plan Commissioner for 25 years
- was a member of the Knights of Columbus and President of the 4th Degree Club
- Coached and officiated at high school football games
- Served for four years as Trustee on the North Suburban Mass Transit District
- Has been active in his church in a number of roles
- Served in the US Army in Korea and is a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) and the American Legion
- Has volunteered at an Arlington Heights food pantry

Lew is a great asset to our club and has a wealth of experience in many areas. Make sure you get to know Lew better.

Meeting New Members

Jennifer was sponsored for membership in our club by Curly Nebel in 1998. She currently serves on the club's Board of Directors as Vice President. She is routinely involved in many club projects. Jennifer has assisted with the Annual Raffle three times as chair or co-chair.

She has been married to husband Mike for 14 years. They moved to Illinois from Holland, Michigan in 1992. She and Mike have a 16



month old daughter named Ashley. In the summers, they enjoy visiting family in Michigan.

When not working hard with business or Rotary activities, they enjoy traveling. They try to take one big trip each year. In the past, they have been to Napa, California; Munich, Germany; Bermuda; Maui, Hawaii and have taken a Panama Canal Cruise.

Jennifer jogs, swims and water skis. She and Mike also enjoy good wine. They have a 500 bottle cellar in their home, which they are working on filling.

As Jennifer puts it, she grew up in "self-employed family," and it apparently stuck! She worked with State Farm from 1992 until 1998, but could not wait to set up her own agency. In 1998 she took the step of becoming a State Farm Agent. Although she lives in Palatine, her insurance agency is in Arlington Heights. She is in the top 25% of agents in the state for financial services production. She and Mike enjoy educating and assisting their clients with insurance and financial matters.

Making Our Club Work

A cursory look at the preliminary information from our February 5 strategic planning meeting indicates that club members:

- Want a club where everyone is involved in some aspect of club activities and
- New members are asked to serve on committees or take on club responsibilities immediately after joining

Even though we have to analyze in more detail the results of our strategic planning session and the recent survey of our members, we are taking steps to address these first two points.

We now have a number of people working in small groups to make sure each meeting goes well.

- Our group of greeters includes Nick Chrisos, Tom Forncrook, Scott Johnson and Stacey Mallek.
- Our group of reporters who summarize the presentations of our weekly speakers and report on other club happenings includes Bob Paddock, Pat McMahan and Bob Nash.
- Our club photographers include Steve Sampson, Bill Kmiecik, and Rick Koebernick.
- Our "Set up and Take Down Committee" includes Pete Cavoto, Roger Key, Rick Koebernick and Tom Forncrook.

There are many opportunities for you to take on a responsibility, join a group, join a committee, and work with others on special events. For example:

- **Jim Miller** would like additional members for the membership committee that he chairs.
- **Tim Corrigan** would like members to serve on the club's website committee.

Please contact them if you would like to join their committees. Contact **Lynn Jensen** if you would like to see what other opportunities there are to work on behalf of our club.

Rotarians absent on 2/22/07

Barnish, Behrens, Blaseck, Boggs, Crawford, Davis, Duchek, Field, French, Grana, Heller, Hester, Landwehr, Mahoney, Malleck, Mitchell, Murray, Musolino, Nash, Nebel, Nuccio, Oakes, Ohrstrom, Paddock, Ridler, Scaletta, Schweers, Seiler, Stuckmeyer, Vaswani, Whisler, D., Whisler, R.

Upcoming Events from District 6440 and Rotary International

March 10, 2007 – District Assembly
Holiday Inn Crowne Plaza, Mundelein, IL

April 19, 2007 – Annual District Conference
Grand Geneva Resort, Lake Geneva, Wisconsin

June 17, 2007 – Rotary International Annual Convention, Salt Lake City, Utah

Upcoming Programs & Events:

2007

March 08 – Ron Popp – Rotary Club of Arlington Heights Strategic Planning

March 15 – Stacey Mallek – Classification Speech

March 22 – AHPD Calderwood Awards

March 29 – Jeff Grant – Home Inspection

April 5 – Open

April 12 – Open

April 19 – Patrick McMahon – Classification Speech

April 26 – Mayor Arlene Mulder – State of the Village

May 10 – Rotary Raffle

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

Pledge of Allegiance, 4-Way Test and Invocation

2007

March 08 – Paul Hester

March 15 – James Hassenplug

March 22 – Matt Grana

March 29 – Marie French

March Stand In – Michael Field

April 5 – Terry Ennes

April 12 – Sue Duchek

April 19 – Susan Dawson

April 26 – Scott Davis

April Stand In – Ron Crawford

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



If you have any announcements that you would like to see in the newsletter please email them to cquebbemann@arlingtonpark.com