



“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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Police Officer of the Year

Kathy Davy Speaks About A Potential Joint Literacy Project



Article by Pat McMahon. Photo by Rick Koebernick.



On February 28, 2008, **Kathy Davy** spoke to the club regarding her passion for literacy and her desire to create a partnership between our club and St. James School to promote literacy. Ms. Davy, a 30-year resident of Arlington Heights, is currently Vice Principal of St. James School in Arlington Heights, and a reading specialist. She learned about Rotary's passion for literacy from an ad in the *Daily Herald*, wrote a letter to the club and eventually made contact with **Pete Cavoto**, Club Director of Vocational Services.

Ms. Davy focuses on reading through “differentiated learning,” which recognizes that not all students learn at the same pace. Historically, teachers have focused on teaching to the middle third of the student population; not giving enough attention to struggling students, nor appropriately challenging students who excel. Ms. Davy and others at St. James have learned that one size does not fit all students. They have developed a technique called a “Learning Circles,” which has resulted in tremendous reading success at St. James. As a result, of all of the schools feeding into high school district 214, St. James’ students had the best reading scores for the 2006-2007 school year. St. James achieved this result despite spending approximately half of the amount, per student, as the public schools in high school district 214.

A “Learning Circle” has several components, the most of important of which is the text set. A text set is a collection of books that have a common theme (e.g., relationships, diversity, or science fiction), but which contains books of varying difficulty. Each student chooses a book from the same text set that is appropriate for his learning level, and each student reads his or her own book. Following that all of the students can participate in a discussion regarding the common theme, despite not having read the same book. Students are also given a specific creative role in

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District To Publish New Directory: Club Members Asked To Update Their Profiles

Article based on information in the District 6440 Governor’s Circular .

In preparation for our printed District 6440 directory, each club in our district has been asked to have each member update his or her profile by March 20th. A printed copy of each member’s profile (with the information currently on file with the district) will be distributed at our March 13th meeting. Each person will be asked to update his or her information before leaving the meeting. For those not attending the March 13th meeting, there will be a second opportunity to update profiles on March 20th. Please note that the completeness and accuracy of the information in our online and printed directory depends on the information you provide.

Upcoming Programs

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| Mar 13 | Katalin Zsupan
Literacy, AH Library |
| Mar 20 | Matt O'Brien
Executive Director
Metropolis Performing Arts |
| Mar 27 | Club Assembly |
| Apr 3 | Cory Upmeyer
Classification Speech |

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the discussion, and therefore read with a purpose in mind.

Ms. Davy and St. James believe that "Learning Circles" can greatly improve a student's reading ability and want to share that technique in the community. She envisions St. James students leading "Learning Circles" at day camps and other groups outside of St. James.

Ms. Davy has asked our club to consider donating to St. James at least \$500 (which is the cost of one text set for through fifth grade). For \$1000 the school can acquire a text set for every grade, kindergarten through eighth grade. If you would like additional information about Ms. Davy's proposed project, please contact **Pete Cavoto** or **Ron Crawford**.

Surveys Distributed To Club

Article by Lynn Jensen. Photo by Rick Koebernick.



Over salad at the last meeting, members filled out a questionnaire on club activities. For those who have not yet filled one out, questionnaires will be distributed again at our March 13th meeting. The results will be used at Board's March 19th Planning Meeting.

Club Board Members Attend District Officer Training

Article by Lynn Jensen. Photo by anonymous.

Ron Crawford (far right) attended District's Club Officer Training on Saturday March 1st with current and prospective board members (left to right) **Lynn Jensen**, **Tim Corrigan**, **Wendy Davis**, **Linda Borton** and **Pete Cavoto**.



The Rat Bites Ron!!!

Article by David Schultz. Photo by Rick Koebernick.



Club President Ron Popp is not showing us the "Bird", but rather the RAT!!!

Ron, assisted by **Judge Ryan**, was bitten at the last meeting by the "Year of the Rat" Award, .

Upcoming District 6440 Events

From District 6440 Website—www.rotary6440.org

April 24-27, 2008

District 6440 Conference, Itasca, Illinois

Jun 25, 2008

Installation Dinner for DG Pam Kerr

Upcoming Club Events

March 6, 2008

Bill Calderwood

"Police Officer of The Year" Award

March 19, 2008

Club Board's Planning Meeting for 2008-09

May 15, 2008

Club "Ten Grand" Raffle

May 22, 2008

Arlington Park Day at the Races

Club Member Updates

Rotarians Absent From the Club's February 28th Meeting: Alger, Behrens, Berry, Borton, Billimoria, Blaseck, Chisholm, Chrisos, Davis, Dawson, Duchek, Ennes, French, Heller, Johnson, Landwehr, Lombardo, Mahoney, Mulder, Murray, Nash, Nuccio, Oakes, Ohrstrom, Paddock Jr., Sampson, Scaletta, Schultz, Schweers, Seiler, Silverman, Upmeyer, Walter, Whisler R., Whisler D.

Guests: Carolyn Miller (guest of Bob Mohrman)

Ron Graett (guest of Jim Miller)

Carl Roberts (Des Plaines Rotary)

Greeter Schedule

March

Borton & Dawson

April

Lombardo & Mulder

May

Schultz & Kmiecik

June

Lombardo & Borton

July

Mulder & Schultz

August

Passannante & Kmiecik

Pledge, 4-Way Test & Invocation Assignments

March Stand-In

Susan Dawson

March 6

Wendy Davis

March 13

Ron Crawford

March 20

Tim Corrigan

March 28

Pete Cavoto

April Stand-In

Sandy Baker