



"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?

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Congressman Mark Kirk Addresses Club

Article by Bill Hoff. Photo by Cory Upmeyer.



Fresh from his eleventh telephone-conducted "town hall" meeting the previous evening, U.S. Representative Mark S. Kirk (R) told us about his activities on the two sub-committees he serves on of the Committee on Appropriations—Financial Services and General Government; and State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs. This Highland Park morning club Rotarian who represents the 10th congressional district in Illinois earned a B.A. from Cornell University, Master's from the London School of Economics and a JD from Georgetown University. He was named U.S. Navy Reserve "Intelligence Officer of the Year" in 1999 for his combat service in Kosovo.

Having survived a near drowning in Lake Michigan at the age of 16, Kirk recently proposed a \$26 million bill to clean up Waukegan Harbor which requires Waukegan to ante up \$8 million which so far the city fathers have declined to do. Waukegan officials have several more months to change their minds before the offer expires.

In Congress he is considered one of the "Wolf pack" (Frank Wolf is a fellow Appropriations Committeeman) whose aim is to "wipe out" "earmark" funding. [Earmarking bypasses the normal procedure by which tax revenue is pooled in a general fund and then allocated among various government spending programs as opposed to a specific program. Source: Wikipedia.]

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RI President-Elect Lee: "Make Dreams Real"

Original text by Pam Kerr. Edited for the Big Wheel by David Schultz.

RI President-elect **Dong Kurn Lee** announced the 2008-09 RI theme, "**MAKE DREAMS REAL**," to incoming district governors at the 2008 International Assembly.

He urged us to use our resources to help curb child mortality. Lee said he was in disbelief when he learned that 30,000 children under the age of five die every day from preventable diseases such as pneumonia, measles, and malaria.

"Once I understood the issues behind that terrible number, I knew what I needed to do," Lee said. He said Rotary will keep the service emphases of recent years -- water, health and hunger, and literacy -- but asked us to focus their efforts in each of these areas on children.

"In 2008-09, I will ask you all to "**Make Dreams Real**" for the world's children," he said. "This will be our theme, and my challenge to all of you."

He challenged the audience to do our part to give children "hope and a chance at a future" by reducing the rate of child mortality in the world.

"We will bring clean water to their communities and create sanitation projects that keep children healthy," Lee said.

President-Elect Lee began preparing for the year ahead with the training and inspiration we received at the International Assembly. He reminds us of Rotary's power and encourages us to use our resources efficiently to maximize the good done around the world.

Upcoming Programs

Jan 24	Douglas Towsey Economic Outlook 2008
Jan 31	Bruce Crowther, CEO Northwest Community Hospital
Feb 7	Debra S. Schoendorf CFP, Vice President Wealth Management

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He is proud of his efforts to terminate federal pensions to elected officials who are convicted felons. Representative Kirk cited as an example, the pension termination of George Ryan former Illinois Governor and Noble prize winner. (U.S. Senators and Representatives receive federal pensions after holding office for 5 or more years.) Congressman Kirk can be reached at 1030 Longworth House Office Building, Washington, DC 20515-1310. Telephone: 202-225-4835.

Stuff You Should Know

Article by David Schultz. Photo Cory Upmeyer.



Judge Ryan challenged the Club Members to name things that are common to our everyday life; including the hole in a pencil sharpener (chuck), the points on a fork (tine), the handle of a fork (tang), the space a blade makes in wood (kerf), and the hole in a cup handle for your finger. Most everyone left their fines on the table.

Raffle Committee Meets

Article and photos by Lynn Jensen.



Immediately before last week's club meeting **President-Elect Ron Crawford** held an organizational meeting of the Raffle Committee.

In attendance were **Scott Whisler, Jim Bertucci** and **Sue Duchek**. Contact Ron if you would like to serve on the Raffle Committee this year.



Rotarian Of The Month Presentations

Article by David Schultz. Photo by Cory Upmeyer.



President Ron Popp presents Rotarian of the Month Awards to **Steve Sampson**, December, and **David Schultz**, January, for their work on the **Big Wheel**.

Club Member Updates

Rotarians Absent From the Club's January 10th Meeting: Alger, Baker, Behrens, Blaseck, Bodinus, Chisholm, Chrisos, Corrigan, Davis, Dawson, French, Hassenplug, Heller, Paul, Higgs, Johnson, Key, Landwehr, Lombardo, McMahon, Murray, Nash, Nebel, Nuccio, Oakes, O'Donnell, Ohrstrom, Passannante, Scaletta, Schweers, Seiler, Silverman, Vaswani, Walter, R. Whisler

Guests at the Club's January 10th Meeting: Pam Loza (AH Sunrise Club), Dave Beery, Paula Moore, Renee Zoladz, Congressman Mark Kirk, Matt Abbott, Mayor Arlene Mulder.

Rotarians Who "Made Up" Past Absences in January: Blaseck, Dawson, O'Donnell

Upcoming District 6440 Events

From District 6440 Website—www.rotary6440.org

March 1, 2008

District Assembly/Club Officer Training
Addison, Illinois

March 13-16, 2008

RYLA Session I

April 10-13, 2008

RYLA Session II

April 24-27, 2008

District 6440 Conference, Itasca, Illinois

Upcoming Club Events

February 14, 2008

Valentine's / Sweetheart Party

Greeter Schedule

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

Pledge, 4-Way Test & Invocation Assignments

January Stand-In	Scott Johnson
January 17	Lynn Jensen
January 24	Jim Hassenplug
January 31	Marie French
February Stand-In	Sue Duchek
February 7	Tom Forncrook