



"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



Heidi Ekstrom, Miss Illinois 2006

Heidi's platform as Miss Illinois 2006 is Enriching the Lives of Children with Disabilities. This is something that is very special to Heidi as she has two sisters who were born with disabilities. One sister passed away at a young age from a congenital heart condition. Her other sister faces many challenges in her schooling and has had to deal with bullying from other students. Heidi commented that people with disabilities frequently do not have equal access to education and face 2 to 3 times more bullying than other students. She has encouraged schools to enforce Americans with Disabilities Act and hopes that schools will implement programs especially for students with disabilities as well as programs to help mainstream students better understand the needs and lives of students who have disabilities. Heidi believes these steps will help people with disabilities to have greater self confidence, lead more satisfactory lives and become more involved in their communities.

The day after her appearance at our Rotary luncheon, Heidi left for Las Vegas to compete in the Miss America 2007 pageant. When Heidi participated in the Miss America on-line lottery to determine her placement in the line up, she chose lucky number 13 in the Alpha group. This means she will have her interview on Wednesday afternoon, talent on Thursday night, onstage question Friday night, and swimsuit and evening gown on Saturday night. All of us at the Rotary Club of Arlington Heights wish her all the best as Miss Illinois 2006 and the best of luck during her competition for Miss America 2007. The Miss America 2007 Pageant airs on Monday, January 29, 2007 at 7:00 CST on Country Music Television.

On January 18, 2007, Heidi Ekstrom, Miss Illinois 2006, talked with the club about her experience to date as Miss Illinois 2006 and about her platform as Miss Illinois 2006. Heidi did not enter any beauty pageants until she was 20 years old. Before winning Miss Illinois last July, Heidi won the Miss Kane County pageant. Her talent when she competes is ballet on point. She mentioned how, just like in the movies, the Miss Illinois and Miss America pageants are scholarship programs. To date, she has earned \$9,000 for winning Miss Illinois and another \$3,000 for competing in the Miss America pageant. The winner of the Miss America pageant is awarded \$50,000 in scholarship money. Heidi indicated that the last Miss Illinois to win Miss America is now at Harvard Law School. For now, Heidi plans to use her scholarship money to complete her Masters Degree in Photography at Northern Illinois University. She hopes to teach photography at the high school level when she completes her MBA program.

Other Club News

The Arlington Heights Rotary Club was well represented at the Arlington Heights Chamber of Commerce's 60th Annual Installation and Recognition Dinner Thursday evening, January 18, 2007.

- Jim Miller completed his year as Chamber President
- Steve Sampson was installed on the Chamber Board (See profile of Steve below.)
- John Frieburg III, a past Rotary Club president, was honored as the *Chamber's 2006 Business Leader of the Year*
- Kris Stabler, our club's treasurer, was recognized as the *Chamber's Business Volunteer of The Year*

Rotarians Step Up To The Task

Weekend before last, club president Ron Popp gave up a good part of his Saturday to attend the District's *Presidents-Elect Training I* course. On March 9th, he will join other District leaders for the *Presidents-Elect II* workshop.

Recently Pete Cavoto and Roger Key found they were very lonely on the *Set-Up & Take-Down Committees*. With other committee members, such as Bob Heller and Bob Blaseck, migrating to warmer climes, only Pete and Roger were left to handle all of the tasks of these committees.

At last week's meeting, Pete and Roger made a plea to the club for help. Thankfully, Rick Kobernick and Tim Corrigan volunteered to take their turn on the Set-Up Committee. Marie French and Bill Seiler volunteered for the Take-Down Committee. **If anyone else would like to lend a hand on these important club responsibilities, please contact Pete or Roger.**

Bob Paddock, Pat McMahon and Bob Nash have taken on the responsibility of doing the *Big Wheel* write-ups of the presentations by our luncheon speakers. They could use a fourth person to help them. **If anyone has an interest in joining this group, please contact Bob Paddock at 847-427-4308 or rpaddockjr@dailyherald.com.**

Jim Miller, the club's Membership Committee chair, reported at this week's meeting that he had *received about 25 responses to the member survey*. He encouraged everyone to fill out the questionnaire and send it in as soon as possible. Jim needs to give the survey results to our strategic planning meeting facilitators by February 1st. **If you need another questionnaire, contact Jim by phone (847-342-1500) or email (jmiller@mrgservices.com) and he can send you another one by email.**

Getting To Know Your Fellow Rotarians

Profiling Past Presidents



*Michael
Silverman
Club
President
1980-1981*

Mike is the second past club president to be featured in the *Big Wheel*. He is one of the club's longest-

tenured members. He and his welcoming smile are present at nearly all Rotary Club activities.

Mike and his wife, Masha, have lived in Arlington Heights since 1961. They have four grown children. He currently is Vice-Chairman of Village Bank & Trust. During his career, he has served on the boards of many banks and businesses.

Over the years, he has been involved in almost every aspect of civic life in Arlington Heights. Just one example of his service to the community is his more than 20 years of involvement with the Village Plan Commission as chairman and/or member. Mike was also the founder and chairman of the Arlington Heights Blood Replacement Program from 1973 to 1983.

He has been well recognized with awards. In 1977 he was given the AH Chamber's Man of Year Award.

More recently, Mike has been recognized as the 2007 Heart of Golden Business Leader of the Year. And there have been many awards in between.

As he demonstrated at last week's meeting, Mike is also the club's resident guru on football in general and "Da Bears" in particular. His insights no doubt come from his having been a photographer for the Chicago Bears organization for 18 years. It looks like Mike's heart (rather than his head) was correct when he predicted that the Bears would win the NFL championship.

Meeting New Members



*Steve Sampson
Member since 2005*

Steve is one of our newer club members. He has been sharing the duties of "*club photographer*" with Scott Davis. This is natural for Steve, since he has been in photography for nearly 30 years, 20 of them as a professional photographer. His

work has won awards and has been published.

Steve and his wife Jo are celebrating the 10th anniversary of starting their own business, *Sampson Photographic*, in Arlington Heights.

Just recently, Steve was installed on the Board of the Arlington Heights' Chamber of Commerce. He is a member of the Chamber's *Champps Red Group*. He is also very active in the community, with involvement in *Shelter* and *Clearbrook* agencies. He also serves on the Arlington Heights' *Arts Commission* and *Oakton College's Graphics Arts Department Advisory Board*.

Pledge of Allegiance, 4-Way Test and Invocation

2007

February 1 – Patrick McMahon
February 8 – Rick Kobernick
February 15 – Roger Key
February 22 – Lynn Jensen
February Stand In – Wellman Hoff

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

Rotarians absent on 1/18/07

Alger, Barnish, Behrens, Blaseck, Boggs, Burnidge, Crawford, Davis, Duchek, Frieberg, Grana, Grue, Heller, Hester, Kalou, Landwehr, Mahoney, McMahon, Milburn, Mitchell, Murray, Nash, Nuccio, Oakes, O'Donnell, Ohrstrom, Paddock, Pearson, Ryan, Schweers, Stabler, Stuckmeyer, Whisler, D., Whisler, R., Whisler, S.

Upcoming Programs & Events:

2007

February 01 – Ron Crawford – Rotary Solar Oven Project
February 08 – Valentine Entertainment (Curley) – Valentine Day Social
February 15 – Rotary Member – Classification Speech
February 22 – Judy Goldman – Project Linus North & Central Chicagoland Chapter

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