



"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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Doug Towsey Gives Club Economic Outlook For 2008

Article by Lynn Jensen. Photo by Cory Upmeyer.



For the third time, **Doug Towsey** of Merrill Lynch presented to our club his economic outlook for the coming year. He began his presentation by going over his "report card" which was based on comparing his economic forecasts for 2007 with the actual outcomes for the year.

For 2008, Doug made the following forecasts:

- World growth dips below trend for the first time since 2002.
- The United States narrowly escapes an economic recession, but experiences a "profits recession."
- The Fed Funds rate falls to 3.5% or lower as Treasury bond yields rise.
- Stocks achieve modest gains in 2008 as price/earnings ratios improve.
- Large caps and growth stocks outperform small caps and value stocks.
- Developing economies and equity markets outperform developed ones yet again.
- Information technology, healthcare and energy outperform utilities, financials and consumer discretionary.

Club Board To Review Speaker Guidelines

Concern has been expressed that some of our presentations may not be in conformance with the club's written or "unwritten" guidelines governing speaker selection. **Ron Walter** describes the issue as follows: A rule of Rotary (maybe unwritten) is that no member is to actively solicit business during a Rotary meeting or function, other than during his or her classification talk. There is also a rule/policy (maybe unwritten) that program speakers should not try to sell their services or politicians promote themselves especially at an election, but only provide information on other topics. **Speakers should not be brought in that are in overlapping businesses due to the fact that members themselves are not allowed to solicit for themselves or their companies at a Rotary meeting or function.**

RI is relatively silent on the matter of program guidelines; generally the speaker guidelines are left up to individual clubs. Our club's written guidelines are quite general. They prohibit any speaker who is soliciting business and they require prior Board approval of any political speaker.

The Board will review speaker guidelines at its February 12th meeting. **Your input would be extremely helpful, especially on the bolded section in the second paragraph.** Please give your thoughts to Lynn Jensen in person at a regular club meeting or by email (lejensen@comcast.net) at any time prior to that meeting.

Upcoming Programs

Feb 7	Debra S. Schoendorf International Service
Feb 14	Valentine's Day Party
Feb 24	Wendy Davis Service Trip to Nigeria
Feb 28	Kathy Davy St. James Elementary School

Fine Master's Corner

Article by David Schultz. Photos by Cory Upmeyer.



Judge Ryan quizzed the club about things relating to the **Bible**. The group was not as conversant on as many of his questions as one might expect. For example, some Rotarians new the shortest verse in the **Bible**, but not where to find it.

Pete Cavoto rose to pay a \$10 fine for his buddy, **Bob Nuccio**, who decided to abandon us and Arlington Heights for more hospitable weather. At the instruction of Bob, Pete paid the fine with currency not coins.



Raffle Committee Continues Work

Article by Lynn Jensen. Photo by Cory Upmeyer.



President-Elect Ron Crawford held another meeting of the Raffle Committee prior to the club's last Thursday meeting.

He continues to expand the involvement of club members in this **important fund**

raising activity, which will be held May 15th. In attendance at this meeting were **Scott Whisler, Terry Ennes, Ron Walter, Sue Dawson and Matt Fink.** Contact Ron if you would like to serve on the Raffle Committee this year.

Rotarian Of The Month Presentation

Photo by Cory Upmeyer.



President Ron Popp presents Rotarian of the Month Award to **Sandy Baker** for January for the supportive help she gave **Curly Nebel** when he became ill at a recent club meeting.

District Partners with World Health Imaging Alliance

District 6440 has formed a team to liaise with the World Health Imaging Alliance (WHIA), a not-for profit corporation. The mission of WHIA is to improve the quality of life for underserved communities worldwide through sustainable installation of diagnostic imaging systems and services based on World Health Organization (WHO) standards. (See District Website.)

Upcoming District 6440 Events

From District 6440 Website—www.rotary6440.org

March 1, 2008

District Assemby/Club Officer Training
Addison, Illinois

April 24-27, 2008

District 6440 Conference, Itasca, Illinois

Upcoming Club Events

February 12, 2008

Board of Director's Meeting

February 14, 2008

Valentine's / Sweetheart Party

March 6, 2008

Bill Calderwood "Police Officer of The Year" Award

March 19, 2008

Club Director's Planning Meeting for 2008-09

May 15, 2008

Club Raffle

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 31

Marie French

February Stand-In

Sue Duchek

February 7

Tom Forncrook

February 14

Matt Fink

February 21

Mike Field