



"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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Next Week: February 01 - Ron Crawford - Rotary Solar Oven Project

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Last Week's Speaker



Doug Towsey,
Advisor,
Merrill Lynch

Speaker Douglas Towsey, an advisor from Merrill Lynch brokerage, came back this year to give his prognostications for 2007. He stressed the importance of

rebalancing, taking action, sticking with the basics, and a diversified asset base. He felt he hit five of last year's seven - better than a 500 average, so listen up!

- Growth will slow to 2% with a soft housing landing, while non-U.S. stocks will remain robust.
- Those great corporate earnings here will slow to 5%
- The yield curve will finally turn positive, so lock in those low 30-year, fixed rate mortgages now.
- We'll have fun with equities having another good year, but in the high single digits with high volatility. He noted that P/E ratios have been trending downward.
- The dollar will move lower.
- The Japanese business economy is finally starting to move up.
- The watchword is volatility. Maybe that means we should try Zen, exercise or scotch?

Mark your calendar - 2/5, a Monday night, will be our strategic planning session about the future of the club. Jim Miller reported that half of our questionnaires have been completed, so the discussion should be a good one. Contact Jim if you need to fill one out.



Valentine's celebration will have a great program, says Curley Nebel. Make sure to make your reservation.

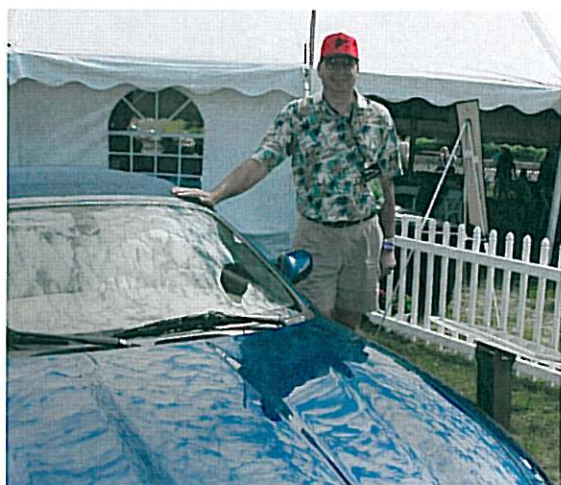
Our club's service team returned from the District trip to Guatemala. Assistant District Governor, Bill Ferreira, congratulated our Rotarians for their commitment - Scott Davis and spouse Wendy, Ron Crawford, Bob Paddock and daughter Laurel. A program about the trip will be forthcoming.

The Assistant Governor also reminded us of upcoming District events. See the District Web Site or call for more information.

- Asleep with the Fishes, 2/9, at the Schedd Aquarium. See district web site or contact our pres., Ron Popp.
- Chicago Indoor [auto/go-cart] Racing competition among teams from District clubs on 2/17 at Chicago Indoor Racing. www.chicagoindoorracing.com Contact Ron for more info.
- Lunch with the father of Bill Gates at the Rotary District Conference, April 19-22, 2007, at the Grand Geneva Resort in Wisconsin, by making a \$1000 yearly pledge to the Rotary Foundation Paul Harris Society. Contact Ron about this, too.

Fine Fine Master Joe Musolino did a fine job in soliciting fines, even from the service team – including a “happy” \$20 for the opportunity to go... and \$20 for being able to get back! Among other honorable mentions were a French vacation by Kris Stabler and a great Bear’s Tie worn by, who else, Mike Silverman. Joe used Colts trivia to finish the session. But why not material about the Bears? Might merit a self fine for next week.

Other Club News



Ron Walter shopping for a new car...
 "... a new car fine may be in order soon..."

Getting To Know District 6440

District 6440 Leaderships

District Governor	David Waring
District Governor-Elect	Michael Ericksen
District Governor-Nominee	Pamela Kerr
Secretary	Sarah Oliver
Treasurer	Ken Gustafson

District Officers

Asst. Governor Coordinator	Ian Lamp
District Trainer	Maureen Starmack
Club Service Advisor	Richard Manarchy
Community Service Advisor	Howard Jaffe
International Service Advisor	Suzanne "Sam" Martinez
Vocational Service Advisor	Donald Kramer

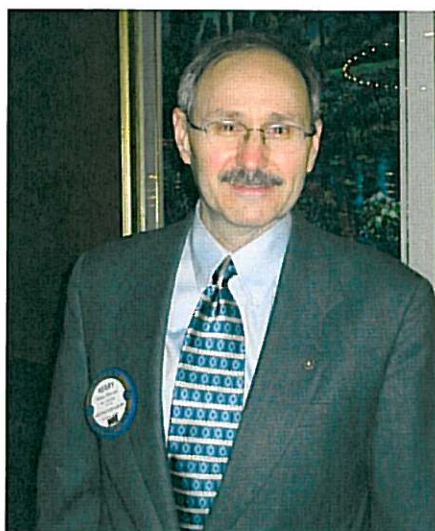
Upcoming Events from District 6440 and Rotary International

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

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

Getting To Know Your Fellow Rotarians

Profiling Past Presidents



*Kerry Pearson
 Club President
 1997-98*

Kerry is the third past club president to be featured in the *Big Wheel*. He has been a member since 1990, and was named Rotarian of the Year for the 1992-1993 and 2002-

2003 Rotary years. Among his club positions have been Program Chairman and Director of Community Service. During the year he was club president, our club received at District Conference the top award, for “Outstanding Overall Service in all Four Avenues of Service, 1997-98.” More recently he serves as chairman of the club’s By-laws Committee, and has donated his time to incorporate the Rotary Club of Arlington Heights Charitable Foundation.

Kerry is a Paul Harris Fellow four times over. He was the first club member to become a Rotary Foundation Permanent Fund Benefactor, and his son Ryan (five months old at the time) became the youngest person through RCAH to receive a Paul Harris Fellow.

Kerry has lived in Arlington Heights on and off since 1957. He resides here now with his son Ryan and wife Lynne, who is a Vice President of Treasury Management Sales with Fifth Third Bank.

Kerry and Lynne enjoyed attending the Rotary International Convention in Glasgow in 1996 and in Indianapolis in 1997. In 1997 they were one of the club host families for Anil Aktas, our exchange student from Turkey.

Kerry is an attorney and has had his own practice in Arlington Heights since 1980, concentrating in representation of businesses, estate planning, trusts and probate. He was elected to the Board of Trustees of the Arlington Heights Memorial Library in 2003, and is its current Treasurer.

**Pledge of Allegiance, 4-Way
Test and Invocation**

2007

February 08 – Rick Kobernick
February 15 – Roger Key
February 22 – Lynn Jensen
February Stand In – Wellman Hoff

March 01 – Joseph Higgs
March 08 – Paul Hester
March 15 – James Hassenplug
March 22 – Matt Grana
March 29 – Marie French
March Stand In – Michael Field

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

NOTICE TO ALL ROTARY MEMBERS:
Longtime Rotary member Thomas Maver passed away on December 26, 2006. He was memorialized at the First Presbyterian Church of Arlington Heights. His family has lived in Arlington Heights since 1954.

Rotarians absent on 1/25/07

Barnish, Behrens, Berry, Bertucci, Blaseck, Burnidge, Davis, Duchek, Field, Grana, Heller, Hester, Kalou, Key, Landwehr, Mahoney, Mithcell, Murray, Nuccio, Oakes, Ohrstrom, Ryan, Schweers, Walter, Whisler, D

Proposed for Membership

Pastor Scott Johnson
Lutheran Church of the Cross
Classification - Clergy
Sponsor - Mike Field

Thomas Forncrook
Century 21 Advisors
Classification – Commercial
Broker & Financial Advisor
Sponsor – Ron Popp

Sue Dawson
Riffner, Barber, Rowden & Manassa
Classification – Attorney
Sponsor – Deb Whisler

Bill Kmiecik
Wisdom Investments
Classification – Tax & Financial Consulting
Sponsor – Ron Crawford

Upcoming Programs & Events:

2007

February 08 – **Valentine Entertainment (Curley)**
– **Valentine Day Social**

February 15 – Rotary Member – Classification
Speech

February 22 – Judy Goldman – Project Linus
North & Central Chicagoland Chapter

March 01 – Dr. (Zhu) Yu

March 08 – Open

March 15 – Rotary Member – Classification
Speech

March 22 – Open

March 29 – Jeff Grand – Home Inspection

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

Past Member News

Some of the most "fun" years of my life were as a member of AH Rotary! While I still have an Arlington Heights address, my wife and I spend most of our time in our Wisconsin place, on an acre and a half or so next to an 1/8th of an acre 10' deep spring fed pond that overflows into the Koshkonong Creek and we hardly ever see an airplane in the sky. Maybe a Piper Cub or a Cessna that one of our farmer neighbors owns.

Thanks for making The Big Wheel available on line.

Delighted to see that Ron Popp, a friend I brought into Rotary years ago, is your next president. He is an excellent leader and will run the club very well.

How is Ken Hood doing? He is a past client of Ron Popp and I when we sold his house and lot on Campbell Street. Just before he moved with his wife into a Nursing Home, he was mowing that acre of lawn with a push lawn mower. Wonderful guy and a great Rotarian!

I am on a very slow telephone line for internet, but I will try to attach a picture of "the view" from the patio of our four year old hillside ranch. We look out at Casper Krogh's 164 year old brick mansion he built shortly after he established Kroghville, Wisconsin. Born in 1812, Casper Krogh was the son of a Baron from Norway who married a common and thus was quite unpopular in Norway. He and his family came to "the new world," where he found a spring fed pond that overflowed into the creek, where this inventor figured that he could develop power. So he settled Kroghville.

His people used the clay in the area to make a brick kiln and he built the 3 story (one is in the ground) brick mansion in the attached picture. He had a few patents in Washington DC, but John Deere started in the plow business, and was asked to visit Ulysses S. Grant in Washington DC. Later, he built a guest house next to the

pond, where Ulysses S. Grant stayed when he visited Kroghville.

The Hoopers bought the guest house (and the pond!), and we had the old guest house leveled for our new hillside ranch that looks out at his place. Kroghville was going to be a big city, until they decided against Krogh's wishes to build the railroad (now the Glacial Drumlin Bike Trail) one mile south of Kroghville, in London. Then everyone moved houses and all to London. Years later, the railroad was abandoned and was turned into the bike trail that we are on - walking our dog or biking (in good weather) often. And of course we swim - (Gloria much more than I) in our spring-fed pond -all the time!

Oh, we are very much out in the country; the nearest traffic light is probably 10 miles away. I have a Wisconsin Real Estate License but really do not use it. I am getting involved in establishing a satellite chapter of the Dane County Habitat for Humanity. We have found a nice vacant lot in Deerfield (a community about 8 miles away) and will probably build a Habitat for Humanity house for a deserving family in a year or so. Would the AH Rotary like to donate to the Habitat For Humanity in Deerfield, Wisconsin? I no doubt will be involved in raising funds once the Dane County Habitat approves and buys the lot for us to start developing.

My best to all, and much success, Ron Popp, in doing good things with Rotary!



Looking out at the historical Casper Krogh historical mansion built in the Civil Wars Days and enjoying peace and quiet . . .

Dane Hooper