



"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: January 11 – Tim Corrigan – Classification Speech

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Week in Review

On January 4, 2007, Elizabeth Owen, United States Postmaster for Arlington Heights, presented to the club regarding the Postal Service mission and vision, its financial and operational status and objectives, and also discussed certain service issues relevant to the Northwest suburban Chicago area. Elizabeth was elevated to the Postmaster position one year ago after 19 years with the Postal Service. As Arlington Heights Postmaster, she manages the Postal Service facilities in Arlington Heights, Elk Grove and Rolling Meadows.

The mission of the Postal Service is to provide affordable universal mail service to every American home and business. In seeking to accomplish its mission, the Postal Service provides services from more than 37,000 post offices and contract units, and completes more than 20 times as many deliveries than UPS, its closest competitor. Remarkably, 87% of all mail is handled entirely by machine while at a Postal Service location. The Postal Service reported \$73 billion in revenue in 2006 and has no debt. It also employs 700,000 people, which makes it the second largest employer in the United States.

In order to be more competitive, the Postal Service has modified its delivery systems to be more flexible, including the ability to tailor its

service and delivery to the specific needs of each community and customer. In addition, the Postal Service has updated its website (www.usps.com) to include services like change of address, mail stop, direct mail, and sale of stamps. In 2008, the Postal Service will establish real time communication with all of its carriers in order to better monitor the status of its deliveries, and will communicate that delivery information to its customers online.

**Rotarian John Scaletta announced that he will be running for Arlington Heights trustee in the April, 2007 election.
Good luck John!**



Pat McMahon, The Club's new "Greeter" for 2007, introduces our guests and visiting Rotarians



Tim Corrigan, our Program Chairman announces that new members who have not given their classification speech will be called upon to do so soon.



Elizabeth Owens, our Village Postmaster, was our guest speaker.



Your 2007 Membership Committee. As a new years resolution, try to give the name of at least one prospective member to your membership committee during the next 12 months. We depend on the recommendations of our members to grow the Club.

WHO STOLE THE PHOTOS?

Actually, no one stole them but we are missing photos of several Rotarians for the Members Roster section of the website. The following members should submit a digital photo or ask the Post Office to send us one of you. Or, you can see Scott Davis at one of our meetings so that he can take one. Unlike the DMV, if you don't like the first one, Scott will take another until you're happy. Here's the list: Dave Boggs, Tim Corrigan, Rick Kobernick, Pat McMahon, Jim Murray, Bob Nash, Jon Ridler, Jim Ryan, and Steve Sampson (can you believe our professional photographer doesn't have a picture of himself?).

Next Step In Our Club's Strategic Planning Exercise . . . Survey of Our Members

The anonymous input from our club members is essential to help Mike Ericksen, DGE, and the other facilitators do the best job of guiding us through our Monday evening, February 5, 2007 strategic planning session. The meeting will be held from 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm at Arlington Park's Trackside Banquet Hall.

- At this Thursday's club meeting Jim Miller, Chair of our Membership Committee, will hand out a questionnaire that was developed by District 6440 along with a self-addressed, stamped envelope. Your answers on the questionnaire will be held in strictest confidence and will be anonymous.

- It is **EXTREMELY IMPORTANT** that you make your voice heard by filling out the questionnaire and mailing it back to Jim **IMMEDIATELY**.
- For those Rotarians who are absent from this week's meeting, Jim will send out by mail the same questionnaire. **For those who receive a copy in the mail, it is even more important that they fill it out and mail it back IMMEDIATELY.**

To further help you understand the process we will be going through, this *Big Wheel* is accompanied by a short document from District 6440 on *Frequently Asked Questions* about their strategic planning they are helping us undertake. Please take a few minutes to read through it.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel to contact Lynn Jensen, our club's coordinator for this effort, by email (lejensen@comcast.net) or by phone (847-222-8022).

Pledge of Allegiance, 4-Way Test and Invocation

2007

January 11 – Joe Musolino
 January 18 – Robert Morman
 January 25 – James Mitchell
 January Stand In – Jim Miller

February 1 – Patrick McMahan
 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.

Upcoming Programs & Events:

2007

January 11 – Tim Corrigan – Classification Speech

January 25 – Doug Towsey – Top Predictions for 2007

February 08 – Valentine Entertainment (Curly) – Valentine Day Social

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

Rotarians absent on 1/4/07

Alger, Baker, Barnish, Behrens, Bodinus, Cavoto, Field, French, Frieburg III, Grana, Grue, Heller, Higgs, Hoff, Hood, Kalou, Landwehr, Milburn, Mitchell, Morman, Murray, Nebel, Nuccio, Oakes, Ohrstrom, Ryan, Schweers, Stuckmeyer, Whisler, S.

If you have any announcements that you would like to see in the newsletter please email them to

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