



"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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Aug 2<sup>nd</sup> Program: Donna Strum  
Revelation Golf

## Dr. Roda Patel Speaks To Club About The Gram Seva Foundation

Article by Bob Paddock, Jr. Photos by Steve Sampson

Bill Billimoria introduced last week's speaker, Dr. Roda Patel who gave the club a presentation on the Gram Seva Foundation. Bill is a strong support of this very important mission to help India's most needy children.

In the 1990s, northwest suburban resident Roda Patel, M.D., (right) had a life-threatening illness that prompted her to re-evaluate her priorities. A practicing physician, she decided to give a substantial amount of time and energy to helping others. Her slide presentation at today's meeting described the remarkable work she and her husband, Khushroo, have been doing in tribal areas of India. This was her second visit to our club, today giving an update on the efforts of the organization she founded, the Gram Seva Foundation. She is President and Honorary Director, Child Health.



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## Club Programs Will Involve More Members in Rotary Year 2007-08

Article by Lynn Jensen.

For this Rotary Year, **Scott Johnson**, will be our Director of Programs. **Program activities will, however, be carried out in a manner that involves more club members** in this important meeting function. As a member of the Club Administration Committee, Scott will coordinate the club's the overall scheduling of programs. **Members of the club's other standing committees (Membership, PR & Special Events, Rotary Founda-**

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### Upcoming Programs

Aug 9	Susan Dawson Classification Talk
Aug 16	Club Assembly
Aug 23	The Buzz
Aug 30	To Be Determined

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“Gram” means community, “Seva” means service. The work was understandable and familiar, being similar to the focus and techniques of Rotary International. And it truly offers a

spectrum of services to address the needs of the forty communities served. Malnourishment and a lack of basic education are areas of significant need in this part of India. She pointed out that only 10% of the children in the rural tribal villages have reached normal standards of development. There, a lack of education, societal and governmental problems, tuberculosis contribute to high and early mortality.

One of the societal problems is the large amount of alcoholism and drug abuse in these rural areas. Adolescent pregnancy is also high. Thus, the focus of Gram Seva efforts is to try to improve the lot of the next generation.

To do this, the organization offers services such as advice to parents, distribution of special locally-produced protean powder and instruction on its use. Basic, emergency and remedial corrective medical care is also given, as well as hygiene instruction and basic education.

The organization works with children from birth through adolescence, reaching them through hospital and medical facilities, schools and classes, training of community outreach workers, and treatments brought to villages. Also offered are programs for the empowerment of women, utilizing such things as micro loans we’ve heard about through Rotary.

Using photos and descriptions of individual children who have been helped, Patel made the problems and the solutions real to us on a very personal level. Through a prayerful saying she emphasized her philosophy of doing what one can at any level...be it for an individual or for a group. She captured the focus on children by referencing Tagore’s saying, “Every child comes with the message that God is not yet discouraged of man!”

A collection was taken in support of her work. She noted that an average of \$3 a month per child, along with volunteer help from others in India, brings about significant improvement in the lives of children there, and in these tribal societies.

The Gram Seva Foundation is at 2030 Post Road, Northbrook, IL 60062. Contact the Foundation

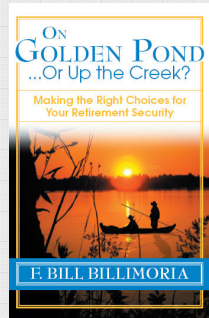
by phone (847-564-2030) or email at ([rodak@aol.com](mailto:rodak@aol.com)). Artwork by Roda Patel is available for sale in support of the foundation at the web site, [www.gramseva.org](http://www.gramseva.org).

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**Bill Billimoria** believes so much in the work being done by the Drs. Patel that he has offered to make donations to their cause based on the sales of his new book to Rotarians. For every book that he sells to a Rotarian, Bill will donate \$7 to the Gram Seva Foundation. It is not too late to take Bill up on his offer.



Contact Bill to purchase a copy of his book *On Golden Pond . . . Or Up A Creek?* and support a very worthy cause.



This book utilizes humor, stories and sound, practical advice in order to give you a shot at achieving your own retirement fantasy. Bill Billimoria makes known the many pitfalls that lie in wait for the unwary. With examples and charts, he also shows how to plan, implement and monitor progress toward

your own Golden Pond. Regardless of your financial expertise—or lack thereof—the book outlines the process in full, leaving no room for confusion.

## Club Member Update

Mike Field’s Wife, Renee, had serious abdominal surgery on the morning of July 16<sup>th</sup>, which went well.

However Renee has been a Type 1 diabetic since she was 7 years old. She is chronically ill and very limited due to many complications, and a very high surgical risk.

The good news is they found no cancer. The bad news is during the night on Tuesday night Renee suffered a heart attack. It was touch and go for quite a while.

She is making progress, although her heart is currently functioning at only 25% of capacity. It is still a day to day thing in terms of her heart.

These events have been extremely stressful for Mike and his family. Keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

## Letter from RI President: August is Membership Month

Republished From August 2007 *Rotarian* Magazine.

Dear fellow Rotarians,

In Rotary, August is the month we set aside to focus on membership. It's appropriate that this time occurs at the beginning of the Rotary year, because everything that happens in Rotary begins with membership.

When I speak at Rotary gatherings, I often tell the story of how I was invited into the organization. I was new in my town of Trenton, Ont., Canada, and my wife, Joan, and I hadn't yet met many people. We were active in our church and in the Boy Scouts, so it probably would have just been a matter of time before we were asked to join a service group. And as it happened, I was invited to a Rotary club meeting.

Rotary seemed like a good place for someone like me to meet like-minded people. I talked about it with Joan, and we both thought it could lead to some new friends, and possibly a good chance to do some worthwhile community service. I thought I might even attract some new clients to my fledgling accounting practice. So, when I was invited to join, I did.

Now, 45 years later, that decision has shaped our lives. I thought I was joining a club. Really, I was joining one part of an organization that strengthens communities, improves health, creates possibilities, saves lives, and makes the world better in too many ways to count, every single day.

So many things I've seen as a Rotary leader have made me proud to be a Rotarian. But I know that being proud is not sufficient. We must share our pride with colleagues, friends, and family members, and we must seek out qualified men and women whom we'll be proud to see as Rotarians.

A new generation of Rotarians is essential to every club, and to Rotary. In some parts of the world, our clubs are thriving, and new ones are forming. But in others, clubs are aging and doing little to attract new members. As members leave, there is no one to replace them – and when a club disappears, there is no one to take on the work that's left undone.

All of us know that when we ask someone to join Rotary, we are not imposing a burden. We are giving a gift. We are sharing with another person the wonderful, amazing force that is Rotary, just as Rotary Shares with us.

So I urge each of you, this very week, as proud Rotarians, to share Rotary with a qualified individual. Submit the name of at least one prospective member, and if approved, ask that person to join – just as someone did for me, and just as someone did for you.

Wilfrid J. (Wilf) Wilkinson  
President, Rotary International

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**tion as well as the Service Project Committees for Community, International and Vocational Services), will be asked to assume responsibility for arranging the specific programs** for one or more months during the Rotary Year that runs from June 2007 to July 2008.

To help structure our programs, we will use as a guideline Rotary International's calendar, which emphasizes a different theme each month. The table below identifies Rotary's area of interest for each month, the committee that is responsible for programs that month and that committee's chair or designee. Rotary expects one of the programs in

Month	Rotary Emphasis	Comte	Responsibility
Jul-07	No emphasis	CA	Jensen
Aug-07	Membership & New Extension	M	Miller
Sep-07	New Generations	SP-I	Johnson
Oct-07	Vocational Service	SP-V	Cavoto
Nov-07	Rotary Foundation	F	O'Donnell
Dec-07	Family	SP-C	Nash
Jan-08	Rotary Awareness	PR	Ridler
Feb-08	World Understanding	SP-I	Forncrook
Mar-08	Literacy	SP-C	Cavoto
Apr-08	Magazine	CA	Jensen
Jun-08	Rotary Fellowship Month	PR	Ridler

each given month to relate to theme for that month. The remaining programs will be a mix of classification speeches, club assemblies, and entertaining and informative presentations.

As a resource to those individuals who will be arranging programs throughout the year, a more detailed set of guidelines for arranging programs can be found in the "club documents" area of the "member's only" section of our club's website ([www.rotaryah.org](http://www.rotaryah.org)). **If you need help logging on to our website, contact Tim Corrigan ([tcorrigan@corriganinc.com](mailto:tcorrigan@corriganinc.com)) or Lynn Jensen ([lejensen@comcast.net](mailto:lejensen@comcast.net)).**

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## Club Meeting Info

**Rotarians Absent From the Club's July 26<sup>th</sup> Meeting:** Alger, Bertucci, Bodinus, Boggs, Chrisos, Dawson, Duchek, Field, Forn-crook, Hester, Johnson, Key Kmiecik, Mallek, McMahon, Murray, Musolino, Nebel, Nuccio, Oakes, O'Donnell, Ohrstom, Pearson, Schweers, Seiler, Silverman, Tauber, Vaswani, R Whisler, Wilson

## Proposed for membership

**Jay Passanante**, owner and operator of J Passanante Appraisals, 815 W Braeside Dr, Arlington Heights, IL 60004 has been sponsored for membership by **Ron Popp**.

## Upcoming District 6440

**Aug 08, 2007**

**Rotary Night at the Ballpark**

**Aug 11, 2007**

**Regional Rotary Foundation Workshop**

**Aug 26, 2007**

**Districts 6440 & 6450: Day at the Races at Arlington Park**

**Date for Club's Steak Fry is set for September 8th.**

## July Birthdays

**Pete Cavoto**  
**Bill Kmiecik**  
**Jim Ryan**  
**Jim Bertucci**



**"Birthday Meister"**  
**Bill Mahoney**

## August Birthdays

**Mike Silverman**  
**Bill Billimoria**  
**Jim Miller**

**Bob Whisler**

**Jim Hassenplug**

**Ron Walter**

**Bob Nash**

**Susan Duchek**

**Harry Vaswani**

## AH Chamber of Commerce

### "After Hours Event" on August 7<sup>th</sup>

Sampson Photographic, The Framer's Edge, LMR Design and Groove Master Graphics are sponsoring this "After Hours Event." It will be held at:

Framer's Edge  
308 W. Northwest Hwy.  
Arlington Heights, IL 60004

The event will start at 5:00 and go until around 7:00 pm. There will be food, drink and good conversation. This is a networking event for anyone who has a business in this area. We look forward to see you there!

## Pledge, 4-Way Test & Invocation

**Aug 2**

**Scott Whisler**

**Aug 9**

**Kris Stabler**

**Aug 16**

**Bill Seiler**

**Aug 23**

**Dan Schweers**

**Aug 30**

**David Schultz**

**August Stand-In**

**Mark Tauber**