



“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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June 19th Program: Michael Jacobson
American Cancer Society Relay for Life

Michael Silverman: “Heart To Heart”

Article by Bob Paddock, Jr. Photos by Bill Kmiecik.



Mike Silverman spoke to us about his experience as a heart transplant recipient. With him today were his main supporter, most-patient-partner Masha, as well as daughter Sheryl Lintner and her twins, Lauryn and Kendra. Mike said he felt the success of the operation was due in great part to the their support and that of the rest of his family, plus the support and prayers of club members and friends.

Most of all, he wished to express his deep gratitude to the family of the donor. Their identify is protected, but at some point he hopes to be able to do so in person. He is using his new lease on life to encourage us all to consider being an organ donor, citing the many whose lives can be saved. In June there were 99,000 candidates hoping for a heart, 4,846 in Illinois (3500 having waited over a year). Mike’s story testifies to the life and death situations faced by many. The previous designations on

licenses are no longer valid, so contact the Secretary of State’s www.lifegoeson.com.

The cause of Mike’s problem was an aneurism 26 years ago, after which 1/4 of his heart was removed. He said his heart had been laboring for the last 4-5 years and was in failure for the last two. He was sick, but not in such imminent, dire straights to be at the top of the list. He went through unsuccessful chemo trials to correct an antibody problem likely to bring about rejection. As he phrased it, it was a matter of choosing risk -- between letting himself get more sick in order to more readily qualify or trying to live a reasonably active life. He received a heart on December 4, the first night of Hanukkah – what a gift !

Events leading up to the operation were remarkable, too – when a heart became available, the first person on the list had a fever and wasn’t suitable at that time. The second didn’t want to venture out on a snowy night. Then, at the hospital, there was waiting for the donor family to say good-bye.

Mike goes through biopsies monthly to test for rejection since the nerves to his heart have been disconnected. He is looking forward to continuing to contribute. Said his granddaughter to a friend’s question, “Sure he’ll still love me with a new heart: he has two, one for living and one for loving.”

Upcoming Programs

June 27	Club Installation Friday Evening Dinner & Program
July 3	No Club Meeting
July 10	Pam Brockman Stress Management
July 17	Greg Padovani Veterans’ Memorial Park Update
July 24	Francesca Kirk Robert Young Center

Ron Crawford Looks Forward to Year 2008-09

President-Elect Ron Crawford noted that one of his first actions as incoming President will be, ironically, to announce the cancellation of a meeting: Enjoy a long 4th -- we’ll not be meeting Thursday, July 3rd!

Ron reminded us to RSVP about our attendance at the Friday Evening, June 27th Installation Dinner, if we haven’t already done so.

And he also encouraged us to update our biographical information on the District web site. That information is used to update our own site.

Club Happenings

Article by Bob Paddock, Jr.

President Ron Popp recognizes Tim Corrigan as the “Rotarian of the Month for May” for all of the things he does for our club--many, such as the Website, are behind the scenes.



“Rotarian of the Month for June” is **Bill Kmiciek** recognized for his work on the upcoming Santa Fun Run. Someone suggested the certificate be held for him at the finish line as an incentive, but we couldn’t disappoint his guest and spouse, **Betsy**, who looked on at Thursday’s meeting. Bill announced later in the meeting that through the efforts of **Linda Borton**, Whole Foods has agreed to be a run sponsor. Great work, Bill, on behalf of the club and the community !

Did you see the improved Rotary sign in front of the Wellington? If not, take a look...but don’t run into it!

Ron Popp proudly announced that the replacement sign has been installed after 20 months of perseverance by Rotarians such as **Bill Seiler**.



Roger Key introduced our Book Scholars:



Elizabeth Hallett from Hersey HS who will be attending St. Mary’s

Victoria Lozano from Buffalo Grove HS who will be attending Harper

Angelea Almeda from Rolling Meadows HS who will be attending Harper

Sue Dawson and her partners will hold an open house, with snacks and wine, this Thursday June 19 from 3:00 to 7:00 pm. Everyone is invited to join the partners of Waltz, Palmer & Dawson, LLC at 2775 Algonquin Rd, Suite 250, Rolling Meadows (right next to Ritz’s Cafe).

Make a mental placeholder for our club’s Steak Fry. The event will most likely occur in September as in past years. **Wendy Davis** has generously volunteered her home and large yard as the site.

Upcoming District 6440 Events

From District 6440 Website—www.rotary6440.org

Jun 25, 2008

Installation Dinner for DG Pam Kerr

Aug 8, 2008

White Sox Night

Upcoming Club Events

June 27, 2008

Club Installation Dinner

Club Member Updates

Rotarians Absent From the Club’s June 12th Meeting: Behrens, Berry, Bodinus, Borst, Burnidge, Davis, Duchek, Ennes, Field, Fink, Forncrook, Heller, Hoff, Jensen, Johnson, Koebernick, Landwehr, Lombardo, Mallek, McMahon, Miller, Morman, Mulder, Musolino, Nash, Nebel, O’Donnell, Passannante, Pearson, Sampson, Scaletta, Schweers, Tauber, Vaswani, Walter, Whisler D., Whisler R.

Rotarians Who Made Up Past Absences: Mallek, Ennes, Dawson, O’Donnell, Cavoto, Nash, Ridler

June Birthdays

Bill Hoff 18th

Bill Mahoney 21st

Ronald Crawford 14th

Bob Paddock 27th

Terry Ennes 16th

Lew O’Donnell 30

Greeter Schedule

June

Lombardo & Borton

July

Mulder & Schultz

August

Passannante & Kmiciek

Pledge, 4-Way Test & Invocation Assignments

June Stand-In

Kris Stabler

June 19

Cory Upmeyer

June 27

Mark Tauber

July Stand-In

James Ryan

July 10

Jon Ridler

July 17

Ron Popp