



"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 5th Program: **RYLA Report**
Student Presentations

The Business of "Poop"

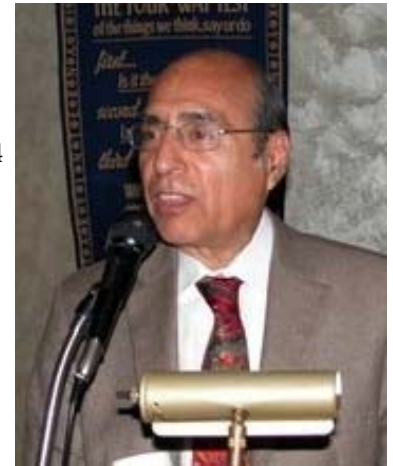
Article by Pat McMahon. Photo by Cory Upmeyer

Frank Avila, Commissioner of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (WRD) was the speaker at our May 29, 2008 lunch meeting. On a budget of \$1.4 billion, the WRD treats waste water, which primarily includes toilet, sewer and rain water, and also manages the treatment of Lake Michigan water. As Frank so famously said many times "we treat poop" and "we are in the poop business".

The WRD can handle up to 2.4 billion gallons of waste water per day. The WRD treats the waste water generated by nearly 5 million people, and industry, in greater Chicago. Its facilities include 7 sewer treatment plants, including the largest single plant in the world. The WRD's great success of the last 30 years was the construction of the deep tunnel project, which includes 109 miles of tunnels and two large reservoirs designed to handle 2.3 billion gallons of waste water. The cost of the Deep Tunnel project was \$3 billion dollars.

Frank encouraged us to consider our use of pesticides, herbicides, fertilizer, pharmaceutical drugs and other materials that cannot be eliminated or properly treated by the WRD. Eighty-five percent of the compounds in pharmaceutical drugs cannot be properly treated or eliminated by the WRD. Anti-bacterial soap, which is very popular in recent years, also has two ingredients that cannot be removed by the WRD. The treated water from the WRD (which contains the materials above that cannot be removed) is discharged into local channels, which feed into rivers, which ultimately feed into the Gulf of Mexico. The untreated materials are then consumed by fish in those rivers, which fish we then consume. Multiple untreated compounds often interact with each other and form new compounds, which we then also ingest.

Frank closed by challenging us to change our eating and consumption habits, and to consider how those poor habits affect the environment, society, and ultimately, our personal health. He also strongly suggested that we properly educate our children on these matters. Frank can be reached at frank.avila@mwrld.com.



Club Receives Recognition for Generosity



President **Ron Popp** displays two plaque's presented to the Club for its recent generosity.

Terry Ennes accepts the plaque from MDA representative Tim Marabella.



Upcoming Programs

- June 12** Mike Silverman
"From My Heart"
A Personal Experience
- June 19** Michael Jacobson
American Cancer Society
Relay for Life
- June 27** Club Installation
Friday Evening
Dinner & Program

The Rat Goes To...



Cory Upmeyer presented the "Rat" to **Bill Mahoney** for not wearing his Name Badge. Bill responded that he has his name badge, but that it's broken and could not be worn. "No Dice", the "Rat" now resides with Mr. Mahoney.

Fine Master **Joe Mussolino** presented trivia on Animals, Science and Politics, amongst others.



Day At The Races



On May 22nd the Club held its Day At The Races in the Governors Room at Arlington Park Racecourse. It was a beautiful day with great food and, of course, horse

racing. Quite a bit of "handicapping" was going on to predict the winners. Everything from scientific study to "That horse's name is cool!"



was used to place a bet. With the help of **Law O'Donnell**, many members were instructed on how to place bets using the automatic betting machine.



A big "Thank You" to **Kris Stabler** for organizing this event.



Bill Borst Inducted Into Club

In an odd set of circumstances, **Bill Borst** was inducted into our Club at the Day At The Races event held on May 22nd. **Ron Popp** presided over what he thought may have been the quickest meeting on record for our Rotary Club. Bill Borst used his own Rotary pin so **Bill Mahoney** could re-pin it on him until his new one becomes available.

Bill joins our Club a second time, transferring from his previous club in Valencia, Florida. He presently has 33 years of perfect attendance.

Congratulations Bill! Welcome to our Club.

Upcoming District 6440 Events

From District 6440 Website—www.rotary6440.org

June 8, 2008

Rotary Day at the Lake (Polio Race & Picnic)

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 May 29th Meeting: Alger, Bodinus, Burnidge, Cavoto, Corrigan, Crawford, Duchek, Forncrook, Graeff, Johnson, Landwehr, Lombardo, Mulder, Murray, Nash, O'Donnell, Paddock Jr., Passannante, Pearson, Ridler, Scaletta, Schweers, Vaswani, Whisler D, Whisler R, Whisler S

Make-Ups: Key

Guests: Bob Arnold (Guest of Lynn Jensen)
Burt Jensen (Guest of Lynn Jensen)
Steve Scholten (Guest of Roger Key)

Care Committee

Congratulations go out to Jennifer & Mike Burnidge who became the proud parents of Brian Michael (6 lbs and 19 inches) on Tuesday, May 27th at 7:38 pm. Mom and son are both doing well.

Greeter Schedule

June

Lombardo & Borton

July

Mulder & Schultz

August

Passannante & Kmiecik

September

TBA

Pledge, 4-Way Test & Invocation Assignments

June 5

Ron Walter

June 12

Haresh Vaswani

June 19

Cory Upmeyer

June 27

Mark Tauber

June Stand-In

Kris Stabler

July 3

Mike Silverman