



"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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Classification Speech by Stacey Mallek

Article by Pat McMahon. Photos by Bill Kmiecik, Steve Sampson and Rick Koebnick.

Stacey Mallek delivered her classification speech to our club. Stacey grew up in the Lynnwood neighborhood of Arlington Heights, and attended Patton School, Thomas Middle School and Hersey High School. She has four siblings, and all five children were born within 4.5 years of each other. Her mother and sister still live in the same Lynnwood house in which Stacey grew up.



Stacey Mallek
*Assistant Superintendent
 for Business
 School District 25*

Stacey played the violin for 13 years, and was involved in the Hersey high school orchestra, District 214 orchestra, swim team, and softball team. She spent many weekends and summers in Lake Como, Wisconsin, where her family owned and leased several homes. She often spent her free time painting and redecorating those homes. She still displays those skills at her own home (skills for which her husband Dan is no doubt quite appreciative!).

She currently lives in Elk Grove Village with her husband and daughters Emily (age 8) and Alyssa (age 6). Stacey and Dan dated in high school and through college, although they did not attend the same college. Emily is quiet, thoughtful, and a deep thinker, and is involved in dance, softball and horseback riding. Alyssa is spontaneous, outgoing,

loves dance and cheerleading (and thinks she's 18 years old!).

Stacey obtained her Bachelor's Degree in accounting from DePaul University and is a Certified Public Accountant. She began her accounting career at Peat Marwick before moving into the business side of education. She spent her first seven years working at Glenbrook High School, during which time she obtained a Master's Degree in Education (School Business Management) from Northern Illinois University. Stacey then spent 5 years at East Maine School District, and ultimately obtained her current position of Assistant Superintendent for Business with School District 25 on July 1, 2006. She succeeded Rotarian Mary Kalou in that position. Her current responsibilities include long term financial planning, budget and tax levy, and the oversight of payroll, accounts payable and receivable, transportation, employee benefits and facilities.

Stacey is a member of the Illinois Association of School Business Officials and the Association of School Business Officials International. She serves on various committees and boards for those associations. Stacey is a volunteer at Queen of the Rosary Church, and also is the assistant coach for Emily's softball team.

Welcome to our New Member

Linda Borton is from Northwest Community Hospital and is being sponsored by Mary Cay Chisholm and Ron Crawford.

Next Steps in Strategic Planning

At its April 5th meeting, there will be a presentation to review with the club the results of our recent member survey. The survey results will be grouped in the areas that are recommended by RI's new *Club Leadership Plan*—Club Administration, Membership, Public Relations, Project Services (including International, Community and Vocation Services) and Rotary Foundation.

We will hold our second Club Assembly of the year on April 12. **At that meeting, we will ask members to select and sit with the primary committee that they can work on during the coming Rotary year.** The *preliminary* line-up of each committee's major responsibilities and the individuals who will chair them are listed below:

Club Administration Committee

(Chaired by Lynn Jensen & Ron Popp)

- Club Service
- Weekly program
- Big Wheel
- Fellowship activities
- Website

Membership Committee

(Chaired by Jim Miller)

- Recruitment
- Retention
- Prospective member education
- New member orientation and education
- Continuing member education

Public Relations Committee

(Chaired by Jon Ridler)

- Publicity and promotion of Rotary's objectives, programs and activities
- Design of club's website to appeal to the media and general public

Project Services Committee

(Chaired by Ron Crawford)

- International Service (Co-Chair, Paul Hester)
- Vocational Service (Co-Chair, Pete Cavoto)
- Community Service (Co-Chair, Bob Nash)
- Youth
- Fundraising

Rotary Foundation Committee

(Chaired by Kris Stabler & Lew O'Donnell)

- Foundation programs
- Financial contributions
- Group Study Exchange
- PolioPlus
- Scholarships
- Grants

30-Second Elevator Speech About Our Club

Article by Tim Corrigan. Photo by Steve Sampson.

Rotary is all about people helping people. There are thousands of Rotary Clubs around the globe that belong to Rotary International, and I really enjoy being a member of the Rotary Club of Arlington Heights.

All of these Clubs, like our Arlington Heights Club, make a real difference in their communities and across the globe with various service projects and donations. Our club:



Tim Corrigan
Club Program Director

- Makes generous donations to local food banks
- Sponsors foreign exchange students here and abroad
- Encourages students with literacy programs and
- Helps third world communities acquire solar ovens with which to prepare their food

These are just some of the many service projects our Rotary Club undertakes.

Other Club News

Mardi Gras Night & Wine Tasting

Hosted by Sunrise Rotary

The Arlington Sunrise Rotary is celebrating its 20th anniversary with a Mardi Gras-themed dinner, wine

tasting and silent auction on Tuesday, April 3rd from 6 to 9 pm at Pappadeaux Seafood Kitchen, 798 W. Algonquin Rd. The cost is \$75. You can register at their website, www.sunriserotaryah.org.

New Raffle Drawing Procedure Announced

Raffle Committee co-chairs Scott Whistler and Terry Ennes presented a proposal to change the drawing procedure at last month's Board Meeting. The Clubs TEN GRAND RAFFLE is the main source of funds for its charitable giving programs and has been a "constantly evolving program" explained Terry.

Since last year's Raffle the Committee has been discussing options to address a concern the Club has been hearing about for years, "... that the drawing takes too long". Scott presented the Committee's proposal to speed things up explaining that "...by changing from drawing all ticket numbers to only drawing winning numbers, we expect to cut the amount of time needed for the drawing in half", in addition he stated "we expect to have more prizes and more winners this year".

The initial cash and non-cash prize winners will be drawn before moving into the BIG TEN COUNTDOWN stage of the raffle. By "...going to The Big Ten Countdown" we maintain the excitement of the final draw that we have had in past years." explained Ennes. Scott assured the Board that there would still be a "50/50 drawing" and a "Final Chance Drawing" for those ticket holders who have stayed till the end and who have still not won anything.

The Board unanimously approved the proposal and requested that the Committee provide a revised set of Rules. The revised Rules are included in this week's edition of the Big Wheel and will be made available to all members and ticket buyers.

In summary the raffle will take less time, the odds of winning a prize are better and there will be more prizes... that sounds like a win - win for everyone.

TEN GRAND RAFFLE RULES

Note: This year to speed up the drawing, the Raffle rules have been changed. Instead of drawing all 400 numbers, only winning numbers will be drawn.

1. A maximum of 400 tickets will be sold at \$100 each. At the Club's discretion Donations may be refunded in full if at least 250 tickets are not sold.
2. Each raffle ticket stub will admit two (2) people to the drawing party at The Wellington of Arlington, 2121 S. Arlington Heights Road, Arlington Heights, Illinois, starting at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, May 10, 2007. At 5:30 p.m. a complimentary hors d'oeuvres buffet will be available to each ticket holder and his/her guest. A cash bar will be available. Prize drawing will start at 6:00 p.m. (or as soon thereafter as possible).
3. Winner NEED NOT be present to win (except as provided in paragraph 6 below).
4. For each ticket actually sold and money collected a corresponding ball with the ticket's number will be placed in a container. Numbered balls will be drawn for prizes that will be listed in the 2007 Raffle Program Prize Listing (including any add-ons the night of the raffle). The first numbered ball/ticket drawn will win \$200. The Prize Listing will have non-cash prizes and other \$100 cash prizes based on the number of tickets sold (19 of such \$100 cash prizes if all 400 tickets are sold). All such cash and non-cash winning prize numbers are ineligible for the BIG TEN COUNTDOWN and Final Chance Drawing prizes.
5. After numbers for all prizes in the 'Prize Listing' are drawn we will proceed to the BIG TEN COUNTDOWN. Ten of the numbered balls remaining in the container will be drawn and placed in a separate container. These 10 balls will then each be drawn and will win a prize in the BIG TEN COUNTDOWN, with the first five drawn each winning a non-cash prize. The 6th and 7th numbers drawn will win \$200 each. The 8th number drawn will win \$500, and 9th number drawn will win 1,000. The 10th (last) ball drawn will win \$10,000.
6. At the completion of the above, all non-winning numbers (i.e. those still in the main container) will be eligible for the Final Chance Drawing. A number will be drawn, and if the ticket holder is then physically present he/she will win a \$200 cash prize. Numbers will be drawn in this fashion until five, \$200 prizes are awarded. Again, to be eligible to win one of the five Final Chance Drawing Prizes the ticket holder MUST BE PRESENT (i.e., a person whose name is listed on the ticket stub must be physically present

to win).

7. If all 400 tickets are sold there will be a total of \$15,000 in cash prizes given away (including the Final Chance Drawing tickets).

8. The Rotary Club of Arlington Heights Charitable Foundation will not be responsible for any splitting of prizes; cash prize checks shall be issued in the name of the first person listed on the ticket stub. If holders of two or more tickets in the Big Ten Countdown elect to share prize money, the Foundation may, in its discretion, issue checks as directed by the ticket holders to those named on the tickets as owners.

9. The Rotary Club of Arlington Heights Charitable Foundation is a 501(c)3 organization. Taxes on winnings may be taxable to the winner(s). The Foundation is required to withhold 28% of winnings in excess of \$5,000.00 and to file appropriate forms with the IRS and to issue a 1099 to the winner(s). Contributions or gifts to the Rotary Club of Arlington Heights Charitable Foundation are tax deductible as charitable contributions. However, the Foundation makes no representation as to how much is deductible.

10. The decision of the Rotary Club of Arlington Heights Charitable Foundation, by its Board of Directors, in the interpretation of the rules and the declaration of the winners will be final.

Raffle Update

Articles by Pat McMahon and Lynn Jensen. Photos by Bill Kmiecik, Steve Sampson and Rick Koebnick.

Kris Stabler handed out the tickets for the May 10th Raffle to the club's ticket "distributors."

She reminded everyone of the new raffle format, where tickets will be drawn only until all of the prizes have been awarded. Hopefully, the change will reduce the time for the event by at least one hour.



Every club member who has been in the club a full year has already paid for one raffle ticket through a portion of their club dues. Additional raffle tickets can be obtained from the following club members who are responsible for distributing the tickets: Ken Alger, Jim Bertucci, Bill Billimoria, Jennifer Burnidge, Ron Crawford, Mike Field, Jim Hassenplug, Pat McMahon, Joe Musolino, Jon Ridler, Ron Walter and Scott Whisler.

When paying for raffle tickets, please make all checks payable to the *Arlington Heights Rotary Club Charitable Foundation*.

Getting To Know Your Fellow Rotarians

Articles by Lynn Jensen. Photos by Steve Sampson.

Profiling Past Presidents

Curly Nebel is our earliest president who is still an active club member. He should be thought of as one of the Rotarians who made it fun to belong to our club.

Curly was born in Arlington Heights and has lived here his whole life—except when he was in the US Army during WWII.



Harold "Curly" Nebel
Club President
1973-74

After training in California, Montana, Oregon, and Missouri, "Buck Sergeant"

Nebel shipped out with the 70th Infantry Division for Europe. His time in France was, however, cut short when in 1944 he was in a very serious jeep accident that resulted in a 9 month hospital stay. Even so, Curly felt extremely lucky because two of his buddies were killed in that accident.

Before leaving for the Army, Curly had dated June, his wife-to-be, only once. After returning to Arlington Heights and recuperating, he and June picked up where they left off. Curly became engaged to June in

June of 1945, was discharged in September 1945 and married to June in November 1945. They will soon celebrate 62 years of marital bliss. They have three children: Dawneen, who is a motivational speaker living in Boise, ID; Jack who is an independent insurance underwriter in Inverness; and Randy who is a State Farm agent in Zion.

Curly has always enjoyed a good time and he made sure it was a part of all of the things he has been involved with. He has played the saxophone his entire life. He started playing in high school and still plays even now, with June accompanying him on the organ.

Curly began his career in insurance in 1945 by getting a job with the Illinois Bonding & Insurance Agency as a file clerk. He graduated to underwriter before leaving the company in May 1947 to become a State Farm agent in Arlington Heights. Early on he worked out of his home. In 1951 he moved into an office on Northwest Highway, where he stayed for the next 46 years, until he retired in 1993.

Curly has been a life-long member of St. Peter's Lutheran Church. He served in leadership positions there first as an elder and then as the chairman of the group of elders.

He was actively involved with the Arlington Heights VFW lodge from the 1950s through the 1980s. Curly started a 32-person rifle squad which regularly marched in our Memorial Day parades.

Curly joined our Rotary Club in 1966 when Robert Paddock, Sr. was president. His sponsor was Wally Aronson. Anyone who has talked to Curly for more than five minutes will realize immediately why he was usually involved with the club's social activities. As he puts it, for over 20 years, he was the club's "Social Chairman." He had responsibility for our club's hospitality suite at Rotary's District Conferences. During Stephen Jurco's tenure as District Governor, Curly was chairman of the district's hospitality committee. He made sure that there was a well stocked bar, music and dancing—not to mention the occasional raffling off of golf clubs and the like.

One of Curly's fondest Rotary memories is his time as a Fine Master. Members did not get away with merely laying their fine money down on the tables like we do today. Those receiving fines had to

prominently pay their fines by making a deposit in a money chest in the front of the room.

In 1973 he became the club's president. He started the tradition of an installation party. Before that, installations of club officers were done in a regular Thursday luncheon meeting. As president, Curly expanded the club's social activities considerably. He organized such things as club trips to plays at Marriott Lincolnshire and Schiller Park.

During Bill Bodinus' presidency, Curly was asked to find a new home for our club's weekly meeting. The Arlington Park Hotel (now the Sheraton) could not accommodate our weekly Thursday meeting. So Curly presided over our move to the Wellington. As you can tell from Curly's recent Valentine's Day galas, Curly has not lost his touch as a "Social Chairman." He is truly a "club treasure."

Meeting Our Fellow Club Members

Sue Duchek is our club's *Rotarian of the Year, 2006*. She has been very active in Rotary, ever since Jim Bertucci sponsored her membership in the club.

She is a life-long resident of Arlington Heights. Sue graduated from Hersey High School. She did, however, leave her home town to attend and graduate from Illinois State University (ISU) with a degree in business and economics.

Sue met her husband Paul at Hersey High School at the age of 15.

She and Paul have been married 25 years. They have three children: Adam, 22, who graduated from Sue's alma mater ISU and now lives in San Jose, California, Alexandra, 20, who attends University of Illinois and John, 17, who is a junior at Hersey High School.

Sue is the Broker/Owner of Picket Fence Realty. The company has 22 agents at its Arlington Heights office and 17 at its Mt. Prospect location and has enjoyed steady growth for the past 12 years. For the 20 years prior to starting Picket Fence Realty, Sue worked as



Sue Duchek
*Rotarian of the Year
2006*

an Illinois Licensed Appraiser for residential property.

She and Paul have a cottage in Tomahawk, Wisconsin which is a great family retreat. Sue enjoys fishing and golf, even though she claims not to play the game that well. She says that she is always ready to take a vacation. Her most memorable vacation was a Mediterranean cruise. When she is not on vacation or relaxing at the family retreat, she enjoys time spent with friends; she is a firm believer that "laughing and smiling are a sure bet for enjoying yourself."

Professionally, Sue is very active in our community. She is:

- Past president the Arlington Heights Chamber of Commerce
- Current President of Arlington Heights Dollars for Scholars
- Current director for the Northwest Association of Realtors
- A member of the Arlington Economic Alliance

Her efforts were recognized by the Arlington Heights Chamber of Commerce when she was selected as "Business Leader of the Year for 2005."

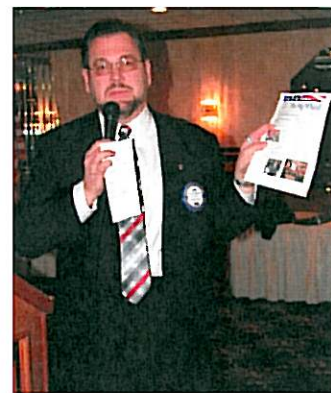
When asked about Rotary, Sue says: "I have loved [being involved with] the Rotary organization. It is wonderful to be a part of such a caring group of committed business individuals whose core purpose is to help others and live by the spirit that is embodied in our "Four Way Test."

For the past three years she has headed up our Christmas giving program. For the last two years she was worked on the Steak Fry. Sue chaired the committee that organized our last Holiday Party and Installation Dinner, she and her family hosted Ivan Soberon, an exchange Student from Mexico. For these and other efforts, she was recognized as our club's "Rotarian of the Year."

Praise for the Big Wheel

Jim Hassenplug gave high praise to the *Big Wheel* editions that have been published since the beginning of January 2007.

As a past president, Jim knows these undertakings require great teamwork as well as hard work. He asked everyone who is involved in its production to stand up for recognition at the meeting. Although not everyone involved with the newsletter was in attendance, the following Rotarians stood up:



- Pat McMahon for himself Bob Paddock and Bob Nash—our scribes for meeting happenings
- Steve Sampson, Bill Kmiecik and Rick Koebernick, our photographers
- Tim Corrigan—our webmaster
- Kris Stabler for herself and for Cyndi Quebbemann, our publisher
- Lynn Jensen, Director of Club Service, who has overall responsibility for the club newsletter

The *Big Wheel* needs your help. Our newsletter could benefit from more member input and club involvement. Whenever you are engaged in a Rotary or Club activity, **PLEASE** take pictures, jot down a brief story and send everything to Lynn Jensen (lejensen@comcast.net) for inclusion in the *Big Wheel*.

Fine Master's Corner

Article by Lynn Jensen. Photo by, Steve Sampson.

Rattlesnake Roundup

We seemed to have moved away from sports trivia to more exotic topics. **Jim Hassenplug**, a stand-in for Terry Ennes, our regular fine master this month, challenged our knowledge of *herpetology*. We learned:



Bill Hoff and Dan Schweers consulting on their question

- That Sweetwater, Texas has been holding its annual "Rattlesnake Roundup" for five decades.
- The Roundup lasts three days and yields on average 13,000 pounds of edible meat—for some folks anyway—from 7,000 snakes.

Unfortunately no one in the club was able to answer correctly a single question asked by our esteemed fine master.

From Rotary International & District 6440

Getting A Current District Directory Is Easy

If you would like a District 6440 Directory, just cut and paste the following address into your Internet browser:

<http://www.clubrunner.ca/dprg/dxorganization/distdir.aspx?did=6440&dir=f&tail=2>

You will be taken directly to the webpage where you can download the following directories as either *PDF files* or as *Word documents*:

- **Full District Directory**
(Includes District Executives, District Officers, Assistant Governors, Directors, Committee Chairs, Club Executives and Club Directors.)
 - **District Staff and Club Executives**
(Includes District Executives, District Officers, Assistant Governors, Directors, Committee Chairs, Club Executives.)
 - **Club Executives and Club Directors**
Next Year's Club Executives
 - **District Organization & Presidents**
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(Photo) **NEW!**
 - **Next Year's District Organization & Presidents**
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Rotarians absent on 3/15/07

Barnish, Behrens, Bertucci, Blaseck, Bodinus, Boggs, Cavoto, Davis, Dawson, Ennes, Heller, Hester, Higgs, Landwehr, Mahoney, Mulder, Murray, Nash, Nuccio, Oakes, Ohrstrom, Paddock, Pearson, Ryan, Sampson, Scaletta, Stuckmeyer, Walter

Pledge of Allegiance, 4-Way Test and Invocation

2007

March 29 – Thomas Forncrook
March Stand In – Michael Field

April 5 – Terry Ennes
April 12 – Sue Duchek
April 19 – Susan Dawson
April 26 – Scott Davis
April Stand In – Ron Crawford

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

Upcoming Programs & Events:

2007

March 29 – Jeff Grant – Home Inspection

April 5 – Jim Miller and Lynn Jensen – Survey Says...
April 12 – Ron Popp and Lynn Jensen – Rotary Club of Arlington Heights Annual Planning Meeting
April 19 – Patrick McMahon – Classification Speech
April 26 – Mayor Arlene Mulder – State of the Village

May 10 – Rotary Raffle

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