



"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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Club News

What To Look For In A Proper Home Inspection

Article by Bob Paddock. Photo by Rick Koebnick.

If you find yourself dozing off at home, it may not be due to a "honey-do" list that's too long or too much to eat - it could be Carbon

Monoxide (CO). Jeff Grant, First In-Home Consulting, gave us a presentation about the use of CO detectors in the home. The law now requires that there be one within 15 feet of any bedroom. If you're a landlord, you are responsible for purchasing the detectors; the tenant is responsible for maintaining them.

Willful non-compliance can be a Class 4 felony.

Carbon Monoxide poisoning can be deadly. Symptoms are similar to the flu—nausea, dizziness, elevated heart rate, and headache. Inspection of gas or fire appliances is key to being safe. Air flow and flue problems from furnaces, fire places and hot water heaters can cause poisoning. The large number of "do-it-yourself home stores" encourages people to do their own repair and remodeling projects. This as well as today's "tighter" construction can result in increased risks of CO poisoning. Detectors are important because they safeguard against CO poisoning, and they're better than they used to be, with fewer false alarms.



Jeff Grant
First In-Home Consulting

Jeff is in business with his wife. Their home inspection firm serves the northwest suburban area, (call them at 847-561-4500). Asked what is important in selecting a good home inspector, he said working with someone whose firm is licensed, which means that the inspector was required to complete preparatory studies and pass exams.

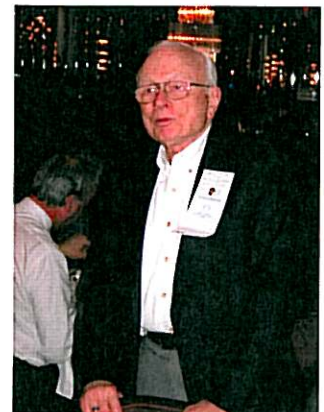
Visiting Rotarians

Article by Bob Paddock and Lynn Jensen. Photos by Rick Koebnick.

The Rotary Club of Arlington Heights Sunrise Celebrates Its 20th Anniversary

At our meeting on March 29th, we had two guests from the Rotary Club of Arlington Heights Sunrise—

David Palmer, President, and Rod Adams, Director of Club Service. They invited Rotarians from our club to participate in their 20th Anniversary festivities, which will be held Tuesday, April 3, 2007 at Pappadeaux's Seafood Kitchen, 798 W. Algonquin Road, Arlington Heights.

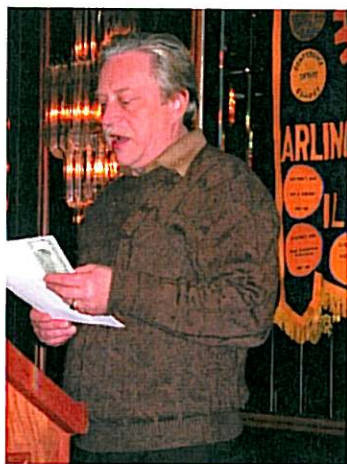


In recognition of having the Sunrise Club's flag flown at Rotary International Headquarters, a former RI President will make a presentation of the flags of both our club and the morning club to celebrate our clubs' respective anniversaries.

The theme of their celebration will be "*Mardi Gras—Remembering Old New Orleans*" and it all begins at 6:00 pm with a cash bar and an opportunity

to meet dignitaries and guests. Tickets are \$75. The main raffle prize will be a \$3,000 hot tub.

Rod Adams also reminded our club members that we had sponsored the formation of their club on March 28, 1987. He indicated the Sunrise Club has wanted to recognize the contributions that our club has made to their club at its inception and through the years. Unfortunately, no one from our club has attended meetings to receive recognition from them. Ron Popp and his wife will remedy that oversight by attending their celebration. Others are welcome as well.



Next Steps: Our Club's Strategic Planning Activities for Rotary Year 2007-08

Article by Lynn Jensen.

The next two meetings are extremely important for setting the strategic direction of our club's programs, projects and activities during the next Rotary Year.

Please plan to attend.

Rotary International has undertaken two initiatives—The *Club Leadership Plan (CLP)* and Strategic Planning at the local club level to—revitalize the entire organization. Our annual planning effort for Rotary Year 2007-08 is aimed at pursuing RI's recommended initiatives and, hopefully, increase member involvement. We will do this by:

- Giving everyone needed information and background at the April 5th meeting and
- Involving the whole club in priority setting discussions at the April 12th meeting.

In this article, we will preview the highlights of the presentations that will be given on April 5th.

Club President Ron Popp will introduce the presentation by reviewing the Club Leadership Plan's proposed changes in the club's board structure and

RI's encouragement to follow "Best Practices." RI has identified "Best Practices" to be where clubs:

- Create long-range goals
- Develop annual goals that support long-range goals
- Involve and inform all club members
- Ensure continuity in leadership from year to year
- Have regular fellowship opportunities
- Provide regular, consistent training
- Maintain open lines of communication—within the club and with the district

After Ron's introduction, there will be a section in the presentation for each area identified in the *CLP*—Club Administration, Membership, Public Relations, Project Services (The Avenues of Service), and the Rotary Foundation.

In each section, the following items will be presented:

- RI's description of the responsibilities in that area
- The long-range objectives that were identified for that area from:
 - Our February 5, 2007 planning session OR
 - What our member survey results "suggested"
- The highlights of the results (perceptions of our members) from our member survey

Information for each area will be made by the individuals chairing the April 12th committees, as indicated below. Ron Popp will then make closing remarks.

At the April 12th meeting, members will be asked to sit with the "group" that best represents the areas in which they would like involvement during the coming Rotary year. The line-up of the committees' major responsibilities and respective chairs are:

Club Administration

(Chaired by Lynn Jensen & Ron Popp)

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

Membership

(Chaired by Jim Miller)

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

Public Relations

(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

(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

(Chaired by Lew O'Donnell)

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

The results from this activity will be consolidated into the club's annual strategic plan for 2007-08, which begins July 1, 2007. Copies of the plan will be distributed to every club member well in advance of that date.

From the Board

By Ron Crawford, Club Secretary.

On March 27, the Club's Board of Directors held its monthly meeting. Points of interest from that meeting are:

- **President Ron Popp** has appointed **Nick Chrisos** as Assistant Secretary for the club. In

this position, Nick is responsible for keeping track of our members' attendance at meetings and other functions. Make sure that Nick sees you at the meeting so you get credit for attending. Also, any Rotarians who make up at other clubs should give him their make-ups. His e-mail is nick.chrisos@gmail.com.

- The Board voted to follow **Bob Morman's** suggestion to make arrangements for a float in the Village's Fourth of July Parade. We hope to have an even more impressive showing than last year. Please make plans now to be a part of this event.

Membership

Article by Bob Paddock. Photo by Rick Koebnick.

Congratulations and welcome newest members!



Left to Right: Ron Popp, Mary Cay Chisholm, Linda Borton, Jon Wilson and Terry Ennes

Club President **Ron Popp** officiates over the induction of **Linda Borton** and **Jon Wilson** into our club. **Mary Cay Chisholm** sponsored Linda who is Executive Director, Northwest Community Health Partners located at 800 W. Central Road, Arlington Heights 60004 [847-618-5260; lborton@nch.org].

Terry Ennes sponsored Jon who is District Executive, Northwest Suburban Boy Scouts, located at 600 N. Wheeling Rd., Mt. Prospect 60056 [847-824-6875; jonwilso@bsamail.org].

Our Club's Membership "Stats"

From Nick Chrisos,
Assistant Club Secretary.

Since the beginning of 2007, our club has increased by 5. We

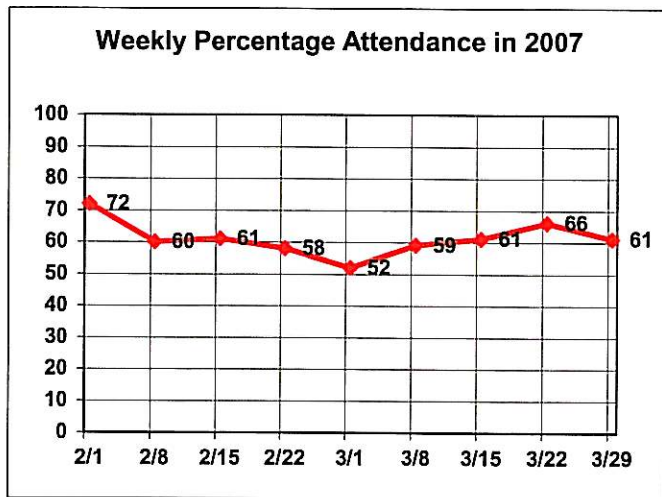
Membership

Members As of 1/1/07	63
New Members	6
Members Leaving Club	1
Members As of 3/3/07	68

inducted 6 new members and had 1 member leave the club, resulting in a total membership of 68, end of first quarter 2007.

Please note the following chart which shows our club members' percentage attendance each week for February and March. We will update this chart in future issues of the *Big Wheel*.

On average during the months of February and March, our members have had an attendance rate of 61%.



Did you know?

63% of our membership are Paul Harris Fellows
24% are multiply Paul Harris Fellows

Project Services

Vocational Service

By Pete Cavoto.

Erica Borst, a candidate whom we sponsored, has been chosen to receive a Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA). Mike Field is to be congratulated for identifying her as a person we should propose for this award.

Erica is the granddaughter Bill Borst, who is a former member of our club. She is a sophomore student at John Hersey High School in School District 214.

By way of background, RYLA candidates are advanced by local Rotary Clubs in their Districts. RYLA winners are entitled to attend a week long

seminar aimed at developing further their personal and leadership skills. As a result of this award, Erica will be attending a conference in the spring at Camp Edwards in East Troy, WI. More information is available at the [R.I. RYLA](#) webpage. (Just hold down the control key and click the link in the preceding sentence.)

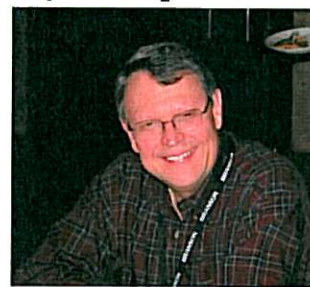
Other Club News

Articles by Bob Paddock. Photos by Rick Koebnick.

Why is this Rotarian Smiling?

Our winner of today's "\$5 Chance Club Raffle ticket" was Lynn Jensen.

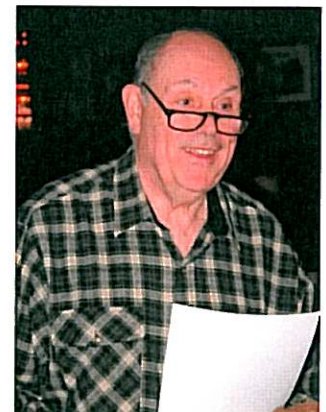
Maybe if he promises to share his winnings, we



"scribes" who pen these wonderful stories in the *Big Wheel* will promise to proof read our copy! Congratulations, Lynn . . . but word has it that the winning ticket is still out there!

Past President and Assistant District Governor Lew O'Donnell is encouraging members of our club to attend the District Conference that will be held April 19-22 in Lake Geneva, Wisconsin.

Lew announced a special, free dinner April 19th for Paul Harris Fellows at which time our District will welcome to our meeting Bill Gates, Sr., who is representing the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, and Luis Giay, who is Chairman of the Trustees of The Rotary Foundation. There will be brief remarks that outline how the two foundations could work together. Contact Lew if you have any questions. (See District 6440's Annual Conference Program Schedule below.)



Room Set-up and Take-Down Schedule For April

- April 5th and April 19th –
Roger Key/Peter Cavoto
- April 12th and 26th –
Rick Koebernick/Tom Forncrook

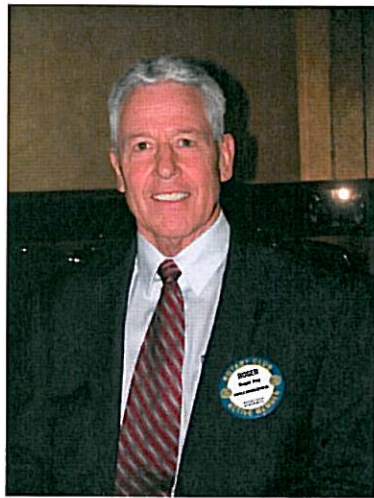
Getting To Know Your Fellow Rotarians

Meeting Fellow Rotarians

Article by Lynn Jensen. Photo by Rick Koebernick.

Roger Key was sponsored for membership in the Rotary Club of Arlington Heights in 2002 by Bob Whisler.

Although he and his wife Susan live in Lake Zurich, Roger has worked in Arlington Heights for the Park District since 1973. They have been married for 32 years, have two daughters: Amanda, who lives with her husband in Chicago, is a sales representative for TAP Pharmaceuticals and Marlene, who is a second year law student at Loyola University.



Roger Key
Member Since 2002

Roger grew up in Delavan, Illinois, a small farm town south of Peoria. He has a Bachelor's of Science Degree in Parks and Recreation Administration from Western Illinois University (a.k.a. "the Harvard of the Midwest") in 1970. Some years later he felt the urge to drink further at the fountain of knowledge and earned an MBA from Keller Graduate School of Management at DeVry University in 1984.

For Roger it has been great working in a profession—parks administration—that involves so many of the things that he truly enjoys. His career with the Arlington Heights Park District has been very rewarding. He has witnessed many positive trends in his 34 years. The Arlington Heights Park District:

- Manages 58 park sites and a total of 715 acres
- Has won three National Gold Medal Awards and has just submitted an application for the 2007 competition
- Is certified by the Illinois Association of Park Districts as a "Distinguished Agency," an honor that only 32 Park Districts in the state have achieved
- Offers annually over 3,000 recreation programs for 55,000 registrants

Roger is very modest about his own accomplishments. He credits fellow Rotarian, Gerald Oakes, who retired as the Executive Director of the Park District in 2002, with the development of many great management tools during his 22 years of service at the AH Park District. He also acknowledges the contributions to his success that were made by a strong Park District governing board (five elected commissioners who serve without compensation) and the professionalism of his 103 full-time and more than 700 part-time staff.

During five years as a Rotarian with our club, Roger has participated in many club activities, most notably the George Harris Book Scholarship Program. He said he also has served as an "assistant" to Pete Cavoto for meeting set-up and take-down. He enjoys the great camaraderie of our club's members and is proud of the projects, local and internationally, that this club undertakes. He finds our weekly programs interesting and educational. Roger and his wife are both Paul Harris Fellows.

According to Roger, "Sports have always been a strong interest of mine, whether participating in or as a spectator." He is a strong believer in fitness and enjoys running, swimming, golf and tennis. He and his daughter Amanda ran the 2006 Chicago Marathon and both qualified for the Boston Marathon, April 16th. He aspires some day to run a marathon with his other daughter Marlene.

When Roger is not busy with his job at the Park District, running marathons or working on projects for our Rotary Club, he serves as a Board member for the Northwest Special Recreation Association, the Special Leisure Services Foundation, and the Park Foundation. Roger is also very active on several church committees.

Fine Master's Corner

Article by Bob Paddock and Pete Cavoto. Photo by Rick Koebnick.



Terry Ennes tested us on our knowledge (or lack thereof) of Six Flags theme parks. To our surprise, the brand has 17 U.S. and 2 foreign locations.

John Scaletta paid a fine to read an endorsement in the *Daily Herald*. This prompted Bob Paddock to pay a happy/sad fine for spelling John's name right, but getting his title wrong in the endorsement. Come to think of it, local politics might qualify as Theme Park 18; there is a lot of drama and participants in both politics and theme parks!

Pete Cavoto paid a \$20 sad fine on Bob Nuccio's behalf since Bob has missed Rotary meetings of late. Apparently while vacationing in Mesa, AZ, Pete met up with Bob who asked Pete to pay this fine for him when Pete returned to Arlington Heights. Pete was quick to remind everyone that Bob's fine was not paid in pennies. We are not exactly sure why he wanted to tell us that. Must be a story there somewhere!

District Conference Program

Republished from District 6440's Website.

GOVERNOR DAVE cordially invites you to 6440's BIGGEST event of the year, a weekend at the full-service, world-class **GRAND GENEVA RESORT**, in Lake Geneva, Wisconsin. In keeping with Gov. Dave's theme for the year, *family fun* and *fellowship* will abound

A full and exciting agenda awaits you, combining interesting and informative sessions with recreational ones. This includes the opportunity to have lunch with **BILL GATES, SR.**, enjoy an authentic barbecue and square dance, revisit the "GREATEST GENERATION" in a unique manner,

donate blood**, and much more. This weekend has been planned as a family affair with supervised programs for the kids.

Make plans now to enjoy Wisconsin hospitality and the opportunity to share knowledge, experience and fellowship with other Rotarians and their families. Treat yourself to a lively weekend that will be long on entertainment and fun ... and short on speeches and business.

FRIDAY IS ROTARY DAY

Paul Harris Fellow Luncheon
with Bill Gates, Sr.

BBQ & Barn Dance Dinner

SATURDAY IS ROTARIAN DAY

GREATEST GENERATION
Presentation

Youth Exchange Presentation

Supervised Youth Program

Governor's Banquet with
Talent Show

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Date	Time	Event
Thurs., April 19	5:30 p.m.	PRE CONFERENCE RECEPTION with Luis Giay, President Rotary Foundation (Invite only)
	6:30 p.m.	PRE CONFERENCE DINNER with Luis Vincente Giay and Bill Gates, Sr.*
Fri., April 20	8:00 a.m.	FIRST PLENARY SESSION: Roll Call, Budget Adoption, Address by RI President's Rep, GSE Team Presentation (Inbound)
	NOON	Paul Harris Fellow Luncheon
	2:00 p.m.	SECOND PLENARY SESSION: GSE Team Presentation, Ambassadorial Scholars, Avenues of Service Reports, GSE Team Presentation (Outbound)
	5:00 p.m.	Pre-Dinner Reception (Cash Bar)
	6:00 p.m.	Gala BBQ & Barn Dance
Sat., April 21	7:30 a.m.	Presidents/President Elect's Breakfasts (invite only)
	7:30 a.m.	Continental Breakfast
	8:30 a.m.	THIRD PLENARY SESSION: Youth Exchange Presentation, "Greatest Generation" Panel
	NOON	Awards Luncheon
	2:00 p.m.	Rotarian Afternoon - Available Activities: Blood Drive**, BBQ Demonstration, Beer Tasting
	2:00 p.m.	Teen Program at the Chalet
	5:00 p.m.	Pre-Dinner Reception (Cash Bar)
	6:00 p.m.	Governor's Banquet & Talent Show
	9:00 p.m.	Hospitality Suites Open
Sun., April 22	8:30 a.m.	Interfaith Service
	9:30 a.m.	Final Plenary Session & Auld Lang Syne Brunch
	NOON	Adjournment

*Registration for the Thursday evening pre-conference dinner with Luis Vincente Giay, President of The Rotary Foundation, must be made separately from your conference registration. [Click Here to register for the Thursday night event.](#)

In keeping with the District's involvement in humanitarian projects, Gov. Dave has mandated that District Conference attendees have the opportunity to participate in a **BLOOD DRIVE. Saturday, April 21 has been set aside for this purpose, with LIFESOURCE on site. For more information regarding the blood drive, please contact NEIL PARKER (Lake in the Hills) at 847-854-5210 or neil@ccs-db.com.

Rotarians absent on 3/29/07

Barnish, Behrens, Blaseck, Boggs, Burnidge, Davis, Duchek, French, Heller, Hester, Johnson, Kmiecik, Landwehr, Mahoney, Malleck, Miller, Mulder, Murray, Nash, Nuccio, Oakes, Ohrstrom, Pearson, Ridler, Ryan, Sampson, Schweers, Silverman, Stuckmeyer, Whisler, D., Whisler, R., Whisler, S.

Pledge of Allegiance, 4-Way Test and Invocation

2007

April 12 - Sue Duchek
 April 19 - Susan Dawson
 April 26 - Scott Davis
 April Stand In - Ron Crawford

May 3 - Tim Corrigan
 May 10 - Nick Chrisos
 May 17 - Mary Cay Chisholm
 May 24 - Peter J. Cavoto
 May 31 - Jennifer Burnidge
 May Stand In - David Boggs

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

Upcoming Programs & Events:

2007

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