



"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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Steve Sampson's Classification Speech

Article by Pat McMahon. Photo by Rick Koebernick.

On May 17, 2007, Rotarian Steve Sampson delivered his classification speech to our club. Steve has been a Rotary member for just over one year. He was born in Chicago, grew up in Skokie, and attended Niles East High School. Steve attended Triton Junior College and Columbia College. He has been married for 7 years, and has lived in Arlington Heights for the past 4 years.



Steve Sampson
*Head of Club
Photography Team*

Steve first got his hands on a camera at age 14 and hasn't stopped taking photographs since. He won his first photography award at Columbia College. After attending Columbia, Steve spent two and one half years working in Los Angeles, and then returned to Illinois to work at a studio on Barrington. The owner of that studio, Tom, eventually became Steve's good friend and mentor. After working for Tom for 9 years and managing the studio, Steve formed Sampson Photographic 10 years ago. Tom was instrumental to Steve in learning his craft and starting Sampson Photographic. In carrying out his business, Steve's goal is to be an "artist with a camera", rather than just a photographer.

Steve practices a deep Christian religious faith and considers his life to be blessed by God. He lives by the basic tenant that you "reap what you sow", and

maintains a positive attitude toward his life and work goals.

Steve is a board member of the Arlington Heights Chamber of Commerce, a member of the Arlington Heights Arts Commission, and is also involved in "Champs". Steve and his wife also invest in real estate as a second business. As a legacy to Steve's mom, who died of leukemia in 1987, he and his wife have also established an Arlington Heights-based cancer survivor foundation named "Images". The goal of "Images" is tell the stories of cancer survivors through photographs.

Steve concluded his speech by showing a 10 minute slideshow of his amazing, and sometimes dramatic, photographic work.



Preparing Our Club For Rotary Year 2007-08

Article by Lynn Jensen, excerpted extensively from RI's *Club Leadership Plan Worksheet*.

At the beginning of 2007, our Rotary Club embarked on an initiative to adapt and implement Rotary International's *Club Leadership Plan*. An important part of this initiative was to create a long-range—three to five year—plan for the club and a 2007-08 annual plan that is consistent with that long-range plan.

We have made substantial progress toward the completing that original charge. RI's "check list" indicates that we should do the following before July 1st:

1. Complete a long-range plan that addresses the club's service goals for the next 3-5 years including service projects, membership, The Rotary Foundation, and leadership

development. Include how the club will promote its activities in each of these areas.

2. Complete and have our District Assistant Governor sign RI's *Planning Guide for Effective Rotary Clubs* which outlines our goals for the upcoming Rotary year.
3. Set dates for the following in order to prepare for the upcoming year and keep club membership informed:
 - Club assembly after district assembly
 - Club assembly in preparation for governor's official visit
 - Other club assemblies
4. Develop a communication plan
5. Developed a system for continuity in leadership:
 - President-elect and president-nominee are involved in decision making.
 - Chair-elect appointed in addition to chair for each committee.
6. Adopt the Recommended Rotary Club Bylaws
7. Plan fellowship activities for the year.
8. Develop a system for keeping all members active in the club by ensuring:
 - All members are appointed to a committee
 - All members are involved in a service project
 - New members are assigned activities to help them get involved in the club
9. Club has a comprehensive training plan:
 - President-elect has attended PETS
 - Incoming club leaders have attended the district assembly
 - New member orientation is offered
 - Club members are encouraged to attend:
 - District Rotary Foundation seminar
 - District membership seminar
 - District leadership seminar District conference

The Club's Board of Directors is working to complete these tasks. Some items, such as 6 above, require club approval. The revised club bylaws will be distributed shortly in order to allow a ten day review period before the club is asked to vote on the new bylaws. All of the above items require involvement and participation by all of our club members.

Membership

Attendance data by Nick Chrisos, Club Assistant Secretary.

Rotarians absent on 5/17/07

Alger, Baker, Barnish, Boggs, Burnidge, Cavoto, Chisholm, Davis, Duchek, Forncrock, French, Heller, Hester, Johnson, Mallek, Mulder, Murray, Musolino, Nash, Nuccio, Oakes, O'Donnell, Ohrstrom, Pearson, Scaletta, Schweers, Seiler, Silverman, Stuckmeyer, Walter, Whisler, D., Whisler, R., Wilson



Getting To Know Your Fellow Rotarians

Article by Paul Hester. Photos Steve Sampson.

Profiling Club Board Members

Paul Hester was born at St. Anne's Hospital on the near northwest side of Chicago on April 9, 1941, almost eight months to the day prior to the start of World War II, fortunately avoiding the stigma of being a "Baby Boomer."



Paul C. Hester
*Chair, International
Service Committee*

My father died in an accident at the age of 29 in 1945 and my mother Irene, older brother Edward John III and younger sister Laura Rose, moved in with my fraternal grandfather Peter who, some years later, I named my son after.

In 1947, "Gramps" decided that he was tired of living in the city that he had actually help build and declared that we should move to Cary, Illinois where he had a summer home built on the Fox River in the

early 20's. Growing up in Cary was to me like "living on the frontier" because in those days it really was wild. Though we didn't get to play much with other kids like we had done in the "city," I couldn't have been happier. Many a time, I hunted pheasants and rabbits by myself on our property at the age of ten before going to school. I started hunting when I was seven with my favorite uncle and brother, but I wasn't allowed to carry a gun until I was nine.

I moved back to Chicago at age 18 and lived, worked, wed and had two children, Peter and Christine. I attended DePaul University night school for six years, leaving as a second semester Junior on the "Dean's List," due to the pressures of work and a young family. I later moved to Hoffman Estates and our first home, to later go back to live in Chicago after a divorce.

During and just prior to that period of my life, I worked as the Sales Promotion and Merchandising Manager for Skil Power Tools; Consumer Products Marketing Manager for Rustoleum; Market Development Manager for the Hirsh Company and the Marketing and Sales Manager for Wico Corporation in Niles.

Around that time I met and fell in love with Judy and in 1974 we married and merged our two families, resulting in a six really great children household. From oldest to youngest, we have Lorrie, Joe, Debbie, Peter, Judy jr. and Chris, all now in their very late to early 40's. Judy and I moved to Arlington Heights in 1986, after all but the two youngest had either married or moved out on their own. Our children have provided us with a total of nine of the most wonderful grandchildren possible, ranging in age from 11 to 24.

I served as a Board Member of the Arlington Heights Chamber of Commerce for six years and have been on the Board of Crime Stoppers since 1994. Around 1995, I joined the Breakfast Rotary Club for about two years and then struggled to become a member of the Noon Rotary. In 2001, Ken Alger sponsored my membership and my transfer to this club was approved.

Besides the opportunity to channel my desire for service to the community I particularly enjoy the

opportunity Rotary provides for fellowship and friendship with a wonderful group of community minded individuals. I have served for three years as International Service Committee Chair, a position I held in the Sunrise Rotary, and have been a member of the Board of Directors for that time. I became a Paul Harris Fellow while a member of the Sunrise Club and recently gave a Paul Harris Fellowship to Judy last year.

One of the most enjoyable things for me about Rotary is the feeling of being welcome when visiting another Club because of our Rotary bond. This is most evident to me when I make up a meeting while traveling away from Chicago. The best "make-up" for me, ever, was when Judy and I were traveling in Hong Kong. The Club meeting was held in a hotel on Nathan Boulevard (the Michigan Avenue of Hong Kong) and although everyone at my table was from a different country, I was treated as an "old friend" and felt completely at home.



A Letter for David Waring, Governor of District 6440

Dear Rotarians:

The effort to globally eradicate polio is nearly finished.

Join our fellow Rotarians and their families in Evanston at the Northwestern University campus on Sunday, June 10, at a combined District 6440 & 6450 event to celebrate the efforts and raise money through the annual Race to the Finish 5K Run and 5K Walk. It will be followed by a catered buffet picnic open to all Rotarians, family, friends, and race/walk participants.

Start summer right by enjoying the day at the spectacular lakefront with your Rotary family. Besides the good food there are many activities planned. You can play volleyball and lawn sports of all kinds, listen to the music, or sit back and enjoy the view. Take advantage of the fishing and the bike trails along the shore by bringing your fishing poles and bicycles. We're even going to have a dunk tank for you to have fun with your Rotary leaders!

The picnic and fun activities at the Northwestern University campus will go from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. on the Norris Center East Lawn, 1 block north of the parking deck at Sheridan & Campus Drive. The picnic goes on rain or shine (we have an inside location if needed).

Districts 6440 and 6450 will match Rotarian donations and Race to the Finish proceeds dollar-for-dollar, and Rotary International will match them at \$.50 per dollar. We hope individual clubs will also match funds as well, encouraging participation and adding further leverage. Pledge sheets are available at www.racetothefinish.org.

Full details, including a map, are on the event flyer (click on the "bulletin file" link below to download a copy) and at our website, www.rotary6440.org. I look forward to seeing you in Evanston on June 10!

Yours in Rotary,

Governor Dave



To View A Flyer For this Event On Your Computer

Hold the "Control-Key" down and click on the link [June 10, 2007 Picnic & Race Flyer](#)

OR

Cut and paste the following address into your web browser:

<http://www.clubrunner.ca/Data/6440/NewsBulletin/921/FinalPicnicRaceFlyer07.pdf>



Important Club & District 6440 Dates

Save The Date: Governor's Installation Dinner
Jun 28, 2007
Stonegate Conference Centre
Hoffman Estates

Club's Officers' Installation Dinner

Mark your calendars. Our Club's Installation Dinner will be held on June 22 at the Meridian. As the details become available, you will receive information through the *Big Wheel* and at Club meetings.

May Birthday's

Jon Ridler – May 1st
Sandy Baker – May 16th
Lynn Jensen – May 27th



Pledge of Allegiance, 4-Way Test and Invocation

2007

May 31 – Jennifer Burnidge
May Stand In – David Boggs

June 7 – Linda Borton
June 14 – Ronald Bodinus
June 21 – Robert Blaseck
June 28 – Bill Billimoria
June Stand In – James Bertucci

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

Upcoming Programs & Events:

2007

June 7 – Open
June 14 – Open
June 21 – Open
June 28 – Open

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