



"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?

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District Governor Mike Ericksen Addresses Club

Article by Bob Paddock. Photos by Rick Koebernick.



Governor Mike spoke to the club about the meaning we and the club find through service. It was a good reminder of why we as individuals joined Rotary.

The first Rotary club in Russia after the fall of the Soviet Union wrote to Rotary International asking, "We've organized as a club, now what do we do next?" The answer sent back was, "Do what needs to be done."

Mike shared examples including the story of the keynote speaker at the upcoming district conference, a young woman who has had service as a part of her life here in the suburbs since the age of seven. Another was the Rotary Club in Deerfield doing a survey and finding that a major

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Our Next Club Assembly: October 25th

Article by Lynn Jensen.

At next week's meeting, our club will hold its second club assembly of this Rotary Year. Club assemblies are an important part of the reorganization that our club completed during Spring 2007 to bring us in line with RI's **Club Leadership Plan (CLP)**.

Under the **CLP**, each club member is asked to sign up to serve on one of our club's seven permanent committees:

- **Club Administration (CA)**
- **Service Projects - Community (SP-C)**
- **Service Projects - International (SP-I)**
- **Service Projects - Vocational (SP - V)**
- **Membership (M)**

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Upcoming Programs

Oct 25	Club Assembly
Nov 1	Roylene Gallas Annual Giving—RI
Nov 8	Tony Tolbert III Matching Grants—RI
Nov 15	Jim Runnfeldt Rotary GSE Team
Nov 22	Thanksgiving No Meeting

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problem in town is underage drinking. You may remember it from the news stories.

That club has invested in golf carts and specially distorting goggles to show kids how drinking distorts your perception. Banners such as, "He who hosts loses the most" will hopefully remind those parents who are condoning the behavior.

Mike also reviewed the focus of **Wilf Wilkinson, the President of Rotary International**. Remember, attending the upcoming ABCs of Rotary will give you a no-cost way to meet and talk with the International President.

Though membership in Asia and Europe is growing, it is declining in the U.S. and Canada. How many members have sponsored another member? Only about 18% have. Sharing Rotary makes for more enjoyment and more service.

Once a Rotarian, though, ask yourself whether you're a Rotary Club Member or a Rotarian. Mike reminded us of the difference, noting that Don Redmond, the former District Governor who passed away recently, had said he became a Rotarian instead of simply a club member when, after a few years, he found his passion in working with youth through the Rotary Youth Exchange program--a Rotarian who practiced service above self.

Going back to the Rotary theme of service through fellowship, Mike told of Sox player Jay Johnson's comment from his book, *Some of My Best Friends are Crazy*, "winning teams were those who have the most fun."

It's something to think about for our club...so we can share the story of Rotary and tell others what our club does best. People love to be associated with a winner! He noted some other reasons for membership, too, saying it provides an opportunity to develop leadership skills, and to do so in an environment where you won't put your career reputation at risk.



As President Wilf says, "Rotary lets ordinary people do extraordinary things!"

Volunteers Needed for Literacy Projects

Article by Ron Crawford.

Our club has two upcoming "hands-on" projects that need several volunteers.

First, November 15th is "Rotary Reads Day," a District-wide literacy event. On that day, we will be reading to children in District 25 school classrooms and other locations. Last year the library gave us suggested books that would be appropriate and interesting. Your time commitment would be about 1 hour (and its lots of fun!).

Second, we again plan to conduct book collection drives at several schools. Donated books should be 'gently used' in the pre-K to 5th grade level. Last year, our donated books were distributed to inner city schools in Chicago where students were reading below grade level. In the past, Districts 25 and 59 have been helpful in organizing this project. We need "captains" who will contact a few schools to work out logistics. Your time commitment would be 3-4 hours spread over a few weeks.

If you would like to help with these projects, please see **Pete Cavoto** or **Ron Crawford**.

Meet Cory Upmeyer: New Member

Article by Bob Paddock & Jon Ridler. Photo by Rick Koebernick.

Having the honor of being inducted by District Governor Mike Erickson, Cory expressed his love for Arlington Heights and gained a special welcome when he said his work here was "in training, not inspecting!"

Cory works for the Department of Labor, OSHA Directorate of Training and Education in Arlington Heights, IL where he is a Program Analyst and evaluates all OSHA training and education. He is a proud Veteran of the United States Army where he served in Iraq in Operation Desert Storm. Cory's sponsor is Jon Ridler.



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- **Rotary Foundation (F)**
- **Public Relations & Special Events (PR)**

So, what is supposed to happen at a club assembly?

- **First**, as club members arrive at the meeting, they should find their committee's table. Your badge will be color coded to help you do this.
[If you have not signed up for a committee or have forgotten which committee you originally picked, the greeters will help you find a committee.]
- **Second**, the committee chairs will pass out the **Club Assembly Background Sheet**, which shows the chairs and membership of all club committees and the long-term goals for those committees. (A copy of this sheet accompanies this edition of the **Big Wheel**.)
- **Third**, everyone should enjoy the lunch and conversation.
- **Fourth**, the committee chairs will lead discussions to help their respective committees develop and implement this year's action plans.
[The committees help set priorities and develop plans for their areas, but they do not restrict anyone from working on any club project.]
- **Finally**, the President will ask each committee chair to highlight for the whole club one or two action plans that their committee will begin work on immediately.

That is all there is to a club assembly.

The club president and board members look forward to your making your voice heard on October 25th and throughout the rest of the Rotary Year.

Group To Learn ABCs

The following Club Members have been registered for the ABC's of Rotary:

Tim Corrigan, Ron Crawford, Wendy Davis, Lynn Jensen, Bill Kmiecik, Bill Mahoney, Pat McMahon, Steve Sampson, Dave Schultz, and Cory Upmeyer.

Please contact **Lynn Jensen** if you have any questions by phone (847-222-8022) or email (lejensen@comcast.net).

Car pooling details to follow.

So This Is A Meeting Make-Up?



Members **Paul Hester, Terry Ennes, and Ron Crawford** relax after representing our club at the District Golf Outing held at Whisper Creek Golf Club in Huntley, on October 5th.

Paul said "Since this is a Rotary event, we should get a make-up, right?" Terry and Ron seem to agree. Another thing they all agreed on was that the event was a lot of fun and they hope to get other members to attend with them next year.

Fine Master Strikes!

Fine Master Jim Hassenplug gave us the opportunity to tell how happy we were, In the \$1-it's-easy-to-be-happy category, golfers Sue Dawson and Joe Musolino smiled. It was great to see **Mike Silverman** smile twenty times. Snow Bird **Bill Borst** will be coming back permanently to Arlington...and we all will smile.

Linda Borton was smiling about NWCH and the Race for the Cure. **Kris Stabler** and **Lynn Jensen** were smiling about our new newsletter editor, **David Schultz**, and breathed a sigh of well-earned relief. **Bob Mormon** was exceedingly generous in sharing his smiles, along with Jim Hassenplug. **Ron Crawford** said we could contact him and keep smiling if we needed a replacement Rotary Pin.

And some of us are smiling because we knew birds have three eyelids, the middle finger is used for more than just expressiveness (keeps a curve ball under control), and sometimes llamas make good watch dogs. Senior member **Joe Higgs** recalled that Judy Garland danced with Fred Astaire in Easter Parade. (Did Joe say he saw the movie just recently?!?)

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Club Meeting Info

Rotarians Absent From the Club's October 11th Meeting: Alger, Bertucci, Bodinus, Boggs, Burnidge, Chisholm, Chrisos, Duchek, French, Hester, Key, Landwehr, Murray, Oakes, Ohrstrom, Pearson, Ryan, Sampson, Scaletta, Schweers, Stuckmeyer, Vaswani, Walter, D. Whisler, R. Whisler, S. Whisler

Club Guests

Guests At Club's October 11th Meeting: Mariusz Bailas, Bill Borst, Curtis Mitchell, John Hall (AH Sunrise Club)

Make-ups

Rotarians Reporting Make-Ups This Week For Past Absences: Dawson (Palatine Rotary), Forncrook (Board of Directors Meeting), Jensen (Board of Directors Meeting)

Care Committee

Pete Cavoto updated us on **Mike Field's wife, Renee**, who is in recovery after an operation. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

Upcoming District 6440 Events

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Nov 01, 2007, 11: 00 am - 6:00 pm
ABC's: Rotary International HQ Tour
ABC's of Rotary Workshop
ABC's Reception with Pres. Wilkinson
Rotary International HQ—Evanston, IL 60201

November 15
"Rotary Reads Day"

Jan 26, 2008 - Feb 04, 2008
Guatemala Dist. 6440 Service Project

April 24-27, 2008
District 6440 Conference

View other District events online at
www.rotary6440.org

Upcoming Club Events

November 7, 2007 (5:30 pm)
Fireside Chat @ Rolling Green Country Club

November 19, 2007 (8:00 am - 12:30 pm)
Thanksgiving Outreach Project

December 2, 2007 (9:00 am - 12:00 noon)
Holiday Giving Project

See September 25th Big Wheel For Details.

Pledge, 4-Way Test & Invocation Assignments

October 18	Lew O'Donnell
October 25	Bob Nash
October Stand-In	Kerry Pearson
November 1	Joe Musolino
November 8	Mike Mulder