



“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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Sep 25<sup>th</sup>: Club Assembly

## Marcia McMahon Tells Club About “Living United”

Article by Patrick McMahon. Photo by Rick Koebernick.

The speaker at our Thursday, September 18, 2008 lunch was **Marcia McMahon**, the Chief Professional Officer for the Northwest Suburban United Way. The goal of the NSUW is to address the greatest human needs in each community and assist each person in achieving independence. Locally, the NSUW serves 18 communities in the northwest suburbs of Chicago. The NSUW is the leading non-governmental supporter of health and human services in Chicagoland. Demands for that support have increased dramatically lately as governmental funding for health and human services programs has been reduced, and the United Way has been asked to make up an ever-increasingly large gap in funding for those programs.



Ms. McMahon asked all of us to “Live United”; that is, to Give, Advocate, and Volunteer. To Give, she encouraged us to focus our support on a quality **education** that leads to a stable job, enough **income** to support a family through retirement, and good **health**. To Advocate, she suggested that we learn about the education, income and health issues in our local communities. To Volunteer, she asked us to recognize the one or more special talents that we all have, and to make that talent available to influence the condition of those in need.

In order to “Live United” in the northwest suburbs, Ms. McMahon challenged us to participate in “Live United Week”, the centerpiece of which is the first ever regional food drive by the NSUW. For more information about the food drive and how to participate in it, please contact **Deb Whisler**. Locally, the NSUW is also engaged in the “Ready For School” initiative, which is a partnership with many local organizations to provide backpacks, school supplies, immunizations and dental exams for every child that has the need. Eye exams will likely be added to the program in the future, and the NSUW is looking for more partners to add even more services to the initiative. Marcia McMahon can be reached at (847)768-1074 or [mmcmahon@uw-mc.org](mailto:mmcmahon@uw-mc.org).

### How You Can Help “Live United”

Please bring items from the list below to the club’s September 25<sup>th</sup> meeting for the food drive:

- Rice
- Peanut Butter
- Beans (Dry, Canned)
- Macaroni & Cheese
- Cereal
- Canned Fruits or Vegetables
- Soups
- Powdered or Evaporated Milk
- Infant Supplies (baby food, formula, diapers)
- Hygiene (shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrush, deodorant)
- Paper Goods (paper towels, towel paper, napkins, tissues)

Rotarians unable to attend our Thursday September 25<sup>th</sup> meeting can still donate food at the Arlington Heights drop-off points listed on page 2.

### Upcoming Programs

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| <b>Oct 2</b>  | <b>Tom Jordan<br/>First Health<br/>Associates</b>                |
| <b>Oct 9</b>  | <b>Matt Fink<br/>Classification Talk</b>                         |
| <b>Oct 16</b> | <b>Kathleen Kramer<br/>Friends of the<br/>Orphans</b>            |
| <b>Oct 23</b> | <b>Kristina Kristie &amp;<br/>Melody Smith<br/>AH Historical</b> |

## AHML Manager, Mike Driskell, Discusses Making A Float

Article by Bill Hoff. Photo by Rick Koebernick.

At the club's September 11<sup>th</sup> meeting, **Mike Driskell**, the Information Systems Manager at the Arlington Heights Memorial Library, gave a picture presentation of the construction of the last three floats made for the Library for the Arlington Heights Frontier Days parade – a pirate's sailing ship, a NASA space shuttle, and a steam locomotive. Each float won first place in 2006, 2007 and 2008 respectively.



These floats were made for a few hundred dollars each by “combining his abilities and creative passion” along with numerous additional volunteers.

Each of the floats were self-propelled by using a motorized vehicle frame, engine and drive train. The pirate sailing ship is built on an old motor home, the space shuttle is built on an old 15 passenger van, and the locomotive on an old delivery truck. Much of the material used in constructing the body of the locomotive came from the original truck itself.

### Registered For The Conference Yet?

*District Governor, Pam Kerr, from District website.*

Our District Conference (October 3-5) is less than a month away.

This year's conference is offering exciting speakers. We have experts, including Dean Dipak Jain of Northwestern's Kellogg School of Management talking about values-based leadership, Tom and Susan Kuczumski giving us different ways to think of leadership, Cameron Davis of the Alliance for the Great Lakes addressing ways to preserve these natural resources with which we are blessed, and Steve Dudenhofer of Guatemala Tomorrow and former Guatemalan First Lady Wendy Widmann de Berger updating us on Guatemala.

All of this will take place at the Marriott's Lincolnshire Resort. There's no registration fee for attending plenary sessions or workshops, so don't miss out on this chance to combine Rotary information with inspiration and guidance.

### Food Drive Drop-Off Points

- Arlington Heights Village Hall, 33 S. Arlington Heights Road
- Pioneer Press, 291 N. Dunton Avenue
- Arlington Heights Memorial Library, 500 N. Dunton Avenue
- Wheeling Township, 1616 N. Arlington Heights Road

### Upcoming District 6440 Events

From District 6440 Website—See [www.rotary6440.org](http://www.rotary6440.org)

**Oct 2, 2008**  
District Golf Outing

**Feb 28 - Mar 9, 2009**  
Guatemala Service Project

**Oct 3 - 5, 2008**  
District Conference  
Marriott Lincolnshire



### Upcoming Club Events

**October 20, 2008**  
Immunization Clinic

**December 6, 2008**  
Santa Sleigh Run

### Two Proposed New Members

**Charles Adler.** Charles is an attorney whose practice is at 9 N. Vail Ave, Arlington Heights. Previously he has been a member of our club and looks forward to joining again.

**Steven Scholten.** Steve is the new Director of the Arlington Heights Park District and Roger Key's successor. Steve is an active Rotarian who wants to transfer membership from the Bloomingdale-Roselle Rotary Club.

### Club Member Updates & Schedules

#### Rotarians Absent From the Club's Sep 11<sup>th</sup> Meeting:

Alger, Berry, Bodinus, Borton, Davis, Dawson, Field, Fink, Forncrook, French, Graeff, Heller, Hoff, Jensen, Kmiecik, Nash, Nuccio, O'Donnell, Passannante, Pearson, Popp, Ridler, Scaletta, Schweers, Seiler, Upmeyer, Vaswani, Whisler S

**Guest:** Mike Driskell (Deb Whisler); Steve Scholton

#### Rotarians Absent From the Club's Sep 18<sup>th</sup> Meeting:

Alger, Behrens, Berry, Bodinus, Borton, Crawford, Davis, Duchek, Ennes, Field, Forncrook, French, Heller, Kmiecik, Mallek, Morman, Nash, O'Donnell, Paddock Jr., Passannante, Ridler, Scaletta, Schultz, Schweers, Silverman, Stabler, Vaswani, Walter, Whisler S

**Guest:** Walter Friker (Assistant Governor)

**Resignations:** Robert Whisler, Cory Upmeyer

#### Greeter Schedule

**September**  
**October**

**Borton & Dawson**  
**Graeff & Mulder**

#### Pledge, 4-Way Test & Invocation Assignments

**September Stand-In**  
**September 25**

**Pat Mc Mahon**  
**Bill Kmiecik**

**October Stand-In**  
**October 2**

**Jim Hassenplug**  
**Roger Key**