



“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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First Health Associates

## First Club Assembly of New Rotary Year

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Instead of a program today, **Cap'n Ron** (a.k.a., **President Ron Crawford**) led a Club Assembly to inform members of happenings and goals. His goal as president is to meet DG Pam Kerr's challenge of 10% growth in membership this year. He encouraged the club to focus on new members for retention as well as recruitment.



**Community Service Chair, Bill Kmiecik**, shared the good news that Northwest Community Hospital has signed up to be a \$5,000 “Hot Cheer Sponsor,” bringing our total sponsorship commitments to over \$8,000. “Currently we’re at about 1/3 of our sponsorship goal, and we’d love to have more sponsors,” said Bill, “either from our own members, or from the folks we know. It a great promotional and service opportunity.” Bill asked us to also support the club’s Santa Sleigh Run by volunteering as requested in recent emails from **Lynn Jensen** and **Jon Ridler**. Another way we can help is to visit other clubs and tell them all about this fundraiser. Bill even said he’ll write the “elevator talk” you can use for your visit, and you’ll get meeting make-up credit to boot!

**Linda Borton, Vocational Service Chair**, said her committee’s agenda is “a work in progress by an energized committee.” At it’s meeting last week, the committee decided to continue with scholarship screening, the George Harris Book Scholarship, the reading program, perhaps working with students’ parents on a continuing basis, and identifying candidates to send to the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) Conference. She said they also may focus on more on adult vocational training. The committee will probably meet monthly and would welcome additional members.



**David Schultz**, reporting for **Wendy Davis**, represented **International Service**. He told of a \$500 contribution to the Heifer Project and said the committee is considering whether the club should have an Exchange Student. If you are interested in hosting one for three months or so, please let Wendy know. Other topics are the formation of a GSE team and partnering with the Schaumburg club to sponsor a water well. He reported the District’s Guatemala trip is sold out and that the fund-raising dinner for a “micro credit” project will be held on Sunday, September 28th.



Chair of Membership, **Jim Miller**, reported on a recent past-presidents’ meeting to discuss gaining and retaining members. As an incentive, the club will award a Paul Harris Fellowship to members who have brought in the most new members between Oct 1, 2008 and May 31, 2009. Jim emphasized that mentoring new members is important, and told of some new members who left the club, in part because they didn’t get immersed



### Upcoming Programs

- Oct 9** **Matt Fink**  
Classification Talk
- Oct 16** **Kathleen Kramer**  
Friends of the Orphans
- Oct 23** **Kristina Kristie & Melody Smith**  
AH Historical Society

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## Club Happenings

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**Bill Bodinus** was given a special welcome by President Ron and expressed his thanks for Rotarians' kind thoughts and words during his *medical* recovery. He expects to get back up to speed over the coming months.

Welcome back to Rotary, **Charles Adler** (sponsored by **Jim Miller**) and **Stephen Scholten** (sponsored by **Deb Whisler**). Chuck, a former AH Rotary Club member, has kept active in community service work over the years



(especially continuing as one of the driving forces in our Rotary's Thanksgiving Meals program). Steve, who is transferring from the Bloomington-Roselle club, has been associated with Rotary since the 1980s. As "Cap'n Ron" said to today's inductees, "Welcome aboard! . . . your fine will be . . ."



In addition to donations of food from our club, fines of \$500 from our September 25th meeting will support the United Way's Food Drive effort. Thanks **Deb Whisler** for making us aware of this problem in our community.

At this same meeting, **District Governor-Elect Bill Ferreira**, shared with us an "elevator-speech" in which he talked about Rotary on a recent flight to a seat mate . . . and found out later that the man had subsequently joined Rotary! DGE Bill encouraged us to share our pride in Rotary with others and "spread the word." He also reminded us to attend the District Conference (October 3 -5) at Marriott Lincolnshire.



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in what Rotary is and does. The role of a sponsor will be to bring a prospective member two or three times to visit the club. A club "ambassador" or mentor will be assigned to keep in touch with the new member and to oversee his or her involvement in Rotary. In support of the retention effort, Fireside Chats will be held more often to share Rotary fellowship and information. He believes the Santa Run will generate a mailing list for contacting potential members. A multi-part club brochure is being developed to help, featuring the avenues of service.

## 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 14, 2008**  
**Board Meeting**

**December 6, 2008**  
**Santa Sleigh Run**

**October 20, 2008**  
**Immunization Clinic**

**December 12, 2008**  
**Holiday Party**

## Club Member Updates & Schedules

**Rotarians Absent From the Club's Sep 11<sup>th</sup> Meeting:** Behrens, Burnidge, Davis, Duchek, Fink, Graeff, Key, Mahoney, McMahon, Mulder, Passannante, Popp, Ryan, Scaletta, Schweers, Silverman, Tauber, Whisler S

**Guests:** Alyssa Carswell (guest of club); Yvonne Feffer (Mary Kay Chisholm); John Galway (Bill Bodinus); and Bill Ferraria (District Governor Elect)

### Greeter Schedule

**October**  
**November**  
**December**

**Graeff & Mulder**  
**Fink & Scholten**  
**Graeff & Adler**

## Pledge, 4-Way Test & Invocation Assignments

**October Stand-In**  
**October 2**  
**October 9**  
**October 16**  
**October 23**  
**October 30**

**Jim Hassenplug**  
**Roger Key**  
**Bob Heller**  
**Ron Graeff**  
**Marie French**  
**Matt Fink**

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