



"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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The 2007 Steak Fry

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Those of us who missed the annual Steak Fry missed an enjoyable event; those who attended earned an award for enthusiasm and intrepidity! More folks stayed longer than in the recent past. Many new faces were in attendance. There was an experiment with awarding door prizes along with different entertainment and we even "Karaoked." And, yes, recent weather brought out some wild life (just how big were some of those mosquitoes?).



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Chief among the entertainers was **President-Elect Ron Crawford** (left) with many renditions. What he said we missed was crooning about his household chores:

**Take out the papers and the trash
Or you don't get no spendin' cash
You better wax that kitchen flo'
Or you ain't rock 'n rollin' no mo'!
Yakety Yak! (Don't talk back!)"**

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Kris Stabler: Rotarian Of The Year, 2007

President Ron Popp uses the occasion of the club's annual steak fry to recognize **Kris Stabler** as our club's "Rotarian of the Year, 2007."

Kris received a heartfelt round of applause from all present. It is widely recognized that she has generously given her time and talents to support club activities and projects for over 10 years. (See her profile in the April 19, 2007 *Big Wheel*, pp. 3-4.)



Upcoming Programs

- Sep 20** Martha Weiss
New Generations
- Sep 27** Bill Billimoria
IRAs—Handle With Care
- Oct 4** District 6440 Speaker
Vocational Service
- Oct 11** Club Assembly

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Thanks go to the many who put this event together, along with their significant others, including **Pete Cavoto**



and helpers as Beverage Barristi. Pete's enthusiasm helped fuel the evening (especially for **Bob Heller** and **Paul Hester**), though we hear some were disappointed that the extra beverages he encouraged didn't keep the mosquitoes away after all! Maybe he should have said to rub it on, not drink it.



There were other highlights to the evening as well. The **Morman's** long-time friend **Rhoda** gave a heart-warming rendition of "You Make Me Feel Brand New."

A free-spirited **Bob Whisler** and **Paul Duchek** did a duet (and gave us some new insights into these guys).



The **Jensen** clan had the youngest "Rotarian" there, 3½ year old granddaughter **Ava** whose parents are **Suzanne** and **Erik Digre**. Erik was impressed enough with the fellowship of Rotary that he might join back in Colorado.



Turn out was good, with forty to fifty showing up. In addition to generously providing the location, Luther Village staff cooked and helped clean up this year. There were plentiful deserts, including a double chocolate sheet cake. Maybe they have a quiet room, long-term, available to be near the site for the coming years!

Thanks to the many Rotarians and helpers who put on this year's event. Here's to more and even better next year! (Perhaps we should be thinking about and making our "longer-term" reservations early at the Lutheran Home.) [See more Steak Fry pictures on pages 3 and 4.](#)

Message From Mike Ericksen District Governor

We have completed two months in our year. I am a little over halfway done with my visits to the clubs and have greatly enjoyed meeting everyone. We have GREAT CLUBS! Last year out of the 529 districts in the world, we ranked 26th in per capita giving to The Rotary Foundation with \$175 per Rotarian. We gave \$467,000 to the annual fund. This year with your help, our annual giving team believes we can reach \$500,000. We are again blessed that we will be able to match giving to The Rotary Foundation from now until April 30, 2008 or the points run out. Please see the article in this newsletter for more information.



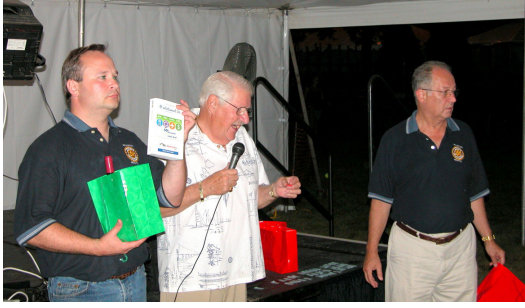
As I travel around our district, I get to see the difference our clubs are making in the community. Not only our own, but also the world community. Our district is great in just about every way we can measure except for membership. Just last month we lost another club, Wilmette-Kenilworth. It was a nice little club, but with little clubs, losing one or two key members can be fatal. That is why I have a special rededication chairperson **Robert Keller** of the Schaumburg-Hoffman Estates club to help small clubs grow to 25 or more members.

Speaking of growth, I am announcing the Governor's Challenge. Rotary International President Wilf Wilkinson has announced that a major focus for his year is membership growth in the U.S. and Canada. I have spoken to a number of clubs that believe that they will have the largest net growth in members and are willing to put up \$1,000 to The Rotary Foundation to prove it.

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**Pics From
Steak Fry
2007**
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Club Member Updates

Rotarians Absent From the Club's September 7th Steak Fry: Alger, Baker, Berry, Bertucci, Billimoria, Boggs, Borton, Chrisos, Field, French, Hassenplug, Higgs, Johnson, Key, Landwehr, Mallek, McMahon, Murray, Musolino, Nash, Nuccio, Oakes, O'Donnell, Ohrstrom, Paddock, Pearson, Ryan, Sampson, Schultz, Schweers, Silverman, Vaswani, Walter, S Whisler, Wilson

September Birthdays

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| Dan Schweers | 2nd |
| Scott Johnson | 21st |
| Linda Borton | 22nd |
| Ron Popp | 30th |

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The challenge is the club that shows the largest increase in members based on the July 2007 and July 2008 semi-annual reports to Rotary International is the winner. Any club that is interested in the challenge, please have the club president e-mail me at gov64400708@aol.com to enter the challenge. The winning team will receive contributions in their club name to The Rotary Foundation of \$1,000 from each of the other clubs. The deadline to apply for the challenge is September 30, 2007. I know of a few clubs that have already inducted a number of new members.

Upcoming District 6440 Events

Sep 15, 2007

Football Tailgate & Duke Football Game at Northwestern University

Sep 18, 2007, 6:00 - 8:00 pm

District 6440 Annual Literacy Meeting

Indian Trails Public Library District
 355 S. Schoenbeck Road
 Wheeling, IL, 60090

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 & RI Board

Rotary International HQ
 Evanston, IL 60201

Register for any of these events online at www.rotary6440.org

Pledge, 4-Way Test & Invocation Assignments

Sep 13

John Scaletta

Sep 20

Steve Sampson

Sep 27

James Ryan

September Stand-In

Jon Ridler