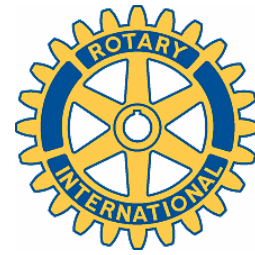




District 6420 NEWS!

Rotary International
Eldon T. Leemhuis, Governor



August 2007

Wilfrid J. Wilkinson, R-I President, 2007-2008

Rotary has not grown by virtue of the fact that a suitable formula had been devised; it has become worldwide in its influence because of the untiring effort to extend it. Paul Harris in My Road to Rotary



Monthly Attendance Report: www.rotary6420.org
District 6420 forms & info: www.rotary6420.org
R-I forms & info: www.rotary.org
LA Convention Info: www.rotary.org
DG Eldon : dg6420for2007_2008@yahoo.com

UPCOMING DISTRICT EVENTS & DATES

Keep current at: www.rotary6420.org
or www.rotary6420.net

- Aug 4 GSE Team Leader Applications are **DUE**
- Aug 11 GSE Team Member Applications are **DUE**. Send them to Dennis Bokemeier, P.O. Box 351, Cedarville, IL 61013
- Aug 11 Regional Rotary Foundation Meeting
- Aug 11 Deer Valley reservations for August 23rd **DUE**
- Aug 18 GSE Team Leader Interviews at CGH in Sterling
- Aug 23 Deer Valley Foundation/Membership/Public Relations/Literacy workshop for all clubs
- Aug 25 GSE Team Member Interviews at CGH in Sterling
- Aug 25 Loves Park Fall Orientation with new IB & YEO's
- Sept 3-9 Zone meeting in the Quad Cities
- Sept 15 District Simplified Grant Applications **DUE**
- Sept 15 Long Term Youth Exchange Applications **DUE**
- Sept 19 IV Sunrise Rotary Club with IB Scholar Alex

From the Governor

Our District has taken the 2007-2008 Theme of **ROTARY SHARES** quite serious. As the month of July passed, we have met many of you face to face that only a few weeks ago were key strokes on a keyboard and names in a directory. It really is a pleasure to make the visits and greet each of you as we travel throughout District 6420. I am really inspired by the enthusiasm that we have seen and heard, knowing that somewhere, you Rotarians in District 6420 will be making a difference to families, communities and villages around the world.

Our President Wilf has placed his emphasis on six areas. They are **Family of Rotary, Health & Hunger, Literacy, Public Image, Water and Youth**. In addition to these six programs, I will be doing my best to relay on to our Rotarians the several dozen other ways that Rotarians provide Humanitarian Service around the world.

I ask each Rotarian to take a look at yourself to see what talent, experience, knowledge and means you have at your disposal and then look around the world at those who are in need of Rotary's Humanitarian assistance and then remember that **ROTARIANS SHARE**.

DG Eldon

Governor's Club Visit Schedule

- Streator..... August 1
- Toluca..... August 2
- DeKalb..... August 6
- Rockford East/Cherry Valley..... August 7
- Loves Park..... August 7
- Peru..... August 10
- Marseilles..... August 13
- Kishwaukee..... August 14
- Harvard..... August 14
- Oregon..... August 15
- Twin Cities..... August 16
- East Moline-Silvis..... August 16
- Ottawa Sunrise..... August 17
- Sandwich..... August 20
- Sterling..... August 21
- LaSalle..... August 22
- Dixon..... August 27
- Rock Falls..... August 27
- Plano..... August 28
- Belvidere Bright..... August 29
- Belvidere..... August 29

MAJOR DONOR



At the Rotary International Convention in Salt Lake City, Rotary International honored Robert Libey, one of our own **Major Donors** from the River Cities Rotary Club, as he moved up one additional level in giving, truly an example of Service above Self and **Sharing Rotary**. It is an honor for District 6420 to have Bob and Doris recognized by Rotary International for their continuous support to Rotary's world-wide humanitarian programs.

7-7-7 PROVES TO BE LUCKY FOR THE ROTARY FOUNDATION



Milan Club celebrates on the Celebration

July 7th was not only the installation of the new officers for the Milan Area Rotary Club, but also the River Boat Cruise meeting was the setting for the presentation of four new Paul Harris Fellows. Shown from L to R are DG Eldon Leemhuis, Charley Arnold, Jack Knepp, Lincoln Scott, Terry Brandt & President Toni Gasper. In the spirit of the Family of Rotary, the evening included DGE Jim Prather and the spouses of the Rotarians of the Milan Area Rotary Club.

2008 GSE Team Application Deadline is August 11th.

Spread the Word – Fill our Team

The last chance for excitement and adventure. Don't forget to ask your members if they have potential applicants working for them. Make sure you also send the application to your local businesses and/or manufacturer. The applications must be in to the hands of our District Group Study Exchange Chair Dennis Bokemeier by Saturday, August 11th. His address is P.O. Box 351, Cedarville, IL 61013. Team Leader interviews are August 18th and the Team interviews are August 25th, both at CGH Medical Center in Sterling. Applicants will be informed of the exact time.

Deer Valley Summer Workshop (Same location as PETS I)

Thursday evening, August 23rd

Who: Club Presidents
Club Foundation Chairs
Club Literacy Chairs
Club Membership Chairs
Club Public Relations Chairs

Please make sure that all club Rotarians assigned to these committees have this date on the calendar. The registration form was sent to each club president and secretary last week. This is a **MUST** meeting for the above club committee chairs and club presidents.

Presidential Trivia

1. Which U.S. President said "Solutions are not the answer." (Answers on page 4)

Due\$ are Due

Did your District **Dues** get sent to District Treasurer PDG Nel Pitelka? **If not, do it now.**

Did your Rotary International **Dues** get sent to Evanston? **If not, do it now.**

REGIONAL FOUNDATION MEETING UPDATE

Districts 6270, 6420, 6440 and 6450 will **SHARE** a Rotary Foundation Workshop on Saturday, August 11th. The meeting will be held at The Stonegate Conference Center in Hoffman Estates. (Across the road north of Woodfield Shopping Center).

Several of our District 6420 Foundation Team will be in attendance. For transportation purposes, I would recommend that any Rotarians planning on attending this workshop contact our District Foundation Chair PDG Anita Papich at anitapapich@earthlink.net or 815-540-4954. Feel free to contact either PDG Anita or myself, dg6420for2007_2008@yahoo.com for additional information or registration forms.

PRESIDENTIAL CITATION GOALS

In the front of each Club Presidents PETS binder, immediately after the calendar for 2007-2008 and RI President Wilf's letter, is a copy of the Presidential Citation pamphlet. This citation is broken down into six categories; Membership, Club Service, Vocational Service, Community Service, International Service and Youth. For the citation, your club must have a net membership growth of one (1) by March 31st. Look at these challenges and plan your year accordingly.

**Inbound Scholar
Alexandre Ngamije
to speak at
Illinois Valley
Community College**



This is an excellent opportunity for those in the south end of District 6420 to meet this incredible young man, being hosted by District 6420 as an Inbound Ambassadorial Scholar. This fall he will start his second year at Rockford College completing his Masters Degree in Business Administration. This event is being sponsored by the Illinois Valley Sunrise Rotary Club in conjunction with other Illinois River Valley Rotary Clubs. Mark your calendars now for Wednesday evening, September 19th. The people of Rwanda went through a genocide which costs the lives of over 800,000 people. Exact detail will be available next month.

2. Which U.S. President said "People who like this sort of thing will find this the sort of thing they like."
3. Which U.S. President said "If Lincoln were alive today, he'd roll over in his grave."

Opening Ceremony at the Grand Rapids



Central States Rotary Youth Exchange

RI President's	1
Attendance	1,371
Exchange Students	654
District 6420 attendees	101
Scheduled meetings	100+
Countries represented	47
District 6420 Rebounds	18
District 6420 Outbounds	14
District 6420 Inbounds	7
Fancy dorm room	\$ 6.00 / night
Total sleep for 3 nights	11hr. 15min.
Experience	PRICELESS



2007 CENTRAL STATES SOCCER CUP World 6 Brazil 2

Loves Park Inbound & YEO/YEC Orientation

This is a reminder to all clubs hosting inbound students this coming year. The date is Saturday, August 25th, and the place is Loves Park City Hall, 100 Heart Blvd. in Loves Park, IL 61111. With this address and Mapquest, you will have an excellent map. You have all received the July 28th letter from Chair Dave & Betty Smith and their team of coordinators. This meeting is a **MUST** for **Inbounds, Club Youth Exchange Officers and Club Youth Exchange Counselors**. If absolutely necessary AND the YEO or YEC cannot make this meeting, you must have some other individual in your club **bring your inbound student**.

EVERYONE must have the necessary training each year.

This is mandated by Rotary International and the State Department.

All clubs within 50 miles of Loves Park need to be at the Loves Park City Hall by 9 AM. Those clubs over 50 miles away, please schedule your travel to arrive by 9:30 AM.

**An RSVE to Dave Smith at 815-621-7707
by Aug. 10 IS REQUIRED !!**

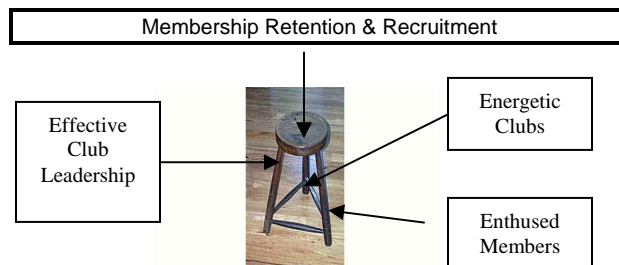
Rotary International Website

If you have never been to the RI website, simply type in www.rotary.org. Look for CLUB LOCATOR. Click on DRILL DOWN and have some fun. Then take it from there to see what is available.



Membership & Extension Month

(Illustration by Narayan Murarka)



The three major and significant legs of membership are:

Effective club leadership teams will make things happen!
Strong and energetic clubs will attract members!
Interested and enthused members will invite guests!

Compliments of Terry Mueller
Regional Rotary International Membership Chair

Reasons Why Members Drop Out of Clubs

1. Poor Club Leadership
2. Lack of proper screening for quality members
3. Improper induction ceremony
4. Inadequate orientation of the new member
5. No participation or involvement
6. Non-fulfillment of sponsor's responsibilities
7. Insufficient attention to members (new and old)
8. Lack of friendship or fellowship
9. Cliques
10. Misjudgment in committee appointments and improper use of talents.

Newsletter Articles

Do you have an article that you would like to see in this district newsletter? Submit it to DG Eldon Leemhuis at dg6420for2007_2008@yahoo.com. All efforts will be made to include it in an upcoming newsletter. Space may require some condensing of the article, but we will do our best.

4. Which U.S. President said "When a great many people are unable to find work, unemployment results."

District Simplified Grants – YOUR FOUNDATION MONEY at Work.

Three years ago each of us was asked to contribute to **THE ROTARY FOUNDATION** to support the world wide programs that this foundation funds. Those \$\$\$ have now been invested for three years, with the generated interest funding the administration of the fund. Now, 100% of your contribution is available for use. 50% has been returned to our District 6420 and the remaining 50% is at The Rotary Foundation and will be used for matching grants. \$8,588 of the District portion is being used for District Simplified Grants. All 48 club presidents have been given a District Simplified Grant Application, which is also behind the August tab in the PETS binder. Look over that application, especially the sheet showing the **ELIGIBLE AND INELIGIBLE** items and see how you can show that **ROTARY SHARES** with a needed program in your community. With the number of participating clubs on the increase, it will be getting competitive. Please be innovative rather than repeating a prior project. The application also comes with a “Complete Project” report that is **REQUIRED** to be back to the District Governor by May 1, 2008. A copy of that form is also in the PETS Manual behind the March tab.

New Paul Harris Fellows in July

Henry: Carol Booth
Milan: Charley Arnold
 Terry Brandt
 Jack Knepp
 Lincoln Scott
Moline: Nick Norman



Governor’s Challenge

Club President’s: It is time to locate and dust off the binder that was given to you back in March at PETS. In the front of the book, prior to the MAR-JUNE tab is information on the Governor’s Challenge. On that list of events which generate points is the Deer Valley Workshop coming up on August 23rd. Points mean \$\$\$\$. The club with the highest point total will receive \$500. Second and 3rd place are \$300 and \$200.

5. Which U.S. President said “There is a mandate to impose a voluntary return to traditional values.”
6. Which U.S. President said “It’s no exaggeration to say the undecideds could go one way or another.”
7. Which U.S. President said “I know how hart it is for you to put food on your family.”

District Directory Additions & Corrections

We all knew they were coming:

Page:	Name:	Should be:
29	Rich Mattas	nazdar1@mac.com
29	Brad Butterfield	brbutterfield@gmail.com
51	James Keely	keelylion@hotmail.com
61	Christy Graham	christy.graham@modern-woodmen.org
72	VP Mary Vogel	is now also the Secretary
82	Patrick Corrigan	Patrick Carrigan
95	Rich Healy	director@planocommerce.org
97	Terry Kramer	kramertn@sbcglobal.net
98	Kelly Doty	kdoty@midlandcorp.com
100	Sam Card	scard@team-national.com
101	Christy Graham	christy.graham@modern-woodmen.org
105	Connie Gendreau	cgendreau@riafcu.com
107	Mary Ford Wheeler	H: 815-584-2454 B: 815-672-2606
116	Robert I. Smith	(BETSY) not Betty betsysmithrealtor@comcast.net
117	Richard Roeing	rroeing@sbcglobal.net
118	John A. Morehead	captjack21@sbcglobal.net

Another Volunteer for Service at the District Level

It is a pleasure to add the name of Charles “Chuck” Lindstrom of the Rotary Club of Rockford East / Cherry Valley to the District Committees of Annual Giving and Club Extension.

Charles Lindstrom, 3815 N. Mulford Rd., Rockford 61114
 H: 815-229-9257 B: 815-282-1288 lsagolf@aol.com

Charter Members retain Perfect Attendance



Granville Club Secretary Scott Shore I awards Charter Members Jeno Bonucchi and Bruno Buchholz their 40 year pins for perfect attendance. Chris Kunkel, Ed Novak and Don Nelson remain as club members from that first meeting in 1967.

8. Which U.S. President said “If we don’t succeed, we run the risk of failure.”

- 1) Richard Nixon , 2) A. Lincoln, 3) Gerald Ford,
- 4) Calvin Coolidge, 5) Ronald Reagan, 6) George H.W. Bush,
- 7) George W. Bush, 8) Bill Clinton

14% Membership Growth in One Day



The LaSalle Rotary Club started 2007-2008 off by inducting six new members in July. Front row L-R are President Alissa Gearhart, new members Diane Baker, Pam Broviak, back row AG Don Ahrendsen, new members Andy Allen, Mike Barrie, Fred Konrad and DG Eldon Leemhuis. Not present for the photo was new member Brian Towne.

New Rotarians in July

Belvidere:	Michelle Currier
Galena:	Nick Miesing
Geneseo:	Jane Scherer Eric Wirderhold
Granville:	Kelly Klotz
Lacon:	Tracy Parsh
LaSalle:	Andy Allen Diane Baker Mike Barrie Pam Broviak Fred Konrad Brian Towne
Marseilles	Gene Carlson
Mendota:	Dale Peterson Darren Young
Moline:	Scott Mathes
Ottawa:	Don Lamps
Princeton:	Connie Doran
Quad Cities:	Paul Neder
River Cities:	Donna McCormick Scott Sidor Todd Weber
Rochelle:	Steve Liezert Brian Siwicki
Rock Island:	Anne McGlynn
Rkfd. E/Cherry	Joe Parlapiano
Wenona:	William Butler

E-mail me the names of your new club members so they can be welcomed to Rotary in our District Newsletter.

Rock Island Rotary presents a Paul Harris Fellow in a Bilingual manner



Rock Island Rotary recently presented the 7th Paul Harris Fellow funded through the generosity of Dan and Ruth Lee, who are Rotarians of the Moline and Rock Island Rotary Clubs respectively. This PHF was presented to Juan Pablo Ruiz, Ruth and Dan's son-in-law of 4 days. Juan is a doctor from Ecuador who is studying to pass his boards in the United States. His family, who speak limited or no English, were in Rock Island for his wedding to Ruth and Dan's daughter, Elizabeth and attended Rotary. PDG Fred Luckenbill presided at the presentation with Elizabeth reading the presentation in Spanish as supplied by Rotary International. Pictured L to R: Dan Lee, Juan Pablo Ruiz, PDG Fred Luckenbill, Elizabeth Lee Ruiz and Ruth Lee.

Article provided by PDG Fred Luckenbill

Freeport Noon Rotarian reaches Rotary Milestone



Matt Marvin has reached a milestone that most of us will never be able to reach, 70 years of service to Rotary !! Matt's Rotary experience yielded "interesting things," including seeking out Rotary Clubs in Belgium and Switzerland during World War II.

That's what Marvin told fellow Rotarians when the club honored their long time member. "I've enjoyed my Rotary experience," the 92-year-old Marvin said. Matt's father was a Charter Member of the Freeport Noon Rotary Club. Matt served as President in 1951-1952, served several years on the Rotary Club's Youth Exchange Committee and hosted several students throughout the years.

Freeport Noon Rotary President Jim Gastel presents Matt with a letter of recognition from Rotary International President W. B. Boyd as PDG Pat Burch reads the letter to the group.

Article provided by PDG Bob Newlon

And unfortunately, from time to time we must offer

Our Condolences

To the families of:
Morrison Rotarian Bill Burch
Ottawa Rotarian Bob Jameson
E. Moline/Silvis Rotarian Roy Glockhoff



photo by: Ashley Krepps, Youth Exchange to Thailand 2006-2007

Ambassadorial Scholar Candidates for 2008-2009



L to R are Daniel Sadowski (LaSalle), Kirsten Rasmussen (Sycamore), Erin Cox (Loves Park), Kathryn Homann (Belvidere Bright Horizons), Bryn Lawrence (Rock Island), Natalie Bailey (Rockford), Elizabeth Nino (Quad Cities), Catherine Ortman (Moline). A wide variety of talented students were interviewed by the District 6420 Ambassadorial Scholarship Committee on July 28th. The approved candidate(s) will study abroad during school year 2008-2009. Funding for this program is through the District **SHARE** portion of funds contributed by District 6420 to the Annual Giving of **THE ROTARY FOUNDATION**.

Just back from Northern Ireland is 2006-2007 Scholar Korah Winn, shown here with her Grandmother Bev Winn in front of the Dunluce Castle.



Korah will be ready to provide programs to our District 6420 area on or about mid September on her year at Queen's University in Belfast. Sponsored by the Rock Falls Rotary Club, Korah is pursuing a degree in TESOL (Teaching English to Speaker's of Other Languages). While in Ireland, she was volunteering as a teacher for asylum seekers and refugees. Korah can be contacted at korahwinn@hotmail.com for speaking arrangements.

Why Engineers Don't Write Recipe Books

Chocolate Chip Cookies:

1. 532.35 cm³ gluten
2. 4.9 cm³ NaHCO₃
3. 4.9 cm³ refined halite
4. 236.6 cm³ partially hydrogenated tallow triglyceride
5. 177.45 cm³ crystalline C₁₂H₂₂O₁₁
6. 177.45 cm³ unrefined C₁₂H₂₂O₁₁
7. 4.9 cm³ methyl ether of protocatechuic aldehyde
8. Two calcium carbonate-encapsulated avian albumen-coated protine
9. 473.2 cm³ theobroma cacao
10. 236.6 cm³ de-encapsulated legume meats (sieve sine #10)

Let the Water keep Coming

One more well for Costa Rica, Thanks to the Morrison Community Bible School Team for \$ 1,708.00

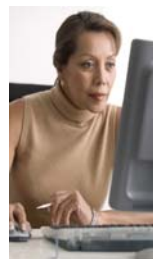


The team approached Rotarian, Volunteer and District Grants Chair Dana McCoy of the Sterling Club about the Costa Rica well project. They had earlier heard her speak about her adventures on the well drilling team. The theme this year for the Bible School Team was "Water Works Park" and wanted to raise the funds for another well in Costa Rica. Dana taught over 200 kids about the kids in Costa Rica and now they are exchanging letters. At the closing session, Dana spoke to over 500 people on our District's clean water mission, which also appeared in the Morrison paper.

The kids raised \$1,315.45 in dollars and quarters during the week. Another church in town collected an additional \$380 on Sunday in their offering. With the cooperation of our District Resident Well Driller Gary Matteson (East Moline-Silvis) and Olman Barbosa (Limon Club, Costa Rica), Well #41 will be installed in Costa Rica with a plaque recognizing the Morrison Community, The Sterling Rotary Club and District 6420.

Pictured L to R are Jude Gonzales, Costa Rica Literacy Volunteer, Catherine Sheets, Sterling Club President and Dana McCoy, Costa Rica Volunteer, and District Grant Chair & District WCS Committee member, all of the Sterling Rotary Club. The check was received from the Morrison community and turned over to our District Treasurer for the 41st well in Costa Rica.

MEMBERSHIP ATTENDANCE REPORTS



Club Secretaries: simply go to www.rotary6420.org and click on CALENDAR. From there, you will find the attendance button to click on and simply enter your monthly club information. The July attendance report is due now.

BY THE NUMBERS

1,211,627 Rotarians worldwide
532 Rotary Districts
32,581 Rotary clubs
7,269 Rotaract clubs
167,187 Rotaract members
10,955 Interact clubs
251,965 Interact members