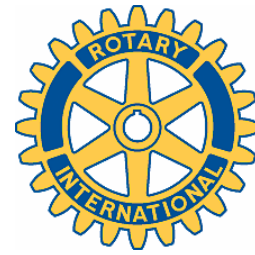




# District 6420 NEWS!

**Rotary International**  
**Eldon T. Leemhuis, Governor**

**November 2007**



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

## “November is *FOUNDATION MONTH*”



Monthly Attendance Report: [www.rotary6420.org](http://www.rotary6420.org)  
District 6420 forms & info: [www.rotary6420.org](http://www.rotary6420.org)  
R-I forms & info: [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org)  
LA Convention Info: [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org)  
DG Eldon : [dg6420for2007\\_2008@yahoo.com](mailto:dg6420for2007_2008@yahoo.com)

### UPCOMING DISTRICT EVENTS & DATES

Keep current at:

[www.rotary6420.org](http://www.rotary6420.org) or [www.rotary6420.net](http://www.rotary6420.net)  
and click on **CALENDAR**

Nov 3 Outbound long term interviews at CGH

Dec 1 DGNE Interviews at CGH in Sterling

### *From the Governor*

The “official visit” portion of this Rotary year is over. It has been quite an experience. Nancy was able to make all 48 visits with me. In some cases I was invited back to the club, but only if I brought her along. In our travels, we were greeted by a bagpipe, harmonica, and soloist with a guitar and a special anniversary song. Thinking that my own club was one of the very few who sang, it actually appears that less than half of the clubs sing. One club pays \$ 0.25 per member each week not to sing. One club who sang, should have paid \$2.00 each for singing. They even stopped and restarted, with the same results.

We only had fried chicken twice (Nancy had the option of choosing it a couple more times) and the most popular meals seemed to be pork chops. I was fined a couple of times, once for saying their club was going to the dogs. As proof, my photo was taken holding a young black lab, but I still paid the fine. I also took treats for all, all four legged K9’s that is. A couple of the clubs must not have told their members that the Governor was coming; they were in the 90% attendance range for the day. I did not have to share any meeting with another program. One club did allow me to speak and bumped a US Senatorial Candidate who appeared at the last minute. Since he did not stick around to hear what I had to say \_\_\_\_\_. Everyone appeared to stay around even after I was introduced as the speaker except one club which exited as fast as a fire drill at an elementary school.

We found that District 6420 has an excellent group of Rotarians who are sharing their time, talents and funds on hundreds of projects, both locally and internationally. It was quite inspiring to see the enthusiasm by so many people. I congratulate all of you on your projects. It was a pleasure meeting each and every one of you during those 4,427 miles we traveled in the last 13 weeks around north-west Illinois.

A big thanks for allowing Nancy & I to **SHARE ROTARY** with each of you.

*DG Eldon*

### Mid Year meeting confirmation

The dates and times have been set for the four mid-year meetings in January. They have been laid out the same as the past few years. In December we will be requesting that each club register their Club President and President Elect. While the cost will be picked up by the district, registration will be necessary so that we can have a headcount for the meeting and meal facility. Those dates and locations are:

Tue. Jan 8<sup>th</sup> @ 6 pm Perry Memorial Hospital, in Princeton

Granville	Henry	IV Sunrise
Lacon	LaSalle	Marseilles
Ottawa Sunrise	Ottawa	Peru
Princeton	Streator	Toluca
Wenona		

Thur. Jan 10<sup>th</sup> @ 6 pm Loves Park City Hall

Belvidere Bright	Belvidere	Freeport
Freeport Sunrise	Galena	Harvard
Loves Park	Mt. Carroll	N.Winnebago
Pecatonica	Rockford East / Cherry Valley	
Rockford	Savanna	

Tue. Jan. 15<sup>th</sup> @ 6 pm The Cellar in Geneseo

East Moline/Silvis	Erie	Geneseo
Milan	Moline	Morrison
Quad Cities	River Cities	Rock Island

Thur. Jan 17<sup>th</sup> @ 6 pm Alfano's Pizzeria in Rochelle

DeKalb	Dixon	Kishwaukee Sunrise
Mendota	Oregon	Plano
Rochelle	Rock Falls	Sandwich
Sterling	Sycamore	Twin Cities
Walnut		

The above schedule was arranged to make driving a minimum. You will be more than welcome to attend any of the meeting and the information presented will be identical at each location.

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### 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](mailto: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.

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### Club Secretaries

[www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org) and then click on **MEMBER ACCESS**. Log in with your password and then you can check on your club membership list, add new members and delete any who have left.

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All 12 of our Inbounds were able to make it to the Rochelle sponsored Pumpkin Carving adventure. Half of those had never experienced pumpkins prior to the weekend so it was an adventure



If the carving looks like anyone you know, that was not by accident. Several of the Rotarians from Rochelle and our District were present and provided the poses for the carvers. This weekend ended Sunday morning after a typical sleepless Saturday night.



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### Where in the world are they?



Shannon of the Galena Rotary Club feels that she is really "getting along just fine here in Spain. The classes that I'm taking are Lengua (Spanish grammar), Philosophy, Art History, Math, Geography, English and economics, and they're all in Spanish! My host family is wonderful. I have a room with its own bathroom and a great view of the mountains. The home-cooked food is to die for as well. I think I'm getting spoiled!"



### Time for the Ambassadorial Scholar Search

November is the month to begin the search for those outstanding students in your community. Each club has students who would cherish a \$23,000 scholarship for study in a foreign county. In addition to the formal education, the student must be willing to share their time and experience as a volunteer with both young and old in their community of their overseas college. By releasing the attached Ambassadorial Scholar News Release in November, you should reach those students who are home for Thanksgiving. This same release can be used again in December. This program is designed to not only further their own scholastic education, but also broaden their understanding of culture and sharing.

Next spring, it will be time to have the applicants finalize their application, which is available at [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org). More information will be forthcoming.

Additional information is available from the above Rotary website or through District 6420 Scholarship Chair George Bass, listed on page 29 of the 2007-2008 District Directory.

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### District Committee Chairs

It is required for **ALL** District Committee Chairs register their meeting dates on the District Calendar with our District Secretary Betty Clementz. If you or your committee are expecting reimbursement for mileage or expenses, those meetings **MUST** be on the calendar.

### You may contact the District Secretary at:

Betty Clementz, 21762 Manton Road, Sterling, IL 61081  
Home: 815-336-2305 [tclementz@accessus.net](mailto:tclementz@accessus.net)

**Rotary International  
Director Nominee for  
2009-2011**

**Thomas M. Thorfinnson  
District 5950 Zone 27  
Minnesota**



Considered “one of our own” by many, the nominating committee for director in Zone 27 recently certified that they have nominated Thomas (Tommie T.) Thorfinnson, a member of the Rotary Club of Eden Prairie Noon, Minnesota, as a director of Rotary International for 2009-2011. The RI president will declare Rotarian Thorfinnson to be the sole official director-nominee from our zone on 1 December 2007, unless, prior to that date, another qualified Rotarian has been duly endorsed as a challenging candidate. To bring about such a challenge, a club in the zone must submit a resolution to the district governor, signed by the club president or secretary, naming a candidate who was previously suggested to the nominating committee. As the District 6420 Governor, I am not aware of any Rotarian in our district being previously suggesting any candidate to the nominating committee.

Many in our district have met Tom at previous events which include PETS sessions, District Foundation Seminars and last years District Conference. It is a pleasure to call “Tommie T.” one of our own and we wish him well. (read the next article)

**DISTRICT 6420  
AND  
ZONE 27 / 28  
ROTARIAN'S  
ARE SHARING**



On November 8<sup>th</sup> four District 6420 Rotarian's will leave for Nigeria, part of a twenty-person Volunteer Service team. Leaving from Minneapolis, the group includes representatives from eight Rotary Districts in Zones 27/28, and will be led by RI Director-elect Tom Thorfinnson and District 6420 Governor-Nominee Elise Cadigan. PDG and World Community Service Chair Bob Newlon, DGE Jim Prather and Dana McCoy will represent our district.

Each of the twenty team members will spend the first half of the trip as part of teams visiting the villages around three major cities. Dana will be one of six traveling to Lagos. Bob and Elise will be part of an eight-person group traveling to Kano and Jim will land in Abuja as part of a six-person team.

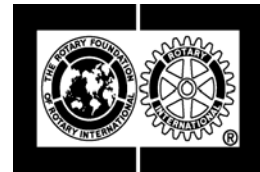
All 20 of these Rotarian's will meet with villagers, listen to their concerns and then work with the Nigerian Rotarians to develop long-term projects to meet the most pressing needs not able to be addressed by the limited resources in the country. The project focus for this trip is water and literacy and will be further explored when all 20 team members converge on Abuja to attend the West African Project Fair. One hundred Rotarians from the US, plus Rotarians from throughout Europe, will attend the Fair. Following the Project Fair, all will participate in a two-day National Immunization Day, giving polio immunization drops to thousands of children.

Team members will carry a second suitcase filled with items that will be distributed during the trip. Rotarians are asked to contribute the following items. Any light weight children's clothing: underwear, shorts, diapers, wet wipes. Small soft toys, balls & books. Children's Tylenol or Ibuprofen, first aid supplies, antibiotic cream and band-aids. Also needed are toothbrushes, toothpaste, hotel size shampoos & soaps and flip-flops of all sizes.

All four district Rotarians going on the trip are listed in the district directory. Elise is in the Rockford Club, Jim in the Quad Cities Club, Bob is with Oregon and Dana is in the Sterling Club. Again, they leave on November 8<sup>th</sup> so make arrangements for these contributions immediately.

A report on this trip will be part of the District 6420 Conference being held on April 25-27, 2008 in Ottawa.

**November is  
Rotary  
Foundation  
Month**



When making my Rotary visits I quoted from Rotary's "Century of Service" book that "Rotary is growing stronger because it offers men and women something they yearn for; the desire to help others, the determination to make a difference". Anytime, especially November, is the time for you to make that difference.



**Just two dollars a week is all it takes to help !**

In Hungary, "All sectors ANNUAL average income" is \$6,312  
In Poland, "All sectors ANNUAL average income" is \$6,192  
In Mexico, "All sectors ANNUAL average income" is \$4,212  
In the Philippines, "All sectors ANNUAL average income" is \$2,484  
In Thailand, "All sectors ANNUAL average income" is \$1,680

**And every Rotarian in those countries needs  
\$2.00 a week in US Funds for  
EVERY ROTARIAN EVERY YEAR status**

Richard (Bud) and Diane Phillis were presented with their Major Donor Crystal during the Governor's official visit to the Rock Island Rotary Club.



Bud has been the long-time chair of Rock Island's PolioPlus committee. Quad City area clubs came in 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> in club giving to PolioPlus for 2006-2007. In addition to the Major Donor Crystal, they named three of their grandchildren as Paul Harris Fellows. Shown below are Richard, Elizabeth, Anthony, Harrison and Diane. Their contribution makes Bud & Diane the 5<sup>th</sup> Major Donor in the Rock Island Rotary Club.



**The Rotary Club of Princeton** officially welcomed eight new members during the Governor's official meeting. Shown here with their sponsors, this is the first set of members inducted since their 16 "International" membership teams started their drive on September 18<sup>th</sup>. During this membership drive, each member of the winning team will win a \$10 Princeton Chamber gift certificate, providing a minimum of 12 new Rotarians are inducted.

*In addition to new Rotarians, eight members were presented with their Paul Harris Fellow with Mort Landreth being presented his Paul Harris Fellow +1. The new Paul Harris fellows are Leslye Mack, Paul Kautz, Phillip Kaufmann, Linda & Roger Gustafson, JoAnne Swan, Charles Tracey and Bud Bulthuis*



### New Paul Harris Sustaining Members in October

**Granville:** Janice Brannon  
Jim Mack  
Lonna Nauman  
Lorraine Terando

**Rochelle:** Tom Price

### New Paul Harris Fellows in October

**Moline:** Jim Scott +2  
Don Welvaert

**Princeton:** Bud Bulthuis  
Linda Gustafson  
Roger Gustafson  
Phillip Kaufmann  
Paul Kautz  
Mort Landreth +1  
Leslye Mack  
JoAnne Swan  
Charles Tracy

**Rock Island:** Joseph Phillis (Grandchild)  
Elizabeth Phillis (Grandchild)  
Anthony Phillis (Grandchild)  
Harrison Phillis (Grandchild)

**Twin Cities:** Leo Wahl



## DISTRICT 6420 ANNUAL GIVING GOAL \$160,765

**Goal**  
**\$160,765** →

**September 30**  
**\$20,088** →



### And a few more District Directory changes

We all knew they were coming:

Page: Name: Should be:  
77 President Sandy Turpen

**What classifications are you missing in your club?**



- The DG for 1210 is a Gunsmith
- The DG for 1560 is an Importer of Comfort Shoes
- The DG for 1890 is an Aroma Mfg.
- The DG for 3360 is a Shell Button Manufacturer
- The DG for 3650 is a Vocal Music Instructor
- The DG for 3690 is a Deer Raiser
- The DG for 5300 is a Saloon Keeper
- The DG for 9980 is a Sheep Farmer

**Granville is 40 Years and Going Strong**

and they celebrated in good fashion as all Rotarians should do. The mention of several of their past club projects brought both smiles and laughter.



Granville President Darrell Alleman and his wife Jeanne pose with the original charter for the Granville Club. Charter members attending the celebration included Jeno Bonucchi, Bruno Buchholz, both with perfect attendance during these past 40 years, Ed Novak and prior members Don Gallagher & Gary Naumann. Charter members and still Rotarians Chris Kunkel & Don Nelson were not able to attend the evenings festivities.

Show you are a Rotarian as you drive the highways.



The State of Illinois has approved the **ROTARY** license plate, providing there are 800 auto owners who order the plate. For the application, go to [www.rotary6420.org](http://www.rotary6420.org) and click on CALENDAR followed by DOWNLOADS. One page is the basic information on costs and the other is for the application.

**MUCHAS GRACIAS**

The Rotarians of Erie and River Cities have reached into their pockets for the benefit of more students in our District's Costa Rico literacy project. With their assistance, we have another \$370 that will be used for additional dictionaries in Costa Rica schools.

Now is the time to plan your trip to the **Rotary International Convention Los Angeles 2008.**

The price deadline is December 15<sup>th</sup>. Simply go to [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org) and click on **2008 LA Convention.**



**New Rotarians in our District**

- Belvidere:** Dennis Marak
- Galena:** Dale Greimann
- Geneseo:** Catherine Rothschild
- Mount Carroll:** Rich Hall
- Princeton:** Connie Doran  
Lori Frick  
Lesley Gonigham  
Pete Mangold  
Colleen Sailer  
Jeff Schenck  
Janet Spanos  
Kay Townsend
- Rochelle:** Dan Lundquest  
Greg Query
- Rock Falls:** Sarah Willey
- Savanna:** Karen Carvell  
Mark Klein  
Larry Thomson

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

*And unfortunately, from time to time we must offer*

**Our Condolences**

To the families of:

- Galena Rotarian Shirley Leliosh
- Marseilles Rotarian Martin Spicer



Photo by: Ashley Krepps, Youth Exchange 2006-2007

**Thanksgiving dinner by Kindergarten Classes**

**Turkey by Brandon:** You put some salt on it to make it taste good. Then you put it in the oven. Then you cook it for an hour at 5 degrees. Then you eat it.

**Deer Jerky by Jarryd:** Put it in the over overnight at 20 degrees. Then you go hunting and bring it with you. Then you eat it.

## Family of Rotary



*The Rotary Club of River Cities held their 1<sup>st</sup> Family Fun Day in October. When you have an event with family, food and fun. What else is needed. In addition to those three items, pumpkins were carved by the children. (and some adults).*

If your club has not scheduled some type of family event, what are you waiting for?

### SHELTER BOX USA CONTINUES TO GROW IN DISTRICT 6420

Over the past year or so,, more and more Rotary Clubs in District 6420 have chosen to take part in Shelter Box USA.

This Rotary International approved project provides pre-packed disaster survival kits, with tents, sleeping bags, cooking equipment and other necessities, enough to sustain up to 10 people indefinitely after a major disaster. Clubs can support Shelter Box by pledging to support on or more boxes at \$1000, and we've worked to reach as many Rotary Clubs and other organizations as possible within the district.

Here's a sampling of what we've done in the past few months:

Marseilles Elementary School selected a fundraiser and filled gallon milk jugs to raise \$1,746.16.

Combined contributions by the Rotary Clubs of Plano, Sandwich, Peru and Yorkville have totaled \$1,083.00

Rochelle is considering sponsoring one \$1,000 box.

Clubs ranging from Rockford to Morrison, East Moline/Silvis to Walnut, Ottawa Sunrise to Princeton, and many others, have heard the presentation and many plan to support Shelter Box.

Outside of Rotary, displays have been set up in DeKalb, Kishwaukee Health Fair, Sycamore, Rockford, the Illinois News Broadcasters Assoc. and the Illinois Council for Social Studies Teachers convention in Lisle.

Some surplus Shelter Box equipment has been donated to a Cub Scout pack in Sycamore and will shortly be sponsoring a presentation on Shelter Box.

If you club is interested in a presentation at one of your meetings, please contact Brain Adams of the Sycamore Rotary Club at (815) 895-0991

It's the day before Thanksgiving, and the butcher is just locking up when a man begins pounding on the front door. "Please let me in," says the man desperately. "I forgot to buy a turkey and my wife will kill me if I don't come home with one." "Okay" says the butcher. "Let me see what I have left." He goes into the freezer and discovers that there's only one scrawny turkey left. He brings it out to show the man. "That's one is too skinny. What else you got?" says the man. The butcher takes the bird back into the freezer and waits a few minutes and brings the same turkey back out to the man. "Oh no," says the man, "that one doesn't look any better. You better give me both of them!?"

## MEMBERSHIP ATTENDANCE REPORTS



Club Secretaries:

Thanks to all of you for your time and efforts of reporting your club numbers. The results of your reports are listed below.

Please continue to go to [www.rotary6420.org](http://www.rotary6420.org)

and click on **CALENDAR** for your attendance, new members, new Paul Harris Sustaining Members and Paul Harris Fellows.



**Your local high school is well underway for 2007-2008. Is an Interact Club part of the options that your students have? If not, why not?**

The Rock Island Club is having their "Kick Off" today, November 1<sup>st</sup> at Rocky. The exposure to Rotary and community service, especially when the service is **SERVICE ABOVER SELF**, is what most of our future leaders need. If you do not have the Interact option in your school, contact Interact Chair Pat Burch or District Committee Members Tom Brooks or Ruth Lee. All three of them are listed in the 2007-2008 District Directory on page 43. Also listed there are the eight clubs/schools in our district with Interact programs. Each of those club sponsors will be more than happy to answer any questions you may have.



**From our home to yours...**



**...HAPPY THANKSGIVING**

## Membership and Attendance for District 6420

	Members		Attendance												For the Month
	July 1	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	September 31	
Belvidere	50	55%	54%	54%	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	50	
Belvidere Bright Horizons	13	60%	55%	60%	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	13	
DeKalb	25	53%	60%	63%	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	27 (+2)	
Dixon	72				.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	72	
East Moline – Silvis	108	83%	81%	81%	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	108	
Erie	14	62%	73%	50%	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	14	
Freeport	85	70%	73%	70%	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	90 (+5)	
Freeport Sunrise	16	73%	76%	69%	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	16	
Galena	79	69%	78%	74%	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	84 (+5)	
Geneseo	52	62%	65%	70%	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	53 (+1)	
Granville	31	68%	73%	78%	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	33 (+2)	
Harvard	19	63%	68%	60%	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	18 (-1)	
Henry	37	76%	84%	81%	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	34 (-3)	
Illinois Valley Sunrise	36	48%	55%	58%	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	36	
Kishwaukee Sunrise	46	69%	70%	76%	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	45 (-1)	
Lacon	23	72%	70%	74%	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	24 (+1)	
LaSalle	42	69%	65%	63%	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	51 (+9)	
Loves Park	41	85%	83%	83%	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	42 (+1)	
Marseilles	19	75%	63%	65%	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	19	
Mendota	14	76%	100%	92%	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	15 (+1)	
Milan Area	34	54%	58%	54%	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	34	
Moline	152	74%	74%	66%	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	153 (+1)	
Morrison	51	62%	64%	58%	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	51	
Mount Carroll	20	55%	44%	50%	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	22 (+2)	
Northern Winnebago County	16	41%	59%	58%	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	16	
Oregon	56	53%	56%	53%	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	57 (+1)	
Ottawa	76	58%	62%	65%	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	76	
Ottawa Sunrise	18	61%	75%	75%	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	21 (+3)	
Pecatonica	13	87%	58%	77%	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	13	
Peru	47	72%	63%	62%	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	56 (+9)	
Plano	19	57%	50%	56%	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	19	
Princeton	76	83%	89%	87%	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	78 (+2)	
Quad Cities	20	68%	65%	67%	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	21 (+1)	
River Cities	32	47%	59%	62%	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	31 (-1)	
Rochelle	88	59%	66%	58%	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	92 (+4)	
Rock Falls	23	89%	88%	93%	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	25 (+2)	
Rock Island	110	60%	59%	62%	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	107 (-3)	
Rockford	231	n/a	n/a	39%	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	223 (-8)	
Rockford East/Cherry Valley	39	68%	63%	61%	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	38 (-1)	
Sandwich	18	83%	82%	73%	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	17 (-1)	
Savanna	32	73%	63%	65%	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	31 (-1)	
Sterling	58	78%	37%	75%	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	64 (+6)	
Streator	32	38%	46%	52%	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	29 (-3)	
Sycamore	77	66%	58%	67%	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	78 (+1)	
Toluca	17	_x_	_x_	62%	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	17	
Twin Cities	32	67%	64%	67%	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	33 (+1)	
Walnut	25	72%	78%	91%	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	25	
Wenona	19	60%	61%	71%	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	20 (+1)	

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2253 per District 6420 Treasurer July 2007 records

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