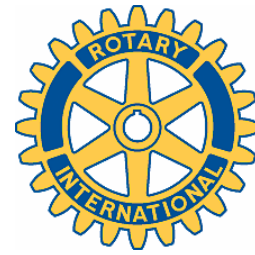




District 6420 NEWS!

Rotary International
Eldon T. Leemhuis, Governor

September 2007



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

“Every Rotarian an Example to Youth”



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
 and click on **CALENDAR**

- Sept 3-9 Zone 27-28 in the Quad Cities
- Sept 15 District Simplified Grant applications are **DUE**.
- Sept 15-16 Sycamore IB weekend. Sailing on Lake Mich.
- Sept 19 Alex Nagamije at Illinois Valley Comm. College
- Oct 20 Inbound Pumpkin Carving in Rochelle 1-5 PM
- Oct 26 Outbound long term applications **DUE**
- Oct 31 District Governor 2010-2011 Apps **DUE**

Governor's Club Visit Schedule

Walnut.....	September 12
Sycamore.....	September 19
Granville.....	September 20
Wenona.....	September 24
Rochelle.....	September 25
Morrison.....	September 26
Freeport Sunrise.....	September 27
Milan.....	September 27
Princeton.....	October 2
Ottawa.....	October 3
Rockford.....	October 4
Galena.....	October 5
Rock Island.....	October 9
Savanna.....	October 10
Moline.....	October 15
Erie.....	October 15
River Cities.....	October 16
Mount Carroll.....	October 16
North Winnebago County.....	October 17
Pecatonica.....	October 17

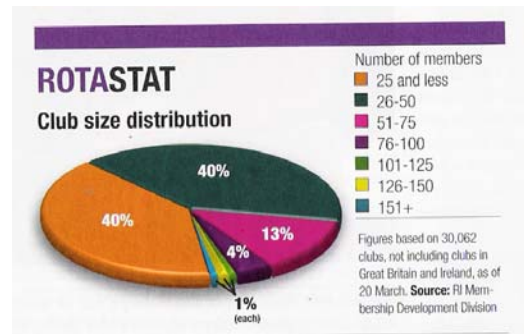
Definition: Flashlight – a case for holding dead batteries.

From the Governor

It is quite obvious that the Rotarians of District really know how to **SHARE ROTARY**. In our travels throughout the district, Nancy & I have seen many of the projects that Rotarians are doing in their community, for their community. We have found the visitation part of the Governor's job a real treat. Just don't forget to get the word out to your community that your Rotary club is active and answering the needs in your area. Along with all the work and efforts of the clubs, most of them are still doing it in the Rotary fashion, by having fun while working hard. Where else can the Governor go for an official visit in August and have the club members sing Jingle Bells. We have been serenaded by bagpipes at Belvidere Bright Horizons, sung to as the Governor by East Moline/Silvis and had a special "Eldon & Nancy" song by Rock Falls. Then there is the club, which shall remain nameless, who was fining four members who had their picture in the newspaper. After finding out that their picture appeared because they were **NEW ROTARY CLUB MEMBERS**, I did the only thing that a Governor **Should** do, I paid **Their finE**. **For**tunately, to keep from embarrassing the **cLub**, they shall rema**In** **Nameless** for their own **Good**.

DG Eldon

Rotary focuses on small-club growth



Are you a small club and thought you were the only one in the world who had a membership of 25 or less. You are not alone, but as we all know, it should still be your challenge and goal to increase your membership.

Deer Valley Summer Workshop



For the 148 Rotarians who made it through the rain to get to Deer Valley, it was a great workshop. The 160 who registered made this the largest group we have had for the four different sessions on Foundation, Membership, Literacy and Public Relations.

As each of you takes this information and program understanding back to your clubs, we look forward to the gains that each of you are expecting.

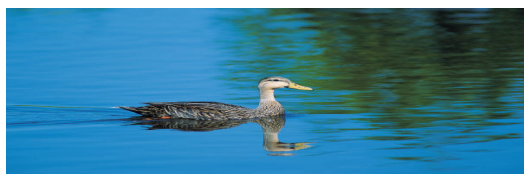
FOUNDATION: You do not have to wait until November, which is foundation month, to send in your contributions to The Rotary Foundation. Please keep in mind that your contribution is tax deductible.

MEMBERSHIP: Please pass on all the ideas that were mentioned on Thursday. What may not work for you may very well work for another club member. And for the Club Secretaries, when you post your monthly attendance at www.rotary6420.org, the space is there for you to list your new members as well as any new Paul Harris Sustaining Members and Paul Harris Fellows. They will be listed in next months District Newsletter.

PUBLIC RELATIONS: Get the word out. Let your community know that ROTARY is in your community and working for your community.

LITERACY: There is no limit to what a Rotary Club can do in their community. The options are endless and many of them were described at the workshop. Feel free to contact any Rotarian who had an idea or was part of a project that you thought was unique. Remember, **ROTARIANS SHARE.**

THANKS for coming in spite of the **RAIN**



Applicants for District Governor 2010-2011

Within a few weeks, each club president will receive the application information for our selection of a District Governor for 2010-2011. All applicants must be endorsed by their Rotary Club. Interviews will be held on Saturday, December 1, 2007 at CGH Medical Center in Sterling.

September is...

New Generations Month

It is the responsibility of each Rotarian to prepare the New Generations – all young people up to the age of 30 – by improving their life skills to ensure a better future, while recognizing the diversity of their needs. All clubs and districts are encouraged to undertake projects that support the fundamental needs of the New Generations: health, human values, education, and self-development. The RI structured programs for New Generations are: Interact, Rotaract, Rotary Youth Leadership Awards, and Youth Exchange.

Harvard Rotarian and CSRYE Grand Rapids Internet Register Doug Mather took his job seriously as he tried to register RI President Wilf Wilkinson.



For more information on the New Generations programs offered by Rotary International, go to www.rotary.org and click on **RI Programs**. That will get you to the screen where you can select: Youth Exchange, Interact, Rotaract & RYLA.

Sign up time for Long Term Youth Exchange

September has arrived and the interview process for our 2008-2009 Youth Exchange process is only 9 weeks away. Please make your contacts with the students and parents to get those important applications filled out. The interviews are being held at the CGH Medical Center in Sterling on November 3rd. This interview process is for both the student and parents. To allow time for processing the applications for the interviews, ALL paperwork should be in the hands of the committee by October 26th. Details on this program can be found on page 61 of the 2007-2008 District Directory.

Applications are to be sent to:

**Dave Smith, 300 River Lane,
Loves Park, IL 61111.**

Where in the world are they?



Kimberly of the Ottawa Noon Club reports she is having a wonderful time. "My family is so nice. Switzerland is also so beautiful. I am taking German classes in Zurich right now and it is tough but I am learning pretty fast. I start my real school in 2 weeks; I'm very excited and am making many friends. I am a little homesick but it is very normal however I am enjoying every minute here."

Haosi is one of our inbound students from Marburg, Germany. He is making his home with the Rock Falls Club for this next year. After only one week in school he has already mastered opening his locker. Many of us remember that challenge. He accomplished this sooner than did his American locker neighbor. Best of luck to Haosi.

Start thinking about Short Term Youth Exchange

The Short Term Youth Exchange offers a 4 week exchange in the summer of 2008 where you literally have an exchange of students. Your student will spend 4 weeks abroad with another family/student which is followed by the overseas host student then returning to stay with you for 4 weeks. A short list of the participating countries is listed on page 60 of the 2007-2008 District Directory.

For more information, contact:

Scott Shore, P.O. Box 418, Granville, IL 61326
shores@ivnet.com

Interact in District 6420



Rotary's Presidential Citation is available to Interact Clubs for first time.
(See Presidential Citation)

District 6420 is pleased to have eight active Interact Clubs around our district. They are:

DeKalb High School (DeKalb Rotary Club)
United Township High School (E. Moline/Silvis)
Aquin High School (Freeport Noon Rotary Club)
Harvard High School (Harvard Rotary Club)
Keith School (Loves Park Rotary Club)
Mendota High School (Mendota Rotary Club)
Al Cini Memorial (Savanna Rotary Club)
Sycamore High School (Sycamore Rotary Club)

Each Rotary community in our district has a High School. Does yours have an Interact Club? What a great opportunity to let them learn about helping others. We not only have a District Interact Committee to assist any club considering the Interact experience, but we also have the Rotarians who have successful Interact Clubs in the above schools. All names are listed in the 2007-2008 District Directory on page 43. As Rotarians, they are all more than happy to **SHARE ROTARY** by sharing information on Interact.

Rotary's Presidential Citation is available to Rotaract Clubs again.
(See Presidential Citation)



The purpose of Rotaract is to provide an opportunity for young men and women to enhance the knowledge and skills that will assist them in personal development, to address the physical and social needs of their communities, and to promote better relations between all people worldwide through a framework of friendship and service. Rotaract clubs are composed of young adults, between the ages of 18

and 30 inclusive, who are residing, employed, or studying within the vicinity of the sponsoring Rotary Club.

Since a Rotaract Club can be jointly sponsored by more than one Rotary Club, we have the opportunity here in District for several clubs to join together and consider the following Community Colleges and Universities:

Black Hawk College
Highland Community College
Illinois Valley Community College
Rock Valley College
Salk Valley Community College

We have the following Rotaract Club in District 6420

NIU Rotaract Club (DeKalb)
Rockford College Rotaract Club (Rockford)

The Kishwaukee Rotaract Club is being attempted

Quad Cities Rotaract Club is attempting to be restarted

Our District Rotaract Chair is Jeff Gorman (DeKalb)
1819 Perry Court, Sycamore, IL 60178
jeffg@dimcodekalb.com

Presidential Citation for Rotary, Interact & Rotaract Clubs

Rotary International has extended the Presidential Citation to include Interact Clubs for 2007-2008. A separate mailing has been Interact & Rotaract Clubs and committees along with application forms and guidelines. For our 48 Rotary Clubs, the guidelines are inside your President's PETS Manual, just behind the message from RI President Wilf Wilkinson. The actual application is behind the February tab in that PETS binder. Take a look at the requirements and plan your year accordingly.

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 and simply enter your monthly club information. Go there now just to see how easy it is. This is the same screen to list your new members and you new Paul Harris Sustaining Members and Paul Harris Fellows.

**Paul
Harris
Fellow
++++’s**



Contributions to The Rotary Foundation should not stop when you reach \$1,000 and receive your **Paul Harris Fellow** pin. The need goes on and so must the giving with Every Rotarian Every Year. At the Loves Park Rotary Club, both PDG Stu and Polly have reached the **Paul Harris Fellow +8** level. Second from left is Mike Tumilowicz, who was awarded his **Paul Harris Fellow**. Second from right is Club President Ron Spear and DG Eldon Leemhuis. Ron was presented with his **Paul Harris Fellow +1** pin.

New Paul Harris Fellows in August

- E. Moline/Silvis** Jim Cooksey
Gary Matteson **+1**
- Harvard:** David Netherton
Susan Netherton
- Loves Park:** Polly Smith **+8**
Ron Spear **+1**
Mike Tumilowicz
- Moline:** Leanne Shaw
- Sycamore:** Marilyn Stromborg
- Wenona:** Rich Steljes **+4**



**FOUNDATION HIGHLIGHTS
RE-CAP OF 2006-2007**

Rotarians in District 6420 truly understood the message of “Lead the Way”. With our hearts, hands and heads we again made great strides toward reaching Rotary International’s dream of \$100 per capita in “Every Rotarian Every Year”. Many individual Rotarians are giving at a level above \$100.

This year we achieved 115% of our goal of \$168,765 by collective contributing \$193,802.63 to Annual Giving. Our per capita giving has risen to \$83.90. In addition our District giving to PolioPlus stands at \$12,562.34, and Permanent Fund Giving recorded \$5,000 for a grant total of \$211,364.97. Twenty-six clubs met or surpassed their goal. They are:

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|--------------------|------------------|-------------------------|
| DeKalb | Dixon | Erie |
| Freeport Sunrise | Galena | Geneseo |
| Granville | Harvard | Henry |
| Kishwaukee Sunrise | LaSalle | Lacon |
| Loves Park | N. Winnebago Co. | Ottawa Sunrise |
| Pecatonica | Quad Cities | River Cities |
| Rock Falls | Rockford | Rkfd. E / Cherry Valley |
| Sandwich | Sterling | Streator |
| Toluca | Wenona | |

**The following clubs are in the top quartile for
Total Annual Giving**

Club	Members	Total	% of Goal
1. Rockford	239	\$26,560	122%
2. River Cities	29	\$18,336	2445%
3. Moline	169	\$15,694	90%
4. Galena	83	\$10,075	119%
5. Rock Island	105	\$ 9,345	73%
6. Rockford E./Cherry Valley	35	\$ 7,800	173%
7. Sycamore	76	\$ 6,955	93%
8. Sterling	60	\$ 6,460	108%
9. Princeton	76	\$ 5,940	74%
10. Rochelle	87	\$ 5,659	62%
11. Loves Park	47	\$ 5,650	113%
12. Ottawa	61	\$ 5,135	79%

Every club in the District participated in Annual Giving. Each club’s contributions are important to the success and strength of our Rotary programs.

**The following clubs are in the top quartile for
Per Capita Giving:**

Club	Members	Per Capita Giving
1. River Cities	29	\$ 632.28
2. Ottawa Sunrise	19	\$ 246.05
3. Rockford E/Cherry Valley	35	\$ 222.86
4. Quad Cities	17	\$ 165.94
5. Northern Winnebago Co.	16	\$ 151.56
6. Galena	83	\$ 121.39
7. Loves Park	47	\$ 120.21
8. Rockford	239	\$ 111.13
9. Sterling	60	\$ 107.68
10. Rock Falls	24	\$ 106.25
11. Harvard	20	\$ 105.00
12. Moline	169	\$ 92.86

Thank You to our Annual Giving Chair John Goddard, the District Foundation Committee, the Club Foundation Chairs and all Rotarians for your efforts in making this a stupendous year in Annual Giving.

**The following clubs are in the top quartile for
PolioPlus Giving:**

Club	Members	Polio Giving
1. Milan	33	\$ 3,357.69
2. Moline	169	\$ 2,350.00
3. Rock Island	105	\$ 2,230.00
4. Galena	83	\$ 1,400.00
5. Mendota	19	\$ 700.00
6. Streator	31	\$ 600.00
7. Savanna	32	\$ 448.00
8. Twin Cities	34	\$ 400.00
9. Belvidere Bright Horizons	15	\$ 286.00
10. Granville	28	\$ 274.00
11. Princeton	76	\$ 250.00
12. Walnut	27	\$ 200.00

As your Foundation Chair, I want to express my appreciation to all of you for your commitment to our Ambassadorial Scholars, our Group Study Exchange Team, our District Simplified Grant Program and our Matching Grant Program. In the coming year may we continue to “**SHARE ROTARY**” with our clubs, communities and the world in building peace and world understanding.

District Foundation Chair PDG Anita Papich

Finish your Chocolate Chip Cookies



Last month I provided the ingredients for the Engineers Chocolate Chip Cookies. Now that you have had a chance to get those ingredients, here is the preparation and baking process:

To a 2-L jacketed round reactor vessel (reactor #1) with an overall heat transfer coefficient of about 100 Btu/F-ft²-hr, add ingredients one, two and three with constant agitation. In a second 2-L reactor vessel with a radial flow impeller operating at 100 rpm, add ingredients four, five, six and seven until the mixture is homogenous. To reactor #2, add ingredient eight, followed by three equal volumes of the homogenous mixture in reactor #1. Additionally, add ingredient nine and ten slowly, with constant agitation. Care must be taken at this point in the reaction to control any temperature rise that may be the result of an exothermic reaction.

Using a screw extruder attached to a #4 nodulizer, place the mixture piece-meal on a 316SS sheet (300 x 600mm). Heat in a 460K oven for a period of time that is in agreement with Frank & Johnston's first order rate expression (see JACOS, 21,55), or until golden brown. Once the reaction is complete, place the sheet on a 25C heat-transfer table, allowing the product to come to equilibrium.

September 19 Illinois Valley Community College 6:00 PM



The public and all Rotarians are invited to hear a first person account of an incredible journey to an education by a member of the 3rd World, wrapped up with an insider's view of the Rwanda Genocide. Rwandan Native Alexander Ngamiye, our Inbound Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar, will speak at the auditorium of Illinois Valley Community College on Wednesday, September 19th at 6 PM. The event is sponsored by the Illinois Valley Sunrise Rotary Club, in conjunction with the Rotary Clubs of Granville, LaSalle, Peru, Ottawa Noon, and Ottawa Sunrise.

During his talk, Nagamiye will describe his daily 6-hour trek through thru jungles of the Congo all so that he could attend class in his quest for an education. As a backdrop, in 1994 it is estimated that between 600,000 and 1,000,000 people died during the four months of Genocide in his native Rwanda. Alex will describe the causes, the losses, and the reconciliation of the Rwandan tribes known as the Tutsis and Hutus.

Alex is enrolled at Rockford College for the 2nd year of his Masters in Business Administration.

Reasons Why Membership Drop Out of Clubs:

1. No meaningful club projects
2. Clubs do not measure up to expectations
3. Boring meetings – too formal and inflexible
4. Wrong meeting time and/or place
5. Poor order, planning and objectives

Ways to Retain Members:

1. Leadership training at club level
2. Concentration on quality members through proper screening
3. Impressive and meaningful induction ceremonies
4. Education or orientation of new members
5. Involvement of all members (new and old)

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.

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. This is the only way to prevent committee members from being expected at two meetings on the same date. Attendance and meeting minutes are also expected to be turned in to the District Secretary since they are official Rotary meetings. If you or your committee are expecting and 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

District Directory Additions & Corrections

We all knew they were coming:

Page:	Name:	Should be:
89	Secretary	Lara Hermann lhermann@beloitregionalhospice.com
88	Ken Alexander	ken@pru-midwest.com B: 888-493-1778 F: 815-864-2700

Are you ready for some FOOTBALL ?



Jeff Gorman of the DeKalb Club is organizing a Tailgate Party on Saturday, Sept 15th at Northern Illinois University. Tailgate time is 8:30 – 10:30 (yup, that's AM). 11:00 Kickoff against E. Michigan. Adults = \$30.00 (tailgate only is \$20.00) Children (12 & under) \$20 (tailgate only is \$10.00). Contact Jeff by Aug 30th at Cell: 815-761-5170 Work: 815-758-2458 Home: 815-895-3314
jeffg@dimcodekalb.com

MEMBERSHIP

It involves everyone
Starting at the Top



At the recent Regional Conference on Membership, District 6420 Membership Chair PDG Fred Luckenbill and Vice Chair PDG Mel Sparlin were provided with the latest membership numbers and the goals for 2007-2008. Providing some of that message was Rotary International 2007-2008 President Wilf Wilkinson. (center)

**Knee Replacement
DOES NOT Stop
the Perfect
Attendance Streak**



Harvard Rotarian Doc Patterson arrived at the August 14 meeting just 7 days after knee replacement surgery. His perfect attendance has now reached 48 years. Doc has one more week in the nursing home before he will return to his own home and start physical therapy.

New Rotarians in our District

Belvidere:	Gwen Brooks
East Moline/Silvis:	Roger Dolleslager Dana Matson Alice Shirley Howard Vandersluis
Freeport Sunrise:	Jamie Hammersland Aaron Mercier
Kishwaukee Sunrise:	Richard Beranek Bruce Burkhalter David Smith
Mount Carroll:	Chris Dinning Ann Dougherty Scott Parker
Northern Winnebago:	Gus Larson
Princeton:	Ted Van Sickel Arin Peterson
Rock Island:	Italo "Lo" Milani
Sterling:	Erin DeSutter Marsha Francis Jeff Norton
Streator:	Bruce Hart (rejoining) Greg Tullis (former GSE)

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



District Simplified Grants

The application deadline is September 15th. All applications will be reviewed by the grant selection committee to insure that they meet the guidelines set up by Rotary International. All clubs were sent a copy of those projects that are **eligible** and **ineligible**.

Comments from Rotary International on past District 6420 projects have included:

- * Grant funds cannot be used for stipends.
- * While this is a creative project engaging the club's community, it does not fall under the normal criteria for humanitarian need or community beautification.
- * DSG money cannot be used to make cash contributions to beneficiaries. Grant funds must be in Rotarian control at all times and must be used directly to purchase itemized humanitarian goods and services.
- * Funds cannot be used as a long-term deposit in a club bank account, for project research, or solely for media.

Selected projects must be able to be completed and have the final report in by May 1, 2008.

District Simplified Grant Applications

Must be sent to:

**DG Eldon Leemhuis
708 W. Jackson Street
Ottawa, IL 61350**

Even Scammers like Rotarians

With so much Rotary communication being done via the internet, most of us look in the "subject" box to see if the word ROTARY is in there somewhere. Unfortunately, one of these "He died and left \$20,000,000 for you. All I need is your bank account number" e-mails is being sent to Rotarians with ROTARY in the "subject" box. The most recent one was forwarded to me with a note to let all of you be aware that if it looks like a duck, walks like a duck and quacks like a duck, it must be a duck.

Thanks to Lacon Rotary President Dan Mair for recognizing this duck and a real quack.

Membership and Attendance for District 6420

Membership figures are **“derived from unofficial membership numbers until the July 2007
Semi-Annual report process is complete”**. per.... Rotary International Website

	Members		Attendance												For the Month	
	July 1	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July 31		
Belvidere	46	55%	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	47	(+1)
Belvidere Bright Horizons	14	60%	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	13	(-1)
DeKalb	27	53%	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	27	
Dixon			.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
East Moline – Silvis			.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Erie	14	62%	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	14	
Freeport	87	70%	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	87	
Freeport Sunrise	15	73%	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	15	
Galena			.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Geneseo	50	62%	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	52	(+2)
Granville	31	68%	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	32	(+1)
Harvard	19	63%	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	18	(-1)
Henry	39	70%	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	39	
Illinois Valley Sunrise	37	48%	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	37	
Kishwaukee Sunrise	48	69%	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	50	(+2)
Lacon			.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
LaSalle	43	69%	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	46	(+3)
Loves Park			.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Marseilles	18	75%	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	19	(+1)
Mendota	13	76%	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	15	(+2)
Milan Area	35	54%	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	35	
Moline	152	74%	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	153	(+1)
Morrison	51	62%	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	51	
Mount Carroll	20	55%	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	22	(+2)
Northern Winnebago County	15	41%	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	16	(+1)
Oregon	56	53%	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	56	
Ottawa	76	58%	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	76	
Ottawa Sunrise	18	61%	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	18	
Pecatonica	13	87%	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	13	
Peru	47	72%	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	47	
Plano	18	57%	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	19	(+1)
Princeton	78	83%	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	74	(-4)
Quad Cities	21	68%	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	22	(+1)
River Cities	32	47%	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	33	(+1)
Rochelle	89	59%	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	91	(+2)
Rock Falls	24	89%	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	24	
Rock Island	111	60%	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	107	(-4)
Rockford	237	n/a	n/a	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Rockford East/Cherry Valley	38	68 %	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	39	(+1)
Sandwich	18	83%	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	18	
Savanna	30	73%	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	30	
Sterling	59	78%	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	62	(+3)
Streator	30	38%	32	(+3)	
Sycamore	77	66%	77		
Toluca					
Twin Cities					
Walnut	25	72%	25		
Wenona	19	60%	20	(+1)	

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