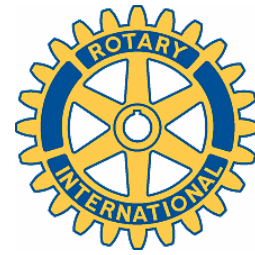




District 6420 NEWS!

Rotary International
Eldon T. Leemhuis, Governor



June 2008

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

2007-2008 Final Edition



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District 6420 forms & info: www.rotary6420.org
R-I forms & info: www.rotary.org
DG Eldon : dg6420for2007_2008@yahoo.com

District 6420 Paul Harris Society Charter Night

UPCOMING DISTRICT EVENTS & DATES

Keep current at:
www.rotary6420.org or www.rotary6420.net
and click on **CALENDAR**

June 29 Installation of 2008-2009 Governor Jim Prather

WHAT A YEAR!!!



What a year it has been. Thousands of miles, thousands of friends and thousands of experiences. Our theme of **Rotary Shares** has made it's way through the district and we have witnessed hundreds of ways that our membership is sharing what it can. If any of you get the feeling that you cannot **SHARE** any more, simply go to www.rotary.org and click on **Service & Fellowship** followed by **Project Resources** and then **ProjectLINK**. Whether you then select Education, Health, Hunger or one of the others, you will quickly realize that we have so much more that we can **SHARE**.

I thank you for a great year and as of Sunday evening, I will have the title of PDG which means that I will return to the back of the food line.

DG Eldon



Thursday evening our District 6420 held the Paul Harris Society Charter Night at the Deer Valley Country Club. Fourteen of the twenty-three charter members were present to hear our Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator Mary Beth Growney Selene provide an inspiring message. She reminded all of us just how much each of our \$1000 per year contributions to The Rotary Foundation will help the thousands around the world who have virtually nothing. Pictured are front: Ruth Lee, Betty Clementz, Polly Smith, PDG Stu Smith, DGN Elise Cadigan and Betsy Smith. Back row are DGE Jim Prather, PDG Pat Burch, Nancy Luckenbill, PDG Fred's better half accepting on his behalf since he is out drowning worms, PDG Anita Papich, PDG Bob Newlon, DG Eldon Leemhuis, Nancy Leemhuis, PDG Bob Smith and Richard (Bud) Phillis.

Unable to attend were
PDG Len Carmichael,
PDG Don Clayberg, John
Goddard, Hunt Harris,
Chuck Lindstorm,
PDG Kent Malquist,
Michael Steffenson and
Kris Tumilowicz.



Regional Rotary Foundation & Membership Training Seminar

...and during the evening, Mary Beth reminded us of the upcoming Foundation and Membership seminar. The date is Saturday, August 9th from 8:00 AM til 4:00 PM. The cost for registration and lunch is \$35.00. The location is in Addison. A complete agenda is attached.

Attention Illinois Organ Donors

If you registered to be an Illinois organ donor before **Jan. 1, 2006**, or have never registered before...

IMPORTANT: *Signing the back of your driver's license is no longer adequate to ensure your wishes as a donor are honored--what counts is your registration in Illinois' new organ/tissue donor registry.*

More than **4,800** Illinoisans and **99,000** people nationwide are waiting for lifesaving transplants. It's time to take action and help save these lives!

It takes 30 seconds. Register online at:
www.DonateLifeIllinois.org

Why do I need to RE-REGISTER as an organ/tissue donor?

On January 1, 2006, Illinois passed a law creating a **NEW** donor registry that eliminates the need for potential organ/tissue donors to have family consent. The Illinois Secretary of State's new donor consent registry will ultimately save many more lives, but in order for your donor wishes to be honored, you must **RE-REGISTER**. Donate Life Illinois has made it easy for you to do so with a 30-second online process at www.DonateLifeIllinois.org.

How do I re-register?

The easiest, fastest way you can register is online at www.DonateLifeIllinois.org. Registration only takes 30 seconds. You just need your state ID or driver's license number and must be at least 18.

River Cities Rotary Recognized A New Paul Harris Fellow & Installs Two New Members



Betsy Morthland and Robynn Garcia are installed as the latest members of the River Cities Rotary Club. And since the Governor was available, why not recognize a new Paul Harris Fellow. Sue Bull-Welch was presented with her recognition with her parents on hand to witness the presentation.

New Paul Harris Fellows

Club:	Name:
Ottawa Sunrise:	Paul Borgarding PHF +2
	Sue Borgarding PHF +2
	Jane Goetz PHF +1
Pecatonica:	Don Sandell
River Cities:	Sue Bull-Welch
Rochelle:	PDG Pat Burch PHF+1

Our Ambassadorial Scholar at the District 3450 Hong Kong - Macao – Mongolia Conference



Our 2007-2008 Ambassadorial Scholar Bradley Butterfield is shown making a presentation at the District 3450 Conference last month. Joining him at the microphone were other Ambassadorial Scholars who also studied in Hong Kong.



And speaking of Ambassadorial Scholars, Korah Winn has received word that her thesis for her Masters Degree has been accepted by Queens University and she will officially graduate on July 2nd.

"I sadly close the door on my time at Queen's but I deeply treasure all the support and encouragement you all gave me in achieving this degree. Thank You one thousand times over."

AMBASSADORIAL SCHOLAR CANDIDATE TIME



July is quickly approaching --- and that is the month for the interviews of our candidates that have been selected by our clubs. Does your club have a candidate who has completed the application and club level interview process? Each and every club has those top quality students. These scholarships are worth \$24,000.

The District Scholarship Chair is George Bass at george.bass@countryfinancial.com

The application is available at www.rotary.org and search for 139-EN.

Remember
Every Rotarian Every Year \$100

Goal;
\$160,765
\$150,984.41 
As of Mid June

94.16%

Oh so close !!

Have your
 contributions post
 marked by Monday



Changes to the Directory

Address Change:
 Pg 5 Elise Cadigan
jhwks77@yahoo.com



We Welcome our Newest Rotarians in
District 6420

- DeKalb:** Osorio Nestor
Carrie Ottum
- Galena:** Dave Winter
- Granville:** Chauntelle Biago
Darlene Norris
Merle Norris
- Moline:** Jeff Waller
Debbie Stubblefield
- Ottawa Sunrise:** Karen Nussbaum
- Rock Island:** Bob Fauser
- Rockford:** Lori Gummow
Julie Logan
Mike Saccomando
Lori Waqzny
- Rkfd East C/V:** Patrick O’Gorman

Long Term Youth Exchange
NOW is the time to make your clubs 2009-2010 Central States Youth Exchange commitment. This program starts working 13 months ahead of time.



District Chair David Smith has to make our District 6420 commitment during the Grand Rapids Conference the weekend of July 11-13. If you have not received your direct mailing, please contact Dave at H: 815-654-1965, C: 815-621-7707 or E-mail: dsmith6420@aol.com
DEADLINE IS JULY 8TH

District 1100 Group Study Exchange Team



As most of you know, one member of our Inbound GSE Team, Sharon, was removed from the team 24 hours before leaving London. The following are some comments from her earlier this month. Please find time to send her a card.

I would be grateful if you could also pass on my thanks to GSE Team 6420 for my box of surprises! Also to the many Rotary members who have sent me e-mails. I apologize for not replying, but I'm not picking up any e-mails from my work address (It's my boss's way of saving me from myself!) So although I haven't personally read them, I have been told about them.

It's now just over three weeks since I had my surgery and I'm feeling better everyday. I start chemotherapy this week and am hoping and praying I still feel so well afterwards. ...please keep me in your prayers, as I'll keep you in mine. With love and best wishes.

Sharon Parkin
 6 Greenfields
 New Barn Lane
 Cheltenham
 Gloucestershire, England
 GL52 3LG



SEMI-ANNUAL
REPORTS
 FROM
ROTARY
INTERNATIONAL



Club Presidents and Club Secretaries:

If you have not received your semi-annual membership report and billing statement from Rotary International in Evanston, please keep checking your mail box. It will be sent to your Club Secretary but I am not 100% sure if it will be the 2007-2008 Secretary or your 2008-2009 Secretary.

I have received the year end report for all of the clubs and only 11 have an accurate -0- balance. 24 of 48 owe between \$2 and \$98 listed as either "underpayment or Subscription Balance". 13 of 48 have overpaid between \$1 and \$135. Please spend a few minutes double checking this report/invoice and make sure you reply accurately – **AND ON TIME.**

OUR NEIGHBORS CAN USE SOME HELP !!



Just across the Mississippi River from District 6420 is District 6000. As you all know, the rain has still not stopped coming down. DG Diana Reed reports "Right now there are so many disasters in our District that we have not yet posted individual ones on our web site. I was in touch with Diana Scoberg today at RI who is doing a web article to be posted on the RI web site. We do have a district account that is a 501 3C that cash donations can be made to and that information will be in the RI web site article. I have already distributed the information by e-mails to all our clubs in District 6000."

If any clubs would like to provide some financial assistance to our fellow Rotarians who will be assisting those in District 6000, checks can be made out to Rotary District 6000 Humanitarian & Educational Foundation, Inc. and sent to Dick Kennedy, Treasurer, District 6000 HEF, Inc., 1811 N. Dubuque Road, Iowa City, IA 52245. Their website is www.rotary6000.org

We have great memories of 2007-2008



After my official visit was moved to the new Animal Shelter, my comment that the Milan Club was going to the dogs cost me a fine. But I did bring dessert; a bag of **DOG TREATS**.

This black lab pup was a better speaker than I was.



Seventy members strong, the Ottawa Friendly City Sound opened the District Conference in style. After their formal presentation, they were able to add some "quality" to the voices of our Rotarians when we all joined in for the National Anthems of Canada, Great Britain and The United States.



NIU Rotaract President Amanda Benoit and Steven Dawson provided some insight on their newly chartered club. Amanda also commented on the messages of support received by their club after the February 14 events on the campus at NIU. Amanda was one of those who received wounds from the shooting.

Our GSE partner, District 1100 Governor Peter and Sandra Davey are shown here during the Native Costume dinner during the San Diego training in 2007.



PDG Fred Houlton provided the special music for Nancy & I at our official visit to the Rock Island Club. Musical specials from other clubs were performed by a bagpipe and a wonderful guitar anniversary solo.

*Thanks to all throughout the District. It has been an exciting year. We will cherish the memories for years to come and keep the friendships as well. Thanks for **SHARING ROTARY** with us.*

DG Eldon & Nancy

But now it is now time to...



... under the leadership of DG Jim & Sherry Prather and RI President D.K. and Young Lee



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	April 30
Belvidere	50	55%	54%	54%	64%	55%	55%	59%	56%	57%	60%	53%	.	50
Belvidere Bright Horizons	13	60%	55%	60%	60%	60%	60%	60%	60%	65%	60%	_____	.	13
DeKalb	25	53%	60%	63%	61%	55%	74%	58%	62%	54%	62%	56%	.	28 (+3)
Dixon	69	63%	57%	58%	58%	61%	60%	61%	63%	_____	_____	_____	.	67 (-2)
East Moline – Silvis	108	83%	81%	81%	74%	77%	77%	81%	78%	_____	_____	74%	.	102 (-6)
Erie	14	62%	73%	50%	65%	76%	65%	46%	54%	63%	59%	70%	.	12 (-2)
Freeport	86	70%	73%	70%	71%	72%	69%	68%	71%	72%	70%	72%	.	88 (+2)
Freeport Sunrise	16	73%	76%	69%	77%	69%	76%	78%	80%	74%	68%	69%	.	18 (+2)
Galena	81	69%	78%	74%	86%	66%	69%	78%	77%	76%	83%	70%	.	84 (+3)
Geneseo	52	62%	65%	70%	69%	69%	71%	68%	70%	66%	71%	71%	.	51 (-1)
Granville	31	68%	73%	78%	81%	73%	80%	68%	69%	79%	91%	79%	.	30 (-1)
Harvard	19	63%	68%	60%	62%	67%	60%	72%	_____	_____	_____	_____	.	15 (-4)
Henry	37	76%	84%	81%	84%	72%	72%	83%	87%	79%	77%	84%	.	38 (+1)
Illinois Valley Sunrise	35	48%	55%	58%	53%	53%	67%	69%	53%	_____	_____	_____	.	35
Kishwaukee Sunrise	48	69%	70%	76%	73%	78%	86%	69%	61%	72%	71%	73%	.	44 (-4)
Lacon	23	72%	70%	74%	78%	72%	83%	77%	78%	76%	71%	68%	.	25 (+2)
LaSalle	42	69%	65%	63%	61%	54%	60%	51%	57%	55%	54%	_____	.	52 (+10)
Loves Park	41	85%	83%	83%	82%	81%	93%	86%	87%	83%	85%	_____	.	43 (+2)
Marseilles	19	75%	63%	65%	72%	75%	72%	75%	78%	75%	76%	77%	.	20 (+1)
Mendota	13	76%	100%	92%	72%	92%	92%	75%	75%	82%	80%	77%	.	12 (-1)
Milan Area	33	54%	58%	54%	67%	66%	67%	66%	53%	73%	63%	65%	.	37 (+4)
Moline	152	74%	74%	66%	76%	71%	81%	72%	70%	67%	81%	80%	.	136 (-16)
Morrison	51	62%	64%	58%	61%	67%	69%	65%	63%	67%	65%	60%	.	50 (-1)
Mount Carroll	19	55%	44%	50%	50%	51%	42%	54%	48%	52%	51%	52%	.	23 (+4)
Northern Winnebago County	17	41%	59%	58%	56%	70%	52%	65%	76%	63%	64%	49%	.	15 (-2)
Oregon	56	53%	56%	53%	55%	53%	57%	56%	58%	54%	56%	52%	.	53 (-3)
Ottawa	76	58%	62%	65%	62%	53%	61%	63%	65%	65%	61%	83%	.	78 (+2)
Ottawa Sunrise	18	61%	75%	75%	69%	73%	80%	75%	75%	77%	77%	_____	.	22 (+4)
Pecatonia	12	87%	58%	77%	68%	72%	64%	70%	82%	69%	81%	69%	.	16 (+4)
Peru	47	72%	63%	62%	66%	70%	53%	69%	60%	64%	73%	60%	.	44 (-3)
Plano	18	57%	50%	56%	49%	68%	65%	64%	50%	50%	66%	43%	.	19 (+1)
Princeton	76	83%	89%	87%	86%	83%	72%	86%	78%	79%	75%	74%	.	80 (+4)
Quad Cities	19	68%	65%	67%	44%	71%	60%	67%	_____	65%	68%	_____	.	21 (+2)
River Cities	31	47%	59%	62%	60%	63%	67%	59%	50%	63%	69%	60%	.	31
Rochelle	88	59%	66%	58%	66%	66%	54%	67%	63%	65%	84%	80%	.	93 (+5)
Rock Falls	24	89%	88%	93%	79%	85%	84%	92%	79%	81%	84%	_____	.	25 (+1)
Rock Island	110	60%	59%	62%	68%	66%	64%	61%	58%	59%	58%	56%	.	97 (-13)
Rockford	231	n/a	n/a	39%	38%	41%	39%	39%	37%	38%	36%	37%	.	229 (-2)
Rockford East/Cherry Valley	38	68%	63%	61%	60%	64%	66%	66%	64%	61%	64%	64%	.	38
Sandwich	18	83%	82%	73%	80%	69%	77%	77%	75%	57%	77%	67%	.	18
Savanna	34	73%	63%	65%	64%	69%	69%	69%	81%	64%	90%	68%	.	30 (-4)
Sterling	59	78%	37%	75%	65%	64%	41%	55%	42%	_____	74%	60%	.	60 (+1)
Streator	30	38%	46%	52%	52%	50%	53%	53%	53%	50%	51%	50%	.	28 (-2)
Sycamore	78	66%	58%	67%	63%	63%	63%	62%	56%	58%	58%	_____	.	75 (-3)
Toluca	17	_x_	_x_	62%	76%	62%	60%	66%	_____	_____	_____	_____	.	17
Twin Cities	34	67%	64%	67%	67%	71%	_____	73%	73%	_____	76%	76%	.	41 (+7)
Walnut	25	72%	78%	91%	87%	70%	79%	78%	80%	72%	81%	_____	.	23 (-2)
Wenona	19	60%	61%	71%	71%	70%	59%	68%	78%	78%	75%	80%	.	19

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2252 per Rotary International July 2007 records

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2241 (-11)

Secretaries: Record your attendance, new members, new Paul Harris Sustaining Members & Paul Harris Fellows at www.rotary6420.org and click on CALENDAR.