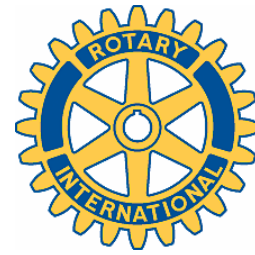




District 6420 NEWS!

Rotary International
Eldon T. Leemhuis, Governor

January 2008



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

“January is **ROTARY AWARENESS** Month”



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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**

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- Jan 8 Mid-year for Area VI, VII & VIII in Princeton
- Jan 10 Mid-year for Area I, II & XI in Loves Park
- Jan 12 District Finance Committee at CGH in Sterling
- Jan 15 Mid-year for Area IX & X in Geneseo
- Jan 17 Mid-Year for Area III, IV & V in Rochelle
- Jan 18-20 Tentative Galena Ski Weekend for Inbounds
- Jan 25-26 CSYE Staff meeting in Schaumburg

HAPPY NEW YEAR !!!

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Godt Nyttar

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Shanah tovah



I have learned from good sources that the Masked Man of the East Moline/Silvis Rotary Club, Rotarian Jim Grafton's hand is **NOT** on the knee of **HIS WIFE**.

And just what did you do on New Years Eve that, if caught by a camera, could come back to haunt you?

However you celebrated, **Xin nian yu kuai !!**

The Scottish tune **Auld Lang Syne** actually translates to **Old Long Ago**.

From the Governor

This Rotary year is half over, my how time flies when you are having fun. The weekly newsletters that have been coming in from the clubs indicate that our Rotarians here in District 6420 sure do know how to **SHARE ROTARY**. It appears that the children of our district have the main focus of most clubs. Hardly a newsletter comes in without some reference to a club project involving our children. At a recent meeting of the Princeton Rotary Club, I was able to see how the tables were turned and their Rotary Club was the recipient of wonderful presentation put on by the Princeton Township High School Madrigals. This was the schools way of saying **THANK YOU** to the Princeton Rotary Club for all of their programs directed to the students at Princeton High.

As we enter the second half of this Rotary year, **it is time** to finish up those projects that each of you made plans for last spring. **It is time** to take a look at your membership goals, both recruitment and retention. **Have you lead** your club to the numbers you wanted? **Have you looked** at your club's Foundation giving; those dollars that help so many who have so little. **Is that \$2 a week** to maintain the **Every Rotarian Every Year** status really a sacrifice when you are helping those with no clean water to drink, no educational programs for their children and very little chance that their stomachs are sufficiently nourished. **NOW** is the time to make a difference. **NOW** is the time to **SHARE ROTARY**.

DG Eldon

Rudolf Sterkel of the Kishwaukee Sunrise Rotary Club has been selected by the nominating committee as the District Governor Nominee-Elect for 2010-2011. Rudolf has served his club in many capacities and was President of the Kishwaukee Club in 2006-2007. He served as an Assistant Governor from 2000 till 2003 and has several years



of experience in the District Youth Exchange program, including his present title of Inbound Coordinator. Rudolf is a Paul Harris Fellow. He and his wife Teresita have two children, Benedict and Yvonne Marie.

Where in the world are they?



Sarah, sponsored by the Rock Falls Club, reports from Finland that her "New Years plans will be slightly different this year. With Finland being so close to the arctic circle, and the weather at night getting into the negative degrees, there is no hope of partying out in the streets, waiting for fireworks, and pushing though millions of people like in New York City. All of that will be done inside and watching fireworks through a window. I will expect karaoke songs in Finnish that I still have yet to understand, and maybe a festive get together in the sauna! Pretty different, I know! " Her message to all of you is

Hyvaa Joulupaivaa kaikki!

Bradley Butterfield, our Ambassadorial Scholar to Hong Kong, "will see 2008 enter in a little different climate". About December 26th, he was scheduled to be somewhere between Ho Chih Minh (Saigon) and Hanoi, Vietnam. "This trip came about after hearing a speaker at the Rotary Club of Wanchai. The country is developing very quickly due to large amounts of foreign investment, especially in these big cities, and I'm looking forward to seeing how this is affecting the lives of Vietnamese citizen's at all social classes.

Studying urban design at the University of Hong Kong has really opened my eyes to the ways in which building developments and city planning can effect the way of life and entire culture of the residing population – for better and for worse."



William, Vincent, Bradley

Megan, who spending this year in Finland rather than East Moline/Milan, is "planning on spending time with her new family traveling through town to visit friends. I will also be spending New Year's with my friends. I am in the Senior class at school here, and my classmates are planning on doing something special for this New Year's. We will get to wear long and pretty dresses and go to a rented house in town to dance and have fun. I am looking forward to all of it! Plus it is 2008!"

Caleb, sponsored by the Ottawa Noon Rotary Club is in Norway for the start of 2008. "This New Years I am going to spend with my friend and his family. We are going to have a big dinner and maybe set off some fireworks. It should be a good time. That's how it will be this year in Norway.

Melissa reports from Mexico that this New Years Eve will be somewhat different than it is in Sycamore. "I'm not exactly sure what I will be doing on New Years' Eve but, apparently, everyone has a late dinner, which is more like a snack, with their family and then about 1 in the morning, everyone goes to a club to

dance. Seeing as I am in Mexico...I guess its not that surprising that they like to dance. Often times, when they go to dance they don't get home until early in the morning, sometimes 4 but even 5 or 6."

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2007-2008 Governors Challenge: For you club presidents, don't forget about the District 6420 Governors Challenge where you can win up to \$500 for your club. Complete details of how your "participation points" add up are in the PETS manual provided to you last March. The object is **ROTARY PROGRAM PARTICIPATION** and **ON TIME REPORTING**. Second place is \$300 and \$200 for 3rd place.



February is quickly approaching and application time is just around the corner. What a great opportunity for your students to experience youth exchange on a short and limited basis. This program is a real exchange where your student and an overseas student actually experience the EXCHANGE. Your son or daughter can live with a family for 4 weeks followed that the son or daughter in that family coming back with your child and living in your home for 4 weeks. Just imagine the experience of a month in Finland, France, Germany, Italy, The Netherlands, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Taiwan, Thailand or the Ukraine.

Simply go to www.summerexchange.org. Our District Chair for Short Term Youth Exchange is Scott Shore, Granville Rotary Club, P.O. Box 418, Granville, IL 61326-0418. Ph: 815-925-7177 shores@ivnet.com

Jeff Dismer, President of the Rock Island Club, was busy with this group of 3rd graders handing out the dictionaries. The Dictionary Project has become a favorite of many clubs in our district.



CLUB PRESIDENTS & PRESIDENT-ELECTS

Don't forget the mid-year meetings for which you registered:
Tuesday, January 8 at 6 pm Perry Memorial Hospital in Princeton
Thursday, January 10 at 6 pm Loves Park City Hall
Tuesday, January 15 at 6 pm The Cellar in Geneseo
Thursday, January 17 at 6 pm at Alfano's Pizzeria in Rochelle

“ROCKY” IS ROLL’EN



Shown above is a photo taken when the officers of the forming Rocky Interact Club made a visit to the sponsoring Rock Island Rotary Club. Pictured from left to right are District Interact Committee Member Ruth Lee, Faculty Advisor Courtney Stone, Treasurer Ethan Gordon, President Topher Leiby, Secretary Rachel Segal, Vice President Colin Carstens and Rock Island High School Principal and Rotarian Nate Anderson.

MEMBERSHIP ATTENDANCE REPORTS

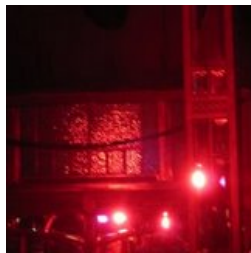


Club Secretaries:
Again this month, **THANKS** to all of you for your time and efforts of reporting your clubs numbers. The results of your reports are listed on the last page..

Please continue to go to www.rotary6420.org and click on **CALENDAR** for your attendance, new members, new Paul Harris Sustaining Members and **Paul Harris Fellows**.

Are you in need of a club program?

Did you ever wonder what a college student goes through as an Ambassadorial Scholar? What is it like to adapt to a new culture? 2006-2007 Scholar Student Korah Winn spent the year in Northern Ireland and is willing to answer your questions during her program at your club meeting.



As most student quickly learn, after college it is time to seek employment and start paying off those bills. It is no different with our returning Ambassadorial Scholars.

If you would like a program, please contact Korah at www.dovewithin.com . You may have to wait until she finds a free day in her work schedule, but you will find out that the wait was worth it.

District Simplified Grant\$

We had nineteen clubs receive funding from the District Simplified Grant program. As these projects are now in the process of being completed, **PLEASE** make sure you get photographs of your projects and contributions to your communities. **PLEASE** make sure that these photos get submitted to your local media. **PLEASE** make sure that your club members are involved in these programs. And finally **PLEASE** make sure that you fill out your “**PROJECT COMPLETE**” paperwork that was attached to the grant application, and have it submitted as soon as possible, but not later than May 1, 2008. The final report is to be sent to:

DG Eldon Leemhuis
708 W. Jackson St.
Ottawa, IL 61350

New Paul Harris Sustaining Members in November

Club:	Name
Marseilles:	Tom Bourke Gene Carlson John Gasparine Craig Hepner Karen Stillwell

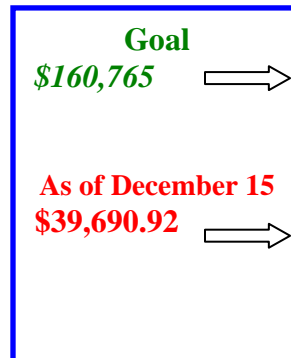
With the above new Paul Harris Sustaining Members, Marseilles Rotary Club is now at 100% for Paul Harris Sustaining Members or Paul Harris Fellows. Which club will follow their lead?

New Paul Harris Fellows in November

Club:	Name
E. Moline/Silvis Milan	Steve Verdick Paul Poffenbarger



DISTRICT 6420 ANNUAL GIVING GOAL \$160,765



Between 1903 and 1915, the main event at Rose Bowl Stadium was **SPRINT RUNNING**.

And a few more District Directory changes

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April 25-27
Is this date on
your calendar?
District Conference
in Ottawa !!!



Abraham Lincoln and Steven Douglas are here and waiting to greet you. Now is the time to plan your "CLUB SUCCESS" display for the Friendship Hall. This is where all Rotarians can share their ideas and projects. Each club will be given 1/2 of a banquet table top (about 3 feet) to **SHARE** your 2007-2008 Rotary project.

In addition to the club displays, the **SILENT AUCTION** for **THE ROTARY FOUNDATION** will be with us again. Each club is being asked to bring an item with an approximate value of \$50 for this auction. You are also asked to bring your checkbook so that you can bid on these items.

IS YOUR CLUB ADDING OR EXPANDING A PROGRAM?

Are you looking for some District Level Assistance?

Our District Committees are here to help with your programs.

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Youth Protection Officer	Kathy Kwiat-Hess	kathykwiat@juno.com

Is TRIVIA on your New Years Day Party List?

If food coloring wasn't added, Coca-Cola would be **GREEN!**
 The wire for a coat hangar is actually 44 inches long.
 The average person blinks 7 times each minute.
 7% of the population are left handed.

And unfortunately, from time to time we must offer
Our Condolences

To the families of:

Princeton: Dick Delano
Rock Island Roger DeBacker



Photo by: Ashley Krepps, Youth Exchange 2006-2007

We Welcome our Newest Rotarians in District 6420

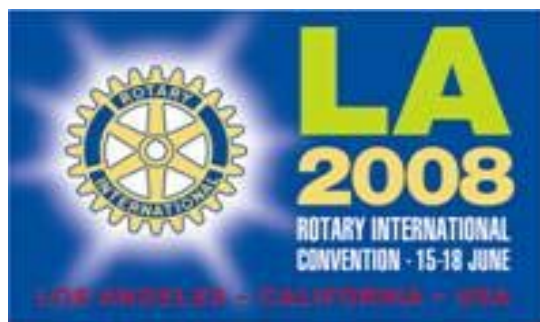
Dixon:	Belinda Egan Michael Green Andy McFarland
Freeport Sunrise:	Cathy Arnold Jordan Priest
Harvard:	Doug Thompson
Illinois Valley Sunrise:	Allison Ryan
LaSalle:	Brock Cooper Jeff Ellis Quinn Ryan Rose Sullivan Chris Wren
Milan:	John Edwards Kathy Edwards Dave Milnar
Oregon:	Seth McCause
Ottawa:	Barbara Brannon Taneva Baker
Ottawa Sunrise:	Bruce Brown
Princeton:	Chad Brokaw Marcel Van Den Borre Derek Whited
Rockford:	Jody Jungerberg Lundstrom Patti Thayer
Twin Cities:	Donald Pearl Rita Smith Amy Young

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

More worthless trivia:

Apples, not caffeine, are more effective at waking you up.
 The favorite smell of Americans --- Banana
 The only food that doesn't spoil - Honey
 Bullet proof vests, fire escapes, windshield wipers and laser printers - were all invented by women.
 The only TV show without music or a theme - 60 Minutes

SIGN UP NOW!!!



Join the Stars at the 2008 Los Angeles Rotary International Convention!

2008 Convention Promotion Committee

December message from the Chair Lynmar Brock, Jr.

Star of the entertainment world

Natalie Cole, eight-time Grammy Award winner, will perform at the Convention on Saturday evening at the new Nokia Theatre L.A. Live as part of the "California Experience." She is the daughter of the legendary Nat 'King' Cole and a major entertainer in her own right.

http://www.rotary.org/en/Members/Events/Announcements/Pages/071128_announce_NatalieCole.aspx

Stars of the philanthropic world



Dr Margaret Chan
Director-General
World Health Organization

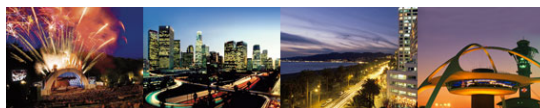
Dr. Margaret Chan, Director-General of the World Health Organization will make a presentation during the plenary session on Tuesday, June 17. She will share with us the future steps to eliminate polio once and for all time. Rotary's part in this effort is critical as from the first we have been a major partner with WHO, UNICEF, and CDC.

[Article coming soon to the RI Web.]

Stephen Lewis, former special envoy to United Nations Secretary-General Kofi Annan for HIV/AIDS in Africa from 2001 to 2006, is currently the co-director of AIDS-Free World Foundation, a new international AIDS advocacy organization. As keynote speaker on Wednesday, June 18, he will share with Rotarians at the convention both the scourge and then hope for a world released from the trauma of AIDS.

[Article coming soon to the RI Web.]

http://www.stephenlewisfoundation.org/about_who.htm



www.rotary.org
www.rotary2008.com

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 and click on CALENDAR followed by DOWNLOADS. One page is the basic information on costs and the other is for the application.

Recognition of Smaller Club Membership Growth

The Rotary International Board of Directors has approved the recognition of smaller clubs who reach the following membership plateau:

Clubs with less than 10 members need to reach 10.
Clubs with less than 14 will need to reach 15.
Clubs with less than 19 will need to reach 20.

If they use the July 1, 2007 numbers as a base:

Belvidere Bright had 13, still has 13 and needs 15.
Erie had 14, now has 13 and needs 15.
Freeport Sunrise had 16, now has 18 and needs 20.
Harvard had 19, now has 18 and needs 20.
Marseilles had 19, now has 20 and hopes to keep them.
Mendota had 13, now has 15 and hopes to keep them.
Mount Carroll had 19, now has 21 and hopes to keep them.
N. Winnebago Co had 17, now has 16 and needs 20.
Ottawa Sunrise had 18, now has 21 and hopes to keep them.
Pecatonica had 12, now has 13 and needs 15.
Plano had 18, now has 19 and needs 20.
Quad Cities had 19, now has 21 and hopes to keep them.
Sandwich had 18, now has 16 and needs 20.
Toluca had 17, still has 17 and needs 20.
Wenona had 19, still has 19 and needs 20.

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	November 30
Belvidere	50	55%	54%	54%	64%	55%	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	49 (-1)
Belvidere Bright Horizons	13	60%	55%	60%	60%	60%	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	13
DeKalb	25	53%	60%	63%	61%	55%	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	27 (+2)
Dixon	69	63%	57%	58%	58%	64%	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	73 (+4)
East Moline – Silvis	108	83%	81%	81%	74%	77%	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	107 (-1)
Erie	14	62%	73%	50%	65%	76%	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	13 (-1)
Freeport	86	70%	73%	70%	71%	72%	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	92 (+6)
Freeport Sunrise	16	73%	76%	69%	77%	69%	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	16
Galena	81	69%	78%	74%	86%	66%	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	83 (+2)
Geneseo	52	62%	65%	70%	69%	-----	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	53 (+1)
Granville	31	68%	73%	78%	81%	73%	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	32 (+1)
Harvard	19	63%	68%	60%	62%	67%	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	19
Henry	37	76%	84%	81%	84%	72%	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	36 (-1)
Illinois Valley Sunrise	35	48%	55%	58%	53%	53%	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	37 (+2)
Kishwaukee Sunrise	48	69%	70%	76%	73%	78%	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	43 (-5)
Lacon	23	72%	70%	74%	78%	72%	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	24 (+1)
LaSalle	42	69%	65%	63%	61%	54%	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	55 (+13)
Loves Park	41	85%	83%	83%	82%	81%	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	42 (+1)
Marseilles	19	75%	63%	65%	72%	75%	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	19
Mendota	13	76%	100%	92%	72%	92%	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	15 (+2)
Milan Area	33	54%	58%	54%	67%	66%	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	36 (+3)
Moline	152	74%	74%	66%	76%	71%	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	150 (-2)
Morrison	51	62%	64%	58%	61%	67%	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	50 (-1)
Mount Carroll	19	55%	44%	50%	50%	51%	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	21 (+2)
Northern Winnebago County	17	41%	59%	58%	56%	70%	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	16 (-1)
Oregon	56	53%	56%	53%	55%	53%	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	57 (+1)
Ottawa	76	58%	62%	65%	62%	53%	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	75 (-1)
Ottawa Sunrise	18	61%	75%	75%	69%	73%	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	21 (+3)
Pecatonica	12	87%	58%	77%	68%	72%	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	13 (+1)
Peru	47	72%	63%	62%	66%	70%	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	46 (-1)
Plano	18	57%	50%	56%	49%	68%	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	19 (+1)
Princeton	76	83%	89%	87%	86%	83%	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	82 (+6)
Quad Cities	19	68%	65%	67%	44%	71%	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	21 (+2)
River Cities	31	47%	59%	62%	60%	63%	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	30 (-1)
Rochelle	88	59%	66%	58%	66%	66%	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	93 (+5)
Rock Falls	24	89%	88%	93%	79%	85%	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	24
Rock Island	110	60%	59%	62%	68%	66%	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	104 (-6)
Rockford	231	n/a	n/a	39%	38%	41%	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	218 (-13)
Rockford East/Cherry Valley	38	68%	63%	61%	60%	64%	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	38
Sandwich	18	83%	82%	73%	80%	69%	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	16 (-2)
Savanna	34	73%	63%	65%	64%	69%	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	34
Sterling	59	78%	37%	75%	65%	64%	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	64 (+5)
Streator	30	38%	46%	52%	52%	50%	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	30
Sycamore	78	66%	58%	67%	63%	63%	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	77 (-1)
Toluca	17	_x_	_x_	62%	76%	62%	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	17
Twin Cities	34	67%	64%	67%	67%	71%	36 (+2)
Walnut	25	72%	78%	91%	87%	70%	24 (-1)
Wenona	19	60%	61%	71%	71%	70%	19

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2252 per Rotary International July 2007 records

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