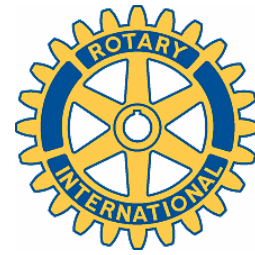




District 6420 NEWS!

Rotary International
Eldon T. Leemhuis, Governor



June 2008

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

ROTARY FELLOWSHIPS MONTH



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**

- Jun 15-18 **Los Angeles International Convention**
- June 26 Paul Harris Society Chartering Evening
- June 29 Installation of 2008-2009 Governor Jim Prather

From the Governor

WHAT HAPPENED TO THE MEMBERSHIP NUMBERS?

We entered into May with 2277 members, up 25 for the year. Take a look at the last page of this newsletter and you will see our concern. As a District, we had a goal of each club having a net gain of one member. If your club has not reached that number, you still have 30 days to get your **ASK** in gear.

It has been a great year and there have been many great projects and programs conducted by our Clubs here in District 6420. I congratulate each of your clubs and remind you that there is still 1/12th of the year left to complete your projects and meet your **membership goals**.

This is also the last month to meet your club's Foundation goal. In three years, you will see half of your contributions come back to the District 6420 as District Designated Funds. The other 50% will be used for matching funds, Group Study Exchange programs, PolioPlus and other Foundation programs. Please, get your contributions sent in to Rotary today.

As my year is coming to an end, all of you are invited to the installation of Jim Prather as your 2008-2009 Governor of District 6420. The place is Lavender Crest Winery in Colona and the time is Sunday, June 29th at 4:00 PM. Complete details and the registration form are attached to this newsletter. Click on it, fill it out, and I will see you there.

DG Eldon

Just where do we stand on Polio Eradication?

As of last Tuesday, 22 May, new worldwide cases of polio had reached 453. The total cases for 2007 were 1313. Of this years cases to date, the numbers in endemic countries were India = 229, Nigeria = 187, Afghanistan = 7 and Pakistan = 9. Twenty-one other cases have been reported in non-endemic countries.



The support for this world wide Rotary project MUST continue until our job as Rotarian's is completed. For continuous updates, simply go to:
WWW.POLIOERADICATION.ORG

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.

And just what happens to our Ambassadorial Scholars ?

Bradley Butterfield is our Scholar for 2007-2008 and he has spent two semesters studying in the Master of Urban Design Program at the University of Hong Kong. "I have gained an appreciation for the community culture that exists in Hong Kong and other sizeable cities in China". The last week of April, Bradley wrote "Just this week I had an interview with another service-based international organization, with whom I hope to continue my ambassadorial role with this summer: the United Nations. If accepted I will travel to Beijing as an intern with a development project targeting underprivileged areas of China, Mongolia, Korea (North and South) and Russia". We all wish him the best.

Bradley concluded his e-mail with "I wish to express my gratitude to contributors to The Rotary Foundation for making the Ambassadorial Scholarship possible."

And speaking of **The Rotary Foundation**---

The owner and manager of the Ottawa Super 8, where those of you stayed during the Conference, has informed us that they will be donating 10% of their room income to **The Rotary Foundation**. **THANK YOU!!!**

... and also a **THANK YOU** to **ALEX**



District 6420 has taken a large step with our Ambassadorial Scholar program during the past two years. Our focus has been on outgoing students. Then the name Alex Ngamije became familiar with some Rotarians in District 6420. The young man with the name of Alex was here in the United States on a Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarship and Rotary was looking for a "back-up" school and home district for him. During these two years, hundreds of you have heard Alex speak on his background and what he has gone through in just the few short years of his life. While he has received his education and graduated this month from Rockford College with his Masters in Business Administration, he has also done a great service for all of us. He has opened our eyes as to how we can help educate those from third world countries so they may return home to make a difference where it counts. Because of his Service to District 6420 and the educating he has done to the Rotarians of District 6420, it was my pleasure, on behalf of District 6420, to present a Paul

Harris Fellowship to Alex in front of his sponsoring Rockford Rotary Club this past month.

He came here from Rwanda for an education. We do thank him for coming and we do thank him for educating all of us.

Congratulations Alex on your Masters Degree.

Rock Island Rotary Recognized Four New Paul Harris Fellows



The Rotary World will gain from the contributions made by Rock Islands four newest Paul Harris Fellows. DGE Jim Prather and Club President Jeff Dismer were there to make the presentation to those members. Pictured are l-r: Jeff Dismer, recipients Martha Dismer, Vic Boblett, Carl Creger, Sabrina Elfgen, and DGE Jim Prather.

Where in the World are they?



Charity of Rochelle/Kishwaukee returned earlier this month from a trip on the Amazon. "Eight months ago I did not know the words I speak here so normally; now I wonder how I will return to 'just English'. I have created a life. I have changed, grown, transformed into someone I am proud of, yes, even (a few) pounds heavier. I will return with tears in my eyes, but a heart full of more than words, a heart of Brasil, a heart full of hope for the future and a head full of changes. They say a picture is worth a thousand words. I think a word is worth a thousand pictures. That word is exchange; that word is Brasil."

Ariel of Rockford comments "My year has gone great" in France. "In the beginning it was hard, but as time progressed & families changed, it became easier and a lot more fun! Time seems to be going faster & faster. I think about coming home; how I've made friends here & how I'll miss them, but also seeing my own family when I get back. I feel a great sense of accomplishment from this year abroad because I finished a year of high school in a foreign country & I succeeded in making a difference in my life & the lives of others. I want to say thank you for this opportunity & express just how awesome this year was!"

The Paul Harris Society of District 6420



**The desire to help others;
that is what Rotary is all
about. As a Rotarian, we
are all expected to live up
to the Rotary motto of
“Service above Self”.**



One of the defined responsibilities of Rotarians is to support action directed toward improving standards of living for all peoples, realizing that poverty anywhere endangers prosperity everywhere. This supporting action is the function of *The Rotary Foundation*. The mission of *The Rotary Foundation* is to enable Rotarians to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education, and the alleviation of poverty.

During this 2007-2008 year of **ROTARY SHARES**, District 6420 is following the lead of many Districts in establishing the *Paul Harris Society*. This establishment is on the premise that, although it is not possible for all members of District 6420, there are many of our Rotarians who are both willing and able to provide this level of support for initiatives that will make both our local communities and the world a better place in which to live.

The Rotary Foundation is Rotary International's efforts to offer world wide educational and humanitarian projects to those in need. Contributions from Rotarians support those projects directed at providing clean water, sustainable food production, the eradication of Polio, literacy and numerous health issues.

In this charter year of the District 6420 *Paul Harris Society*, we ask all Rotarians of District 6420 to open your minds to see those in this world that have not experienced the feeling of clean water, adequate food supplies, sanitation, nutrition, and a family shelter. Then open your heart to show that Rotarians care for our fellow mankind, and finally, if you have the means, provide the assistance that can help those who are trying to enhance their standards of living.

The Paul Harris Society (PHS) is a new level of recognition of Rotarians and friends who annually contribute \$1,000 or more to The Rotary Foundation for use in the humanitarian, educational, and cultural programs.

The Foundation Trustees adopted the Paul Harris Society as an official recognition program of The Rotary Foundation, effective 1 July 2006, to be administered at the district level.



Costa Rica Medical Grant Phase III

What started out nine years ago as Phase I, Clean Water wells and Phase II, the Literacy Project, has now entered the final phase with Medical Assistance. On May 8th, we were informed that Rotary International is processing the payment for \$15,125, which is a 1:1 matching grant for the medical equipment that the Limon Club requested totaling \$30,250.

This medical aspect of the Costa Rica Assistance Program began just over two years ago when a District 6420 water well team was heading to Costa Rica. The team included Rotarian Janet Vanderschaaf, who has a medical background. Their initial input led to the Limon Club asking for and/or approving the Jaws of Life X-Tractor and associated equipment, 12 Defibrillators for their 12 local medical clinics, and 150 First Aid Kits for 150 local schools.

The equipment will now be ordered with delivery most likely taking place this fall.



Those of you driving through the Quad City and Rockford areas, you will see some bulletin boards sponsored in part by the local clubs of these two areas and Rotary International. These billboards will be around for most of 2008 reminding all who drive by that in District 6420,
“GOOD THINGS HAPPEN WHEN YOU START
WITH ROTARY”

Thanks to Brian Adams, Beth Thacker, local sponsoring Rotary Club and the District Public Relations Committee.

Get ready to welcome
The Rotary Club of Rock River Valley



The location has been set:
**Byron Forest Preserve District
7993 N. River Road
Byron, Illinois**

The Charter date has been set:
Wednesday, July 9th

The time has been set:
5:30 Social Hour 6:30 Dinner

Mark this date on your calendar and more information
will be forthcoming

PAUL HARRIS SUSTAINING MEMBERS
That joined the ranks of EREY Rotarians was:

Mendota: Justin Setchell

Paul Harris Sustaining Members are those who have
committed themselves to becoming Paul Harris Fellows
when their contributions reach \$1,000.

New Paul Harris Fellows

Club:	Name
Moline:	Michael Crofty +1 Gary Koeller Tom McGovern +1 David Rossa
Rochelle:	Robert Johns
Rockford:	Alex Ngamije



Addresses for Rotary International

Normal correspondence is sent to:
Rotary International
One Rotary Center
1560 Sherman Avenue
Evanston, IL 60201



To send Foundation money the address is:
The Rotary Foundation
14280 Collections Center Drive
Chicago, IL 60693
Always include your club name and club number

To send dues the address is:
Rotary International
14255 Collections Center Drive
Chicago, IL 60693
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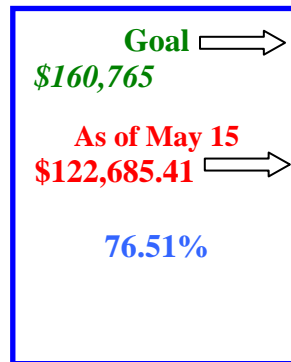
Questions concerning your Rotary International Dues or outstanding
balance, contact:

Irene Samoylovich
Irene.samoylovich@rotary.org
Phone: 847-866-3463
Always include your club name and club number

Rotary International is receiving letters and funds from 32,000 clubs
in 172 different countries. You **MUST** include your club number on
all checks and correspondence. Your club number is listed on your
club page in the District Directory.

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

**This Goal of \$160,765 was set by
you, the Rotary Clubs of our
district, last spring. We are now in
the final month of the
2007-2008 Rotary Foundation
year. Please make sure your club
meets or exceeds your goal.
Remember
Every Rotarian Every Year \$100**



Now we need the
other 23% !!
Don't delay.
Send today !



And unfortunately, from time to time we must offer
Our Condolences
To the families of:
Galena: Grant Westenfelder




Photo by: Ashley Krepps, Youth Exchange 2006-2007

Changes to the Directory

Address Change:

Pg 78 Michael Benjamin new E-mail:
benjaminmcb@comcast.net



We Welcome our Newest Rotarians in District 6420

Galena: Mark Hope
Granville: Darlene Norris
Merle Norris
Loves Park: Danny Gordon
Marta Jones
Derek Papich
Marseilles: Conny Budnick
Morrison: Colleen Buckwalter
Princeton: Randy Augsberger
Rockford: Peggy Bradford
Enid Michalowski

SHELTER BOX UPDATE

Shelter Box provides emergency shelters and supplies to victims of disasters around the world; each box contains a 10-person tent, sleeping bags or blankets, cooking supplies and tools, and other emergency items that survivors of a major disaster will need. Boxes have been sent to disaster zones, including the Myanmar cyclone, the China earthquake, Hurricane Katrina, the Southeast Asian tsunami, and many others. This project was originally started by the Rotary Club of Helston-Lizard, Cornwall, UK. Since 2000, it has grown to become the largest club-level project that Rotary has to offer.

Here are a few highlights from this past year for Shelter Box in District 6420:

-- Keith Country Day School Interact Club held a bake sale, and raised \$215; the NIU Rotaract Club is also donating the proceeds from its spring fundraiser to Shelter Box.

--Twin Cities and Kishwaukee Sunrise, in direct response to the Myanmar cyclone and the China earthquake, each decided to move ahead with donations towards Shelter Box.

-- Marseilles Elementary held its own fundraiser, with students spending a week filling milk jugs with whatever loose change they could find... raising over \$1,700

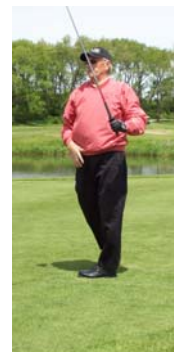
-- The Rotary Clubs from Sandwich, Plano, Peru and Yorkville gave a joint donation of \$1,083 to Shelter Box (and the latter make good on its pledge, even after disbanding).

-- Walnut, Quad Cities and Princeton made a joint donation of \$300. One member from Dixon, after hearing a presentation immediately pledged \$1,000 of his own money towards a full box.

Shelter Box also reached out to organizations outside Rotary; aside from Marseilles Elementary. A presentation was given to the Kiwanis affiliated Ak-Tion Club at Opportunity House in Sycamore. Displays were also set up- at the Illinois Council on Social Studies Convention in Lisle, at the Illinois News Broadcasters Convention in Rockford and at the Oregon Chamber Expo. For info contact Brian Adams at:

shelterbox6420@yahoo.com

Chuck Lindstrom of the Rockford East/Cherry Valley Club enjoys the unusual weather conditions for the 3rd Annual World Community Service Golf outing held on May 22nd.



No Rain – No Snow – *No Wind*
This is unusual for Deer Valley



The second hole was the 160 yard Par 3 which offered a full Paul Harris Fellow for a hole-in-one. Tracy Eastman came within 12". Where was the wind when it was needed?

Dan Thorstenson didn't need any wind for this putt. Twenty-three golfers hit the greens and added a few dollars to the funds used for District WCS Programs.



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%	.	.	48	(-2)
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%	_____	.	.	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%	69%	77%	.	.	104	(-4)
Erie	14	62%	73%	50%	65%	76%	65%	46%	54%	63%	59%	.	.	10	(-4)
Freeport	86	70%	73%	70%	71%	72%	69%	68%	71%	72%	_____	.	.	90	(+4)
Freeport Sunrise	16	73%	76%	69%	77%	69%	76%	78%	80%	74%	68%	.	.	18	(+2)
Galena	81	69%	78%	74%	86%	66%	69%	78%	77%	76%	83%	.	.	84	(+3)
Geneseo	52	62%	65%	70%	69%	_____	71%	68%	70%	66%	71%	.	.	51	(-1)
Granville	31	68%	73%	78%	81%	73%	80%	68%	69%	79%	_____	.	.	28	(-3)
Harvard	19	63%	68%	60%	62%	67%	60%	72%	_____	_____	_____	.	.	15	(-4)
Henry	37	76%	84%	81%	84%	72%	72%	83%	87%	79%	77%	.	.	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%	.	.	39	(-9)
Lacon	23	72%	70%	74%	78%	72%	83%	77%	78%	76%	_____	.	.	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%	.	.	20	(+1)
Mendota	13	76%	100%	92%	72%	92%	92%	75%	75%	82%	80%	.	.	13	
Milan Area	33	54%	58%	54%	67%	66%	67%	66%	53%	73%	63%	.	.	37	(+4)
Moline	152	74%	74%	66%	76%	71%	81%	72%	70%	67%	81%	.	.	143	(-9)
Morrison	51	62%	64%	58%	61%	67%	69%	65%	63%	67%	65%	.	.	50	(-1)
Mount Carroll	19	55%	44%	50%	50%	51%	42%	54%	48%	52%	51%	.	.	22	(+3)
Northern Winnebago County	17	41%	59%	58%	56%	70%	52%	65%	76%	63%	64%	.	.	16	(-1)
Oregon	56	53%	56%	53%	55%	53%	57%	56%	58%	54%	56%	.	.	54	(-2)
Ottawa	76	58%	62%	65%	62%	53%	61%	63%	65%	65%	61%	.	.	78	(+2)
Ottawa Sunrise	18	61%	75%	75%	69%	73%	80%	75%	75%	77%	77%	.	.	21	(+3)
Pecatonia	12	87%	58%	77%	68%	72%	64%	70%	82%	69%	81%	.	.	16	(+4)
Peru	47	72%	63%	62%	66%	70%	53%	69%	60%	64%	73%	.	.	45	(-2)
Plano	18	57%	50%	56%	49%	68%	65%	64%	50%	50%	66%	.	.	19	(+1)
Princeton	76	83%	89%	87%	86%	83%	72%	86%	78%	79%	75%	.	.	82	(+6)
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%	.	.	31	
Rochelle	88	59%	66%	58%	66%	66%	54%	67%	63%	65%	84%	.	.	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%	.	.	97	(-13)
Rockford	231	n/a	n/a	39%	38%	41%	39%	39%	37%	38%	36%	.	.	225	(-6)
Rockford East/Cherry Valley	38	68%	63%	61%	60%	64%	66%	66%	64%	61%	64%	.	.	38	
Sandwich	18	83%	82%	73%	80%	69%	77%	77%	75%	57%	77%	.	.	17	(-1)
Savanna	34	73%	63%	65%	64%	69%	69%	69%	81%	64%	90%	.	.	30	(-4)
Sterling	59	78%	37%	75%	65%	64%	41%	55%	42%	_____	_____	.	.	65	(+6)
Streator	30	38%	46%	52%	52%	50%	53%	53%	53%	50%	51%	.	.	29	(-1)
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%	_____	_____	.	.	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%	.	.	19	

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2252 per Rotary International July 2007 records

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2250 (-2)

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